

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Remember the "Boston Tea Party"? This event which occurred in 1773 was in open defiance to the British and could easily have been the spark-plug that touched off the Revolutionary War which resulted in American Independence at the "Treaty of Paris" in 1783.

Remember who said: We have met the enemy and they are ours? This is the terse report that Commodore O. H. Perry is reported to have sent after his Squadron defeated and captured a British Squadron at the "Battle of Lake Erie" on Sept. 10, 1813. This was one of the "Highlights" of the War of 1812 with England that decided the American "Mastery of the Sea" resulting in the final "Battle of New Orleans" on Jan. 8, 1815, after the Peace Treaty had been signed.

Remember th Alamo! This famous battle between the Texans and Mexicans that lasted from Feb. 23 until Mar. 6, 1836, resulted in this "Battle-Cry" that inspired American Patriots in winning their independence from Mexico in 1836 and their resulting Annexation to the United States in 1845.

Remember the expression: "54-40 or fight"? This was actually a Political "Rally-Cry" in 1844 that referred to the North-West boundary dispute between England and the United States over the Oregon Boundary. This agreement had started in 1818 with American and English Settlers in Oregon, became an open dispute in 1827 and was finally settled on June 15, 1846. However, it was the "54-40 or fight" battle-cry that helped bring this dispute to a successful termination for the United States, settling the 49th parallel as the boundary.

Remember the Maine! This was another rally-cry that referred to the sinking of the Battleship "Maine" in Havana Harbor in 1898 that touched off the Spanish-American War that was successfully concluded for the United States at the signing of the "Treaty of Paris" on December 10, 1898.

Remember the Lusitania! This became the "war cry" after this American Liner was sunk on May 7, 1915, which finally led to the Declaration of War with Germany on April 16, 1917 after they announced their "Open Submarine Warfare" policy which was concluded at the "Treaty of Versailles" on June 28, 1919.

And now, on the Eve of another important Historical Event, do you: **"Remember Pearl Harbor"?** Yes, this infamous event occurred on Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, and plunged our country into another devastating war that continued until May 8, 1945 for V-E Day, and August 14, 1945, for V-J Day.

Since World War II, the United States has been embroiled in both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts where many Americans lives have been lost — and huge amounts of money and American resources have been lost. But, in each instance, we can't recall a single "rally-cry" for either conflict.

What is wrong? Have we Americans forgotten to "Remember"? Are we no longer proud of our Heritage? Are we ashamed to teach our children and young people how and why the United States became so great. Has Patriotism become a nasty word and feeling?

With our Historical Bi-Centennial Celebration coming up this coming year let's all plan on dedicating our utmost efforts towards a concerted effort of instilling the "Spirit of a Free American" in our young people — the Future Citizens of To-morrow!

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An Editorial

The Mayor's Column

by "Mike" Brace

A belated Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. The statistics indicated that the holiday was safe for most of the travelers and those that stayed home. A fine tribute to all.

The Police Department reports that there has been fine cooperation on behalf of the people that have been parking off the street. Thank you very much for this and please keep it up.

On Wednesday evening, the Village experienced a complete "outage". I want to thank the customers for their cooperation and consideration during these trying moments.

Former Andover Man Wins Re-Election

Chautauque County Legislator R. Theodore Smith, formerly of Andover, won re-election to his legislative seat in last Tuesday's election. Smith represents the Towns of Busti, Harmony and North Harmony where Republicans outnumber Democrats 3 to 1. The Busti Democrat is Chairman of the Legislature's powerful Finance Committee and also serves as Chairman of the County Sewer Agency and the County Water Agency where he has the responsibility for more than \$30 million or sewer construction work around Chautauque Lake and numerous waterline projects to serve fifteen industries.

The Democrats retained their control of the Chautauque County Legislature where they hold 14 of the 25 legislative seats.

Legislator Smith is a graduate of Andover Central School and Syracuse University and has done graduate work at numerous universities including Alfred. He is a Full Professor at Jamestown Community College where he has been employed for 16 years after beginning his teaching career at Fillmore Central School. He is the son of Robert F. Smith and the late Mary Monica Smith, of 37 Elm Street in Andover.

Teresa Polmateer Is Participating In Field Period Program

Miss Teresa Polmateer of Andover is participating in the Keuka College's Annual Field Period Program of work and independent study (Nov. 17 - Dec. 19). She is receiving experience off campus in an area related to her academic field. She is a member of the class of 1978, and is working at the Steuben Co. Probation Department in Bath, N. Y.

The Keuka Field Period, established in 1942, allows students to become involved in off campus learning designed to develop their academic, cultural, and vocational interests. College credit is granted for work in the program.

Miss Polmateer is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Polmateer of Hardy Hill Road, Andover.

Christmas Tureen Planned For Dec. 15

Blessed Sacrament Parish Women will have a Christmas Tureen Dinner, Monday, December 15 at 7 P. M. in their Parish Hall. Instead of a gift exchange, money donations will be given to our Sister of the Divine Child. Anyone wishing to donate may label their gift and leave it at the Rectory or Father Francis and the Officers of the Altar Society will act as the team collectors.

The regular monthly business meeting will not be held Monday, December 8th due to the Holy Day, so plan to attend December 15.

UMW Notice

—Thirty-two women enjoyed the United Presbyterian Women's Christmas Party Tuesday evening, Dec. 2. The feature of the evening was the colored slides and talk given by Miss Eva Shepard while she was in Africa.

