

The Clergy Corner

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THE SPIRIT OF XMAS

Christmas — such an awesome, wonderful feeling that words cannot explain all it means, contains and reveals. And to interesting at times, contrasting facts Holy Writ also calls our attention.

Christ first reveals Himself to common, ordinary people, His kind of people, the shepherds (type of farmers); only later He is found by the rich, learned strangers, the Magi. Directly the heavenly Angels tell the shepherds that He is born and to go to Him. But the Wise Men, by an indirect invitation of the star, thru reading and asking other human beings, learn of Him and finally discover Him.

Though Son of God, Christ chose Mary and Joseph as His special human instruments for His plan of our redemption, and sanctification. Though King of Kings Our Lord together with Mary and Joseph, obeyed the laws of God (presentation in the temple, gifts of doves, going to church, I came to do the will of My Father, obedient to the death of the Cross flight into Egypt, etc.) and of men (the census, down to Nazareth and was subject to them, etc.).

The really great are humble; the really happy, the poor in spirit (i.e. have no hang-ups); the obedient, the real leaders. . . much food for thought in the Xmas Gospel. . . Heaven and earth are joined together, as God descends to earth to escalate people to heaven. God's son takes on the form of a little child, so that, thru obedience, littleness may bring down the high and mighty, and raise up the humble and weak.

People come out of themselves and do myriads of wonderful things just to give others joy and happiness 'Tis the season of amazement, and hope, of joy and peace, of wonder and praise, of laughter and smiles, of the union of God and man, and of the friendliness of man to man, of the rebirth and rejuvenation of adults and of the acceptance and growth of the young.

Oh! Would that this special spirit of Xmas never end! But permit our daily lives as children of God! Would that it throb in our human hearts and be concretely seen in all of our daily lives all year long!

God bless us! Merry Christmas! His Peace live in our hearts! His Grace in our daily deeds!

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December 22, 1977

Frank Fischer

Frank Fischer of Fischer Road, Andover, died Friday, December 16, 1977 at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, following a long illness.

Born in the Town of Alfred, July 25, 1901, he was a son of Martin and Julia Kellenberger Fischer. A lifetime resident of Andover, he had operated a farm.

Mr Fischer was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church of Andover.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Mary Gavin and Mrs. Alice Barrett, both of Andover and Mrs. Lena Samuelson of Jamestown; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends were received at the James B. Mulholland Funera Home, Andover, Sunday. Funeral services were held there Monday, Dec. 19, 1977, with a prayer service at 9:30 a. m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a. m. at Blessed Sacrament Church with the Rev. Francis J. Zmoyznski, celebrant. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Andover.

Floyd C. Aldrich

Floyd C. Aldrich of 10 South St., Friendship, died Saturday, December 17, 1977 at the Cuba Memorial Hospital, after a lengthy illness.

He was born April 22, 1910 at Waterloo, N. Y. On August 22, 1938 in Franklin, Pa., he was married to the former Katherine Thomas, who survives.

Mr. Aldrich had pastored several churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York State. His last church was the American Baptist Church in Andover, from where he retired in 1972, moving to Friendship.

He was a member of the United Church of Friendship. He had served on the board of managers for the American Baptist Convention of New York State.

Surviving, besides his widow, are a daughter, Mrs. Gerald (Linda) Hiltz of San Jose, Calif.; a son, David Aldrich of Syracuse; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Florence Baldrige of Geneva and Mrs. Kenneth (Dorothy) Harvey of Clayville; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends were received at the Frank Huff Chapel, 312 West Clark St., Franklin, Pa., Sunday where funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. The Rev. Cornelius DeGroat, pastor of the United Church of Friendship, officiated and Rev. Henry Rudd assisted. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Gardens, Franklin, Pa.

Memorials may be made to the Allegheny County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.



Mrs. Henry Hurd, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Earl Norton was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Saturday as a medical patient ill with pneumonia.

Paul Westbrook, a surgical patient in the Olean General Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. David Sootheran and infant daughter, Janet Lyn, have returned to their home.

Erwin Lewis was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital Friday as a medical patient.

Andover Rod & Gun Club Plan Wild Game Dinner

Andover Rod & Gun Club is planning a Wild Game Dinner for January 21, 1978 at 7:00 P. M.

Anyone having some wild game that they are willing to fix as a "dish to pass" or donate wild game for preparation, please contact Leon McNeill or Joan Dibble by January 14th.



—Mr. and Mrs. Almon Wood of Canistota were Sunday afternoon callers of Miss Margaret Wood and other friends in Andover.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer spent Sunday with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Spicer in Wellsville.

—Mr and Mrs. Ralph A. Allen were Saturday visitors of Miss Isabelle Loughhead at Sena Kean Manor in Smethport, Pa. They also were Sunday afternoon visitors of his mother, Mrs. Helen Allen at the Salamanca Nursing Home in Salamanca.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service At United Methodist Church

A Christmas Eve Candle Light Service will be held at the Andover United Methodist Church at 11 p. m., and at the Greenwood United Methodist Church at 8 p. m., this coming Saturday night. There will be special carol singing by the congregations, and special music rendered by the church choirs.

At the Andover United Methodist Church the Christmas Eve meditation will be given by Rev. A. Howard Gabriel. At the Greenwood United Methodist Church Mr. Virgil Hussey will give the Christmas meditation. At the end of each service there will be a candle light dedication to Christ.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service At Presbyterian Church

The Andover Presbyterian Church will have its traditional Candle-light Service at 8 p. m., December 24th. This will be a carol singing service and the public is cordially invited to attend.

On Christmas Morning the regular-morning worship service will be held at 11 A. M. (an hour later than the usual Sunday morning worship hour)

New Year's Day the worship service will also be held at 11 A. M.

On Sunday, January 8th Church will be at 10:00 a. m., and Sunday School at 11:00 a. m.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Perry (Cathleen McCormick) of Greenwood Hill, Andover, are parents of a son, Chad Lewis, born Friday, December 9, 1977 at the Bethesda Hospital in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sootheran (Linda Ordway) of Andover, are parents of a 6-lb., 8-oz., daughter, Jane Lynn, born Wednesday, December 14, 1977 at the Bethesda Hospital in Hornell. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sootheran are the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ordway of Wellsville are the maternal grandparents, Mrs. Nellie Crance of Phelps, N. Y., is the maternal great-grandmother, and Mrs. Etta Ordway of Wellsville, the maternal great-grandmother.

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Navy Signalman Seaman Mark L. McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McCormick of 22 Maple St. Andover, recently visited Bandar Abbas, Iran. He is serving as a crewmember aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Warden, operating from Yokosuka, Japan.

He and his shipmates had the opportunity to visit the Iranian port prior to preparation for a week-long joint exercise off the Iranian coast with units from Britain, Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. While in port, he participated in athletic events with Iranian sailors and attended social affairs and receptions on various British and Pakistani ships.

His ship is 533 feet long, displaces 7,800 tons and carries a crew of 396 officers and enlisted men. She is outfitted with guns, missile launchers, torpedo tubes and an antisubmarine rocket launcher.

He joined the Navy in July 1976

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