

The Mayor's Column

"Red" Allen
Hello there folks! With the first real fall of snow, it reminds us that it is that time of the year to call everyone's attention to the Village Ordinance against overnight parking on the Village Streets.

Acting Police Chief James Graff has already issued some warning tickets — and now with snow on the streets, the Ordinance will be strictly enforced. Hope fully, despite the ancient vintage of the Village truck which is used for both snow-plowing and sanding, we will be able to get the streets plowed during the night and thus make it easier for traffic the next day. At the present time, the "old girl" has been repaired and is running in fine shape — but no promises.

We would be remiss if we failed to comment on the wind storm and the resulting problems which included the inconvenience of a power outage in part of the Village for about 16 hours.

First, we would like to commend our loyal Village Crew for staying on the job until it was finished despite the miserable weather. And, along the same lines, we appreciate the fine co-operation we received from the Iroquois Telephone Crew as well as the assistance from the Andover Fire Department. Then too, the local residents as a whole, were understanding and we tried to keep the public informed as to the progress that was being made.

However, since we are so dependent on electricity for our every day life, and with winter coming along with its ice and snow perhaps it would be the proper time to mention a few things that could be helpful in case we face an emergency in the future.

First, if you have a power failure, check around the area by phone to see how wide-spread the outage is and then report it to the Village Electric Department and to a Village Board Member. After all, it can't be repaired until the proper authorities know about it, and don't worry about every one else calling — maybe you are the first one to alert people.

Check over your heating system now and find out if the electric thermostat can be bypassed in an emergency so you can still get some heat out of your gas-fired furnace or stove. Also pay strict attention to the warnings that go with emergency directions.

If you heat with electricity, plan to have a wood-burning stove or kerosene heating stove in one room so you won't get too cold. Maybe even a gas hot-plate so you could even do a little cooking, too. If your garage door opens with the press of a button, find out how it can be operated manually so that you won't be stranded without transportation.

While the power is off, plan ahead and don't open your freezer or refrigerator any more than is absolutely necessary. A well insulated freezer will keep food frozen for a minimum of 24 hours and some will keep things for 2-3 days as long as they are kept shut.

And, if you happen to be without any type of heat at all, call up a relative or friend and see what the situation is with them. Most people are willing to share "inconveniences" and if you can't work, you can always sit around and visit or play cards. After all, that's what folks used to do before the advent of Radio and TV.

Oh yes, this reminds us that it might be wise to have a small battery powered Radio on hand as well as a flash light and some extra batteries so you can check on the news and weather reports as well as have a light for a night emergency and won't go falling around in the dark.

However, if you are a Sportsman or Camper, you might just have to dig out your gasoline lantern stove heater or even portable electric generator — and then you would be able to "rough it" in a 1st Class Manner.

Use the Classified Ad Section

Mrs. Bruce Lehman

Mrs. Sara J. Lehman of 23 Rochambeau Ave., Andover, died Friday, December 1, 1978, at the Jones Memorial Hospital, following a long illness.

Born February 25, 1942 at Hornell, she was a daughter of Donald and Kathryn McCormick Smith. On October 14, 1961, she married Bruce Lehman, who survives.

A lifelong resident of Andover, Mrs. Lehman was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church, and had been previously employed in the nursing department at Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville.

Surviving besides her husband are a son, Timothy M. Lehman and three daughters: Stephanie L. Lehman, Jennifer E. Lehman and Geraldine M. Lehman, all at home; her mother, Mrs. Kathryn Smith Andover; four brothers, James F. Smith of Andover, Robert G. Smith of Adelphia, Md., Martin D. Smith of Atlanta, Ga., and Edward M. Smith of Chicago, Ill.; two sisters Mrs. James (Marcella) Schena of Olean and Mrs. Francis (Lucille) Hart of Wellsville and several nieces and nephews.

Friends were received at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home, Andover, Sunday, where a prayer service was held Monday, December 4, 1978 at 9:30 a. m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a. m., at the Blessed Sacrament Church of Andover. The Rev. Francis Zmoyzanski, pastor, was the celebrant.

Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Andover.

The Rosary was recited at the funeral home Sunday at 8 p. m.

Andover Lions Turkey Party Is A Big Success !!

The Andover Lions Club's 8th Annual Turkey Party which was held recently at the Andover Fire Hall, was a big success according to Chairman Merle Dibble.

Chairman Dibble stated that the Andover Lions Club showed a net profit of about \$750 which was a little lower than the last two years and the loss in profit revenue was due to inflation and the high cost of the turkeys this year. In his report, Merle notes that over 500 man-hours were expended by Lions Members to achieve this end result. All of the money raised by this project and other fund raising projects will be used for the many Sight, Hearing, and Community Projects of the Andover Lions Club.

Chairman Dibble and the Andover Lions Club would like to express their gratitude to the many people who supported this Party by purchasing tickets, attending, and donating merchandise as well as their services.

Special thanks are extended to the Andover Fire Department for the use of their Hall, and to the following businesses: Joyce Western Corp.; Andover News; Lynch Trailer Eark; Pinecrest Poultry Farm; and the Citizens National Bank & Trust Co.

Danny Deming of Andover, was the lucky person that won the door prize which was a ham.

Andover Golden Age Club To Hold Christmas Party

The Andover Golden Age Club will have their Christmas Party Monday, December 11th at the Grange Hall. Gifts will be exchanged at this time and also birthdays and anniversaries will be honored at this time.

