

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 holidays 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 a 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

November 11, 1921

J. H. Backus, Publisher

This issue of the Andover News was devoted principally to the industrial interest of Andover, and the following was taken from the front page:

The Town of Andover was formed from a portion of the Town of Independence, Jan. 21, 1824.

The first settlement of the Town of Andover was made in 1796, at Elm Valley, by Stephen Cole. Daniel Cole, his son, who was born Feb. 18, 1797, was the first white child born in Allegany County.

On page three of the first record book of the Town of Andover is the following entry:

"At a town meeting held at the house of Luther Strong, the second of March, A. D. 1824, it being the first town meeting in the Town of Andover and appointed by the legislature of the state, (the town having been erected into a separate town by itself the present session of the legislature, by the name of Andover,) the following persons were elected town officials for the ensuing year:

"Supervisor, Thaddeus Baker; town clerk, Amherst Kingsbury; assessors, Caleb Kingsbury, Hazard P. Clark, and Luther Strong; highway commissioners, Joel Norton, Ichabod Babcock, and Horace Malory; overseers of the poor, Joseph Clark and Caleb Kingsbury; school commissioners, Luther Strong, Barnabas Reed, and Asa S. Allen; inspectors of election, Asa S. Allen, John S. Baker and Barnabas Reed; collector, Roswell Adams; constables, Roswell Adams and Jacob Clark.

"It was voted to raise the sum of one hundred fifty dollars, to be worked out on the public highways;

"It was voted to raise the sum of five dollars with which to purchase blank books in which to keep the records of the town;

"The following by-laws were voted by the inhabitants:

"First all hogs and horned cattle shall be free commoners;

"Second, overseers of the highway shall also be fence viewers;

"Third, a fence four and one-half feet high shall be a legal fence."

Jesse Snyder Clarke, 48, died Saturday, November 5th. His wife, two daughters, a step-daughter, his father, four brothers and two sisters survive. Interment was in Little Genesee.

John Nobles has moved his family from the David Hunt farm into rooms in Mrs. Martha Bloss' house on Water Street.

Jim Nobles and family have moved from the farm to the house owned by Walter Gee on Water St.

Allison Baker has moved his family from the P. Dougherty house on Chestnut St., to the house on the Bundy farm north of the village.

November 18, 1921

Frank Halsey and family have moved from Davis Hill to their new home on Pingrey Hill which he purchased recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Worrel of Center St., are parents of a son, born last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Watson of Independence are parents of a daughter, born November 3rd.

Mrs. Flora Bess of Andover is a guest of Miss Anna Laura Bassett of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bassett of Independence are parents of a daughter, Barbara Lucille, born November 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer and children of Independence were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beach of Alfred.

Mrs. E. R. Crandall, Jane and William of Independence are guests of Mrs. Nora Burdick of Alfred this week.

Mrs. Carrie McOmber of Belmont spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. B. S. Baker and other relatives at Tip Top.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Clarke and Mrs. E. C. Probasco left Andover Friday enroute to St. Petersburg Florida to pass the winter.

Fay Boyd, George Beebe and Chas. Burdick were in attendance



by Alex Rankin

Governor Rockefeller in announcing a special session of the Legislature for December 27 to deal with the state's fiscal crisis, neglected to mention which taxes he will ask the Legislature to raise.

He only said he would ask them to raise taxes by \$425 million. He said he couldn't be specific because he is still studying all the alternatives.

But anyone who has been in touch with the governor's budget office for the past few weeks knows that most of the technical work is over.

The governor is pulling out all the stops on this one. By not saying what taxes he wants liked, the governor in a stroke blunts much of the expected opposition that one would expect to develop from taxpayers between now and the 27th.

Simply, it is harder to mount effective opposition to tax hikes of any kind than it is to a specific tax, the former being too vague.

The governor also insured some Democratic votes for his solution to the fiscal crisis. They will be needed. He did this by including in the package funds to keep the New York City transit fare at 35 cents.

