



"CHAPTER THREE - OVERLOADING CIRCUITS..." KEEP CHRISTMAS—"MERRY"! An Editorial

Last year's death toll from fires in December was 800 with the property loss accompanying these deaths running way up in the millions.

Part of these staggering losses could be directly attributed to Christmas Trees and Decorations. Thus in order to at least eliminate this source of fire during the Christmas Holiday Season, here are some suggestions that should be followed:

When buying a Christmas Tree — shop around, if necessary — but buy only a fresh tree! Stroke the needles on a branch of the tree you are planning to buy with your hand. If needles drop from the branch, the tree is not fresh — so pick out one that doesn't do this.

A tree kept out-of-doors will stay fresh much longer than one in the house. So, if possible, keep your tree outside until just before Christmas — and be sure to put it in a pail of water as soon as you get home with it. The tree will "drink" water, and the water will help keep the tree fresh and green.

When you bring the tree inside the house to decorate it, put the tree in the coolest part of the room — away from radiators, hot air ducts, and fireplaces.

To help keep your tree fresh longer, you should use a tree stand with a metal container that can be filled with water. The container should be filled with water immediately, and then re-filled daily until the tree is taken down.

Only tree decorations made of glass, metal, or some other non-combustible material should be placed on the Christmas Tree.

Check Christmas tree lights before placing them on the tree to be sure they are in good operating condition. Strings of lights with frayed wires or faulty sockets should be replaced with new ones.

Christmas tree lights should be turned off at night — and — NEVER leave Christmas lights-on when everyone is away from home.

If you have a metal tree, do not decorate it with Christmas lights as they could cause a short circuit — use an off-the-tree lighting arrangement instead.

And last — but not least — when the needles start dropping off the tree, take it down even though you had planned on leaving it up a few days longer.

Then, have a "Merry Christmas" — without fear of a disastrous fire over the Holidays.

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50 YEARS AGO

December 13, 1918

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Mrs. George Watson, 75, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Robinson December 5th. Her husband, a daughter and a son survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Mrs. Eliza D. Carpenter, 74, died December 6th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Boyd. Her husband, a daughter, a sister and a brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

George Carr of Andover and Miss Anna Blank of Almond were united in marriage December 1st. They will reside in Andover.

B. W. Conley has purchased the Lyman Baram farm east of Andover.

M. V. Lynch received an honorable discharge from Uncle Sam's service last week, being the first of South Hill's contingent to return home.

P. J. Dougherty of South Hill received word last week of the death of his niece, Esther McMahon of Sugar Notch, Pa. Mr. Dougherty attended the funeral, returning home Tuesday.

Anthony Dougherty and Howard Dean of South Hill left Tuesday for a trip to Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and children of Hornell, spent a couple of days last week at the home of Low Howland of Elm Valley.

Mike Livermore of Indiana, has been passing the week with Andover relatives.

Miss Mary White went to Buffalo Thursday afternoon to visit her sister, Mrs. L. D. Harrington.

Mrs. Tobias Cornelius of Alfred was a week-end guest at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pease were summoned to Wellsville Thursday by the death of Atty Jesse Grantier.

Mrs. Alice Whipple of Belmont was called to town Monday because of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Al Hinchey of Elm Valley.

Miss Cassie Taft of Jasper has come to Andover to stay for a time with her grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Cooper who is suffering with a broken arm.

A message was received by relatives stating that Mrs. Emory Hann had died at her home in Norwich, N. Y. Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services will be held at the home of her brother, E. F. Stearns Saturday with interment in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Joe Griswold of South Hill has gone to Oklahoma to work this winter.

Mrs. L. A. Potter has returned to her home in Independence after caring for her sister, Mrs. Baker of Andover, who has been ill.

40 YEARS AGO

December 14, 1928

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Mrs. Harriett L. Meade, 90, a former resident of Andover, died at the home of her son, H. C. Meader of Wayland Wednesday, December 5th.

Mrs. Ila L. Baker, 66, died Thursday, December 13th at the home of her son, Orla Baker on Rochambeau Ave. Three sons, four daughters and a brother survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Andover Firemen were called to Greenwood Monday noon to help subdue a fire in Dale B. Baker's Store. The store was damaged to about \$1,000.

Mrs. A. M. Wood was happily surprised last Friday, her birthday, by her relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Arling Baker presented her a rug.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Trowbridge of Greenwood.

Nelson Brewster of West Greenwood, left Friday to work in the Erie Shops in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett, Clayton Bennett and Mrs. Mary Bunker passed the week-end in Rochester guests of Mr. and Mrs.

G. A. Bennett.

Mrs. Walter Calhoun of Penn Yan, has been a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Rice the past week.

William Gee returned to his home at Newberry, Canada, Tuesday, after spending some time with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis and two children of Ossion, passed from Friday until Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Orvis.

Mrs. E. A. Richardson visited her sister, Mrs. Earl Bassett and husband of Buffalo and Rochester friends this week.

Miss Kathryn Doran of Canisteo has been passing the week at the Doran home on Chestnut Street.

