

The Clergy Corner

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"A YES OR NOW"

The Apostle Paul in writing to the Church at Rome in Verse Two of the Twelfth Chapter of the book of Romans says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is good and acceptable and the perfect will of God!"

To understand the meaning of this scripture, one would need to understand the main meaning of two important words, in this verse. The first, being conformed meaning to fit into the pattern of the world, and the second as we read it transformed, meaning to change the inner nature.

Underneath it all comes the thought, we are not to expect to be led by the world's spirit, but by God's; not to be one of the gang, but to stand against the crowd when it is wrong, and stand for God when it is right.

Let us look at a few of the men who we hear of in the Bible who were willing to say no to the world, and its way.

First Abraham, we could say he had a rather easy life, under God's guidance. It would have been a natural world reaction to have said, "What leave this good life, and go out into the wilderness for ages to come?" But God said to go and Abraham followed this command, and said no to an easy life, and chose to follow God's command, and went not knowing whither he was going.

Then we find Moses, you recall, as a baby was found in the bullrushes by the daughter of Pharaoh's servants and was taken in and adopted by her and was raised in the palace of the Egyptian ruler. Yet when the wrong was being done to His own people, the Israelites, he stood up, and chose to go by God's way and command to lead them, saying no again to an easy life in the palace of the Pharaoh.

If I were to mention a man's name as it really was, Bel-Te-Shazer given to him by Babylonian rulers, one would say, "Who?" But mentioning his real Jewish name Daniel, we would all recognize him. It was he who was thrown in the lions den to die; but why was he cast into the den? It was due to saying no to the world, or as we know it from Scriptures, the decree that was made by the Babylonian rulers to make all the people living in that nation to bow down before and worship a statue they had made of King Darius. Daniel stood up for His faith in worship God the Almighty, and not a heathen God made from a heathen ruler.

Today we (most of us) may find ourselves called upon to make a choice or a decision just as these great men of the past had to make. Either we stand up for Christ and say no to the World's ways, or we say yes, and are in danger of losing our own souls. Saying, we will not be conformed to this world, but transformed to the will of God, which will it be? "Conformed to the World, or Transformed to God's ways thus proving what is good and accepted and perfect will of God?"

From Our Files

June Babcock and Doris Baker attended Allegany County Grange at Friendship, Monday.

30 YEARS AGO

January 22, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher
Dr. J. Robert Common was elected President at the Library Meeting held January 16. Mrs. A. D. Fuller Vice President, Mrs. Anna B. Wood Secretary, Mrs. E. D. Baker Librarian, John C. Lever and Dr. Common House Committee. Mrs. A. D. Fuller was re-elected Trustee for 5 years and Mrs. James Lynch was elected Trustee for 4 years to succeed F. W. Burrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gratto of South Western Boulevard, Irving N. Y., are parents of a daughter Marcie Eloise, born January 5. Mrs. Gratto is the former Lillian Caple of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coats are parents of a daughter born January 20 at Tullar Maternity Hospital.

The Apollo Club Concert will be

presented January 27 in the Andover Central School, sponsored by Lynch-Burgett American Legion, and benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Fund. Children 35c, Adults 60c.

Mrs. Ralph E. Temple is Chairman of the Local Drive for the Match of Dimes, which will continue until January 30. Quota for Andover this year is \$1,050.

Maple Producers of Allegany County will meet at the Hallsport Grange Hall on January 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Armstrong of Greenwood, are parents of a son born January 16.

The Kings Daughters of the Presbyterian Church, will serve a Roast Pork Supper, January 28 at 5:30. Adults \$1.00, Children 50c.

Word has been received by Andover friends of the death of Wm Tanck at Lyons, N. Y., December 2, 1947. He was a former Andover resident and a Charter member of the local American Legion going from here in the first World War.

Darwin D. Shutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shutt of Andover, RD 2, has been accepted for re-enlisting in the Regular Army, as announced by the Olean Office of the Army and Air Force Recruiting Service. Mr. Shutt has completed his initial processing and will be forwarded from Fort Dix, N. J., to the Corps of Engineers for further assignment. As a member of the 351st Construction Engineers Battalion Mr. Shutt served in World War II in England and France.

At the first 4-H Dairy Banquet held in five years, eight Andover boys and their Advisor, Glenn Bronson, represented Andover at Scio M. E. Church. The eight boys who attended were: Paul Atwell, Ronald Atwell, Theodore O'Dell, Charles Dougherty, Dale Green, Richard Fulton, Carl Water and Roger Wright. An Award of \$1.50 was given to Robert Marsh for Dairy Project Record Keeping.

