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Editorial

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

by Kal Shaw

With Christmas quickly approaching, we are very lucky to live in the country. Driving along the highways, many people have their Christmas trees visible in a window, so the travelers can see them. Many people can walk or drive a mile to get a real Christmas tree and make it a day the whole family can enjoy. Paying \$8 or buying an artificial tree, just isn't Christmas. You can look out your window and see snow covered hills and forests instead of a house 10 feet away from your living room.

Winter sports are a part of Christmas. We have room to ski, sled, go tobogganing and snowmobiling without worrying about hitting a car, or a metrobus. Christmas presents can be put under the tree without fear of being stolen. Every Christmas morning Santa Claus has been to the homes and delivered the gifts.

This friendly atmosphere among friends and neighbors carries the meaning of Christmas, a time of good will toward all mankind. But I think the most beautiful scene of Christmas is the calmness that the white snow brings falling from the sky. May I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

High School Christmas Activities

by Diane Bliss

Christmas at ACS was a new, more meaningful event this year for the high school. In the past years, each homeroom had its own party and presents were exchanged among students in the school. Rather than having individual parties this year, the high school performed services for the community and participated in various activities.

The plans were set for the afternoon of Friday, December 19. There were three groups of Carolers carousing the streets with music and Christmas cheer. At this time, they also distributed wreaths to those members of the community who ordered them. These wreaths were made by students and were ordered by phoning the school or by signing your name to the poster put in the Post Office prior to December 18. There was no charge for the wreaths since they were made and distributed in the spirit of Christmas.

There was also available, from approximately 1 p. m. until 2:30 p. m., on December 19, students to help any family or individual in decorating his home, shovelling snow, or other tasks needing attention and at no charge.

For the Golden Agers, Senior Citizens or the elderly in Andover, a Christmas dinner was served at 1 p. m., at the Grange Hall. This free dinner included turkey and the fixings. Transportation was provided.

Students not involved with the activities above participated in snow sculpturing on the school grounds. A Santa Claus visited the elementary grades during their parties and when everyone returned to school at approximately 2:30 hot chocolate and refreshments were served in the cafeteria for the participating students.

This was an attempt to create a more meaningful Christmas atmosphere within the school and community. Hopefully it made the season a happy one for all.

Red Cross Drive Completed

by Karen Hall

The Andover Red Cross Drive has been completed at Andover Central School with a total of \$266.38 collected. Of this amount \$197.26 was donated in the classrooms. Winners of the contest in Grades K-6 are: First Place — Mrs. Phyllis Burdick's First Grade with \$10.09 and Second Place, Mrs. Gwynetta Boyce's Sixth Grade with \$8.96. At the secondary level the usual winner, Mr. Carlyle Carmody's homeroom, donated \$68.34 for First Place, followed by Miss Cindy Baker's homeroom

Varsity Basketball News

by Kal Shaw
(guest sports writer)

Andover's Varsity Squad traveled to Canaseraga to lose a close game. Andover lost 71-70 on a technical foul with three seconds left in the game.

Andover was behind most of the game as we couldn't seem to hang onto the ball. Turnovers and rebounding were the two big reasons why we did so poorly. We registered 28 turnovers. We were very lax on our ball handling as we threw it away 19 times in the first half. Our rebounding was not up to par as it should be with only 19 offensive and 31 defensive rebounds.

Coach Charlie Young seemed to have found the tickets and they are now on sale at the school office or at the basketball games. They are \$7.00 adult and \$3.00 student. Keep the basketball schedule in the paper because the schedule is NOT printed on the back of the tickets.

Basketball

by Debbie Buckwalter

Said J. V. Coach Richard Nicol of Friday, December twelfth's basketball game with Bolivar, "It was a heartbreaking loss. We played our best." The final score was 62-52, Bolivar, with Marty Geer leading the scoring at 24 points, followed by Tracy Preston with 9 points, Pat Atwell and Steve Dibble with 7 points and Rex Voburg with 5.

The cement floor at Bolivar effected our players in a bad way. "The cement floor tires the leg faster," said Coach Nicol, "but that is no excuse. What really hurt us was their full court defense. It really fouled up our offense because we weren't ready for it."

"Being a junior varsity team, we are just learning to work together. Sure, we can't compare to the varsity team in teamwork. Now the individual talents show more than the group talent," explained Nico.

Although the JV game was great to watch, it didn't compare to the upcoming varsity game. After waiting for what seemed an eternity between games, the varsity team finally appeared and what was to be an unusually exciting and action-packed game began.

The team worked amazingly well together, reminding the enthusiastic spectators of recent soccer glory.

