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Turning Back the Pages

of Andover History

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50 YEARS AGO

JAN. 2, 1901

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John Snyder is grand juror and B. F. Howland and J. A. Hunt trial jurors from Andover for the January term of Supreme Court.

Clifford Vars received word Monday that he had successfully passed the pharmacist examination.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bess, 78, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. K. Porter, New Year's Day. A son, two daughters, two brothers and a sister survive.

Elijah Rollins was a business visitor in Wellsville and Scio Saturday.

Thomas McTighe is on a business trip to New York and Philadelphia.

Scott Prest and Ezra Slocum have taken the contract to build a house in Wellsville.

Byron Proper is on his annual fishing trip to Honeoye Lake and George Probasco is tending the meat market during his absence.

Mike Kilbane of Chicago, Mrs. M. C. Moran and children of Jewett, O.; Thomas Kilbane of Cleveland and Miss Mary Kilbane of Cuba spent the holidays at the home of their father, John Kilbane.

40 YEARS AGO

DEC. 30, 1910

J. H. Backus, Editor & Publisher

Miss Olive J. Miller and Ray E. Mead were united in marriage Tuesday, December 27.

Peter Dougherty, 89, died at his home on South Hill Monday, December 26. Mr. Dougherty had lived on the same farm for over 50 years.

Miss Pearl Ray was united in marriage with Rev. M. S. Branch Wednesday, December 28.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Cummings Monday, December 26.

Prangen Bros. hav begun their ice harvest on the ponds and are now shipping ice to the Erie railroad at Hornell.

James Guinn fell last Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Richardson, and fractured his knee.

S. B. Crandall is home from Washington, D. C., for the holidays.

Mame Dean is home from Buffalo this week.

Miss Nellie Lynch is home from Buffalo to pass the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Vincent of Canastota and Mr. and Mrs. D. Lee Baker of Rome were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker.

30 YEARS AGO

DEC. 31, 1920

J. H. Backus & Son, Editors

Chester Clair died Saturday, December 25, at his farm home east of this village. Services were held Tuesday.

John Karcanes is passing the holidays with friend and relatives in Buffalo.

Misses Mary and Camella Joyce of Buffalo spent Christmas with Andover relatives.

Miss Veronica Hyland of Washington, D. C., is passing the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyland.

Rodney Robinson is home from Hiram College to pass the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson.

Miss Katherine Folsing of Montour Falls and Miss Elizabeth Folsing of New York are passing the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Folsing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams returned Friday from Dansville where Mr. Williams has completed a large concrete job for the water department of that village.

Miss Grace Chegsman of Alfred is home to pass the vacation with her father, J. D. Chegsman.

1951 Potato Prices Expected To Be Higher

Prices for New York potatoes produced in 1951 may average higher than last year's market prices, which were the lowest in the last ten years, says Charles Hebblethwaite, assistant county agricultural agent. Although the 1951 U. S. potato crop is expected to be smaller than in 1950, it may still be so large as to result in another year of unsatisfactory prices. This is particularly true for those growers who do not get above-average yields.

Mr. Hebblethwaite recently returned from a farm outlook conference at Cornell University where county agents conferred with economists in predicting farm prospects for 1951.

Labor for farm work is expected to be in short supply for harvest, and wages may be higher than in 1950. Some spray materials will be hard to get. It would be wise to plan well in advance for such things as fertilizer, spray and dust materials, and repairs of machinery and equipment.

Several areas that had price supports for 1950 potatoes will be marketing their first crop without price supports in nearly ten years, the agent points out. These areas may not adjust acreage or production until after they have had a year of low prices. Farmers who have the chance to do so may find it wise to use some potato land for other crops in 1951 such as short-term hay.

Many farms in the state still produce potatoes with low yields and at a high cost per bushel. These farmers should look for other crops that offer more promising returns. High producing areas will continue to grow potatoes and successfully meet competition, but a low yield will result in small profit or even some loss.

The 1950 potato crop on Long Island was nearly double the quantity left for commercial trade channels after government purchases in each of the past two seasons. It may not be possible to market 17 million bushels of Long Island potatoes profitably in 1951. Farmers who always get yields below the average for the Island should look for more profitable crops and enterprises in 1951.

Defense needs of farm products does not have as great a chance in consumption of potatoes as of some other farm crops. Hence, it is only logical that production should be geared to needs for human consumption plus added government needs.

