

THANKSGIVING 1969!

An Editorial

Yes, another Thanksgiving Season has rolled around — and Thanksgiving Day is almost here. This, along with the Fourth 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, as well as the great deeds that our Astronauts are writing in outer space.

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 heart-felt 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.

Thus, besides giving Thanks this year, let's look around us with wide open eyes — and SEE WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING IN THIS GREAT LAND OF OURS!!! WAKE-UP!!!

HERE ARE THE Communist Rules for Revolution that were secured by the State Attorney's office from a known member of the Communist Party, who acknowledged it to be a part of the Communist program for overthrowing our government:

"A. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.

B. Get control of all means of publicity and thereby:

1. Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.

2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance

3. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule, and obloquy.

4. Always preach true democracy but seize power as fast and ruthlessly as possible.

5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government towards such disorders.

7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues: honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless."

Now, we ask all of you: as you read down thru the Communist Rules for Revolution — isn't that exactly what is happening in the United States? Aren't the young people being led away from religion? Towards sex — and drugs? (Just take a look at the facts and figures at the terrific increase in the venereal disease incidence in the 14 to 18 year old group according to statistics from Public Health Departments.)

Why do you think some of our leaders are so worried about TV and News Media coverage of peace demonstrations, moratoriums, etc.? Certainly they are being played way up out of proportion! But, had you given it much thought as to WHY? Of course! It's because the Communists are closely following their rules!

And, lastly — aren't many of our duly elected leaders trying their best to pass gun control legislation on some pretext or other?

So, this Thanksgiving, let's recognize and heed one thing our fore-fathers knew — that under God, each individual human being owes an everlasting debt of duty and responsibility to his family and neighbors — and that no institution — nor government agency — can discharge it for him!



50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 21, 1919
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Alex Bassett of Rexville and Miss Grace R. Rockwell of Andover were united in marriage Tuesday, November 11 at the Blessed Sacrament Church by Rev. James Carr of Buffalo.

James Martin of Almond has purchased of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Slocum, the property on Rochambeau Ave., next to the Cutlery Plant and will occupy same soon.

M. A. Crandall has purchased the property on Church Street, owned by the late Olivia Dirnick and will move to the village from his farm home this fall.

Miss Dorothy Langworthy of Alfred University, spent Saturday and Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. D. L. Langworthy of Tip Top.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Doran of New Jersey and Mrs. Mary Murphy of Dansville, are visiting at the Doran Bros., in Elm Valley.

Misses Helen and Emma Folsing leave for New York City Sunday to attend the graduation of Miss Elizabeth Folsing from Nenox Hill Hospital. They expect to visit friends in New York City and Albany this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge have gone to Ohio where they will visit their son, Clarence Trowbridge and family and other relatives.

John Adams of Canaan, Conn., returned home Wednesday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens.

Miss Naomi Wood of Oswego, N. Y., was the guest of relatives and friends in Andover Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Loughlen of Olean was the guest of Miss Agnes Delaney Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown attended a furniture display at Jamestown the first of the week.

November 21, 1919

William R. Jones, 96, died Friday, November 14th. A son, Edward Jones survives. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

LeRoy Brundage has accepted a position in Buffalo.

John Nobles has moved from Mrs. Mary Warfield's house into his new home just completed on Greenwood Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farley of Rochambeau Ave., are parents of a daughter, Lorraine Olivia, born November 18th.

A son, Francis Mead, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mead of Elm Valley, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nye are parents of a son born last week.

Mrs. Ray Hurburt and little son of Allentown, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Livermore of South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rollins of Greenwood, visited at Hayden and Ray Rogers Sunday and Monday.

40 YEARS AGO

November 22, 1929

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James W. Guinn, 60, died at his home on First Street Monday, November 18th. His wife, two sons, a daughter, two brothers and two sisters survive.

Charles Updyke was pleasantly surprised Sunday when his children and grandchildren gathered to honor his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Nye are parents of a son, Eugene Gardner, born Sunday, November 17.

A shower and dance was held at the West Greenwood Grange Hall Wednesday night for Mr. and Mrs. Nick McCormick. The Pease Orchestra furnished the music.

Mrs. Ida Brewster of Andover has been visiting her son, Mr. and



by Alex Rankin

It now looks as if we will be spared the rigors of a special session of the State Legislature next month.

But the sweet thoughts of December may be in January.

All summer long has been talk of a special session to comply with a court order to redraw the lines of the U.S. Congressional districts in the state to meet the one man, one vote change.

Then began last month there was suddenly talk at the same time to redraw the lines of the state Senate and Assembly districts at the same special session.