The suspense began early in the first quarter and didn't let up 'til nearly the end of the game. The score remained neck and neck thru out the game with Andover scoring 10 points in the first quarter, 15 in the second, 20 in the third and 13 in the fourth, and Bolivar following close behind with 8 in the first quarter, 13 in the second, 21 in the third and 10 in the fourth; total 58-52. It seemed that neither team would win; everytime Andover made a basket, Bolivar would carry the ball back down the court and nearly tie it up again.

For evidence of fantastic teamwork, listen to this! Bolivar's high scorer made 31 points; the rest followed with 6 points or lower while Andover balanced out the scoring very well. Dale Russell took number one with 14 points, Jay MacMichael next with 12 and a tie for third — Doug Preston and Gary Barden with 9 points each.

Defensively, I think our boys played one heck of a ball game, said varsity coach Charlie Young. "Offensively we could have done better."

When asked what made him the proudest about the game, Young said, "The teamwork. There was no individual effort; everything was the team as a group." All in all — it was a great game and we all expect more of the same to follow.

with \$31.00.

Prizes will be awarded to the students in the winning rooms after the Christmas vacation. The Red Cross Youth of Andover Central School, who conducted the contest, will furnish the prizes.

Panther Prowl

SWIMMING

by Terry McCormick

Last Thursday night the Andover Swimming Team opened its season against the Wellsville Sealsions. Andover went into the Meet with high hopes for victory, but we were once again stopped short of our goal. The final score was 47-38.

Andover started off well with a victory in the 200 Individual Medley Relay. Marty Grossman, Lenny Grossman, Gary Barden, Kevin MacCrea.

The next event was another victory with Russ Godown winning the 200 Free-Style, setting a school record with a 2:10. In the 200 Individual Medley, Marty Grossman came out on top to up Andover's lead. The next three events were Andover's down fall only picking up thirds: Eric MacMichael, third in Diving; John Davis third in the 50; Brett Grassman third in the 500. A bright spot in Andover's future is Jeff Smith who picked up a second in the Butterfly. Russ Godown again came away with a record this time the pool record and our school record with a 5:52 in the 100 Free-Style. In the Backstroke Marty Grossman edged out his rival by inches.

The final two races were the Breaststroke and the 400 Free-Style Relay. In the Breaststroke Lenny Grossman was second, and Terry McCormick was third. We won the final Relay by two laps, with a team of Gary Barden, Jeff Smith, Kevin MacCrea, Russ Godown. It was a fine all around effort by the Andover team.

Pantherettes

by Karen Hall

"The game with Belmont was beautiful," said Coach Jane Troxell it was the best game this year.

The time limit almost ran out on both games which is the result of long volleys. The net plays, spikes and setting of both teams were exceptional.

Andover beat them with a double victory. The JV game was 15-12 and the Varsity won 15-10.

"We will win the game with Wellsville, tonight," said Coach Troxell. Friday night Andover had the victory, defeating Wellsville. The first game was 15-7 and the second game was 15-10. Keep up the good work team!

There will be a game today at Whitesville. Come — support our team!

J. V. Basketball

by Kal Shaw

(guest sports writer)

The J.V. Squad ventured to Canaseraga Tuesday to defeat the Canaseraga J.V. team, 51-38. Mr. Nichols was very pleased with his team's performance. The team worked well together considering all of the new talent.

It was a close contest up to the third quarter, then Andover jumped out into the lead and maintained the lead the rest of the game.

Andover had rebounding power with Tracy Preston nabbing the rebounds and Steve Dibble putting in 15 rebounds. Everyone played a very aggressive defensive game.

Scorers for Andover were Tracy Preston and Marty Geer with 13 points apiece; Steve Dibble with 11 points; Scott Richardson with six points and Pat Atwell with nine points.

Good luck men and let's keep it up against Bolivar.

Metric Workshop

On December 15 a metric workshop was held at Andover Central School. The purpose was to put an emphasis on the metric system instead of the traditional English system. The program was presented by Mr. James Pabst to all of the Elementary Teachers and when Mr. Russell, the coordinator, was asked if it was successful, he replied, "It was a successful program and the teachers will soon be implementing the new concepts learned."

Keep On Buying Savings Bonds

Feature

These reindeer on the windows around ACS mean nothing to most students and are hardly thought of as having any significance other than Christmas decor. But if you talk to any of the teachers who have been at ACS for a number of years you will probably discover that the reindeer are a respected tradition at the school.

In 1944, a man named Frank McKibben taught Junior High School Studies here at Andover. He designed the reindeer and put them in the windows facing a certain direction. In 1945 World War II broke out and Mr. McKibben left to serve his country. He was killed in action and ever since he has been recognized with honor and the reindeer have been put every year in remembrance of him.

Many of the younger teachers do not know about this annual tradition but hopefully it will be carried out in the years to come when an understanding of the tradition is reached by all at ACS.