The new Officers elected for ACS Camera Club are: President, Philip Mascho; Vice President, Carl Clark; Secretary, Rose Mary Baker and Treasurer, Lois Honneger.

R. E. Spicer, Stephen Clarke and Cleon Clarke of Independence attended the Exchange Club Dinner Wednesday at the Boy Scout Camp in Whitesville.

Greenwood

The UMW Local District is holding a Fall Retreat at Camp Asbury Silver Lake this week, Sept. 27-29. Thank Offering will be collected October 19. A date for a UMW Bazaar and Bake Sale was set for Thursday November 30. Hostesses, Geraldine Lamphier and Margaret Rollins served refreshments to 13 members and guests.

The Senior Citizens will hold their dinner-meeting October 4 at the Methodist Social Hall. Ed Mullen will come and give some local history. Saturday, six Senior Citizens, Mrs. Bernice Osmia, Miss Grace Young, Mrs. Sabra Greene, Miss Velma Krusen, Mrs. Agnes Sherman and Mrs. Jessie Hunt went to the Hornell YMCA and joined Hornell Senior Citizens in a trip by school bus, to the Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua.

There was a fatal accident on Greenwood-Canisteo Road Saturday night, when Wilson Woodworth, 56, of Coby Creek Road, was killed. He was the son of Ross and Estelle Rogers Woodworth, born May 22, 1922, and attended the Bennetts Creek Rural District School. He has always been a farmer. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Margaret Scott Woodworth, two sons, Larry of Mt. Morris, Jersey working with his father on the Coby Creek farm, two daughters, Mrs. Karen Mullen and Lisa Woodworth, both of Canisteo, two brothers, Jack Woodworth, a farmer on Bush Hill and Dale Woodworth, a State Trooper, Canisteo, N. D., and several nieces and nephews. Friends called at the Robertson Funeral Home in Hornell Monday afternoon and evening. The funeral services were held there at 2 P. M., Tuesday with Elder Carol Bassett, officiating. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. George Cobb was home five days and brought her father, Virgil Hussey home from St. James Mercy Hospital, Wednesday. She left that afternoon for her home at Framingham, Mass. Cheryl is preparing for a recital October 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dixon and two children moved from Cameron to his mother's home on the Christian Hollow Road, the weekend of

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LOST — Male, medium sized Collie & Shepard cross, Black with Brown face and white markings. Answers to the name of Leo. Was wearing brown canvas collar and last seen in Andover Area. Anyone with information please call 587-8019 days, or 278-8625 evenings. Reward. 39pd

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned collector of Andover Central School has received the tax list and warrant for the collection of school taxes in and for such District and that we will receive voluntary payments during the regular banking hours at the Citizens National Bank & Trust Co. in Andover.

We have been instructed by the Board of Education to collect all taxes free of fees from September 7th to October 6th, 1978. From October 8th to October 31st at 2%, in compliance with Chapter 687, part 3215 of the Education Laws of the State of New York which provides that the tax returns to the county treasurer must be made on or before November 15, following the tax levy.

No renewal of tax warrant which expires November 7, 1978 can be made.

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Signed: Ralph A. Allen, Editor

September 9. Lyle works at Irgersoll Rand, Painted Post. Mrs. Marian Dixon went to her home Sunday, Sept. 17, after spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Woodward. Her son, Wayne of Corning, took Mrs. Dixon to the Robert Packer Hospital at Sayre Pa., Wednesday, for a check-up. She went to Corning overnight and Wayne brought her home Thursday. The older Dixon child is staying with his grandparents in Cameron.

Leonard Hollenbeck had surgery at St. James Mercy Hospital, Wednesday and was in Intensive Care until Saturday. His wife is with her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, who takes her to visit, her husband.

Miss Kathy Linza of Hornell and Paul Phillip Good of Painted Post were married Saturday, August 5 at the United Church in Friendship. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Linza of Belmont and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Verna Merrick of Whitesville and the late Paul Good former Greenwood resident.

In the wedding party were Kelly Good of Gowanda, niece of the bridegroom, who was flower girl Joel Good of Painted Post and Loren of Whitesville were ushers and Andrew Good of Whitesville, was ring bearer, all brothers of the bridegroom.

The bride graduated from Belmont Central School and St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. She is a Registered Nurse at St.

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