



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Rev. Alvin Monroek, Minister
 Study Phone: 478-4188
 Home Phone: 478-3922
 Mrs. Clara York, Organist and Choir Director
 Mrs. Anita Cahill, Sunday School Superintendent
 Sunday, December 14
 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship.

ANDOVER METHODIST CHURCH
 Gerald A. Welter, Minister
 Mrs. Lawrence Godown, Organist
 Harold Huffcut, Choir Director
 Sunday, December 14
 10:00 a. m. Church School
 11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Andover, N. Y.
 Rev. Floyd Aldrich, Pastor
 Phone: 478-3022
 Sunday, December 14
 10:00 a. m. Bible Classes
 11:00 a. m. Morning Worship Service.
 Practice for the Baptist Christmas Program will be held at the Baptist Church on Saturday, December 6th.

INDEPENDENCE S. D. B. CHURCH
 Rev. Floyd Aldrich, Pastor
 Phone: 478-3022
 Saturday, December 13
 10:30 a. m. Morning Worship.
 11:30 a. m. Sabbath School Classes.

ANDOVER CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH
 Rochambeau Avenue
 Andover, New York
 Rev. Milton C. Hurne, Pastor
 Sunday, December 14
 Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
 Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
 A. Y. F. 7:00 P. M.
 Evening Service 8:00 P. M.
 Choir Rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 P. M.
 Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7:45 P. M.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
 Rev. John R. Shea, Pastor
 Phone: 478-5900
 First Friday Holy Communion at 6:30 A. M. Mass 7:30 A. M.
 Sunday Masses 8:30 A. M. and 10 A. M.

MENNONITE CHURCH SERVICES
 Robert Buckwalter, Pastor
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 Sunday School 9:30 a. m.
 Preaching Service 10:30 a. m.

GREENWOOD METHODIST CHURCH
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 Mrs. Albert Lamphier and Miss Diane Smith, Organists.
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Rural Senior Citizens Information Center News.

Informational Center for Rural Senior Citizens — Allegany County, is the pilot Project designed to identify the unmet needs of our 5,230 aging neighbors. In turn, it is this Project's responsibility to enlist the aid of available agency, organization and individual resources, in serving these needs, regardless of the aging person's economic or other status.

Work by the Center's 3 member staff and its numerous volunteers across the county, in the Project's first 17 months of operation, has revealed significant concerns of the elderly. Heading the list are: fear, insecurity, declining health, lack of proper food, inadequate housing, misinformation or a total lack of information about available services, lack of transportation, loss of communication with relatives, neighbors, organizations, society in general, etc.

Fear of forfeiting one's home (perhaps the last of personal possessions), is frequently the cause for many of the elderly not to seek any aid. Although the individuals are often in dire need, they have required the Center's staff or a volunteer's reassurance before they would even register for Social Security benefits.

Insecurity is ever present when the eligible aging are confronted with the broad variety of complex, multiple-question forms, required to make application for various aids or reimbursements. Many went without, rather than be embarrassed or frustrated, until the Center's assistance became available.

Although, modern science has made great strides in prolonging the number of retirement years, it has not stopped the inevitable deterioration of health caused by aging. In many cases, it has only served to extend years of increased agony, often to be suffered in obscure seclusion.

The Center is faced with an ever increasing number of pleas for people who are willing to live-in, provide room and board for those requiring various degrees of attention, or to locate extended care facilities, beyond the limited number locally available. In all too many cases, the aging person in need of such attention, due to a restricted income, is unable to afford personalized care. In some cases the Center has been able to meet the need by introducing a relatively active person who is seeking a home, to another who requires some care. Even this may be unappealing to an interested party in the frequent cases where the shelter is on some remote rural byway.

Many of our aging who are eligible for surplus food, do not have the transportation or physical stamina to secure it at the county's only distribution center. In such cases, the Center has encouraged added volunteers to follow the led of other concerned people, in providing the needed transportation and delivery.

The Center's initial surveys have disclosed that some of our aging people are existing in most anything from shacks without facilities, to even an abandoned truck. Although this is a visible reflection on our presumed sophistication, it is already past the time for corrective action.

Over 50% of our Senior Citizens are known to be existing on less than \$100 per month. This means that survival instincts take over and that which does not provide heat or food is erased from the budget. The means of transportation is abandoned, telephones and news sources are excluded; seclusion and exclusion takes over in direct proportion to the withdrawal of attention by relatives, friends, neighbors, organizations and society in general. The result is that many are found in a "limbo" of a total lack of information on available services or have only brief sketches of misinformation from well-meaning but unreliable sources. Volunteers for the Center (in a growing number of cases), have opened daily contact with many who live alone, either by visitation or by phone, where possible. The record already clearly reveals that two or more such cases, would have been quite beyond the need for help, if this friendly call effort had not been made.

This is not the need. It is the beginning of more to come.

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