Christmas 1975

by Pamela Kniffen

The afternoon edition of "Christmas 1975" directed by Mrs. Nancy Potter, was presented on December 16 at 1:10 p. m., in the Andover Central School Auditorium. The Junior Band, a Flute Trio, Brass Ensemble, and Woodwind Ensemble were all merry participants.

However, if you were one of those unfortunate souls who missed the afternoon performance there will be another on December 18 at 8:00 p. m.

The evening edition will yield a few added attractions — the Senior Band, Fourth and Fifth Grade Choir; Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Choir; Kindergarten, First and Second Grades; and the Senior Chorus are all practicing their pitch until December 18.

Ensemble Performs

by Karen Joyce

On Wednesday night, December 17, the seven members of the Woodwind Ensemble will play for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party. The seven members are:

Beth Barden
Diane Bliss
Lorie Bridge
Darla Oldway
Anita Winslow
Lisa Marsh
Lori Marsh

The two songs they will be playing are:

"Angels In Our Fields" — Anderson

"Pat-a-Pan" — Anderson.

Senior Interview

by Terry McCormick

Our man of the hour this week is John Davis. He is one person who stands out in a crowd, with his flaming red hair and his dashing looks.

His brothers are Dan and Rob and his sisters Karen and Michele. John has contributed much to our High School in the way of Sports and Music. John was the leader of our Cross Country Team for his fifth and final year. He is also doing two sports this winter, swimming for the fifth year, and basketball for the second year. He will be again going out for track for his fourth year. His musical instrument is the cornet, he started in fourth grade.

John's majors are in Math, Science and Spanish. His future plans include college at Alfred Tech in Audio Visual Technology. We all know he will do well there as he did here.

Activity Sheet

Dec. 18 — 1975 Christmas Concert
Dec. 18 — Volleyball — Andover at A-A

Dec. 20 — School closes for Christmas Vacation
Jan. 8-9 — Basketball Christmas Tournament — Alfred Ag-Tech Gym

Commercial Printing at The News Printing House.

Gift Baskets

by Karen Joyce

Mrs. Charity McCormick is coordinating the Christmas Gift Basket Program.

What are the Gift Baskets? There are food baskets which are distributed last before Christmas by the Lions Club, which assist families in need within the community. The Lions Club also contribute a new toy for the gift baskets too. Each member of the Andover Faculty contributed a new gift. The Chamber of Commerce Members also contributed a new gift for a child. Money for the additional gifts was received from the Red Cross and Student Council.

This year several high school students have helped with the Christmas shopping. The head of the Student Council, Rob Ryland and Teresa Joyce and for Red Cross Bernice Wilson, Stephanie Lehman, Beth and Paula Stewart. New and used clothing have been contributed. A girls youth group headed by Mrs. Carol Marsh cleaned and repaired several dolls.

These gift baskets are delivered on Friday by Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Curville Jordan and Mr. Oliver Kemp.

Approximately 25 to 30 people will be receiving food baskets and some of these families also receive news toys and clothing. Approximately 50 children are given Christmas through this program.

Senior Interview

On May 24, 1968, a third bouncing baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Grossman. His name is Martin Trent.

Marty has four brothers and one sister, his brothers are — Jesse, Chad, Lenny, Brett, and his sister is Tracy.

Marty's majors are Science and Latin. He has been involved in swimming for four years, track for four years, Cross Country for three years, soccer for two years, tennis for two years and Band for four years.

His plans as of this time are undecided, but in what ever he does we wish him the best of luck!

Creative Corner

Creative Corner is written by students in Mrs. Gwynetta Boyce's Sixth Grade.

CHRISTMAS

In the beginning of Christ's birth Three WiseMen were set upon the Earth.

And when a star drew to the sky, The Wise Men were determined to find out why. What they saw night and day Was the star of a saviour in front of their way.

At last came the manger where Christ lay. When the Wise Men saw it they said, "This is a day when all should pray."

They knelt on their knees, And prayed for good things coming Jesus way.

Then they were thankful their Saviour had come, and gave him gifts and their thankful word. Shari Thorp

CHRISTMAS POEMS

On Christ Eve
The snow was white and fluffy,
Beneath the light
I wished and wished with all my might
That I would get a puppy named Buffy.

Christmas tree, Christmas tree
So pretty and tall
What joy you give to me
As I shop in the Mall.

Silver Bells, Silver Bells
Ringing on the street,
Golden Bells, Golden Bells
Bring a Christmas treat.
Tim Horan

CHRISTMAS

I like Christmas the best of all,
I like Christmas with all the snow fall.

Christmas is fun, with all the presents gay,
I like to think of Santa in his sleigh.

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