

The Clergy Corner

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Andover, N. Y.

CELEBRATE X-MAS

Every year we see bumper stickers proclaiming "Put Christ back in Xmas." And there are the usual sermons taken out and dusted off about the commercialization of Christmas. Undoubtedly there is something to be said for these points of view. But no one is about to consider making a law to forbid the celebration of Christmas and compelling people to work as our Puritan forefathers did. Nor is anyone going to try making it illegal to give presents, which after all, is the foundation of the so-called commercialization of Christmas.

Over the years we have added customs to this holiday celebration which have been received with enthusiasm by most people. Santa Claus was the first. Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer joined Santa's fabled team a few years ago and immediately became popular. Songs such as "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas" have become permanent fixtures on the American Christmas agenda. Many of these secular symbols of Christmas are celebrational, joyful and essential to our enjoyment of the holiday. What would Christmas be with out a Christmas tree?

But all of the new trends are not secular. Christians across the nation are moving to put Christian symbolism in and replace some of the secular. Our Presbyterian Church has an annual Christmas Workshop in which we teach people to create Christian symbols for their trees. The spelling as X-mas is not secular as some have assumed, but is the ancient Greek letter Chi (XX), a common symbol of Christ. One of our symbols for hanging on the tree in place of plain balls and tinsel is the "X".

The tree in our sanctuary is covered, exclusively, with beautiful Christian symbols created by the congregation, all gold and white. The cross and orb, the Alpha and Omega, the crown, the fish, the star of David, and many other symbols of the Bible and Christian history are found on our tree. They are an excellent way of communicating the meaning of Christmas to your children and to all who enter your home at this season. We hope that people will use them on their own trees and in their home decoration to proclaim the ancient truth of this season, the coming of the Prince of Peace, Jesus, the Christ.

One tradition everyone should be certain to observe is attendance at a church service. Give your self this gift at Christmas, you'll be glad you did. It might even make your like a Christmas celebration every day of the year!

From Our Files

Denzel Baker violin, Mrs. H. D. Rogers Piano, and Miss Marjorie Ellis Song Leader. Mrs. Edward Mullen President of the Kings Daughters welcomed the guests. Mrs. Glenn Bretsch Toastmistress. Mrs. Walter Greene gave the toast to daughters, Miss Thelma Ahrens to mothers. A Tom Thumb Wedding was presented by the following: Ruth Hardy, William Dougherty, Jim Burgett, Donald Northrup, Marcella Carpenter, Jimmy Dawson, Robert Jackson, Earl Francis Richardson, Norma Steadman, Patricia Ludden, Jeanne Stevens, Audrey Baker and Naomi Patrick.

A daughter was born May 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kernan of Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kenyon of Hartsville are parents of a daughter born May 5.

Mrs. Myra Beabout of Machias, died May 17 at the age of 94. She is survived by one son James Barber of Andover, one daughter Mrs. Belle Tellow of Portville and several grandchildren. Burial was in Cuba Cemetery.

Mrs. John Oakes entertained the Contract Bridge Club with a 7 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening.

Dyke Creek Trout have been a little more active in the past week. Clayton Burger had one on display in the Vars Store last Friday that weighed 4 pounds and 10-oz. On Monday Everett Clair caught one that measured 17 1/2 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church were surprised Friday night by friends who came to help them

celebrate their wedding anniversary. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Witter of Almond, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kaple of Pingrey Hill, Mr. and Mrs. John Button and daughter Jean of Tip Top and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruger and son Stanley.

A daughter Carol Jeanne was born May 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Robt Brown at Tullar Maternity Hospital in Wellsville.

Marion Swarts was awarded 1st Place in the local Speaking Contest held Friday morning. She will represent Andover High School in the County Speaking Contest on May 20 at Bolivar. Her topic "How The LaRue States Were Lost". Thelma Ahrens was 2nd.

