

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

An Editorial

With Thanksgiving just behind us, Deer Season not over with yet, and a couple of wintry days confronting us, our thoughts have been on everything but Christmas.

Now, all of sudden, with Christmas Advertising in front of us, and the A.C.S. boys putting Christmas Trees in the planter boxes in front of the business places on Main St., comes the — great awakening — and realization — that Christmas is just about **THREE WEEKS AWAY!**

The Village Decorations and Christmas Light have been in evidence since before Thanksgiving and the Christmas Tree is even adorning the "Island" — and decorated too! We haven't seen any sign of the Big Christmas Tree for the South End of Main St. — but perhaps that will be taken care of this week-end.

Two years ago, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a plan for the decoration of both homes and business places, giving recognition for the prize-winning homes and cash prizes for the High School groups that were in the winning circle.

Last year, the Chamber of Commerce launched a new plan for "year-round" decorations along Main St., by furnishing the materials that were used in the nice looking planter boxes — as well as supplying the Trees that were put in them.

The Students of Andover Central School, under the guidance of teachers Frank Russell and Al Barden, showed their ability, skill, and willingness to take part in the community project of Christmas Decorations by building the planter boxes, filling them with stone and dirt, and then mounting Christmas Trees in them.

We, at the "News Office", were very pleased with the fine spirit of co-operation shown between the Students and Merchants as well as the results achieved. In fact, as far as we could tell, Andover was one of the best decorated and lighted Villages anywhere in U.S.A.

Unfortunately, there were a few "idiots" — that were perhaps trying out for "a juvenile delinquent class" — who stole many of the bulbs out of a few of the Christmas Tree lights in front of business places along Main St. Hopefully, this mean, despicable caper won't be repeated this year — and perhaps the A.C.S. Students will help "police" the Christmas Decorations like they did two years ago so the "Christmas Spirit" won't become tarnished here in Andover.

At any rate, now it is up to the rest of us — businessmen and residents alike — to decorate the Main St. trees, our stores, and homes, in the truly festive Christmas manner.

We are firm believers in the revival and preservation of our ancient traditions, and when the young people of Andover are interested enough to contribute their share, it would seem that we grown-ups could exert ourselves a little more.

For the stores that don't have the facilities for lighting up an outside tree — a decorated Christmas Tree could be put in a front store window — or different ideas for window decorations could be used as displayed by several merchants last year.

For the ones that haven't had a display before — all we can say is that judging from our own past experience, it doesn't cost very much for a string or two of lights (these are really an investment anyway as they can be used year after year) — all it truly takes is a little "Christmas Spirit" — and some hard work.

Another thing that would improve the "Christmas Look" along Main St., would be to have different Civic Groups decorate or put displays in the windows of the vacant stores that stick out like a sore thumb at this time of year.

In past years we have seen some beautifully decorated homes and stores in Andover. This year let's see if we can't outdo the past and set a precedent for a bright and cheery new future!



50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 1, 1916

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Miss Mary Hyland and Clark Ferguson were united in marriage Tuesday, Nov. 28th at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

Miss Elizabeth M. Gallagher and Thomas K. Regan were united in marriage Monday, Nov. 27th at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Crandall are the parents of a son, born Monday, November 27th.

James Guinn has moved his family into the Myron Bloss house on Greenwood St.

Mrs. W. E. Green and Elmer Foster were guests of their sister, Mrs. E. O. Reynolds at Alfred from Wednesday until Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Green, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clarke, Mrs. W. E. Greene and O. G. Clarke of Independence attended the funeral of Mrs. Emily Wells of Little Genesee Monday.

W. A. Clark left Wednesday for a few days visit at Seagertown and Meadville, Pa.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 19, 1926

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Mrs. Edith A. Hann and Roy M. Courtney were united in marriage Friday, November 12th by Rev. A. W. MacDougald. Mr. and Mrs. James Nobles were their attendants.

Andover Fire Department was called out Monday morning to a blaze in the Vars Ice House on Water St., which was destroyed.

Benjamin Wallace and John Horton are visiting in Detroit, Michigan this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Theetge and daughter, Mrs. Estes Stevens of Buffalo are guests of Andover relatives and friends this week.

A. L. Rogers and Mrs. Park Rogers were in Whitesville Thursday in attendance at the funeral of an aunt, Mrs. Don Spicer.

Leon Bloss came from Waverly Tuesday to visit his brother, Frank Bloss.

Ronald Gibbs of Rochester was a visitor of his mother, Mrs. Reed Cooper Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Boyd and August Will and Mrs. Al Brown attended the ceremonial banquet of the White Shrine in Hornell, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lanphear of Hornell were guests of Mrs. Lanphear's mother, Mrs. Rosanna Joyce, Sunday and Monday.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1936

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Mrs. Myra Youmans, 68, died at the family home on Elm Street Monday, Nov. 16th. A son and two daughters survive. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

E. Clair Greene has received an appointment as Intern in the Gallagher City Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. LaFrone Clark of Andover are the parents of a son born Monday, November 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Billings of Shongo were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hawks of Independence Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Nye of Independence has been passing the week with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Wood of Hammondsport.

John Nobles passed Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles in Shovel Hollow.

Mrs. Bealy Hollowell visited her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hollowell at Canisteo from Thursday until Saturday.

Mrs. C. L. Earley accompanied her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sheppard who visited in Alfred and Andover Sunday, to their home in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she is passing the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruger of Bath, passed the week-end with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Burr Ruger.

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