The city's transit fare is now 30 cents. Democrats are being told it will go to 45 cents if they vote against the bundle of tax hikes and spending freezes the governor wants.

at a meeting of the Corning Consistory, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brundage left Andover Sunday for Los Angeles, Calif., to pass the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns, and daughter, Reta of Andover and Mrs. Ellis Stearns of Port Allegany were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Stearns and family of Hornell.

40 YEARS AGO

November 13, 1931

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Mrs. Florence Bullard, 60, died Monday, November 9th. Funeral services were held Wednesday with Rev. Frank H. Bisbee officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Emily M. Perry, 80, died Wednesday, November 4th. Two daughters and four sons survive. Funeral services were held Friday with Rev. John McIntosh officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Miss Mary McFetridge of Dansville, formerly of Andover, and Raymond E. Gardner of Wellsville, were united in marriage Thursday November 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester D. Sprague are parents of a son, Edwin Earl, born Saturday, November 8th.

Mrs. Lila Preston of Independence is moving to Greenwood with her sister for the winter.

Twenty-five of the near relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke of Independence spent Saturday evening with them in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. William Dodge is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett at Addison this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Proper are spending the last of the week with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King at Kenmore.

John Dean of Buffalo is visiting friends in town this week.

Mrs. Charles Whitney of Wellsboro, Pa., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke for a few days.

Mrs. F. E. McGinnis of Genesee Pa., is passing a few days with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cable.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baldwin of Dunkirk returned home Monday after spending the week-end with his brother, Clayton and family.

November 20, 1931

Charles W. Howland, 51, died suddenly Friday, November 13th of a heart attack while at work on

Schools will really feel the impact of the governor's program.

First, they will have to spend money to borrow money on a short-term basis to make up for the January and February state aid payments they will not be getting.

Then their aid will be frozen at its present level. Aid is based on the number of pupils in the district. Presently, if the number of pupils goes up, so does the aid. Not so if the governor has his way.

Under the freeze the districts will have to take care of the increased pupil load with the same amount of money. Because teacher salaries have gone up, that will probably mean even more borrowing costs for school districts — or higher local real estate taxes.

Fringe benefits for state employees now total \$28.46 for each \$100 in salary, according to State Comptroller Arthur Levitt.

And next year it will go to \$28.88 for each \$100.

The state has a payroll of \$66 million in salaries and \$18.5 million in fringe benefits every two weeks, according to Levitt.

Levitt said this year's fringe costs per \$100 in salary include \$20.46 for retirement, \$3.77 for social security, 33 cents for workmen's compensation, \$3.77 for health insurance, 17 cents for unemployment insurance, 5 cents for death benefits and 34 cents for dental insurance.

the Erie tracks near Stearns Crossing. His wife, a son, a daughter and a brother survive. Funeral services were held Monday with Rev. Charles McHugh officiating. Interment was in Gates of Heaven Cemetery.

William Henry Church, 68, retired mail carrier, died at his home Wednesday, November 11th. His wife, two daughters, two sons, a brother and three sisters survive. Burial was in Fulmer Valley Cemetery.

A barn on the Lawrence Perkins farm near Elm Valley, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin Sunday, together with a quantity of hay, grain and farm tools.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Amesbury of Davis Hill, are parents of a son, Oliver Thomas, born Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halsey of Davis Hill, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark of Hartsville, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Polly Edwards of Whitesville was a guest Saturday and Sunday of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Greene of Independence.

Mrs. Merdie Ghostley, who has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Rollins in Whitesville, has returned to her home in Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McGill, Mrs. F. G. Crawford and Mrs. E. J. Atwood motored to Syracuse Friday to take Mrs. Crawford to her home after spending a few days with Mrs. Atwood.

Mrs. Charles Caple returned from Buffalo Sunday, where she was called by the death of her grandfather.

Mrs. C. L. Earley returned from Rochester Sunday, where she had been visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Borden.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett of Buffalo are guests at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson.

Mrs. Edith Milligan, Miss Edna Wickwire and Junior Wickwire, passed from Sunday until Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Osmin of Rexville.

30 YEARS AGO

October 30, 1941

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Misses Mary and Katherine Barrett of Buffalo passed last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sutherland and Miss Alice Nobles visited relatives in Hartford Mills and Cortland from Friday until Sunday.

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