

CHRISTMAS CHEER "IN SPIRIT" or "SPIRITS"?

An Editorial

Christmas Eve will soon be here — a night of peace and good will, and also, ironically, a night of increased death and injury on our highways.

Each December, the death and injury rates climb sharply as the holiday season approaches. Each December, people forget their usual caution and become increasingly careless as their minds become occupied with holiday planning and festivities. Worst of all they begin to ignore the dangers of driving after drinking.

The problem is not confined merely to party-goers who have substantially over-indulged. It extends to everyone who has been drinking before driving, even though it may only have been a drink or two. Scientific studies have clearly shown that even small amounts of alcohol in the bloodstream result in an immediate impairment of driving ability and judgment. This is so, even though the person affected may not be aware of his handicap and he displays no outward signs of his impairment.

Most of us are well aware of these facts. We have heard them repeated over and over again by public officials, safety educators, and others. Yet many people tend to ignore these truths — they think that they can ignore the consequences of their actions, that for some reason or other, they will not suffer by taking a chance and driving after drinking. It is these people, the ones that think they can escape, who will become our accident statistics this year.

As Editor of the Andover News, and as a private citizen as well, I would like to take this opportunity to urge you not to forget the dangers of drinking and driving this year.

However, if no admonition or plea will stop you from driving after drinking, then — for the sake of your family, friends, and fellow citizens — when you do get behind the wheel, recognize the fact that you are handicapped no matter how well you feel, and drive with the utmost of caution.

For the safest and merriest of holiday the choice is really simple — do not drive after drinking!

"Drunks don't get hurt because they are relaxed and roll with the punches". This is a commonly held belief, and it may be so in some cases. But it isn't true when it comes to traffic accidents, says the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Intoxicated people get hurt just as badly as sober people when a car crumples up in a crash. And they are more likely to be in such crashes because alcohol fogs their judgment. So whether you are actually drunk or just a little high, the best advice concerning traffic is to stay away from it. And this applies to pedestrians as well as to drivers — one survey showed that 82% of the adult pedestrians killed by cars had been drinking before the crash.

Some drivers have taken a chance and driven after a few drinks. They managed to avoid an accident, so they think they are different from others — they think that they can drink and drive. However, they're dead wrong as their earlier escapes were solely a matter of luck, not talent. If they keep it up, their dead-wrong judgment may make them dead drivers.

One drink for the road may sound like a good idea, but it isn't. It may feel fine when you take it but it won't be fine when you put your car in a tight spot and suddenly find that you haven't the quick reactions you need to get out of trouble. Thus if you want a drink for the road make it non-alcoholic. Otherwise, the road you take may be a short-cut to the graveyard.

Remember — the life you save — Could be your OWN!

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50 YEARS AGO

December 20, 1918

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The people of Andover are asked to meet in the public square next Sunday evening, December 22nd immediately following the Church Services, to sing Christmas Carols.

Ela M. Hann, 62, died in Norwich, N. Y., Wednesday, December 11. Her husband, a son, a daughter and two brothers survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Leo Clancey, 21, son of Edward Clancey of Hartsville, died December 16th.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beil, whose death occurred Tuesday, was buried in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Baham, who recently sold their farm home east of the village, have moved to Andover to make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Mary Swink on Second Street.

Word has been received by Andover friends that Harold Emery and Levi Dodge have returned from overseas and are now at a debarkation Hospital in New York City.

Mrs. Frank Holmes and little daughter of South Hill, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Baker of Andover for a few days last week.

M. T. Loughlin of South Hill is located this winter at the Osborne home in Hornell.

Miss Mary Raufenbarth of Andover, spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Snyder of East Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wheaton of Wellsville are spending a few days at the home of Ray Rogers.

W. A. Henderson of Toledo, Ohio, has been visiting Andover relatives the past week.

L. P. Crandall, who has been working in and around Kane, Pa., came home Wednesday evening.

Miss Mary White left Thursday morning for Washington, D. C., where she will pass the winter.

Mrs. Joseph Clark returned to her home Wednesday after spending a few days in Wayland, guest of relatives.

Richard Hammond is passing the Holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hammond.

Misses Mary and Monica Padden spent the week-end in Hornell, guests of Mrs. Charles Tanner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson of Cuba, were Andover visitors the first of the week.

40 YEARS AGO

December 21, 1928

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Mrs. Nan Lever, 78, who died Friday at the home of her son, Floyd Lever of Boston, Mass., was buried in Hillside Cemetery, Sunday.

Miss Bernice Nye of Independence, left Wednesday for Miami, Florida.

Miss Marion Clark returned to her home in Hartsville, Sunday, after several weeks visit at the home of Mrs. Leroy Davis of Davis Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ordway of Davis Hill, are the parents of a son, Paul William, born Sunday.

Mrs. Clifford Frost spent a couple of days last week guest of her sister, Mrs. Flay Pease.

Ronald Leach of Taylor University, Upton, Indiana, arrived in Andover last week to pass the Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rhoe Leach.

Mrs. Edna Wilbur is passing the Holidays in Cleveland, Ohio at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilber.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hann accompanied Mrs. William Reed to her home in Canisteo, Saturday night, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Raymond Snyder left Wednesday evening for New York City where she sailed Thursday for a 16-day cruise of the West Indies, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Sinclair and son, Jack, as their guest.