Proofs Of Children's Pictures To Be Shown December 10

Woltz Studios Inc., representative of the children's pictures taken recently. He will be in Greenwood Wednesday, December 10 — 1 to 1:30 p. m., at the Town Hall and at Andover from 3 to 5:30 p. m. Wednesday, December 10 at the Grange Hall.

ATTENTION LIONS!

A reminder that the Christmas Party will be held at the Andover Rod & Gun Club on Saturday, December 6 — Happy Hour at 6 p. m. — Dinner at 7:00 p. m. — Dancing ???

The next regular dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11 at the Methodist Church Hall — 7 P. M. Sharp.

Program will be on the Allegany County Department of the Aged and a visit by members of the Wellsville Jaycees.

The Regular Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, December 8 at the Methodist Church Hall at 7:30 P. M. Important issues will be discussed so please plan now to attend.

Allegany County Fire Control Report

From: Allegany County Fire Control, 28 East Greenwood Street, Andover, N. Y., for the month of November, 1975 by Mrs. Melba Mickle.

FIRES	
Mercantile	0
Industrial	0
Chimney Fires	7
Farm Bldgs.	2
Motor Vehicle	4
Oil Field	0
Grass & Brush	10
Pennsylvania Calls	1
Miscellaneous Fires	7

Total Calls	42
ACCIDENTS — 6	
MUTUAL AID	
In County	7
Out of County	2

Total Calls	9
Radio Checks — 57	
Siren Tests — 88	
Vehicle Practice — 10	
Vehicle Maintenance — 8	
AMBULANCE CALLS	

Alfred	14
Almond	6
Andover	11
Angelica	5
Belfast	6
Bolivar	17
Fillmore	17
Friendship	11
Genesee	1
Rickburg	5
Rushford	4
Shinglehouse	13
Total Calls	110

Lost Persons — 3	
Water Leaks — 1	
Miscellaneous Calls — 1094	
Total Calls for the Month	1427

Executive Presbyter to Be in Andover Sunday

The Session of the Presbyterian Church has scheduled an informal coffee hour at the church, Sunday, December 7, at 7 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss, question, and seek solutions for the continuation of the Presbyterian Church in Andover.

Rev. George H. DeHority, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Geneva, will be here to answer questions and assist in planning. All members and friends of the Presbyterian Church are urged to come.

Golden Age Club To Hold Christmas Party Dec. 8

On Monday, December 8, the Andover Golden Agers will meet at the Grange Hall for a ham dinner. The ham will be furnished by the Club.

This is our Christmas Party and everyone is to bring a \$1.50 gift. Birthdays will also be celebrated.

Committee for this meeting is: Mary Lee, Margaret Karnes, Leona Glover and Christine McNeill. Committee will furnish the birthday cake.

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

11/24/75 — Since we have been in Albany for the past several weeks called here by Governor Carey for a Special Session of the Legislature supposedly to deal with the New York City fiscal crisis, there has been a good deal of time to tend to matters other than the financial dilemma which seems to dominate all else. The Governor's extensive travels between Albany and Washington, D. C., and the inability of the Democrats who control the Assembly to agree on solutions to the New York City problem have meant hours and yes, days of waiting with no substantive matters to review.

As a result and since I am compelled by the call of the Governor to be in Albany, I have taken advantage of the situation to tend to other legislative matters which I consider of great importance to residents of the 136th Assembly District. In the process I have had time to review information gathered at statewide public hearings of the Assembly Minority Task Force on Volunteer and Professional Fire Protection.

I am a member of that Task Force, and we met in Albany several weeks ago during the "mini-session" called by Minority Leader Perry B. Duryea to begin discussion of possible legislation needed for the 1976 session dealing with our State's volunteer and Professional fire fighting organizations. It should be noted that, to date, the Task Force has conducted public hearings in Tompkins, Erie, Albany, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, and Oneida counties. This has given us an excellent opportunity to hear from a wide segment of the fire fighting community, and to collect a large amount of data to use as background and the basis for recommendations.

Here are some of the proposals which have been suggested by local firefighters at these hearings:

(1) The need for passage of a "Heart Bill" which will clear up the standard of evidence used in determining whether or not death or disability due to a coronary condition was actually incurred in the line of duty.

(2) The establishment of fire training and fire science courses by the State University system.

(3) The need for local fire district budgets to include money for public education about fire protection.

(4) Changes in the Vehicle and Traffic Law that would require vehicles to remain 500 feet beyond fire apparatus at all times, rather than just during the time the fire apparatus is responding to a call.

(5) The need to develop a clear definition of an "active" volunteer fireman.

There were also many other constructive proposals presented at the hearings and each one will be studied for possible inclusion in our legislative package.

OES Notice

The Order of Eastern Star will meet Monday evening, December 8 at 8:00 p. m., at the Masonic Temple.

The meeting will be preceded by their Annual Christmas Supper for members and families at 6:30 p. m. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass, table service and refreshments for own family. Meat, Potatoes and Coffee will be prepared by the Kitchen Committee, with Hazel Burgett and Jean Button, co-chairmen. Each member bring a wrapped Christmas gift for exchange and gifts for their children.

Maple Twig News

Our monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, December 9, at 1:00 at the home of Mrs. John Strouse, Church Street.

A complete report of the Country Fair will be given at this meeting. All members are urged to attend to discuss the coming year's projects. It has been decided there will be no gift exchange at this time.