

The Clergy Corner

(By Rev. A. Howard Gabriel)
Andover United Methodist Church
"SINGING AT MIDNIGHT"

The first Christians were persecuted for their faith in Christ. Paul and Silas were put in prison because in the name of Christ they cured a girl of her insanity who had been exploited by corrupt business people to make money for them because she could foretell things. (Acts 16:16-24). But being in prison didn't dampen the spirits of Paul and Silas. They prayed and sang hymns of praise to God at midnight, to the amazement of the other prisoners and the jailer. This is what faith in Christ does for people in times of trouble, even when they are jailed. Their faith overcomes their troubles and takes away any depression.

Then at the midnight hour a great earthquake came and shook open the doors of the jail and the chains of prisoners were unfastened, including those of Paul and Silas. The jailer thought his prisoners had escaped, and was about to kill himself because his life would be forfeited if they did, when Paul and Silas stopped him and assured him that they had not escaped. The jailer was so overjoyed that he asked them what he must do to be saved, and they said: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you and your whole household, will be saved." (Acts 16:30-34). So he and his whole family were baptized into the faith. The more people truly believe in God and Jesus the more they are saved and gain the faith that overcomes the world. Jesus said: "In this world you have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Faith keeps people cheerful even in times of trouble and sorrow, if they are Christian enough.

Dr. Kubler Ross, who wrote the book, "Death and Dying", tells us this about those who are dying: "People who are genuinely religious have an easier time of dying. Their faith gives them an assurance that they are never alone or abandoned in the universe." Captain Robert Scott, who fought his way to the South Pole, but died in his doing so, left behind him in his diary this amazing statement: "We are pegging it out in a comfortless spot, feet frozen, no fuel, no food but it would do your heart good to hear our songs and our cheery conversation!" As Christians he and his friends knew how to die at their midnight hour — singing and cheerful, because of their faith. This is what our faith can do for us if we are Christian enough.

From Our Files

Neal of Wellsville age 26, died March 11. She is survived by her husband, Vernon; two children Jean Ann and Donald; her mother and stepfather Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones; one brother, Robert Halladay of Virginia; a sister, Mrs. Harry Reisman; a half-brother Paul Victor Jones and half-sister Ruth Jones of Wellsville.

Clinton Elmer Davis died at the Geneva General Hospital, March 10. He was a former Andover resident, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Davis. Clinton was a brother-in-law of E. F. Stearns. Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stearns and son, Judson attended the funeral held at Seneca Falls, Friday.

A handsome loving cup was awarded Coach Bill McGee, as head of the winning basketball team in the Schoolmaster Annual East-West Basketball Game which preceded a County Schoolmaster Dinner at Friendship last Thursday night. Mr. McGee scored a score of 39 to 19. The Schoolmasters were guests of the Rochester Business Institute Dinner, Lawrence E. Host also attended the meeting.

The Kings Daughters Card Party was held at the home of Mrs. E. A. Mullen, Tuesday night. Those who received prizes were: Contract Bridge Mrs. C. R. McGill and Mrs. R. O. Snyder, Auction Bridge, Miss Helen Folsing and Mrs. Robert Dean; 500, Mary Dorn and Mrs. Henry Baker; Pinochle, Mrs. Edward Kilbane and Mrs. Grace Howland. There were 14 tables in play, followed by a supper served by hostess and her assistants Mrs. Julia Traster and Mrs. Winnie Vickers.

Rev. R. E. Dronsfield spoke to the Assembly, his address was "A Parade Without Flags".

Ronald Hoagland of Canadice has leased and taken possession of the John Green Gas Station in

Elm Valley. Howard Burdick has returned to his home in Elm Valley from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

George and Howard Baker and little Miss Jacqueline Baker of Andover and Francis and Elbert Cable and Roger Baker of Buffalo were dinner guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Allison Baker of Voorhees Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Baker and family of Voorhees Hill called on Mrs. Roger Baker and their new granddaughter Loraine Edith at their home in Andover, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilcox of Hornell and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Henning were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Parker, Sunday.

Miss Margaret Dougherty and Tracy Dutcher of Towanda, Pa. and Mrs. Grace Howland and family were dinner guests of their mother, Mrs. P. J. Dougherty Sunday.

30 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1947

Claire C. Baekus, Publisher

Glenn Ruger of Andover retired from the employe of the Empire Gas & Fuel Company, March 1 after nearly 47 years service in the company. The past 37 years he has been field foreman of the Andover-Greenwood Field in which capacity he has given the Company efficient service and maintained very pleasant relations among the workmen under him. The men who worked under his foremanship, honored him at a Stag Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Emery, Friday evening at which time a pleasant social evening was spent and refreshments were enjoyed. Mr. Ruger was presented a gift by his coworkers.

Gov. Dewey has signed a bill permitting all banks in New York State to close all day Saturday the year around. However, the Andover National Bank will continue for the present to maintain its present banking hours 9 - 2 weekdays and 9 - 12 on Saturday.

On Saturday, March 1st, Miss Geraldine Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch, was presented a Gold Scholastic Key for her achievements in Water Color. The award was sponsored by Sibby-Lindsay and Carr Company of Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton York are parents of a daughter born March 5th at the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Claude Loucks has sold his milk route business in Andover to the Emhurst Dairy Inc., to take effect March 1st.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing, who has been employed for the past 17 years in a Doctor's Office in Manhasset, N. Y., has resigned that position and accepted a simular position in the office of Dr. Kernan eye, ear and nose specialist in New York City.