Nature Note

"That new farm hand is terribly dumb."

"How's that?"

"He found some milk bottles in the grass and insisted he had found a cow's nest."

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Thrift

Thrifty use of equipment is always wise, but especially now when prices are high and supply threatened because of world conditions. Even small precautions can help to extend the life of your equipment. So here's a hint about how you may protect your oven from rust: Leave the oven door open for a few seconds when you first light the oven. Moisture will collect and if the door is closed for those seconds—may cause rust.

And More Thrift

The kind of hoarder that gets approval these days is the homemaker who never discards anything she owns unless she is sure it has no possible use. It's true that many households have attics and closets that groan with the load of stored stuff not touched for years. And the reason is that most of us fail to remember what we have cached away when we need it.

Wouldn't it be a good idea one of these wintry afternoons to tree to good use if you cut off the branches and lay them over the flower beds. So says the housing and design department of the College of Home Economics at Cornell. The branches, so arranged, help to keep mulching in place until spring. Branches may also be used to shield broad-leafed evergreens and tender shrubs from the drying effects of winter winds and sun.

From Old Blankets

Lady, hang on to your worn-make a systematic search of boxes and trunks, and compile an alphabetical list of what's there? You may be surprised what will come to light—a collar that can be freshened up for Sally's navy blue wool; yarn intended for needlepoint that perhaps could be made into mittens or a scarf; stationery that arrived for Christmas and got tucked away with the empty Christmas boxes; a casserole dish shelved before you had discarded the old oven that didn't bake well—any number of things. And that alphabetized list will be handy for reference when you suddenly need something you have forgotten you own.

Christmas to Spring

A dried-up Christmas tree — once the holidays are passed — has the air of a sorry old hasbeen. But you can still put your out blankets even if Santa did bring new ones to replace the old. There's life in the old blankets yet.

According to specialists at the New York State College of Home Economics at Cornell, old blankets can be used to make such useful articles as: mattress pads or covers, quilts for a child's bed, pot holders, ironing board padding, a silence cloth for a dining table, baby buntings, and even lumber jackets, if the blanket is plaid and of the right colors. You can use worn blankets to interline Tommy's new coat. Cut into snippets, discarded blankets make a good stuffing for thin chair seat covers or pin cushions. And even the tiredest old blanket will provide small pieces of wool to be used as polishing cloths.

Have a Care for Pillows

Pillows take a lot of punishment. They get bunched and punched under a restless sleeper's head. They get tossed about by small boys—and sometimes by big ones. It's Mom who must see that the pillows receive proper care.

Here are some suggestions: 1. Fluff up pillows gently each day to force air around the feathers. 2. Place pillows frequently in a current of cool, dry air to keep them dry, fresh and sweet. But don't air them in the sun too long because heat dries the natural oil of the feathers. 3. For protection against soil, cover the ticking with a slip cover made from old sheeting or old pillow cases. Baste the slipcover on loosely so that it can be easily removed for washing. 4. In storing pillows, wrap and seal them against moths and pack them loosely in a cool, airy place. Don't crowd pillows into small containers because the arch of the feathers which keeps pillows fluffy may be broken.

Estimate Value of '50 Farm Crops at $370 Million

Albany, Dec. 28—New York farms produced at high levels in 1950 according to the year-end federal-state crop summary issued from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Harvested were 6,426,000 acres of the principal field and vegetable crops for which estimates are regularly made, along with the fruit orchards and vineyards roughly placed at 268,000 acres and maple products from groves which would cover perhaps 100,000 additional acres, if the trees were in regular plantings. The aggregate acreage harvested was closely in line with recent years and the 10-year average. In addition are substantial amounts of less widely grown crops not covered in the regular estimates.

In terms of estimated gross value at the farm, the crops included were worth about $370,388,000 in 1950 as compared with $352,476,000 in 1949.

These sums include large amounts of some crops which are not sold from the farm but are used for livestock feed. Hence they should be looked upon as a rough measure of the magnitude of crop output, and in no sense as sales of farm products, says the report.

New Yorkers Are National 4-H Champs

George Beyea — Joseph Fisher — Bruce Ketch — Richard Babiarz

FOUR Empire State 4-H Club boys from Madison, Steuben and Cayuga Counties were named national champions at the 4-H Club Congress held recently in Chicago. Each did outstanding work in his project, and was active in club and community affairs.

