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Excerpts From a Letter From Rev. Carlsen

The following is part of a letter received by Andover friends from Rev. Carlsen, former Christian and Missionary Alliance pastor in Andover, who is now in Northern China:

Since arriving in Kansu, I have found it hard to believe at times that I have really "arrived". At times I have to pinch myself to realize that I am not dreaming. That is, until the other day. Mr. Notson and I were taking the Holtons to their home at Hochow in the jeep. We had travelled all day —climbing steep mountains, maneuvering along on almost unpassable roads, jumping ditches, and fording streams. Just outside of Hochow we came to a place where five streams run together making two rivers. While exploring for a safe path for the jeep to make a crossing, I fell through the ice into water up to my waist. This partly shocked my mental processes into concluding the fact that I was in China. The final blow came a few minutes later when the jeep fell through the ice with the icy waters swirling through it—just a few feet from the safety of the river's bank. It was with difficulty that a crew of Chinese with poles and ropes pulled the jeep to shore. In this operation I got another soaking up to my hips when I waded to the jeep to steer it onto the bank.

Our next problem was to get the jeep running. In an attempt to get the water out of the gas tank, my fingers got numb and before I could get the darn plug screwed in, my arm had soaked up a quart or more of gasoline. This caused my arm to burn and blister and prevented me from getting near an open flame until the gasoline evaporated. Soon the sun had set, making it impossible to work further on the jeep and we three men decided to stay with the jeep for the night on the river's bank while Mrs. Holton went into the city with our baggage. At 10:00 P. M. after we had tried unsuccessfully to dry out by our charcoal fire and sleep on the rocky ground in our sleeping bags, Mr. Holton's gateman and two soldiers from the city came to our rescue. They volunteered staying with the jeep for the night while we spent the night at the mission station. Carrying a lantern, we reached the city and after a few words of explanation to the gate-keeper at the city wall we were granted admission. Upon passing through the inner gate we were stopped in our tracks by a cry of "Halt" from a sentry, that sounded like a cannon blast. In an instant, on all sides we saw bayonets shimmering in the light of our lantern. After presenting the proper credentials to the soldiers and being given the "once over" we made way to the safety and warmth of our Alliance mission compound.

The next day was spent at the river's bank trying to thaw the ice out of the jeep and clean the mud out of the working parts Finding it difficult to work with dozens of curious people peering over our shoulders and acting as "sidewalk superintendents," Mr. Notson devised the plan of roping off the area. This kept us as a safe distance from the assorted odors and denture breath of the crowd and at the same time, gave the lads who held the ropes a feeling of importance. We stopped our work occasionally to watch a fight on the outskirts of the crowd, to watch the Moslems pray, and then to witness the unusual spectacle of almost the whole city turning out to welcome some of their fathers and sons returning from a pilgrimage to Mecca. (Incidentally the truck on which the pilgrimage were returning fared worse than did our jeep. It found one of the bridges insecure and tumbled on its side lengthwise across a swift stream.) After an unsuccessful day's work Mr. Notson had to finally yield to the humiliating experience of having two teams of horses pull his jeep to the mission compound. Here followed three more days of overhauling the jeep and cleaning the ice and mud out of every conceivable place except the tires. The motor finally turned over, we searched out another road home, and reached Lintao three days behind schedule.

Births

Feb. 19: To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stout, West Clarksville, a daughter.

Feb. 24: To Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Watt, Cuba, a son.

Feb. 23: To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heysham, Wellsville, a daughter.

Feb. 23: To Mr. and Mrs. Warren R. Vossler, Wellsville, a daughter.

Feb. 24: To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellsworth, Wellsville, a daughter.

Feb. 24: To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sibble, Wellsville, a daughter.

Feb. 25: To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walrod, Welisville, a son.

Feb. 25: To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Scott, Wellsville, a son.

Feb. 25: To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Coats, Scio, a daughter.

Feb. 25: To Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson, Wellsville, a son.

Feb. 28: To Mr. and Mrs. John Coyle, Bolivar, a daughter.

Feb. 29: To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, Wellsville, a son.

Marriages

Feb. 21: Miss Leona Wardner and Lloyd Mitchell, both of Cuba.

Feb. 21: Miss Crystle Vincent and Leonard W. Scutt, both of Fillmore.

Feb. 28: Miss Anne Nicholson of Bolivar and Donald C. Saunders of Belmont.

Deaths

Mrs. Matie O. Olive, 77, Cuba, Feb. 22. Two nieces survive.

Mrs. James L. Goodspeed of Wellsville, Feb. 21. Her husband a son, a daughter and two sisters survive.

Charles McClintock, 65, of Allentown, Feb. 29. His wife, two sons, a daughter, a brother and a sister survive.