And in the background all the time has been the strident public relations horns of the democrats and the mayor of New York City calling for repeal of the medicare and welfare cutbacks passed at the regular session earlier in the year.

Now the Republicans who control everything in Albany have decided not to hold a special session, but to do everything at the regular session beginning Jan. 7.

This decision was based partly on a desire to prevent Democrats from turning the special session into a circus with their cutback demands, including the possibility of militant protest marches in the corridors of the state house.

The Republicans want the lines redrawn to give Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea Jr., of Montauk, L. I., a bigger majority in his house, and also to give Republicans in general a bigger incumbent base from which to hold on to

their majorities in both houses in the 1970 elections.

There is a deep vein of cynicism throughout all of this.

Last summer when word of the special session for U.S. Congressional districts came out the cynicism was first noted. The courts had ordered strict compliance with the one man, one vote rule. This is to be done with 1960 federal census figures, which means no matter how the lines are drawn the fact is that in reality the one man, one vote won't be achieved because the figures on which the lines are based are 10 years old.

In that case it was the court which was cynical.

Keep in mind that the lines will have to be withdrawn still again in less than 12 months because by then the figures from the 1970 census will be available — all the election districts in the state from the smallest town supervisor to the congressional districts will have to be redrawn.

But there is some hope here. Republican leaders in Albany are not as yet firmly committed to redrawing the state legislative districts in January. There is concern that because it would come too close to primary and election time, the voters might think it too cynical, jump the traces and vote Democratic no matter how the lines are redrawn.

It is the beginning of what promises to be a very stormy, partisan and probably bitter session in Albany beginning in January.

Mrs. Fred Brewster of W. Greenwood for a few days.

Mrs. Anna Wallace spent last week with relatives in Alfred.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Orvis visited at Canisteo, Howard and Hornell last week.

Rev. Charles McHugh has been passing the week in Buffalo.

Joseph Corbett returned Wednesday from several days visit with Hornell relatives.

Mrs. Altha Stout of Penn Yan and Mrs. L. S. Bassett of Independence were guests of Mrs. Ila Clarke Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne passed the week-end guest of Mr. Thorne's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lincoln of Henrietta.

P. W. Kane returned to his home at Miami, Fla., the first of the week after a week's visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Wm. McDonough.

Attorney and Mrs. C. L. Earley accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shaff left Sunday by motor for West Virginia to visit their daughter, Mrs. Mark Sheppard and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heslink of Panama, N. Y., were guests last week of their sister, Mrs. John Lever and family.

Mrs. A. C. McFetridge and daughter, Mary, have been guests in New York City this week.

A. A. Porter was a business visitor in Buffalo Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Mary White of Bolivar, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Clara Crandall has returned home from several weeks stay in Wellsville.

30 YEARS AGO

November 10, 1939

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E. A. Mullen was re-elected as Supervisor of the Town of Andover in Tuesday's election.

Mrs. Clara Scribner, 86, died Monday, November 6th. A. Sp...

and a brother survive. Interment was in Whitesville.

A reception of welcome was tendered the Rev. Helena Champ-lin, newly appointed pastor of the Andover Methodist Church Friday evening.

Andover residents awoke Sunday morning to find the ground covered with a blanket of seven and a half inches of snow. This was Andover's first snow fall of the season.

Mrs. Minerva Skillman, sister of Mrs. Kirk Ruger of Andover and Mrs. Walter Edwards of Elm Valley, died Saturday, November 4. Interment was in Whitesville.

Mrs. Claude (Florence) Hurd, 46, died Saturday, November 4th. Five children, three brothers and two sisters survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood and Lorena of Hammondport passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nye of Independence.

Kenneth Leonard of Olean passed the week-end at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Lovina Osborn of Elm Valley.

Wilmer Cronk of Andover spent a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Perkins in Duffy Hollow.

Willard Adams of Elm Valley was in Warsaw the last of the week to play in a checker tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Church of Elkland, Pa., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Church and family of Voorhees Hill.

Miss Elizabeth Snyder of Rochester was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Snyder of East Valley over the week-end.

Raymond Ahomas of Woodhull passed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sutherland and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles in Shovel Hollow.

Carl Honegger and Arling Briggs returned Monday from the Adirondacks where they had passed several days deer hunting. They returned minus the "bacon".

Mr. and Mrs. James Hathaway and daughter, Nina of Chicago Ill., were guests at the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker from Wednesday to Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mickle and family are visiting relatives in Troy for two weeks.

Mrs. William Pagan of Hammond spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Vera Slocum, to help Mrs. Slocum celebrate her 75th birthday.

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