National 4-H Tractor Maintenance honors and a $300 college scholarship from the American Oil Co. went to George Beyea, 18, of Morrisville, for maintaining and operating the family tractor at considerable savings in time and money. The youth maintains top tractor performance the year round by general greasing, proper fuel consumption, and checking the air cleaner when working under dusty conditions.

Joseph Fisher, 21, of Canastota, was chosen for national honors in the 4-H Dairy Achievement program. His scholarship and an all-expense trip to 4-H Club Congress at Chicago was provided by Lederle Laboratories. During 10 years in club work, Joe has consistently worked to improve dairy practices on the 253-acre farm. Last year he was chosen as a delegate to attend National 4-H Camp in Washington, D. C.

Preserving one of nature's most valuable resources—the soil—has been the chief concern of Bruce Ketch, 21, of Bath. Named one of 8 national winners over all state competitors in the 1950 National 4-H Soil and Water Conservation program, he was awarded a $300 scholarship by Firestone Tire & Rubber. Bruce has planted trees on wasteland, constructed a diversion ditch to provide for a swamp overflow and planned crop rotation. He has also clipped pastures to assure a better second grazing, and prevented soil erosion by keeping the most vulnerable acres seeded down. The main source of income on his farm is from a dairy herd. The increase from 385 lbs. of butterfat per cow to 482 he credits mostly to the improved homegrown grains, pastures and roughages.

Richard Babiarz, 20, of Auburn, won top State and National honors in the 4-H Home Grounds Beautification program for dividing his own home grounds into three areas—public, service, and private. Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen, awarded the youth a gold wrist watch and a trip to the recent 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, for successfully landscaping to meet indoor-outdoor needs.

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

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CHURCH SERVICES

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Chester W. Whitt, Pastor

Services for Sunday, Jan. 6.
9:00 a. m. Sunday school.
10:00 a. m. worship. Mr. Whitt will speak on the subject "A Faith Worth Fighting For" using as a text I Peter 3:15.
7:00 p. m. The Junior Youth Group will meet at the church for games, worship and refreshments.

BAPTIST
Newton M. Tweedy, Minister

10:30: Morning worship. This is the first Sunday of 1951. Come to church.
11:30: Sunday school. Classes for all ages.
8:00 p. m.: Evening service.

BLESSED SACRAMENT
Rev. John R. Shea, Pastor

Sunday Masses, 8:30 and 10 a. m.

PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Albert Rogers, stated supply

10:30, Sunday morning worship.
Prelude, "Meditation," Wallace.
Anthem, "Hear Us, O Lord," vonBerge.
Offertory, "With Glowing Heart," Sheppard.
11:40, Sunday School.
7 p. m., Wednesday, choir rehearsal.

Plans are being made for the annual Fellowship dinner and business meeting of the church congregation, to be held on Sunday, January 14 at 1 o'clock.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION
Dr. Stephen Clark, Lay Reader

10:00 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon.
11:00 a. m., Church School.

Two Western New York Marine Platoons Being Organized

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 22—Two new Marine recruit platoons, composed of men from Western New York, will be enlisted during January, it was announced today by Major H. C. Howard, officer in charge of area Marine recruiting.

Because of the number of applications now on hand and the additional applications expected, it was felt desirable to give Western New York men the opportunity during January to leave as a member of a recruit platoon.

The two new Marine recruit units to be formed will be known as the 3rd and 4th Western New York Marine Recruit Platoons. The 3rd Recruit Platoon will leave Buffalo as a unit on January 17 while the 4th will leave on January 31st.

Having met with such satisfactory results in the recruitment of the first two platoons which left Buffalo during September and November it was felt that more young men should be given the opportunity of enlisting with friends from their home communities and the opportunity to take that rugged Marine recruit training together. To date both previous platoons have won unit honors during their training at the Marine Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C., and it has come to light that men serving together from the same home areas have a competitive spirit that is not as easily found in recruit platoons that are composed of men from different sections of the country.

The departure of the recruit platoons will not interfere with the young men who wish to volunteer and leave on a day they select.

Full information about enlistment qualification for the Marine Recruit Platoons may be obtained at Sub-District Recruiting Station, U. S. Marine Corps, Room 225, Post Office Building, Elmira, N. Y.