Miss Lena Will has been spending several days in Wellsville, the

guest of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil C. Dickinson.

Sergeant Harold Kemp of Webster, N. Y., is passing the Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhoe Leach and family were in Whitesville over the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Leach and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Proper passed the week-end in Buffalo, guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter King.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sheppard and son, Mark, Jr., left Sunday for their new home at Spruce Pine, N. C.

A. D. Fuller motored to Elmira Saturday, returning Sunday with Mrs. Fuller and mother, Mrs. Matilda Raufenbarth, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Longwell of that city since Thursday.

Miss Kathryn O'Donnell was home from Buffalo over the week-end and her sister, Susan, accompanied her back to the city to pass the Holidays.

30 YEARS AGO

December 23, 1938

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A deep gas well was blown in Wednesday by the Belmont Quadrangle on the late Elwin Livermore farm in Independence and is reported at 10 million cubic feet.

Attorney Norman Fitzer of Wellsville, has sub-leased the Andover Theatre from Messrs. Paul VanZile, Wendell Baker and William Campbell and will reopen it Christmas night with "Valley of the Giants".

Ray McGill has been busy the past few days remodeling his gasoline station on Route 17, and is opening the same for business this week.

Reginald J. Sootheran, a law student in Crayton L. Earley's law office, received notice Thursday, that he had passed the bar examination of the State of New York.

Oren Mead of Bradford, Pa., was a guest at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Slocum and also his nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoagland and family, Sunday and Monday.

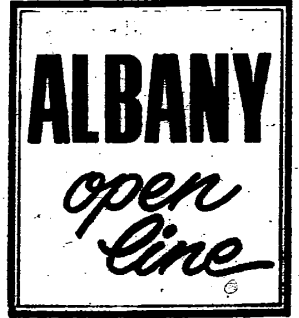
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum and Fred of Davis Hill, were in Almond Friday and Saturday to do some carpenter work for their sister, Mrs. Laura Holbert.

Miss Thelma Lewis accompanied by Miss Lenna Church of Wellsville, attended State Grange at Jamestown, Thursday and Friday.

Miss Marjorie Zelf of Purdy Creek, and Robert Lamphier, were united in marriage Friday.

Miss Catherine Mickle of Wellsville passed the week-end at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Mickle.

Jack Regan is home from St. Bonaventure to pass his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Regan.



by Alex Rankin

Anthony J. Travia, it turns out, may be getting the last laugh.

A year ago, amid rosy talk of good government reform and at a cost of \$330,545 to the taxpayers, electronic voting machines were installed in the Assembly by Travia, who was then Speaker.

But it took a year for them to be installed and so critics never could quite make the argument convincing that Travia was stalling.

Now the Republicans control the Assembly and Perry B. Duryea Jr., will probably be speaker — and the machines may still be gathering dust at the end of 1969.

The machine is a step forward for good government, but a step backwards in the game of controlling the Assembly.

The Assembly presently uses the long roll call system — 150 names are read off one by one, a long and boring process.

But its very length is its virtue. On a close vote the Speaker can see which way the voting is going and has the time to apply pressure to key Assemblymen to assure victory.

The electronic machine produces the vote in a split second.

Travia is now safe in Brooklyn, wearing the robes of a federal judge.

Duryea, who talked a lot about good government when he was minority leader, now has to take action.

The temptation not to is strong. Duryea commands by a slim four-vote margin. There are more than four Assemblymen who are likely to revolt on any one of a number of big controversial issues next year.

As a footnote, legislators have been saying that the machine cost taxpayers \$271,500.

But the records of state Comptroller Arthur Levitt show otherwise.

They show Aaron Cohen of Richmond Hill was paid \$271,500 on the initial contract. But he was also paid \$21,045 for changes to the machine and then another \$38,000 for still more changes.

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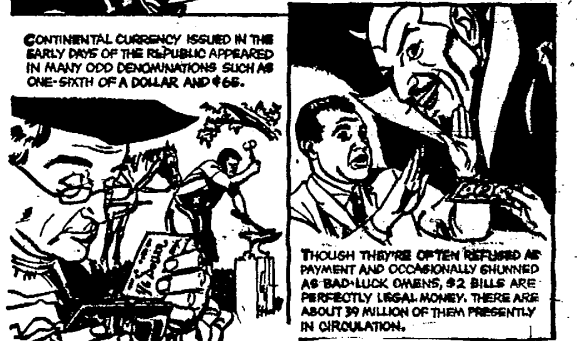
BANK NOTES by Malcolm

DID YOU KNOW...

A MINNESOTA BANKER WAS AT THE OLYMPICS IN GRENOCHE THIS YEAR — NOT AS A BANKER, BUT AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. HOCKEY TEAM!



CONTINENTAL CURRENCY ISSUED IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE REPUBLIC APPEARED IN MANY ODD DENOMINATIONS SUCH AS ONE-SIXTH OF A DOLLAR AND 46¢.



THOUGH THEY'RE OFTEN REFUSED AS PAYMENT AND OCCASIONALLY SHUNNED AS BAD-LUCK OWENS, \$2 BILLS ARE PERFECTLY LEGAL MONEY. THERE ARE ABOUT 39 MILLION OF THEM PRESENTLY IN CIRCULATION.