

**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 several of the trees in the planter boxes are already decorated and lit up.

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. Sad to say, several of the boxes were beyond repair so this leaves a few gaps along Main St.

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 cherry new future!



**50 YEARS AGO**

December 6, 1918

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W. N. Rice of Owego, N. Y., has purchased the property on Chestnut Street owned by Walter Edwards and will move his family to Andover to make a permanent home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wahl are parents of a son, William Stratton Wahl, born December 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlton Burdick of East Valley are parents of a son, born December 4th.

Mrs. John Keough of Wellsville is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. McAndrew of South Hill. Floyd Burdick of Tip Top spent Saturday and Sunday in Andover guest of his brother C. T. Burdick.

Miss Esther Baker of Andover High School, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker of Tip Top.

Miss Jessie Burger was a guest of Ruth Hann over the week-end. John Strait is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Leonard Harvey of Almond.

Miss Blanche Redmond of Canisteo passed the week-end guest of Andover friends.

Mrs. Lee Pomeroy returned home Monday after spending a few days guest of friends in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocum of Whitesville were guests of his brother, Alonzo Slocum and family Sunday.

Mrs. William Barney of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Granville Barney.

Mrs. Zelia Sinsine of Wellsville returned home Friday after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum.

Herbert Updyke returned home to Bradford, Pa., Thursday after a week's visit with his mother, Mrs. Mary Warfield.

J. E. Cannon returned home Thursday after spending Thanksgiving week in Albany, guest of his sister, Mrs. Jesse Phillips.

Miss Sylvia Hardy of New York City has been in Andover caring for her nephew, Ensign Clarence Hardy, who has been serious ill with influenza.

Sgt. Fay E. Boyd returned home Sunday morning from a Camp in Louisville, Ky. He gave his Andover friends a very pleasant surprise by walking in unannounced.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brundage left Sunday for Anniston, Ala., to visit their son, Capt. Floyd Brundage who is stationed at Camp McClellan, before going to Florida for the winter.

**40 YEARS AGO**

December 7, 1928

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Michael Lynch Jr., of South Hill has purchased the Padden home on Chestnut Street.

A dance was held at the home of Clarence Brutsman of West Greenwood Friday night. A large crowd enjoyed the music of Henry Baker and Edna Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Teribury and family returned to their home at Genesee Friday after spending Thanksgiving at the home of George Conley of West Greenwood.

Mrs. Norm Rogers and Little Sarah spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace.

Miss Irma Burdick was home from Cortland Normal for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Emma Folsing gave a party in the Elm Valley School House Friday afternoon for the November birthdays. An abundance of cake, jello and cocoa were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey, son Fred and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ordway and son of Davis Hill were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon of Pingrey Hill.

Miss Gertrude Cheesman passed Thanksgiving at the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cook of Almond.

Miss Mary Cable was home from Genesee Normal to pass the Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward

Cable.

Mrs. Harold Griswald of Hornell was the guest of her mother, Mrs. P. J. Dougherty a few days this week and attended the opening of the new Catholic Church Hall.

Mrs. Ethel Perry and daughter of Watkins are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elnora Mathews and other Andover relatives.

Miss Florence Cocoman has gone to Buffalo to remain until after the holidays.

Newton Dexter of Seattle, Oregon, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Clara Crandall for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Baker are among those from Allegany County in attendance at the National Grange Convention in session at Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson arrived in Andover last Wednesday to spend the Thanksgiving Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson.

Misses Edna Caple and Emily Munro returned to Buffalo Thursday evening after passing Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hann.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Halsey and children of Davis Hill spent their Thanksgiving at the home of her father, Jesse Grossman of Andover.

**30 YEARS AGO**

December 9, 1938

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer are parents of a son, Robert Lee, born Monday, December 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Smith are parents of a son, Martin Donald, born Wednesday, November 30th.

Mrs. Theda LaRue Crandall, 82, died Monday, December 5th at her home on Water St. A daughter survives. Interment was in Rural Cemetery, Hornell.

Miss Doris Elizabeth Howland and Charles Ernest Andrus were united in marriage Tuesday by Rev. Lucien H. Kerns.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Clarke, Mrs. Maude Clarke and Mrs. Charles Clarke of Independence started for New Orleans, La., Monday.

Mrs. Maude Clarke expects to stop in Knoxville, Tenn., to pass the winter with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. V. Axfo. Mrs. Charles Clarke will visit Mrs. Helen Burdick in North Carolina.

Harland C. Wray and Charles Buckley of Walworth and Raymond Corsette of Rushford were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cook Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum, in company with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Bohne, motored to Hornell Sunday guests at the home of their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Slocum.

Mrs. Arthur Common is the guest of Mrs. Clara Comstock of Hornell this week.

Richard Ladlee of Hartsville was a Sunday called at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoagland and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wood of Purdy Creek are visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kaple.

James Nobles of Hornell passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles of Shovel Hollow.

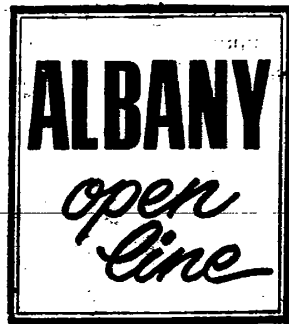
Mrs. Gertrude Richmond of Whitesville is staying at the Baker - Rogers home and assisting in the music department.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Witter of Buffalo spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Witter.

Mrs. Mark Sheppard passed the week-end with Mrs. Eda Sheppard at Alfred.

Mr. and Mrs. Jett Blodgett were dinner guests of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Page of Coudersport, Pa., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Ruger visited at the home of her brother, John Edwards of Whitesville Monday.



by Alex Rankin

To put it politely, the strike of employees of state mental institutions is challenging Governor Rockefeller in a very special kind of way.

On the surface Rockefeller has been satisfied with this kind of comment:

"I regard it as tragic that this union has chosen to make sick people the pawns in a union power play."

But there is also the possibility that the union, Council 50, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, is not the only party in this dispute using sick people as pawns.

The Governor, for example, sounds as if he had no stake in the game.

In November, 1967, Rockefeller promised at a Poughkeepsie "town meeting" that state workers would be able to elect their own bargaining agents in one year. That was after he had named the Civil Service Employees Association as their bargaining agent under the Taylor Law.

For some time, and particularly after the Taylor Law went into effect, the CSEA and Council 50 have been battling each other for the right to represent state employees.

In that battle, CSEA has been mild, primarily because it has a close working relationship with the Rockefeller administration. The smaller Council 50 has been more militant.

But now the CSEA is making more militant noises.

Some observers interpret the law to say that Rockefeller has the power to step in himself and end the dispute after the one-year period was up.

Sources within CSEA suggest that the association indirectly put pressure on Rockefeller not to act.

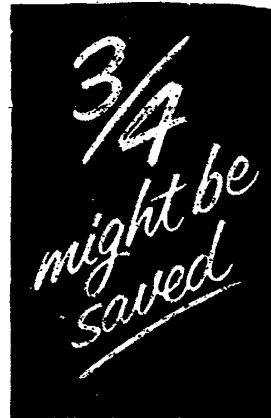
The indirect pressure was the threat of increased militancy on the part of CSEA in its annual contract negotiations with the administration.

This, say the sources, is what kept the state from making any moves that could have averted the mental institution strike in the first place.

The Governor made his promise just once — at Poughkeepsie.

Perhaps he hoped everyone would forget it.

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