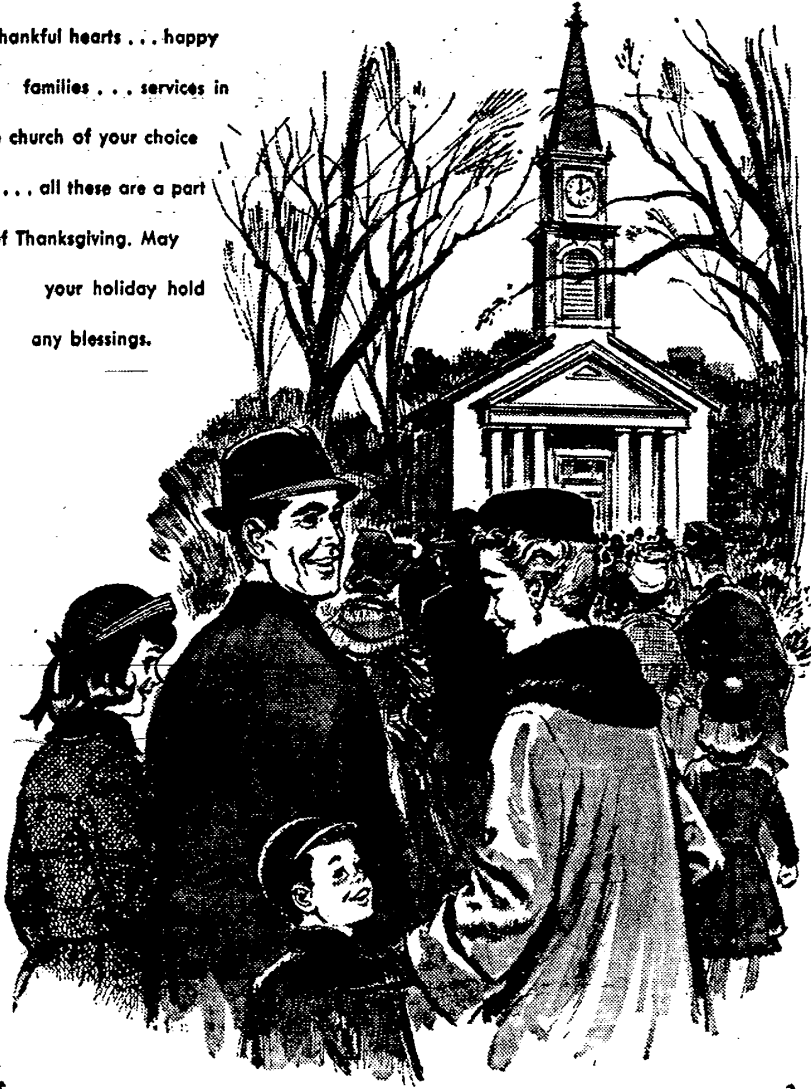


THANKSGIVING

Thankful hearts . . . happy
families . . . services in
the church of your choice
. . . all these are a part
of Thanksgiving. May
your holiday hold
any blessings.



News That's Print To Fit

Well, folks, its about that time and season when a person starts thinking about old-friends, partially forgotten old-times, and all that sort of nostalgia suff so, we would like to pause a minute and wish all our old friends from Rochester to Florida; from New York City to California: "A Happy Thanksgiving".

And, when we think about families gathered around a dining room table piled high with Thanksgiving Day "goodies" — and with family members all around, just what is missing?

Haven't you guessed yet? How about our Servicemen that are scattered around in Foreign Countries all around-the-Globe?

To these men — we express a Special Thanksgiving Day Greeting. We know what its like to be away from Home and Country on these Special Days like "Birthdays", "Thanksgiving Day", and "Christmas". And, only some one who has been "thru it" — really knows what its like! We say: — "Here's one to you!" "Here's one with you" — and we will "spring for one" when you get back!

Speaking of Local Servicemen reminds us that it would be nice to have a list of all Local Servicemen and where they are serving along with their current address.

We know many of the addresses — but sometimes they change. So, how about mailing, or dropping off the address of any member of your family that is in the service to the Andover News?

And, for all you Servicemen — how about dropping us a card to say "Hi". And tell us what gives with the "latest"?