Miss Naomi Stiekler leaves Saturday night for Okmulgee, Oklahoma to pass the holidays with her father.

James Wentworth left Monday in company with Thomas Hubertus of Wellsville for Boston, Mass., with a truck load of household goods for Wellsville parties.

Mrs. Anna Crandall who has been in Andover several months, caring for Mrs. Emma Robbins, has returned to her home in Angelica.

30 YEARS AGO

December 16, 1938

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Carrie Slade was elected Mayor of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242 Order of Eastern Star at their regular meeting Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perry are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, December 7th.

Carl Jr., three months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Foss of Elm Valley, died Wednesday, December 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Randall of Corning passed from Monday until Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter.

There were sixteen Andover Grangers who attended the Hall-sport Grange Friday evening. Mr. Charles Nevel, our installing officer, did a fine piece of work in installing their officers for the coming year.

Stanley Murray was installed as Master of the Greenwood Grange Saturday, December 10th by installing officer, Francis Acker of Hartsville.

James McDonough visited relatives in New York City over the week-end.

T. K. Regan has been visiting his sister, Mrs. T. F. Kelley in Salamanca.

Miss Marion Swarts is passing this week with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Webber in Hornell.

Charles Slocum was called to Andover from Ellensburg, Pa., Monday, by the illness of his aunt, Mrs. Geneva Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson of Dundee were Sunday overnight guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coats and overnight guests Monday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pease and son, Cleon, and Mr. and Mrs. William Childs visited Mr. and Mrs. William Potter on the Greenwood Road, Monday in honor of the 52nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Potter.

Mrs. Mark Sheppard and son, Mark Jr., passed the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Panton in Hornell.

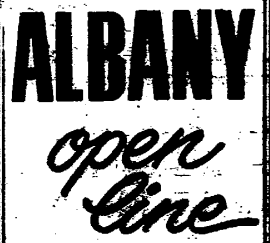
Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emery and son, Donald, attended the Venison Dinner put on at the Boandga Club at Shinglehouse, Pa., Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Gilfillan returned home Monday from two weeks passed at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Feeley in Detroit, Michigan.

Grocery Specials this week are: Oysters, pt. 25c; Bacon Squares, lb. 21c; Franks, lb. 17c; Arpeko Hams, Whole or Half, lb. 29c; Grapefruit, 7 for 25c; Oranges, doz. 25c.

Watkins Glen State Park is the oldest of the Finger Lake Region Parks. It was first opened to the public as a private venture in 1863, was purchased by the State in 1906 and placed under the jurisdiction of the Finger Lakes State Park Commission in 1924.

Use the Classified Ad Section



by Alex Rankin

Things do not look good for state taxpayers next year.

Despite all the campaign promises, the state faces the very real possibility of a \$7 billion state budget.

There was a lot of hollering last February when Governor Rockefeller showed everyone a \$6.5 billion budget with a record-breaking increase of \$800 million over the previous year.

To get a \$7 billion budget next year spending would have to be increased \$1.5 billion — almost double this year's increase.

Conclusion?

Someone is going to have to pay a lot of taxes next year.

Guess who.

This picture unfolded recently after Governor Rockefeller announced the results of a month of closed-door hearings between his budget staff and all departments of state governments.

The governor said his department heads were asking for a total of \$1.5 billion more than they got this year.

Now normally one can take a statement like that with a grain of salt. Between now and January 15, when Rockefeller must present his budget to the legislature, it could be expected that the governor would cut some of the fat out.

But a sentence buried in Rockefeller's press release went largely unnoticed.

"Governor Rockefeller stressed that the departmental budget requests only apply to current programs under existing law," said the press release.

That means that in order to cut back, someone is going to have to do the unthinkable — unmandate a mandate.

Of the total increase, \$972 million is for state aid to local governments and schools, \$500 million for state operations and \$83 million for capital construction.

Getting a little closer to the fat, \$736 million of the total comes from the state education department. And of that, \$500 million is in state aid to schools, most of it because of enrollment increases.

Everyone agrees that the legislature will be under its strongest pressure from those who want to raise the state aid to education above the current \$760 per pupil.

This year the big push for an increase was from the Long Island and lower Hudson Valley counties. They are expected to push ever harder next year.

Rockefeller "stressed" in his statement that the \$1.5 billion figure did not include any increases in state aid to education.

It also did not include salaries and fringe benefits for state employees because they have yet to be negotiated.

While the legislature is busy writing a stricter Taylor Law next year, it also might take a look at salary negotiations.

This year some Legislators were upset because they were made into rubber stamps — the governor negotiates with employees and signs a contract and the legislature can do nothing but pay the bill.

One cup of skimmed milk has about 90 calories as compared to 160 calories for whole milk.

Antlered does are uncommon but not unheard of. They show up regularly in deer check stations operated by the State Conservation Department. Biologists estimate that for every 3,000 antlered bucks checked, one antlered doe will show up. Most antlered does, however, will still be in velvet, while the bucks will display mature, polished racks.