Births

Dec. 22: To Mr. and Mrs. Lester Morgan of Cuba a son.

Dec. 22: To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wixson of Cuba a daughter.

Dec. 23: To Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Weimer of Bolivar a son.

Dec. 26: To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Herdman of Angelica a son.

Dec. 26: To Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wysocki of Cuba a daughter.

Dec. 24: To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lewis of West Union a son.

Dec. 26: To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Babcock of Wellsville a daughter.

Dec. 27: To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ames of Scio a son.

Dec. 28: To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mills of Rexville a son.

Dec. 29: To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellison of Whitesville a son.

Jan. 1: To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Francisco of Belmont, a son.

Jan. 2: To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fitch of Wellsville, a daughter.

Marriages

Dec. 21: Miss Audrey Owens of Cuba and Richard W. Lucas of Olean.

Dec. 21: Miss Norma J. Hardman and Oliver Amesbury both of Richburg.

Dec. 23: Miss Thelma Clarke and Elmer Cowles both of Richburg.

Dec. 24: Mrs. Elvira Ferrington of West Clarkeville and Harold Shaner of Bolivar.

Dec. 27: Miss Evelyn Rogers of Belmont and George Weber of Olean.

Dec. 27: Miss Noel Zimmerman of Buffalo and Richard T. Powers of Wellsville.

Dec. 30: Miss Alice C. Braunschweiger and Robert L. McEnroe, both of Wellsville.

Dec. 30: Miss Lucille Behringer and James Green, both of Friendship.

Deaths

Archie A. Payne, 63, of Whitesville, Dec. 29. Three sons, a daughter, a sister and three brothers survive.

Mrs. Lewis S. Tyler, 62, of Wellsville, Dec. 27. Her husband, four sons and two daughters survive.

Walter H. Briggs, 59, of Bolivar, Jan. 1. A son and a sister survive.

Quick Change

Man of the house (roaring with rage): "Who told you to put that paper on the wall?"

Paperhanger: "Your wife."

Man of house (subsiding): "Pretty, isn't it?"

REGIONAL CONFERENCES resume again next week with visits to the following: Jan. 9, Hartwick College at Oneonta; Jan. 10, Sanitaria Grange Hall, Binghamton, Jan. 11. Masonic Temple, Watkins Glenn; and Jan. 12, Taft Settlement Grange, Minoa, Syracuse.

These conferences are conducted by State Master Henry D. Sherwood, state secretary Harold M. Stanley and state juvenile superintendent Mrs. Ruth Thew, and corresponding officers of each Grange are expected to attend, with other interested Grangers invited. Western and eastern parts of the state will be visited in February, with dates and places to be announced in these columns later.

NEW YEAR promises to be one of the most active in Grange history in this state. Both here and in the nation heavy emphasis will be put on increased membership as an Albert S. Goss memorial. No more fitting tribute to the memory of this great man who gave his life for the Grange can be made than putting your best efforts toward this drive. Your subordinate master will have all the details.

Homestead and Grange Hall Improvement will be the face-lifting farm project for 1951. This brings every family and every community into concerted action.

Leadership, youth work and legislation will occupy our attention in the coming months, particularly in the crisis that faces us today. Our farm organization has always been in the vanguard whenever our country has been threatened. We stand more strongly today than ever before.

Production above all will help win wars. We've done it before and we can do it again. Civilian defense is likely to be part of our program and rural people need to be especially alert and take part in such programs as are set up locally.

PUBLIC relations of the finest kind is essential in creating better understanding between consumer and producer. Everyone has a part in this, and your ability to make friends and better neighbors, tell your local story will have a definite effect on your own membership and those who may wish to join us. Do a good job at all times.

Cornell Opens New Lab For Dog Diseases

A new research laboratory for diseases of dogs will be opened at Cornell University on January 5. It is part of a recently established Veterinary Virus Research Institute with a long-range objective of bolstering the nation's food supply by helping to prevent animal disease.

The structure will provide modern isolation facilities for controlled experiments in what is described as the first comprehensive research effort on dog diseases to be undertaken in this country.

Marital Worries

"Ah, good mornin' Mrs. Murphy, how is everythin'?"

"Sure, an' I'm havin' a grand toime uv it between me husban' an' the fire. If I keep my oye on wan the other is sure to go out."

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