

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

An Editorial

With Thanksgiving behind us, Deer Season just about over with, and real winter weather confronting us — together with slippery roads as well as huge gas bills facing us, our thoughts have been on everything else — but Christmas.

Now, all of a sudden, with Christmas Advertising in front of us, practically nothing but Christmas music playing steadily on the radio, and Christmas Plays and Cartoons on TV, comes the — great awakening — and realization — that Christmas is just a little over TWO WEEKS AWAY!

The Village Decorations and new Christmas Lights have been in evidence for over a week and the Barty and Vars Pharmacy as well as several homes on North Main St., and around Town have their Christmas Decorations up — as well as lighted.

Several years ago, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a plan for the decoration of both homes and business places, giving recognition for the prize-winning homes, and cash prizes for the High School groups that were in the winning circles.

For the last few years, the Andover Lions Club have been sponsoring a program for the decoration of Homes in Andover and have been awarding prizes for the ones that were judged best.

And, a couple of years ago thru the co-operation of the Village, the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club, new decorations were purchased to replace the old out-dated and worn out strings of lights.

We, at the "News Office", have been very pleased with the fine spirit of co-operation shown between the Students and Merchants — as well as the results achieved. In fact, as far as we could tell, Andover was one of the best decorated and lighted Villages anywhere in the U.S.A. over the past years.

Unfortunately, there were a few "idiots" — that were perhaps trying out for "a juvenile delinquent award" — who stole many of the bulbs out of a few of the Christmas Tree Lights in front of business places along Main St. Hopefully, this mean, despicable caper won't be repeated this year — and perhaps the A.C.S. Students will help "police" the "Christmas Decorations as they have done in the past — so that the "Christmas Spirit" won't become tarnished here in Andover.

At any rate, now it is up to the rest of us — businessmen and residents alike — to decorate the Main St., our stores, and homes, in the truly festive Christmas manner.

We are firm believers in the revival and preservation of our ancient traditions, and when the young people of Andover are interested enough to contribute their share, it would seem that we grown-ups could exert ourselves a little more.

For the stores that don't have the facilities for lighting up the outside — a decorated Christmas Tree could be put in a front store window — or different ideas for window decorations could be used as displayed by several merchants last year.

For the ones that haven't had a display before — all we can say is that judging from our own past experience, it doesn't cost very much for a string or two of lights (these are really an investment anyway as they can be used year after year) — all it truly takes is a little "Christmas Spirit" — and some hard work.

Another thing that would improve the "Christmas Look" along Main St., would be to have different Civic Groups decorate or put displays in the windows of the vacant stores that stick out like a sore thumb at this time of year.

In past years we have seen some beautifully decorated homes, and stores in Andover. This year let's see if we can't outdo the past and set a precedent for a bright and cheery new future!

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"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

As if they didn't already face enough troubles, counties throughout the state now find themselves plagued with new state rules and regulations involving county jails which could be extremely costly and a further burden on the taxpayers. This situation has come about because of new state laws effective this year in an area known as "prison rights" which include such things as mail inspection, religious observances, and the right to be visited — "contact visitations" while prisoners and their visitors can come into physical contact with one another — something not allowed in the past.

Implementing this new program, however, is a problem because there were no provisions put into the bill which is now law for financing this project, and with the state's fiscal picture still uncertain, I don't anticipate any additional funds for such a project from other sources. I must, therefore, agree with a number of counties as well as the State Sheriff's Association in bringing action to block the new program.

It must be remembered that these new standards are forced upon our counties by the State Corrections Commission in order to meet requirements of new law passed in the last year. Several of these new laws can be implemented without additional costs to the counties such as new regulations on prisoner mail and religious observances. And in some cases, counties are beginning to comply with these requirements.

However, in order to institute this new contact visitation program, in many cases, it would mean the necessity of constructing new facilities in the visitor areas of the jails and adding new personnel. In addition, new sophisticated equipment would be needed because the law does not allow for the physical search of the visitors. Thus some kind of scanner equipment or "walk through" devices such as those used at airports for metal detection will be needed. Of course, such devices would not be able to detect drugs or other contraband which could be smuggled into jails much more readily under this new system, in my opinion.

I think this is a very poor regulation, and I have written to the new Chairman of the State Corrections Commission and urged him to put off any rules which would require the expenditure of additional monies by the counties at this time. Many counties, and certainly those in the 136th Assembly District, just do not have the funds now when they are faced with additional costs in welfare and other state-mandated programs.

Frankly, as a former sheriff and one who has run a county jail, I have never felt that county jails should be rehabilitation centers. The county jail is, at best, a holding or detention center for persons who are awaiting trial or are serving short-term sentences. Those who run our court system should not look at county jails as long-term prisons, and thus these new standards — especially as they apply to so-called "contact visitations" really are unnecessary in my view.

Speaking of problems faced by our counties, when I voted against a so-called welfare reform measure during the last session of the Legislature, I did so because of the tremendous and unchecked powers this new law gives the State Health Commissioner which had nothing whatsoever to do with reform. What it did do, however, was give him the right to close indiscriminately smaller hospitals in our rural areas. I predicted at the time of the passage of that legislation that its results in the rural areas could be devastating.

Much to my chagrin, these predictions have come true all too soon with the recently ordered closing of small hospital facilities in Seneca Falls and Hornell — the first two such cases in the state. This is a tremendous blow to areas which rely on these hospitals for medical care and treatment. I don't believe we should force people to drive many additional miles to hospitals where they may not even be able to get a bed. These small hospitals serve a vital



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KEEPING WARM AND DRY

You may have seen the cartoon — two guys are caught in a snow bank, and in the distance there is a big dog coming with a oak around its neck. The first guy says, "Here comes man's best friend." "Yes, and a dog's bringin' it," answers the other.