Miss Mary Yaeger, 64, of Wellsville, Feb. 27. Two sisters survive.

Catholic Churches To Again Observe Cana Wednesday

Cana Wednesday, which was inaugurated in the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo last year will again be observed on Wednesday, March 10. Catholic married couples in all of the eight counties of Western New York will be asked to reaffirm their marriage vows. In a letter to the pastors this week, His Excellency, Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Bishop of Buffalo, said:

"A year ago, at the suggestion of the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Cana Wednesday was observed in the Diocese of Buffalo. At the invitation of the pastors, thousands of couples throughout the diocese came to their respective parish churches to renew their marriage vows.

"Great blessings came from this remarkable demonstration of faith in the sanctity of marriage. It was a quiet, holy, beautiful protest against the twin evils that most threaten our society, divorce and birth control. It was forthright expression of confidence in God, who instituted the family as the basic unit of society and whose watchful Providence defends family life against materialistic assaults."

This year Cana Wednesday will be observed on March 10th. Very Rev. Monsignor John J. McMahon is in charge of the arrangements and will supply the pastors with certain materials they may wish to have for the renewal of the marriage vows.

An overwhelming demonstration of belief in the sanctity of motherhood is called for this year. A sub-committee of Congress has just been told by high-ranking military authorities of our nation that women must be a permanent part of our armed forces; one of them is quoted as saying: "I am convinced that in another war (women) will have to be drafted, just like men.' The birth control program that has robbed our nation of millions of men can accept its share of the responsibility for this pagan concept of the function of womanhood, the drafting of women for war."

Allegany County Shrine Club to Play Host at Big Circus March 30th

The Allegany County Shrine Club has plans to again take the underprivileged children from all the schools of Allegany county to the 13th annual Shrine Circus in Buffalo on Tuesday, March 30. It was decided that 350 children would be guests of the club this year.

School buses, probably nine or ten in all, will take the groups from their respective schools where the children will assemble early in the morning. All the buses will meet at Yorkshire Corners at 9:30 o'clock, from there having a State police escort into Buffalo where they will have a city escort.

The children will be taken to the Armory for dinner at noon. They will then be taken in their buses to the Buffalo Zoological Gardens where they will be allowed to see the animals and at a stated time they will again enter the buses to be transported to the Memomial Auditorium to see the three-ring circus which will be shown this year from March 29 until April 3.

Following the circus the children will be given box lunches and the trip home is begun.

E. Allen Mapes of Friendship is chairman of the circus committee this year.

John: "So you're practically independent in your new job."

James: "Yes, I can get there any time I wish before eight, and leave any time after 5."

GIVE!

Disasters during eleven months last year killed 1,266 and injured 7,969 persons. Red Cross medical-nursing care was provided to 800 families after the Texas City blast and many additional ones after other disasters. Your contribution to the 1948 Red Cross Fund will help needy families who must face similar emergencies this year.

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Beaver Season Open Here March 22-31

Albany, Feb. 29.—The New York State Conservation Department has put a "crimp" in illicit out-of-season beaver trapping with a new regulation which requires the trapper to present the fresh head of the beaver from which a pelt has been taken when he presents the pelt to a State game protector to be tagged.

This was revealed when Conservation Commissioner Perry B. Duryea announced the department order for an open season for beaver trapping in 20 counties of the State this Spring. The season is March 15-31 inclusive in six Adirondack counties and March 22-31 in 14 other counties of the State. Not more than four beaver per trapper may be taken, and not more than 10 traps may be used.

Each skinned beaver head presented will be tagged with a special tag bearing a matching number to the one placed on the pelt of the animal, and will then be sent to the Department's Wildlife Research Laboratory at Delmar. There it will be examined by a pathologist to determine by examination of the brain whether the animal was killed during open season or illegally taken in advance.

The new order also requires beaver to be tagged by a game protector in the county where taken before removal from that county. Protectors will be available at all times in open counties during the beaver season and through April 5 to tag pelts and receive the heads.

The commissioner commented: "There is some inconvenience in this regulation for the law-abiding citizen, but it will be more than offset by the effect it will have in bringing habitual violators either in line or to time."

The fresh head should be cut from the carcass AFTER the pelt has been removed in normal skinning process. It must match the pelt, and the brain must be in the skull.

Open Seasons

Adirondack area: Counties of Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Washington, and in those portions of Hamilton and Herkimer counties north of Route 28 — March 15-31.

Central, western New York and Southern Tier: Counties of Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Yates, and in that portion of Wyoming county south of Route 20A, and in that portion of Erie county south of Route 20A from Wyoming county line westerly to Route 20 and the extension of Highway 20A to Lake Erie—March 22-31.

