

**THANKSGIVING DAY — 1971** Guest Editorial

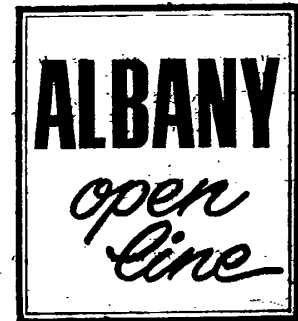
The frost is on the ground and some mysterious, magic fingers from on high have traced exquisite designs in gold and silver on the last of the pumpkins. The wood is piled against the shed. It will fuel warmth against wintry blasts to come. The air is cold and clear. And in the light of our moon the breath of man is glimpsed as hoarfrost.

Apples have been picked and packed. And here and there on bare and somber fields, crows and sparrows forage for seed neglected after the harvest. The squirrels are plump and frisky, darting around limbs and trees, alert against the footfalls of man and other predators. Men and squirrels have put aside their victuals to nourish them when snowfall lies deep upon the ground. By day, the skies are brilliant and blue and at night, stars shine extravagantly.

Indian summer, that October festival of warmth and gaiety, has gone quietly. Between the splendour of the fall and the snows of winter, there comes a day of giving thanks for nature's bounty unto man. Thanksgiving has more significance of today than ever before. For as we have squandered our flesh and blood on miles and miles of black-topped roads, so have we squandered our inheritance of clean water, pure air, and the very land we thought would give sustenance forever and ever.

Let us indeed give thanks for all that God and nature have blessed us with. But as we bow in prayer let us not close our eyes to the ground and water we have ravaged. And as we raise our eyes to the heavens let us observe that we also have polluted the wind and the air. When we give thanks, let us also give thought to how we can stop, not only what man has done to man, but what he has done to life-giving water, air, and soil. It is not too late but far from early.

Let us enjoy and protect the bounty we have. Thanksgiving Day brings us the pleasures of a long week-end to visit folk and kin. When we travel on the black-top let us remember that black is the color of mourning. This newspaper joins with the State Traffic Safety Council in urging caution on our highways. When you drive, drive carefully and be prepared for sudden emergencies. As a sage once remarked, "We pass this way but once". Let that passage be one of mirth and happiness. Sorrows properly belong for our tomorrows, and hopefully not for today or yesterday.



by Alex Rankin

While the reapportionment maps are still locked up in a secret room, it appears that Republicans will increase their control over the State Legislature next year because of population shifts in Manhattan and Suffolk County.

Suffolk County, Republican has gained population. Manhattan, Democratic territory, has lost population.

Result: More GOP seats in the state Senate and Assembly after the special reapportionment session convenes in Albany next month.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Reapportionment, now working on the maps, will try to get as close as possible to an equal number of persons in each of the state's 150 Assembly and 57 Senate districts.

While the 150 Assembly seats are fixed by the state constitution the number of Senate seats could go up to 60.

Exact equality means 121,608 persons in each Assembly district and 304,021 persons in each Senate

district, based on 1970 census figures.

Republicans now control the Assembly 79 to 71 and the Senate 32 to 25.

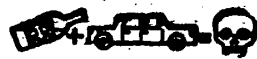
Some committee members say Congressional reapportionment won't be decided until the regular session beginning in January. They say the U.S. Census Bureau has been slow in providing them with figures. It's more likely there is some political horse-trading going on that will take more time to solve New York State will lose two of its 41 seats under congressional reapportionment.

Some critics are contending that Rockefeller's polls went awry on the bond issue. They say the polls showed the bond issue winning by a narrow margin, and that decisions on how to "sell" the bond issue were made on the basis of these polls.

One fact is certain any poll showing the bond issue winning was way off.

But there is another factor. The fact is that the events at Attica Prison turned a carefully planned bond issue timetable upside down. For a time the Governor forgot everything to concentrate on the Attica Tragedy. When things died down, it was too late.

And yet another factor. There was much talk about all the assemblymen and senators who were back of the bond issue pushing it. The fact was that almost to a man they gave it nothing more than lip service.



