

The Clergy Corner

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BELIEVING TOO LITTLE — TOO MUCH

Some people believe too little—too much. Too little faith or religion is harmful. There are people like the father of the epileptic boy who asked Jesus to cure his boy, but exclaimed, "If you can do anything help us!" Jesus replied, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Then the father exclaimed, "I believe, help thou my unbelief!" (Mark 9:22-24). His faith had run out because Jesus' disciples had not been able to cure his boy, so that when Jesus himself came along he had his doubts, and had mixed feelings. In a real sense we are all like this man because we have mixed feelings about faith and religion: one day we are whole-hearted in our faith, the next day we have our doubts. We believe too little — too much of the time.

Our little faith is made so by conforming too much to what is trivial in religion. We waste too much energy upon what to wear or eat in religion, or on the ways we ought to take Holy Communion — whether we ought to kneel, sit or stand. We waste too much energy over how we ought to be baptized, whether by immersion, or sprinkling, or by the laying on of hands. Jesus pointed out that in religion the Gospel of faith, love, mercy, and justice was far more important than religious ceremonies (Mat. 23:23). We believe too little too much. This is the trouble with the skeptic who is so dogmatic that he makes a belief out of his denials. How explain the faith of Edith Cavell who declared, when facing a firing squad, "Patriotism is not enough!"

This is the trouble with the cynic and pessimists, too. They believe too little too much. The cynic is like the impenitent thief on the cross, the believer is like the penitent thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43). Job's wife was cynical when she said to him "Curse God." But Job was a true believer when he said, "Shall not God give us evil things as well as good? The Lord has given and taken, blessed be the name of the Lord." The pessimist is convinced of the wrong things because he is convinced by the wrong things. He is convinced by the sium, dirt, and ugliness of life. But the believer is convinced by the beauty, goodness, and the love in life. He believes in the positive aspects of life and dwells his mind on them.

From Our Files

Mrs. Robert Slawson of New York City and Mrs. James B. Mulholland of Andover; one sister, Mrs. Charles H. Graham of New York City and five grandchildren. Burial was in New Berlin, N. Y.

At the Annual Dairymen's League Dinner-Meeting, held at the Grange Hall, January 26, 45 people attended. Francis Mead was re-elected President, Wesley Merriam Vice President and Harry Smith Secretary and Treasurer.

William Dougherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dougherty of Andover, has joined the staff of Station WWHG in Hornell, FM Station, Sunday, January 25, marked the first in a series of Sunday programs of fine organ music with "Bill" presiding at the console of the studio organ.

Maybe "She ain't what she used to be", but she still is on the job. Yesterday afternoon "Old Grey Mari" was pulling a cutter down Main Street.

The 5th well drilled in the Water Street vicinity here on the Leonard Snyder property, proved a good gas producer when shot last Friday, but showed no oil.

Ada Donaldson, a senior in the Greenwood Central School, has been chosen to receive the Citizenship Award given by Kanestio Valley Chapter DAR, as the Most Outstanding Member of her Class.

T-5 Jack Horan arrived in the US from the South Pacific Area, and is now stationed at Camp Stone-man, Calif.

Redmond S. Goodno, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goodno of Greenwood, is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering at the mid-term commencement exercises at Cornell University, to be held February 4, at which time Cornell will grad-

uate a Class of 450 Seniors.

The new fad of slacks is here and by all indications there here to stay, now that there is no rule in AHS prohibiting the wearing of slacks to school. Every day a slack clad girl struts into class, getting admiring and disgusted glances. Some of the girls that ride the school buses say it is too cold to wear dresses.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barnette of Meridian, Miss., are guests of her mother, Mrs. Ralph Temple.

A daughter was born January 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fagan of Wellsville. Mrs. Fagan was the former Madelyn Padden of Andover.

Miss Dorothy Ann Faulkner of Greenwood and Lyman White of Canistota, were married January 27.

Greenwood

Mike Putnam.
The Band and Chorus will combine to raise funds with the Annual Walk-a-Thon. The students who participate, sign up sponsors and receive a donation for each mile they walk. The walk is a 10 mile route. At the end Mr. Dorn and Mr. Petrini hope to organize a Pizza lunch. The walkers will meet at Greenwood Central School at 9 A. M., Saturday, October 21, 1978. The walk will take about three hours for everyone to complete. The students will appreciate the support of the community in sponsoring a walker for this fund raising event.

