

THANKSGIVING DAY 1968

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 from him.

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50 YEARS AGO

November 29, 1918

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Word has been received by his family in Andover of the death of Private Phillip Barrett, 28, who was killed in action October 13. His wife, his mother, four brothers and three sisters survive.

Dorothy Ellen Vars, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vars, died Sunday, November 24th. Internment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Rebecca Grange is to be held in Angelica, December 5th and 6th. A good program is outlined in which the Fifth Degree is to be worked by Andover Grange, a vocal solo by C. A. Robinson and a cornet solo by Harry Baker.

William McAndrew of Wellsville is visiting his brother, R. McAndrew and family of South Hill. Mrs. James Dean and children of South Hill were guests of her mother, Mrs. Garvin of Andover from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pardon of East Valley went to Hornell Tuesday evening to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mike Feeley which was held Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kauffman have returned to their home in Bainbridge after several weeks passed with their daughter, Mrs. Smith of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. VanWoert of Corning were week-end guests at the Frisbie home.

D. P. Regan of Wellsville spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Regan.

Miss Mary Dean is home from school at Allegheny for the Thanksgiving vacation.

J. E. Cannon is passing the week-end with friends and relatives in Albany and New York City.

Mrs. M. J. Hickey of Hornell was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Chase.

Mrs. S. J. Storms went to Cuba to pass Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hill.

Mrs. Della Karlan of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passed a few days visiting her cousin, Mrs. William Chase the past week.

Mrs. E. J. Loughlen returned home Monday after spending Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Guttinger of Hornell.

Mrs. Lawrence Terribury is passing Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Upthegrove at Port Allegheny, Pa.

J. B. Chase of Meadville was the guest of his brother-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer for a few days this past week.

Miss Nellie Walsh of Hornell is passing Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. Ellen Walsh.

40 YEARS AGO

November 30, 1928

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Last Thursday Howard Brewster, Alvin Edwards and Gordon Pease composing the Potato Judging Team of Andover High School met and defeated 20 other teams in the Annual Contest at Alfred.

Byron F. Howland, 76, died at his home on North Main Street Sunday, November 25th. Two daughters, a sister and a brother survive. Internment was in Hillside Cemetery.

The Horan Hardware has moved its stock from the C. E. Brown block to the H. E. Livermore store on the opposite side of the street, which he has rented.

The formal opening of the Blessed Sacrament Church Hall will be observed Tuesday evening, December 4th by a chicken dinner.

A sudden drop in temperature and lively snow storm Saturday night has brought the first real touch of winter to Andover.

Mary B. Hartrup, 91, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Slight of West Greenwood November 13th. A son, a daughter, a sister and a brother survive.

Miss Francis Beebe came home from Buffalo and Miss Gertrude Beebe from Bradford, to spend the Thanksgiving vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George

Beebe.

Miss Reja Stearns and Mrs. Vivian Sweet and daughter spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sweet of Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hitchcock passed the week-end at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Palmiter of Elmira.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett are passing the week guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scott of Cuba.

Walter Hammond left Andover Tuesday of last week for a business trip to Denver, Colo., and other points of Montana and the Northwest.

Miss Grace Young of Greenwood, an instructor in Andover School, has been at her home in Greenwood the past week, recovering from a throat operation.

Mrs. James Guinn Sr. is at Port Jervis, N. Y. to pass Thanksgiving at the home of her son, Raymond and family.

Mrs. Agnes Langworthy was a week-end guest at the home of her son, Lynn Langworthy and family of Alfred Station.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Alfred, Miss Edna Canle of Buffalo and Miss Georgia Bines of Wellsville were called to Andover by the sudden death of their father and grandfather, B. F. Howland.

Miss Viva Blackburn passed the week-end at Albany and Saratoga Springs with Miss Luella Baker, former member of Andover High School Faculty, who is teaching this year at Saratoga Springs.

30 YEARS AGO

December 2, 1938

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John Daniher, father of Mrs. Anthony Dougherty and Mrs. Howard Dean, died at his home in Wellsville Wednesday, November 23rd.

The first sub-zero weather of the year came to Andover last week. Following Thursday's snow fall of seven inches the weather continued to get colder until it reached 3 below zero Friday night.

