

The Clergy Corner

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AMERICAN SUICIDES IN GUYANA

The world watched in horror as the television crews filmed the hundreds of bodies at Jonestown, Guyana in living color. The wisest of news commentators, after showing us all their "eyewitness news" film clips, were unable to fathom any reason for the mass suicide at this religious commune, the People's Temple. But this is not the first time that masses of people have done terrible things to themselves and others because their leaders commanded it. History is filled with comparisons, Adolph Hitler in his Berlin bunker, Kamikaze pilots, etc.

What we have seen is the proof of the old adage, "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Whenever people give up their right to individual decision and responsibility for the security of doing what they are told by a charismatic leader, they start down the path to destruction.

For a number of years now, the mainline religious denominations in this country have been getting criticism and reduced support and attendance while people have turned to cults and charismatic leaders. The world is a difficult place in which to live. We all suffer from a fit of "future shock." But dropping out or giving responsibility to another is not the road to peace and tranquility.

The major churches of Andover are all suffering from a lack of support and interest at the same time that 90% of the people of the Communist State of Poland are in church every Sunday. The Poles know that what you believe is important. The Polish people support their churches. In America we are beginning to display what others see as spiritual bankruptcy especially in view of the Guyana suicides.

If what a person believes is not important, if supporting a democratically organized church is not significant, if electing your own spiritual leadership is a waste of time, then cults of strange and exotic beliefs and practices will thrive and grow like weeds in an untended garden. It is time for us to reconsider President John F. Kennedy's statement in a new context: "Ask not what your church can do for you, but what you can do for your church." If we expect our community and nation to have sound spiritual health then the medicine we seek, the prescriptions we need, are to be found in our churches, not in the quack medications of unbridled cultic leaders.

Greenwood News Cont.

Laura's doll which Mrs. York bought from the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum. The Third Graders enjoyed Garth Williams illustrations of Laura loving her doll Charlotte, of Ma loving baby Carrie and Mary's loving Pa. They agreed everyone needed someone to love.

On Video Tape, the Second Graders learn about facts on a title page - title, author, publisher, copyright date. This class enjoyed matching pictures of book characters with the actual books. The girls wore flowers in their hair like the ladies at the Spanish bullfights, while the boys played with a plastic bull as they listened to the story of Ferdinand. Also a Video Tape was made of the Kindergarten Class enjoying their library books.

National Book Week Celebration at Greenwood Central School culminated in a reward of seeing students come voluntarily to the library on the Friday before vacation to sign out 181 books so they would have reading material for over vacation.

The Volunteer Firemen were called out Saturday morning for a chimney fire at the James Hink home on the Christian Hollow Road, returning to the Fire Hall soon.

The Ambulance took Mrs. Florence Wilson to St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell at Noon for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stillman and five daughters of Center Reach Long Island, spent from Thursday to Sunday, November 23 - 26, with his mother, Mrs. Roberta Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stillman and family of Arkport were also guests

Thanksgiving Day.
Mrs. Jessica Heat was a Thanksgiving dinner guest of her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. John Heat and family.

Miss Judy York flew from Rochester to Washington, D. C. to spend the Thanksgiving vacation with her sister, Miss Betty York.

Allyn Krusen returned home from Detroit, Michigan with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Krusen, Monday, November 27. They had spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hoyt moved Thursday, November 30, from the Walter Kernan house on Main Street, to a trailer home installed on her parents farm, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith in Rexville.

Mrs. Walter Jackson reports \$300 received at the Methodist Women's Bazaar and Bake Sale at the Town Hall, Thursday. Appreciation is given to all who gave generously and those who bought. The women will bring supplies on Thursday, December 14, to fill Christmas Cheer Boxes for the shut-ins.

A girls choir was organized Friday after school, directed by Val Atherton with June Rollins, organist. Mrs. Howard Gabriel taught a class in crafts before the choir practice, at the United Methodist Church.

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be given at the 9:45 A. M. Worship Hour at the Methodist Church in charge of Geraldine Lamphier.

Sunday at the Morning Service Mrs. June Rollins was welcomed into the membership of the Methodist Church by Rev. A. Howard Gabriel by transfer from the Twain United Methodist Church.

Monday the Ambulance went to St. James Mercy Hospital and took Mrs. Nezada Hink to a Nursing Home at Warsaw. Howard Bennett drove and the Town Let. Bill Schwartz and Reg Baker go.

