

THANKSGIVING DAY 1967

An Editorial

"Dear the people coming home.
Dear glad faces long away,
Dear the merry cries, and dear
All the glad and happy play,
Dear the thanks, too, that we give
For all of this, Thanksgiving Day."

This simple verse was written many years ago by Harriet Prescott Spofford.

It tells of the traditional Thanksgiving — the Thanksgiving our fore-fathers knew, and that Currier and Ives immortalized in engravings.

When the Pilgrims of Plymouth proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving after the crops were safely gathered, and invited their friends, the Indians, they adopted a tradition that went back thousands of years to the time of the ancient dwellers by the Egyptian Nile. Here the people gave thanks to the various Deities for their food at harvest time. With their elaborate rites, they hoped to win the favor of the Gods and avert famine in the hard months ahead when the Nile River might overflow.

Like ancient farmers, the Pilgrims, too, had sensed in the changing seasons, in the cycle of seed-to-plant-to-seed, the miracle of death and resurrection. Their wonder turned into a day for giving thanks.

Families nestled at the hearth for a day of festivities. It was, of course, a day of rest and feasting — rest from all of the strenuous chores that had to be done manually in addition to watching out for their own safety at the same time.

To them—it—was more, much more — a day of prayer in which gratitude was offered for the good things of the past, and hope was held out for the future. A day of "Thanks" — of acknowledging the existence of a higher power than man, and of faith in the workings of a divine being.

How swiftly the years and seasons pass! That may be the tritest of truisms, but it is one that frequently enters the minds of all of us. And, probably, it is felt with the greatest weight each fall and winter, as the holiday season approaches.

Now another Thanksgiving is almost here. This, with the 4th of July, is the most thoroughly American of all our holidays. It celebrates the very beginning of this nation. And, when properly observed, it honors the courage, skills and dedication of long-gone men and women who faced and conquered dangers and difficulties of an unbelievable scope.

This is a year of plenty. Most dinner tables in this country will be piled high with the traditional Thanksgiving feast. There will be, inevitably, an emphasis on the material aspects of the day. Thanks will be offered up for the abundance that is known so generally throughout the land.

Thanks from the head or lips may be polite but it is the heartfelt thanks that rings true and warms the heart that receives it.

Moreover, gratitude is the test of character. Shakespeare tells us that the winter wind is not so unkind as man's ingratitude. The wind may chill the body, but ingratitude chills the soul.

Perhaps this Thanksgiving Day, great numbers of us will observe it in the spirit of our forefathers. If so it will truly be a day of thanks for the blessings of the past, broken with troubles as they may have been — a day in which we will find new courage to meet whatever is to come.

Then, above all, it will be a day in which we realize deeply another thing our fore-fathers knew — that, under God, each individual human being owes an everlasting debt of duty and responsibility to his family and his neighbors, and that no institution — and no government agency — can discharge it for him.

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50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 23, 1917

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Mr. and Mrs. Randall Pease were tendered a surprise visit in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary Monday evening, November 12th by the In-As-Much-Society of the Methodist Church.

About thirty young people from the Andover School made a surprise visit Tuesday night to Misses Lena and Freda Updyke.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barney of Independence are the parents of twin boys born Sunday, November 18th.

Mrs. Mary Snyder visited at the home of Mrs. William Pardon and Mrs. Dell Clair last week.

Mrs. Carrie Caple and David Yentzer of Kousette, Pa., visited at the home of Will Green and family last week Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Howland of Elm Valley, are the parents of a son.

Harry Smith is moving to the B. F. Howland farm which he has rented for the coming year.

Mrs. Pingrey of Andover is spending the week with her brother, A. M. Mings of South Hill.

Mrs. Mae Greene was in Wellsville the first of the week, guest of her brother, Earl Knox.

Miss Blanche Redmond was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer.

Mrs. Linford Potter of Independence is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas Crockstock this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cochran of Elm Valley, left last Friday for a visit with relatives in Michigan.

Mrs. Clara Crandall has gone to the home of her niece, Mrs. Frank Phillips of Beech Hill for a few weeks stay.

A. R. Brillion, Robert Brundage and Frank Horan went to New York City Thursday for a few days.

Station Agent Earl Howe went to Marion, Ohio, Thursday morning to attend a general meeting of Erie Station Agents.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 25, 1925

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Mrs. Helen L. Driscoll, 42, died at her home in Andover Wednesday, November 18th. Her husband, her parents, three sisters and a brother survive. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wales are the parents of a son, born Tuesday, November 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pease.

Mrs. Ellen Casey has been in Wellsville the past week, caring for her daughter, Mrs. Robert Moran, who is ill.

Mrs. B. S. Wilbur returned home Saturday after spending a week in Buffalo and her daughter, Mrs. D. P. Branlette, left for her home in Fresno, Calif.

Mrs. Robert Mings returned from Buffalo Sunday where she has been visiting friends since Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Monroe were guests of Mrs. Monroe's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crane of Friendship from Thursday until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Beebe and Miss Augusta Will accompanied by Misses Gertrude Beebe of Geneseo and Miss Frances Beebe of Buffalo, are visiting at the home of Charles Tibbitts at Clyde from Wednesday until Sunday.

Mrs. L. S. Bassett of Independence has been passing the week with her sister, Mrs. Ella Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker and daughter, Ella Adelaide and Ralph Williams motored to New York City Wednesday for a few days visit with Prof. and Mrs. John Vincent of New Rochelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens returned Sunday from a week's visit at the home of their granddaughter, Mrs. Gordon Borden and husband. Mr. and Mrs. Borden motored down with them.

