

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

An Editorial

With Thanksgiving behind us, Deer Season just over with, and winter weather confronting us, our thoughts have been on everything else—but Christmas.

Now, all of a 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 Lights have been in evidence for over a week and the Christmas Tree is even adorning the "Island" — and decorated too! We also notice that the big Christmas Tree that has previously been located at the South end of Main St., is set up in the vacant lot across from the Atlantic Station this year — and also decorated.

Several 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.

For the last two years, the Chamber of Commerce have been carrying out a 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,

This year, the Village Street and Light Department picked up these planters before Hallowe'en, and took them up to School where the A.C.S. students under the guidance of Frank Russell and Al Barden have repaired them. Now, once again, they are filled with fresh dirt and have been replaced in front of local business places and have Christmas Trees in them for this coming Yule Season.

We, at the "News Office", have been 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 the U.S.A. last year.

Unfortunately, there were a few "idiots" — that were perhaps trying out for "a juvenile delinquent award" — 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 as they have done in the past — so that 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

Nov. 30, 1917

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After Dec. 1st milk will be 9c a quart at the Andover Condensory.

Francis M. Bassett, 82, died Friday, November 23rd at his home in Independence. Three daughters, a son and a sister survive. Interment was in Independence Cemetery.

O. E. Vars has returned from two weeks visit with relatives in Rhode Island.

Mrs. Samuel Evans of Detroit, Mich., passed the week guest of Mrs. A. C. Frisbey.

Mrs. Mary Warfield is visiting at the home of her son, Herbert Warfield at Bradford, Pa.

Mrs. R. B. Burrows is the guest of her son and family, F. W. Burrows of Greenwich, Conn.

Miss Lela Slocum of Westbrook, Texas, returned home Tuesday after several days passed with Andover relatives.

B. S. Bassett, Chas Green and D. H. Rogers were among those from Alfred in attendance at the

funeral of F. M. Bassett Monday.

Porter Richardson, Ernest Gill and Chas McGinnis arrived home from Camp Dix on Train 3 Wednesday night to pass Thanksgiving.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 2, 1927

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Wednesday afternoon, November 30th Andover and Andover people suffered considerable damage from water when 2.01 inches fell.

Dr. L. T. Hardenburgh has opened an office for the practice of medicine in the Kellogg building at Greenwood.

Mrs. Sophia Slocum of North Bingham, visited at the home of Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill from Wednesday until Sunday.

Harry and Willie Pease spent a couple of days last week with Chas and Norman Tracy.

Charles White spent a couple of days last week with Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson made a motor trip from Rutherford, N. J., for the Thanksgiving vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Raymond Smith, the Misses Smith and Raymond, Jr., of Altoona, Pa., were guests of Mrs. Jennie Owen from Tuesday until Sunday.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 26, 1937

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J. Melvin Hartrum, 82, died Sunday, November 21st. A sister, Mrs. Frances Bloss survives. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

John Deming, 92, died Tuesday, November 23 at the home of Harry Smith. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery. He was Andover's last Civil War Veteran.

About 50 friends and neighbors attended a surprise party to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cooper are the parents of twin girls, born Sunday, Nov. 21st. The ladies were named Nadene Annette and Nalene Jeannette.

At the regular meeting of the West Greenwood Grange, held Wednesday night, Daniel Mullen, Jr., was elected Master.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord passed the week-end with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Leo in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cannon returned Thursday from a three weeks vacation passed in New York City. They also visited Mrs. Sarah Cannon in Warsaw Sunday.

James Forness of Salamanca was greeting friends in Andover last Saturday.

Miss Louise Rogers of West Greenwood visited friends in town over the week-end.

THE SHORTEST DISTANCE



to the widest selections
to the best buys in
Christmas Gifts

Is a **STRAIGHT LINE** to your

ANDOVER STORES

All Our Stores Are Stocked With Staples And Christmas Merchandise All Priced As Reasonable As Our Nearby Communities.

YOU ALWAYS DO BETTER WHEN YOU SHOP AT HOME!

Why shop around in circles when you can see

More merchandise in less time, compare more values for better results IN ANDOVER?

Everything you seek is only steps away — IN ANDOVER!

Alert competition between Andover Stores is your best assurance of getting the

MOST FOR YOUR MONEY!

NO PARKING METERS TO WORRY ABOUT HERE

Ample Parking In Andover's FREE Parking Lots

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CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

THORP BROS. ATLANTIC

VAR'S MEN'S & BOYS' WEAR

HENRY STEPHENS

INSURANCE AGENCY

ANDOVER GARAGE

H. H. WILLIAMS CO.

VAR'S PHARMACY

BAKER'S HARDWARE

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