Greenwood Central School News

The Honor Roll for the First Quarter has been released by school officials of Greenwood Central School. Students obtaining an average of 92.5 and above are on the High Honor Roll; those obtaining an average of 87.5 - 92.4 are on the Honor Roll.

HIGH HONOR

- 7th - Cindy Butler, Amy Lounsberry
- 8th - Denise Hulse, Melinda Lamphier
- 9th - Karen McKenna, Robert Pittman, Anna Sky
- 10th - Perry Gooley, Tim Gooley, Maureen McKenna, Dawn Neuenschwander, Pauline Sky
- 11th - Rosetta Brown, Hugh Cornell, Bonnie Dennison
- 12th - Janine Hommel, Sandra Hunt, Kevin Moore, Jim Putnam

HONOR

- 7th - Louann Ahearn, Patricia Harkenrider, Vincent Matacale
- 8th - Joseph Ahearn, Todd Brown, Gina Druetto, James Ellind, Tim Harkenrider, Dean Higgins, Brian Hoyt, Theresa Hulse, Jeanne Mullen, Tracy Rollins
- 9th - Tina Ellis, Mary Gooley, Lisa Harkenrider, Valerie Holt, Theresa Hommel, James Lounsberry, Susan Spicer
- 10th - Eric Allen, Monica Harkenrider, Jayne Mullen, Lisa Porter, Colleen Post, Sarah Sekoll, Lori Smith, Gail Updyke, Laurie Wallace
- 11th - Gina Ahearn, Tom Harkenrider, Leon Jarrabet, Mike Putnam, Ronald Warriner
- 12th - Jeffrey Ahearn, Cindy Detandt, Ann Hanbach, Doris Mullen, Twila Neuenschwander, Laverne Warriner

From Our Files

were: Harder, L. Joyce, R. Joyce McGee and Bloss. High three games McGee 475 and High Singles Bloss 202.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atwell and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leonard of Olean. They also called on relatives near Allegany. Kenneth Leonard, who has been spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Lovina Osborn, returned home with them.

The recently frosty nights have helped the Maple Sugar Season. Mrs. Duane Burdick and little son, Bradley Lee of Elmira, are passing the week with Mr. and

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Mrs. Oliver Kemp. Clare Jackson, Earl Kemp, Harry Kemp and Eugene Butler were in Buffalo on business, Tuesday. On their return trip they visited the Erie County Penitentiary. The cast for the Alice In Wonderland Show is: Marjorie Bergman Paul Ryan, James Driscoll, Jeanne Rogoff, Bonita Simms, Miles Gorsuch and Leonard Cartwright.

30 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1948

Claire C. Backus, publisher Mrs. Frank Holmes, Andover Red Cross Chairman, reports that Andover went over the top in their Red Cross Drive by \$185. Total receipts were \$885 against a quota of \$700.

George Robinson of Alfred, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson of Andover, has retired from Alfred Agricultural and Technical Institute, after being instructor there for 30 years.

PFC Eldyn L. Kaple of Brooklyn passed Easter weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kaple.

Technical Fifth Grade Robert Jackson arrived home today, having been discharged from the Service at Ft. Sill, Okla. "Bob" enlisted in the Army, October 2, 1946 and has been serving in the U.S.

A renewal of social life of Andover Blessed Sacrament Hall will begin on April 13 with a Card Party at the Hall. Anthony Dougherty and Mrs. C. L. Lynch are Co-Chairmen and will be assisted by a large committee. Many interior improvements have been made on the building in the past month, including a new Janitor Heater which has been installed.

Miss Mary Gaus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gaus of Wellsville and William Woodward, son of Mrs. Mary Woodward, were married Easter Sunday. Mrs. Woodward is instructor at ACS.

Members of Andover Exchange Club at their regular meeting on Thursday evening held at Hotel Joyce, listened to a fine address by Principal J. H. Kessler on "Today's Threat to our Democracy" in observance of the 37th birthday of Exchange. The first Exchange Club was formed March 27, 1911, in Detroit. Following the address the members were entertained by "Bob" Common with his well known "bag of tricks".

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lewis of Greenwood are parents of a son born March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitsell of Whitesville are parents of a son born March 29.

Mrs. Leticia P. Coats, 73, of Whitesville, died March 23. One son survives.

Mrs. Evalena C. Burdick, 83, of Hartsville, died March 16. Three daughters, one brother and two sisters survive.

Bobby McClure is passing a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Grace McClure of Wellsville.

The Whitesville Grange has voted to surrender their Charter and disband.

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