Committee is: Grace Burger, Margaret Karnes and Fred Sisson. Many thanks to the Eastern Star for putting on such a delicious dinner for Thanksgiving on November 20th.

Hope to see everyone out Monday.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mothersell (Kerry Trethewey) of Andover are parents of a son born Friday, December 1, 1978 at Bethesda Hospital, Hornell. Mrs. Mothersell and son returned home Monday.

Andover Lions To Sponsor Contest 4 Xmas Decorations

The 7th Annual Christmas Decoration Contest will be sponsored by the Andover Lions Club for all homes within the Village of Andover.

Prizes of \$25 for First Place; \$15 for Second Place; and \$10 for Third Place will be awarded based on Originality, Amount, and Portrayal of the Real Christmas Message — the Birth of our Saviour!

Judging will take place on Thursday evening, December 21 by the Committee made up of Lions George Brown, James Bliss and Tom Smith.

Please be sure to join in the Christmas Festivities by decorating your home — who knows — you might win \$25 !!!

Toys For Tots — Now In Phase II

All people interested in allowing our own unfortunate children in the Andover Area to have a Joyous Christmas are urged to dig out those unused Toys and deliver them to the Andover Lions Club "Toys For Tots" collection centers located at Anita's Beauty Shop; D & L Feeds; the Andover News Office; or call 478-8636 for home pick-up as the campaign is now in Phase II which is sorting and repairing toys that can be made serviceable.

According to Chairman Frank Cahill, Santa has 55 local youths on his list so the Lions Club will appreciate all the toys that people can spare to turn in for this project.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Carrol Ruger was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital, Saturday.

Mrs. Stephen Lewis was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital Thursday.

Richard Whitney was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital, Thursday.

Timothy Perkins, a patient in Cuba Memorial, has been discharged.

Mrs. Leona Davis, a patient in Noyes Hospital, has been discharged.

Valerie Gross is a patient in the Bethesda Hospital.

Mrs. Myrtle Joyce, a patient in Bethesda Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Franklyn Cornish, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Saturday.

William Case was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital, Monday.

Arthur Kemp was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital, Monday.

Donna Glover, a patient in St. James Mercy Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Ronald Kimble was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

Arthur Lehman was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital, Tuesday.

Mrs. James Brundage, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Tuesday.

Amy Burdick was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital, Wednesday.

Nathony Niedermair was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital Wednesday.

Mrs. Kathryn Welch, a medical patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Wednesday.

Shawn F. McCormick Elected President of Alpha Cappa Sigma

Shawn F. McCormick, son of Frank and Aquinas McCormick of Chestnut Street, Andover, has been elected President of his fraternity Alpha Cappa Sigma at Northeastern University, Boston, Mass., where he is a Political Science Major student.

Shawn graduated from Andover Central School in June 1975.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

An Editorial

With Thanksgiving behind us, Deer Season just about over with, and real winter weather confronting us — together with slippery roads as well as huge gas bills facing us, our thoughts have been on everything else — but Christmas.

Now, all of a sudden, with Christmas Advertising in front of us, practically nothing but Christmas music playing steadily on the radio, and Christmas Plays and Cartoons on TV, comes the — great awakening — and realizations — that Christmas is just a little over TWO WEEKS AWAY!

The Village Decorations and new Christmas lights have been in evidence for over a week, and the Bank, Ern-Ida's and the Market Basket as well as several homes around Town have their Christmas Decorations up — as well as lighted.

Several years ago the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a plan for the decoration of both homes and business places, giving recognition for the prize winning homes, and cash prizes for the High School groups that were in the winning circles.

For the last few years, the Andover Lions Club have been sponsoring a program for the decoration of Homes in Andover and have been awarding prizes for the ones that were judged best.

And, a couple of years ago thru the co-operation of the Village, the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club, new decorations were purchased to replace the old out-dated and worn out strings of lights.

We, at the "News Office", have been very pleased with the fine spirit of co-operation shown between the Students and Merchants — as well as the results achieved. In fact, as far as we could tell, Andover was one of the best decorated and lighted Villages anywhere in the U.S.A. over the past years.

Unfortunately, there were a few "idiots" that were perhaps trying out for "a juvenile delinquent award" — who stole many of the bulbs out of a few of the Christmas Tree Lights in front of business places along Main St. Hopefully, this mean, despicable caper won't be repeated this year — and perhaps the A.C.S. Students will help "police" the "Christmas Decorations" as they have done in the past — so that the "Christmas Spirit" won't become tarnished here in Andover.

At any rate, now it is up to the rest of us — businessmen and residents alike — to decorate the Main Street, our stores, and homes, in the truly festive Christmas manner.

We are firm believers in the revival and preservation of our ancient tradition, and when the young people of Andover are interested enough to contribute their share, it would seem that we grown-ups could exert ourselves a little more.

For the stores that don't have the facilities for lighting up the outside a —decorated Christmas Tree could be put in a front store window — or different ideas for window decorations could be used as displayed by several merchants last year.

For the ones that haven't had a display before — all we can say is that judging from our own past experience, it doesn't cost very much for a string or two of lights (these are really an investment anyway as they can be used year after year) — all it truly takes is a little "Christmas Spirit" — and some hard work.

Another thing that would improve the "Christmas Look" along Main St., would be to have different Civic Groups decorate or put displays in the windows of the vacant stores that stick out like a sore thumb at this time of year.

In past years we have seen some beautifully decorated homes, and stores in Andover. This year let's see if we can't outdo the past and set a precedent for a bright and cheery new future!