Winfield W. Clarke died at his home in Little Genesee, March 1. He was born in Independence April 21, 1879 a son of Herbert and Elvaretta Austin Clarke, and is survived by his wife Stella Jacques Clarke; two daughters, Mrs. Hazel Grantier of Little Genesee and Mrs. Helen Burdick of Rochester; two brothers, Robert of Independence and Howard of Rochester and three grandchildren. Burial was in Little Genesee.

Lyle Beil who has recently been discharged from the Army, is spending sometime with his sister Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coats.

Sacketts Food Market is having a Remodeling Sale. They have made changes in the store to make it easier for shoppers. The first 50 customers Saturday a. m., will receive a pound package of soap powder free. Some of the Specials are: 20 lb. Haddock, Fillets 44c lb., Mild Dairy Cheese 49c lb., Oranges 19c dozen, Bananas 12c lb., Cabbage 6c lb., Carrots 3 bunches 25c, Radishes 2 bunches 15c and Beets-2 bunches for 19c.

March 13, 1947

Mrs. Mary Burns received her official appointment this week as Acting Postmaster at Andover, as a result of the death of Postmaster James D. Cheesman. Mrs. Burns has been in the employ of the Andover Post Office for the past 12 years, 11 of which she has been assistant Postmaster.

Paul Ryan, a Junior at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science has been elected Treasurer of Eta Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity. Paul is also treasurer of the Junior Class at the Philadelphia College this year.

CLASSIFIED ADS

The dates have been set for April 16 & 17 for the Andover Exchange Club Third Minstrel Show, which was announced this week by the President Fay E. Boyd. Principal James H. Kessler, Dr. Robert Common are the General Committee in charge of the Show this year.

Miss Barbara Jean Lehman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Lehman, and Raymond Walter son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walter were married Wednesday evening March 12.

Ernest John Schwartz died at his home in Elm Valley, March 9. He was born May 4, 1906 in Galeton, Pa., son of Clinton and Birdie Schwartz. Survivors are his wife, Doris B.; one son Carroll Francis and one sister and one brother Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

A number of local farmers have tapped their sugar bushes this week and all indications are for a good Maple Sugar Season.

Miss Rose Mary Baker was recently awarded first place and won the County Canning Award Medal given by the Kerr Canning Company.

Greenwood Village property owners are enjoying a 40% reduction in insurance rates made possible through the recent organization and equipment of the Volunteer Fire Department.

The regular March Meeting of the WSCS will be held March 18 at the home of Mrs. Ralph Burget with a 6 o'clock dinner.

Among some old books found by Clifford Howland in his storehouse was a ledger from which we are quoting a few prices: of March 1870 Coffee 35c lb., Tea \$1.10 a lb., Sugar 13c a lb., Eggs 22c a dozen Crackers 10c a lb., Maple Syrup \$1.00 a gallon, Pork Shoulder 15c lb., Ham 18c lb., Butter 30c lb. Names of Andover residents appearing in the book: Hiram Hammond, Martin Howland, William Kaple, Martha Crandall, John Porter, Pat Regan, Norm Crandall Ziba Cook, Daniel Boyd, Freeman Slocum, Slea Davis, John Prest H. P. Bundy, D. S. Bradley, Almond Crandall and Norris Crandall.

Latin students held an Assembly recently with Patricia Ludden and Dolores Ellis were interpreters. Those taking part: Don Scott, teacher; Matt Lynch, Anna Marie Greene, Mary Ellen Driscoll, Pat Dolan, Helen Yannie, Katherine Joyce, Phyllis Burdick, Rose Mary Baker, Dolores Snyder, Karl Fisher, James Baker, Rosemary Mead, Jeanne Stevens, John Connors and Evelyn Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wightman of Elm Valley are parents of a son born March 8 at Tullar Maternity Hospital in Wellsville.

Mrs. Herman Schrickel of Corn ing was a Wednesday guest of Mrs. Oliver Kemp.

Miss Betty Isman of Randolph is going to make her home with her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Burdick of Hartsville were calling on her sisters, Mrs. Iona Pantan and Mrs. Jennie Carr, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Burdick have recently moved from Rochester to their farm home on Hartsville Hill.

The Central School District of Allegany County represents more than 85 percent of the taxpayers. They want unqualified support of the Reaux Bill providing for additional aid for Central Schools. Without such additional aid, the taxpayers will be faced by the impossible tax burden or rural education will be seriously crippled. The telegram was signed by Presidents of 716 Central School — Andover, Richard Harder.

Weekend Specials at the Andover Market Basket: Round Beef Sirloin Steak 69c lb., Ground Beef 39c lb., Ocean Perch Fillets 29c lb., Haddock Fillets 39c lb., Fresh Oysters 63c pint, Grapefruit 8 for 47c and Lettuce 3 heads for 29c. Tracy Steel Sink Cabinets with stainless steel top or linoleum tops — C. V. Howland Supply Co.

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- Oct. 8 — Rummage Sale 10 - 5 — Greenwood Fire Hall.
- Oct. 8 — Firemens Auction — 5 P M. — Greenwood Fire Hall
- Oct. 27 — Methodist Church Harvest Ham Dinner 39

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