At the opening of the Conference year, a class of 20 young women of the Methodist Church was organized, with Mrs. Edith

Cancer Society Seeks "Miss Hope - 1968"

A statewide competition to select a "Miss Hope — 1968" to represent the American Cancer Society, New York State Division, Inc., during the 1968 Cancer Crusade will be conducted by the Division's Public Information Committee, has been announced by Dr. Roger W. Blaisdell, President of the Society's Allegany County Unit.

The competition will be open to all unmarried students of Schools of Nursing and to unmarried, registered professional nurses and student nurses in all hospitals and nursing agencies throughout the 54 Counties of New York State, except members of families of employees of the Division.

Hospitals, Schools of Nursing and other nursing groups in Allegany County have been notified of this contest and we are hoping to have several candidates throughout the county. Last year our candidate was Miss Marianne Walsh from the State Agricultural and Technical College, Alfred, New York. Miss Walsh attended the Cancer Crusade Kick-Off of the Society's New York State Division at the Sheraton Hotel in Rochester, and appreciated the opportunity of competing for "Miss Hope — 1967". We are very proud of her.

For further information please contact your Allegany County Unit Office of the American Cancer Society at 79½ North Main Street, Wellsville, New York.

Cheesman as teacher and the following officers: Hazel Burgett, President; Estha Meade, Vice-President; Thelma Alvord, Secretary and Bessie Slocum, Treasurer.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 19, 1937

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T. Joseph Gilbert, 39, died Saturday, November 11th at the I.O.O.F. Home at Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs moved to Alfred Saturday where Mr. Briggs has employment in the State Prison.

Mrs. Charles Clarke of Independence was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Miss Florence Granter at Little Valley from Thursday until Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Vincent of Buffalo spent from Friday until Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence.

Mrs. Wilbur Stephens of Canisteo was the week-end guest of Mrs. William Mullen.

Miss Mary Dean returned to Ithaca last Thursday after a three months stay with her mother.

Mrs. Eliza Sherwood was given a birthday surprise at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Horton left last Thursday enroute for their home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mrs. Horton has been visiting at the home of her Aunt, Miss Mary Snyder for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sheppard and son, Mark, Jr., left Sunday for their home in Pittsburg, Pa., after passing a month at the home of her parents, Atty. and Mrs. C. L. Earley and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wenz left Tuesday for St. Cloud, Fla., where they will spend the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Dawson of Depew passed the week-end at the homes of his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson, Harold Dawson and sister, Miss Rose Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sweet have returned to their home in Wellsville after spending the summer with their son, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Sweet and family.

Frank Quigg of Conneaut, Ohio, is visiting at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg and other Andover relatives.

Ralph Shaft, Carl Honegger and Clifford Bixby returned Tuesday from the Camp at Long Lake.

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Petty Officer E. R. Little

Chief of Naval Personnel Announces New Program ACS Social Studies Dept.

Petty Officer E. R. Little, Area Navy Recruiter/Career Counselor has announced a new re-enlistment policy promulgated by the Chief of Naval Personnel (Vice Admiral Simms). Effective immediately, ex-Navy men can be re-enlisted in the same rate and pay grade up to six months after separation from the Navy.

The new special policy in effect for a limited time only, extends from three months to six months, the previous time limit. Previously, ex-Navy men returning to Naval Service were automatically reduced one pay-grade after a three month separation, except men serving in a critical rating.

Interested parties should call 324-5454 collect, or visit Navy Recruiting Office at 44 Canisteo St., Hornell.

Briefed On Vietnam

Petty Officer Little, Area Navy Recruiter, at the invitation of Mr. Michael Brace, Andover CHS Social Studies Dept. Head, visited Andover CHS recently and gave a 30 minute slide presentation, entitled, "The Navy in Vietnam" to the Social Studies Dept.

Bringing into focus the full sweep of the activities of the Navy-Marine Corps Team in Vietnam, for the students, the program was used as a follow up to the program Petty Officer Little gave to the same group last year, entitled, "Vietnam, The Reason Why."

Petty Officer Little is a Radarman First Class and a veteran of 10 years service with the United States Navy. He has been decorated four times and served seven years of continuous sea duty before coming to recruiting duty. This sea duty was served aboard the USS Speigel Grove, a landing ship dock, homeported in Little Creek, Va., and the USS Columbus a \$164,000,000 Double Ended Guided Missile Cruiser homeported in San Diego, Calif. His travels aboard these two vessels have taken him to 3 continents and approximately 30 countries. He has served as Navy Recruiter-in-Charge, Hornell, and approximately 1600 sq. mi. or surrounding territory, including Andover for the past year.

Petty Officer Little's talks on Vietnam have won wide praise and acclaim from area educators and civic leaders. He has graduated from many Navy Schools in Electronics, Electronic Warfare, Electronic Warfare Counter-Measures, Leadership, Personnel Procurement and various other subjects. Presently residing in Hornell with his wife and two children, he recently volunteered for duty as a Captain of a River Patrol Boat (a heavily armed, water jet propelled, fiberglass boat with a First Class Petty Officer in Command and a crew of three) with River Patrol Squadron 5, operating in the Rung Sat Special Zone of South Vietnam. He expects orders to that effect within a year.

Petty Officer Little said that he was available as a speaker to area clubs and organizations, on Vietnam or any other Naval related subject. Interested parties may contact him by calling 324-5454 collect, or visiting the Navy Recruiting Office at 44 Canisteo St., Hornell.

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