The 8th Grade Home-Economics Class is learning how to care for pre-school children so they will be better baby sitters. They have invited several children to visit the school during their class time so they can get experience with each age and see what they are like.

Parents of pre-school children interested in the Children's Center may register the child by calling Gert Keil 225-4425 or Linda Bastiko 225-4683.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pritchard rented their home on Church Hill to Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Spicer and family of four, who moved from Perry, Labor Day. Mr. Spicer is employed by the railroad, working on different lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanlev Murray and grandsons Dennis and Tom Coates left Friday noon for a long weekend to Bristow, Va. to visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. John Murray and family. Kathy Murray is in Williams and Mary College at Williamsburg, Va., so the boys saw that when the Murrays took Kathy back Sunday, and also visited Washington, D. C. Stanley is an Instructor at the Wellsville Division of Alfred Ag-Tech, that observes the Jewish holidays, Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Richard Willover went to Nunda, Friday, to get her mother, Mrs. George Rollins, who had enjoyed a Senior Trip with Mrs. Ila Blair. Mrs. Willover brought her mother home Friday and returned to Keuka Lake where they are living until they go to Florida in Nov.

Mrs. Genevieve Williamson entered St. James Mercy Hospital, Monday, Sept 25 where she had surgery.

Mrs. Cora Heckman brought Mrs. Angie Eldridge home Friday from St. James Mercy Hospital where she was a medical patient for several days.

Ortha Quick had spent some time with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Glee Quick and went home Friday. His wife, Letha was discharged from St. James Mercy Hospital, Friday. His niece came for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Donaldson and son, John, left Tuesday, October 3 for their winter home at Rockledge, Florida, after spending the summer at their home in town.

Mrs. Albert Lampher and her mother, Mrs. Claude Daggett went to Delevan for the weekend.

A surprise retirement party was held Saturday, Sept. 30th at the Rexville Fire Hall, by the Firemen and Auxiliary, in honor of Marion Harkenrider and Lynn Birmingham, Postmaster and Rural Carrier.

Charlene Rounds, new Postmaster, presented a gift of an engraved silver tray, to Marian Harkenrider from the Rexville Community. Charles Smith presented a gift of an engraved silver tray to Lynn Birmingham.

Marian has retired after 37 years and Lynn after 31 years of service.

The hall was nicely decorated in red, white and blue with a Flag in the background. A tureen dinner was served and music was furnished by Joe Augustine of Elmira.

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST

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. Any one with information please call 587-8018 days, or 276-9635 evenings. Reward. 39pd

BUYING — Furniture, Antiques, whole Household preferred. Paying Top Dollar Contact: Tom Smith after 5 P. M. Phone 476-8360.

Legal Notice

Collector's Notice For The Collection Of School Taxes

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 207, in compliance with Chapter 687, print 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.

Dated: September 6, 1978.
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Lynn is also a 28-year West Union Volunteer Fireman and Fire Chief in 1951. He received a plaque naming him a Life Member. Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham plan to go to Clearwater, Fla., after Thanksgiving for the winter, where they bought a trailer home in a park. Lynn stopped Sept. 30, and officially retired October 6 after a week's vacation due him. Substitute Charles Smith of Rexville was Mail Carrier October 2 - 6. The new Carrier is Dale Coleman of Whitesville, who is a former Carrier there, displaced to Odessa in the interim. The Route in change was enlarged from 65 miles to 97 miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bauer and sons of Meadville, Penna, visited their parents for the weekend and attended the retirement party at the Fire Hall, Saturday night. Miss Mary Lou Harkenrider of Claremont, New Hampshire, also came for the party in honor of her mother's retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Palmer of Gaithersburg, Md. visited relatives in town over the weekend. They attended the retirement party in honor of Lynn Birmingham and Marian Harkenrider. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Francisco of Hyannis, Mass., visited relatives the past week and attended the party at the Fire Hall. She is a sister of Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Dwight of Owatonna, Minn., were guests Friday and overnight of their cousin Miss Grace Young.

Rhonda and Cheryl Bettinger were homesick at Honeyoye Falls with their aunt and uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Val Fenti and family and have returned over the weekend to their home in Canistota and re-entered Canistota Central School. Their grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Clark has again returned to Canistota.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dixon and family, who moved last month to the home of his mother, Mrs. Marian Dixon, have moved back to their home at South Canistota. Mrs. Marian Dixon has gone to Corning RD to stay with her son, Wayne Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. David Mays and children of Buffalo, came for the long weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fitzpatrick.

Several went for grapes Sunday at Hammondsport.

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