Traps with teeth in the jaws or a greater spread than six inches are prohibited. Traps must not be set prior to 7 a. m. on opening day and they must be removed by 6 p. m. on closing day. No person may possess untagged beaver or green or raw beaver pelts prior to March 15 or after April 5. Tags must remain attached until the pelts have been made into commercial fur.

There was no open season on beaver last year. This year's season was established after a Department survey revealed a harvestable crop of beaver in the counties listed.

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Milton College Choir to Present Concert at Alfred March 5th

The 50-voice College Choir of Milton, Wisconsin, will present a concert of sacred music at the Village Church in Alfred this Friday evening, March 5th, according to Dr. A. E. Whitford, chairman of the Seventh Day Baptist committee making arrangements.

Milton College has been known for its excellence in choral music since 1885, said Dr. Whitford, who was graduated from there in 1896. "This year Alfred is fortunate to be included in their 12-program schedule," he added.

The choir is directed by Prof. Bernhardt H. Westlund who has selected numbers by the masters of choral composition from 16th century Palestrina and Bach to such contemporaries as Healy Willan, William Schyman and Paul Christiansen.

GIVE!

To turn out clothing for the ill and needy, scores of foot-pedal sewing machines hum busily these days in the production rooms of a number of Red Cross societies overseas. The machines are your gift — through the American Red Cross Your contribution to the 1948 Red Cross Fund will help continue such emergency assistance to those in need overseas.

VETERANS NEWS LETTER

Next-of-kin of deceased servicemen or veterans eligible for the New York State veterans' bonus who reside in Allegany county are urged to contact the County Veterans' Service Agency.

The appeal was made this week by Director Robert W. Nicholson who explained that there is no complete list of next-of-kin available, and that he has no other way of knowing if all eligible persons in the county have filed.

Indication of the needle-in-a-haystack job facing the Agency is the fact that there are 46 known Army dead who entered service from Allegany county for whom the next-of-kin are unknown. This, two years after the end of the war, and despite a constant quest made by the Agency with the co-operation of local American Legion posts.

This list does not include next-of-kin of deceased veterans (men who died after discharge from service) or next-of-kin of deceased servicemen or veterans who moved here from other counties.

As soon as names and addresses of next-of-kin are received, an appointment will be made by the Director or State Veteran Counselor to complete the bonus application and other possible veteran or next-of-kin benefits will be reviewed. The Agency is in the Court House, Belmont, telephone 183 or 165.

Anybody need an apprentice barber? A county vet has completed a six-month course in a recognized school, but needs 18 months under a licensed barber to get his license. Joker is that he can't find a shop equipped to take him on. Most shops are one-man or have no vacancies. He's now thinking of moving to another state, where licenses are not needed.—The Agency Director will be in Washington, D. C. next week, attending the American Legion's annual National Rehabilitation Conference. — Payment of Ohio's veterans' bonus will begin April 1. It requires a year's residency in the state before entrance into active service, 90 days service between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945, and pays $10 a month for domestic service, $15 for foreign service between those dates, up to a maximum of $400.—Veterans discharged during last year should check their status before filing 1947 Income Tax report. Under certain conditions he may claim refund for overpayment of withholding taxes paid on income earned after discharge. The Agency has complete details on the tax provisions.

Max: "Mother wants a pound of floor wax, please."

Salesman: "I'm sorry, but all we have is sealing wax."

Max: "Don't be silly. Who'd want to wax the ceiling?"

Belmont Boy Drowned

Philip M. Siefer, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm R. Siefer of Belmont was drowned in Phillips Creek Saturday afternoon. Just how the boy, who was using a stick as a make-believe fish pole and pretending to fish in the creek, got into the rain swollen stream is not known. His brother, 4, who was playing nearby called the attention of three older youths playing ball. With a rope tied about his waist Robert Worden went into the water and soon located the body. Although several tanks of oxygen were used, resuscitation efforts proved fruitless.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Election will be held in and for the Village of Andover, N. Y., on the **16th day of March, 1948 at Village Hall,** in said Village. The polls will be open at **1 o'clock P. M.** and closed at **5 o'clock P. M.** The following officers are to be chosen:

TRUSTEE IN PLACE OF CHARLES M. HOLT, TERM 2 YEARS.
TRUSTEE IN PLACE OF DEWEY M. NORTHRUP, TERM 2 YEARS.

The following is a true and correct list of all nominations of candidates for offices to be filled at the Village Election, filed with me pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 90, Laws of 1896 and Amendments thereto:

Emblem of Party	Party Name	For Trustee	For Trustee	Residence
	Republican	Charles M. Holt	Dewey M. Northrup	Andover

FRANCES B. ROGERS, Village Clerk