Wednesday and Thursday were busy days for farmers in Independence who had 1,900 bushels of potatoes treated for seed.

Mrs. Irving Holt and two sons of Greenwood were callers of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Wallace of Independence, Friday.

Mrs. Charles Clarke Mrs. R. E. Spicer, Mrs. Carl Tassell, Mrs. S. W. Clarke, Mrs. R. A. Clarke, Mrs. Cleon Clarke, Mrs. Lewis Mingus Mrs. Merle Matteson and Mrs. Floyd Clarke of Independence Mrs. W. L. Greene Mrs. R. A. Geer, Mrs. Bartley Joyce, Mrs. Ear Schoonover, Mrs. Anna Benjamin Mrs. Wm. Pease and Mrs. Henry Livermore were among the ladies that attended the County Home Bureau meeting in Bolivar, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nye were in Springville on business, Saturday. Lyle Mulconery, R. O. Snyder Fay E. Boyd and C. C. Backus attended the Eighth District Wreck of the Forty & Eight at Gowanda Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Shepard Mrs. Hattie Eggleston, Mrs. Reta Foster and Eva Shepard left Thursday for Philadelphia, Pa, where they will attend the Northern Baptist Convention now being held in that City. It is expected that 7,716 Churches will be represented at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Webster and son Herbert of Jeannette, Pa., passed the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Boyd and attended the funeral of Mrs. Hartley Wallace at Belmont, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy are in New York City to meet his brother, Capt. Clarence Hardy before they sail for Alaska. They will also visit Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson in Rutherford, N. J.

30 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1947

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Those winning prizes in the Annual American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Contest for Andover and who received cash prizes for their drawings are: 1st prize Patricia Ludden, 2nd prize Richard Kessler and 3rd prize John Bridge. Honorable Mention goes to Dolores Ellis and Geraldine Lynch.

At the 9 o'clock Mass, Sunday morning at the Blessed Sacrament Church here, Rev. Charles J. Keller served First Holy Communion to a Class of Nine little Andover children. Carol Stewart and Mary Brown acted as Angels for the Class. Those receiving Communion were: Merle Brown, John Berdysiak, Sandra Joyce, Dennis Joyce, Mary Theresa McAndrew, Marie McAndrew, Bonita Stewart, Joseph Leahy and Joan Harkenrider. Following the services Mr. and Mrs. Chester Berdysiak served the little folks and their guests a Communion breakfast at Hotel Joyce.

The Allegany County Bible School Association is sponsoring an institute for teachers in the regular Church School, the Vocation Church School and the week-day Church School to be held in the Andover Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, June 1st at 3:30 p. m. Professor L. R. Loomis, who is

Legal Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 25, 1977, Iroquois Telephone Corporation filed with the New York Public Service Commission modifications to its tariff to allow for the ownership of telephones. The proposed effective date is January 5, 1978.

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chairman of the leadership training committee of the New York State Council of Churches and Teaches Christian Education in Keuka College, will bring a team of workers from the calling at Keuka, N. Y., to conduct the institution Program will start at 3:30 with a worship service conducted by local leaders. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will serve supper for those attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Alford are parents of a son born May 19 at Tullar Maternity Hospital.

William P. Conrad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Conrad of Andover, was ordained to the priesthood last Thursday morning in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church at Syracuse. The Most Rev. Walter A. Faery D. D. Bishop of Syracuse conducted the ceremonies which were broadcast at 9 o'clock over WSYR.

Mrs. Ella G. Millspaugh, 89, died May 19. She was born in Shongo, the daughter of Henry Harrison and Lucy E. Sawyer Graves. Her husband P. K. Millspaugh, a Civil War Veteran, died in 1927. She is survived by one son, Lee and three grandchildren. Theodore, Harry and Rebecca Foster and Mrs. Charles Manroe were in Buffalo visitors Monday, leaving Harry in the Millard - Fillmore Hospital for observation and treatment.

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