Such are the myths surrounding the subject of keeping warm and dry, and sometimes surviving in the winter. Alcohol only seems to produce a warm glow and a nig will dilate surface blood vessels. But there is no accompanying rise in skin temperature. Nicotine, or the other hand, constricts the surface blood vessels, and in extreme weather the cooling effect of one cigarette can last an hour.

Most experienced outdoorsmen know that it is important to keep their feet and heads warm in really cold weather — for two different reasons.

Your feet are as far away from your heart as they can get, and your circulatory system has a heat transportation problem, in keeping them warm. Furthermore, they are pressed against the cold and dampness by your own weight, often wet because of leaks in your footwear, and sometimes cramped by too many socks. When your feet are cold, you will be cold. And you had better make sure they stay warm and dry with the proper footwear, and that they have some "breathing room" inside those boots.

It is important to keep your head warm, because of the large blood supply that flows through your brain. Homer Circle, the noted

fishing editor, has likened it to trying to heat a house without a roof if you are out in cold weather without a hat. In preparing some professional tips for keeping warm and dry, Ellice has collaborated with the Royal Corps in suggesting a variety of headgear — use whatever suits you, but use something.

Leather mittens with knitted liners are the warmest of all the gloves. But you must be able to handle hunting and fishing gear requiring the dexterity which free the hands and forefinger flaps in the palms of regular gloves. One of the best tips gleaned from Uncle Homer that can only be used in certain circumstances, is an old trick that a couple inches of gravel in the bottom and some growing charcoal on top of that. This permits you to ice fish barehanded, and then warming your icy fingers over this heater.

The secret of keeping warm and dry boils down to selecting the proper boots, hat, gloves, and other winter gear, and then wearing it with judgement so as to not get overheated. If you keep your feet and head cozy, then the rest of you can stand a lot of wind chill.

It goes without saying, that the proper rain gear is essential to comfort and safety whenever it is not snowing.

Which leads us to Homer's poem "Oh, what a bloody uncertain thing this pesky weather is; It blew, and snow, and then it they, and now, by jingo, it's friz!"



30 YEARS AGO

September 5, 1946

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Corporal Llewellyn Fairbanks of Tilton General Hospital is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Fairbanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark of Shinglehouse, Pa., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nobles and daughter, Patricia of Elmira, passed the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles of Shovel Hollow. Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Sutherland and family of Ridgway, Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles and Mrs. Babcock and daughter, Julie were Sunday guests at the Nobles home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coats and son, John, Mrs. Hugo Hoeneger, and daughter, Lois, Jack Crowder, Live Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Davis and family attended the Barn Fair on Labor Day.

The Annual Fairbanks Retention was held Labor Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Fairbanks. Relatives were present from Rochester, Jamestown, Olean, Dansville and Pavilion.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Snyder passed the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Baggett of Lockport.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruger and son, Stanley have returned from a major trip to Detroit, Mich. and Cleveland, Ohio. While in Detroit they attended the Gold Cup Boat Races.

Mrs. Myrtle Lowe, Misses Laura and Annabelle Bowen of Little Valley, Mrs. Sharon Love and Mrs. Mary Greth of Buffalo were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ahrens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Rieger spent

from Saturday until Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Kemp in Buffalo and Miss Margaret Dougherty in Towanda, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cannon, Captain John Cannon and Miss Helene Lasowski were in Cleveland, Ohio, over the weekend and attended the National Air Races held there Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Foster and Mrs. Ethel Monte called on relatives in Roulette, Pa. Mrs. Foster's aunt, Mrs. Ella Stearns in Port Allegny, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge and son, Harold of Davis Hill, attended the Swain Reunion at Canaseraga, Sunday.

Weekly Specials at the Red & White Store: Brinsas 2 lbs. 23c; Bartlett Pears for canning, \$4.75 a bushel; Wealthy Apples, 3 lbs. 25c; Green Corn; fresh lg. ears 4 for a dozen; Potatoes, choice grade "A", 15 lb. bag, 40c; Gold Medal Flour 25 lb. bag, \$1.50; 5 lbs. 30c; California Lemons 27c a dozen; and Tomatoes, basket, 89c.

40 YEARS AGO

September 4, 1936

Chas. C. Backus, Publisher

For the 11th year the Thomas M. Lynch Post American Legion is holding its Annual Labor Day Celebration in Andover. It opens Saturday with the usual attractions and collections. On Sunday the Legion Band will play at the Legion Park at 2 P. M. Following the concert, the Andover Base Ball Team plays Wellsville, this is the base league game of the season.

On Labor Day, at Noon, the Ladies of the Auxiliary will serve a Roast Beef Dinner at the IOOF Hall. The big parade is at 1:15 P. M. Following the parade a baseball game between Geneva and Andover. The celebration will close with a dance at the IOOF Hall with music being furnished by the Knights of Euphonia Orchestra.

Mrs. Elvora Crandall died at her home in Independence August 28. She was born July 22, 1846 in Independence, a daughter of Benjamin and Eliza Boyce Wood. On February 28, 1870 she married Sherman G. Crandall who died May 9, 1913. Three children survive, Benjamin of Wasco, Calif., C. Milford of Independence and Elvora, wife of Rev. William Bur-

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role for the residents who rely on them and I have urged the State Commissioner of Health and Governor Carey to take another look at the state mandates which will force these facilities to close.