Clifford Green of Andover was the first to appear on Andover's streets this Thursday with a fine ten-point buck.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wahl and family of Elm Valley, visited Mrs. Wahl's parents in Binghamton from Wednesday until Sunday.

William Wahl remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodge of Erie, Pa., arrived Thanksgiving Day and passed the remainder of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Burdick of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Farley Drake of Rochester were recent guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Levi Leonard of Elm Valley.

Eugene Smith of Olean is spending the week at the home of Charles Burdick in Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Spicer of Independence passed from Tuesday until Sunday in Wellsville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith.

Miss Hilda Clarke returned to Brockport Sunday after spending Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clarke of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Ribble have returned to Bath after spending a few days guests of relatives at West Greenwood.

Miss Gertrude O'Connell left Wednesday for New York City, where she has secured a position in Macy's.

Miss Rita Dean of the Olean Mountain Clinic, spent Thanksgiving and the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean.

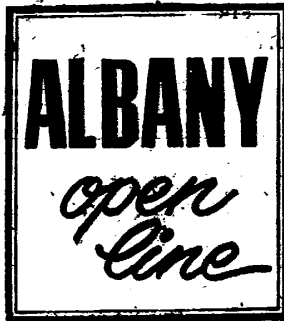
Mrs. Ellen Casey, Mrs. Mary Driscoll and daughter, Mary Ellen, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Casey in Hornell from Wednesday until Friday.

Mrs. T. R. Bassett and son, Chandler, were guests at the home of their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett in Buffalo from Thursday until Sunday.

Orville Mesler was home from technical school at Morrisville, N. Y., to pass the Thanksgiving vacation with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Mesler.

Miss Ethel Haynes of Allentown passed her Thanksgiving vacation with Andover friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Farker motored to Cuba Wednesday, returning home Friday. They enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. L.



by Alex Rankin

On December 4 the doctors meet in an Albany hotel room to search for a cure.

The patient is the state Democratic party.

"We are in a state of shock", said John J. Burns, of Binghamton, chairman of the party shortly after the ballots had been counted.

The patient is in bad shape. Over the past 10 years they have elected only one statewide official, the state comptroller and managed to capture both houses of the Legislature.

Arthur Levitt, the state comptroller, has proven he gets re-elected because of his personal popularity and not because he is a Democrat.

And so the only thing left was the Legislature.

First they lost the Senate.

And now to complete the proof that they won it in the first place only because of the Johnson landslide — they have also lost the Assembly.

Millions of dollars of patronage — which spells power — were lost to Republicans on November 5.

Now only thousands of dollars of patronage are left to fight over — the post of minority leader in the Assembly.

The skirmishing will begin December 4 when the state Democratic party leaders meet in Albany.

The outcome will have an impact on the length of the 1969 Session of the Legislature and what kind of legislation will come out of it.

Two men are fighting for the job, Assemblyman Stanley Steingut, Brooklyn Democratic leader and Assemblyman Moses M. Weinstein, Queens Democratic leader.

Weinstein was majority leader this year, and stepped up to acting Speaker when Anthony Travia left to become a federal judge.

Steingut claims he has 50 of the 72 Democrats who will be in the 1969 Session on his side. Only 37 votes will be needed to elect a minority leader.

But Weinstein has a leg up on the job.

It is no secret to those who have talked to Governor Rockefeller in private that he much prefers to deal with Weinstein.

In short, the governor believes that he would have to give up less to Weinstein to get what he wants passed in 1969 than he would to Steingut.

Giving up will be important in 1969.

Most observers agree that the three - vote majority Republican Assemblyman Perry B. Duryea of Montauk Point, L. I., has is highly fragile.

As a result Duryea, who will be Speaker, may have to suffer the political embarrassment of having to go across the aisle to the minority Democratic side to get the votes he needs to pass bills which he, the governor and State Republican majority leader Earl W. Brydges of Niagara Falls have come to an agreement on.

For that reason Republicans will be pulling for Weinstein.

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Mrs. Cora Potter of Shinglehouse, Pa., was home from Wednesday until Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Vickers of Hornell, spent a few days this week at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. George Vickers.