Ray Witter's Son Signs Contract With Pirates

Garry Witter, an Olean High School Senior, son of Ray Witter of Andover, recently made "sports-page" history when he was given a contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates Base Ball Organization before graduating from High School.

According to his father, Ray Garry has been pitching baseball since he was eight years old, starting out in Olean's Little League System, moving up to Olean High junior varsity, then up as standout pitcher for the Olean High Team and then star for the Olean entry in the Alle-Catt Amateur League during the past summer.

Witter, listed as a 6'3", 165 pounder, scheduled to graduate from Olean in January, made the trip to Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium the day before the National League's regular season ended. Garry pitched for around half an hour to first-string catcher Ed Ott with Branch Rickey, Pirate farm system director, and three other Pirate scouts "looking on".

Later, Witter was asked to come to Rickey's office and was given a contract and will report in March to the Pirates Bradenton, Fla., pre-season camp.

According to Olean High Coach Carl Weidt, Witter recorded a 6-won, 5-lost record last spring and he went on to state that "this record is mighty deceiving since Garry lost three, one-run games and had an earned run average of 1.20 with 123 strike-outs in 100 innings."

In the Alle-Catt Amateur League this past summer, he compiled a 9-0 record before losing two games in the play-offs, one of them to the Western New York champion Lockport Bus Team.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, recognizing that family unity plays a vital role in preserving our society and its institutions, that the quality of our community life begins within the homes of individual families, and that the principles of honesty, self-respect, compassion, industry and good citizenship can best be taught within the walls of the home; and

WHEREAS, during the Family Unity Week, families are encouraged to enjoy meaningful activities together such as attending church participation in family discussions and projects, recreational sports and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, such uplifting activities bring about better communication and understanding between family members, both young and old alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Ralph A. Allen Mayor of the Village of Andover, New York, do hereby proclaim the week of November 20-26, 1977 as

FAMILY UNITY WEEK
and I would like to urge all people to improve the quality of their family living.

"Dog-Gone" Good Idea — Education About Pets!

Canaseraga — "Education is the only sure way of solving the present overpopulation of dogs and cats," Frank M. Rogers told educators at the November meeting of the Allegany County SPCA. "The problem is caused by people rather than pets."

Executive Director of the Humane Society of Rochester and Monroe County for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and President of the New York State Humane Association, Rogers described the educational program his organization had started in Monroe County schools many years before the recent amendment of the education law requiring the teaching of humane principles in the elementary grades of all state supported schools.

A two-year fund drive beginning in January to finance a county animal shelter was announced by Kathy Richmond, chairman of the fund raising committee at a meet-

Rod & Gun Club Name Winner Of Turkey Party Sun.

According to Phil Fitch, Chairman of the Rod & Gun Club Big Buck Contest, Robert Frost of Grove Street, Andover, won the prize of \$100 with ticket No. 162 in the contest drawing Sunday.

Phil said that he had a goal of 500 tickets — with a final tally showing that 502 was actually achieved. He stated that he appreciated the fine co-operation he received with the contest and that as soon as deer season is over with he will announce the rest of the winners.

ing of the board of directors preceding the general meeting.

Investigator Richard Guerin announced the appointment of Dean Helmer of West Almond as deputy investigator and reported on the cruelty cases resolved and awaiting action.

Use the Classified Ad Section

HOSPITAL NOTES

Arabelle Updyke is a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Sharon Givens, a patient in the Cuba Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Lester Slayers Sr., was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital, Saturday.

Mrs. Jennie Bell, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Saturday.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Maxson Clarke (Susan Reil) are parents of a daughter, Cheri Teresa, born Friday, November 18, 1977, at the Bethesda Hospital in Hornell. Mr. and Mrs. Decatur Clarke of Independence are the paternal grandparents, and Mrs. Doris Harder is the maternal grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Nichols (Karen Hal) of Clarendon, Texas

are parents of a 7lb. 1-oz. son, Donald Steven, born Monday, November 21, 1977. Mrs. Donald Nichols of Andover, is the paternal grandmother, Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Hall of Queensville, Ontario are the maternal grandparents, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lane of Clarendon, Texas, are the maternal great-grandparents.