**GREENWOOD NEWS**

Grace Young, Reporter

Mrs. Virgil Hussey was elected President of the Women's Society of Christian Service at the November meeting, Thursday afternoon at the United Methodist Social Hall. Other officers elected were; Mrs. Clarence Stephens, Vice-President; Mrs. Walter Jackson, Secretary; Mrs. Laverne Stephens, Treasurer; Mrs. Albert Lamphier, Spiritual Life and Miss Grace Young, Program Supplies. The ladies packed 8 boxes for servicemen for Christmas. Mrs. Hussey gave the devotions. Mrs. Stephens was in charge of the business meeting. An installment was voted paid to Smith's Furniture Manor on the Carpet and a donation given to Miss Eleanor Acker for her work in Kentucky. Dates to remember are December 3, a bazaar for handmade articles and candy or baking will be held at the New Town Hall from 3 to 5:30 P. M. Dec. 9 the Society will serve dinner at Noon to the Rexville and Bennetts Creek Locals Dairylea and Dec. 16 is the next meeting of WSCS when Christmas boxes will be packed for shut-ins.

The Rev. Gerald Wolter has set December 5 for Reception of Members and December 12 for Baptisms.

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints had family dinner at the Church. Expected guests were unable to come. Monday night the RLDS Church held a Thanksgiving dinner in the dining room at 7 P. M. with a devotional program.

Mrs. Alvin Terbury went to Gold Saturday and brought Mrs. Zella Gibson back for several days and to attend activities at the RLDS Church. Mrs. Jessie Lewis of Whitesville went with her.

BU-1 Rodney Burley USN MC B40 returned home Friday from ten months deployment on Diego, Garcia in the Indian Ocean. He will have a month at home and will be assigned to C BU 402 in Pensacola, Florida for two years shore duty. His wife will go to Florida with him. Monday BU-1 Burley and his wife went to Davison, Rhode Island to pick up his belongings left there on going overseas.

Mrs. Elton White was involved in an accident Wednesday on Route 17. She was coming onto the main road from the Greenwood cut-off and was hit broadside by a truck coming at excess speed. Mrs. White was swung around into the opposite ditch totally ruining her car. She received cuts and bruises and a whiplash neck. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hussey took her to the Doctor that day and Mrs. Grace Woodworth took her on Thursday for X-Rays. Mrs. Lawrence Smith of Whiteville spent the week-end with her sister.

Ward Woodward was in a one car accident Saturday. He was going West on the Christian Hollow road and ran into a bridge abutment by the Lyle Heckman farm. He put on his brakes which made the impact harder. The Sheriff was notified.

Mrs. Adelle Mullen returned to her home November 13 to help her family. Mrs. Nina Stephens went back to the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spencer and daughters.

The Greenwood Ambulance was out Thursday night to take Mrs. Mary Streeter to the St. James Mercy Hospital. Mrs. Streeter is a Pneumonia patient and was reported better Sunday.

Mrs. Lloyd Hoffenbeck returned home Friday from the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, where she was a patient for a week.

Mrs. Daniel Redmond entered the Highland Hospital in Rochester Sunday. She was having ear surgery Monday and expected to return home Tuesday.

Deer Hunting was slow last week and not too many hunters after the week-end. Some of the early hunters to bring in a Buck were Dick Smith, Ray Duke, David Heckman and Laverne Stephens. Town Clerk Marjorie York, reported she sold as of Monday 215 Deer Licenses: 13 non-resident and also 16 archery.

Misses Maria Murphy and Karen Smith were hostesses Monday night

at the home of Mrs. Lena Turner for a Variety Shower in honor of Miss Peggy Dempsey. Nine girls of the Senior Class were guests. Games were played and refreshments served. The honored guest received lovely gifts. Mrs. Clair Austin was general

chairman for the Ham dinner served at the Legion Post Home Saturday night by the Auxiliary. About a hundred dinners were served. Music was from Genesee for dancing and the turkey party. The Auxiliary and Legion packed Christmas boxes for Servicemen at a recent meeting.

Miss Jayne Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fletcher, celebrated her second birthday last week with a party at the home of

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