

# NNHS NEWS LETTER

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## Just a Reminder

### Christmas Party

Wednesday  
December 7  
4:30 p.m.  
At Cramer's  
875 Rt. 30

### Bring

Finger food to share

Story of your house

A special gift  
that you've received  
and share the story

**Thanksgiving** is over and now it's time to focus on the Christmas Season. Did you "do" Black Friday? I didn't. If I have my way I'll do all my shopping in Northville. I wonder if that's possible? I just might try it. We do have a few stores that carry many neat items. In any case, enjoy the season as we anticipate shopping for family and friends, decorating our homes, sending Christmas Cards, and remembering why we do all this is to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. I looked up the word Christmas in the Merriman-Webster dictionary (on line) Here is the definition:

"Middle English *Christemasse*, from Old English *Cristes mæsse*, literally, 'Christ's mass'."

Mass or Masse is a celebration...so Christmas is the celebration of Christ. We all knew that didn't we.

## AMERICAN LEGION CHRISTMAS

How many of you remember when the American Legion brought a Christmas Party to Northville Central School? Over the years they changed some, in the picture on the right they have dolls for the girls. In the mid 40's we received coloring books as a toy. Does any one remember when these parties started and when they stopped? I asked a few people to comment on what they remembered about them.

**Bill Crannell:** "It was exciting, each class went up on the stage to receive the gifts of a box of candy, an orange, animal crackers and sometimes a coloring book."

**Georgia Thompson Jacquard:** "I remember Santa Claus (I think it was my father Bryan Thompson) and also the oranges and candy."

**Rusty Mosher:** "I remember the cartoons they showed. After the cartoons they lifted the gold curtains and behind them were tables full of candy, oranges, animal crackers etc."

### CHILDREN ARE LEGION GUESTS IN NORTHVILLE

400 to 500 Entertained At Christmas Party in Central School

NORTHVILLE—Sacandaga Post, 1076, American Legion, and American Legion Auxiliary gave their Christmas party for the children in the High School auditorium Friday evening and entertained from 400 to 500 children. The school buses picked the children and their parents from the rural sections.

Commander Davis of Wells was master of ceremonies and presented the program of movies shown by Principal Boulton. The group singing and music was under the direction of Charles Greybeck, music director of the Wells High School. Santa Claus appeared in person and presented each child with fruit, candy and games. The music was furnished by the Northville Central School band under the direction of William J. Brittan, superintendent.

### LEGION PLAYS SANTA IN NORTHVILLE

Sonny Hopkins 1941 George Fryer

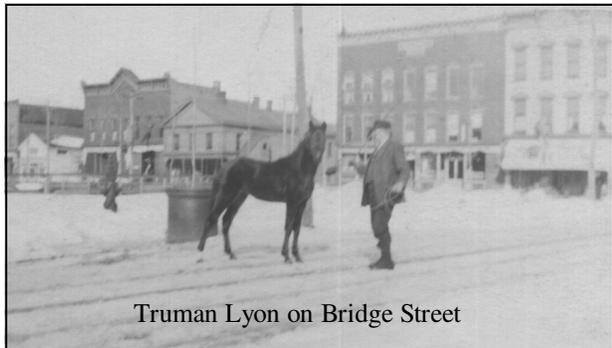
**Dan Mead:** "I remember it was always the last day of school before Christmas vacation. Decorated tables on the stage, each holding something special. The Legion were dressed in their uniforms. Mr. Thompson was the perfect Santa Claus because of his perfect Santa laugh. It was a special time!"

**Shea Dunham Lauria:** "I remember my father making me go up on stage to see Santa and I was afraid. He told me it was Mr. Frances Rhodes. I said well I like Mr. R, but not in that red suit. I also remember getting an orange, which was a real treat. I especially remember the stocking filled with candy and the raspberry hard candy with the jelly inside."

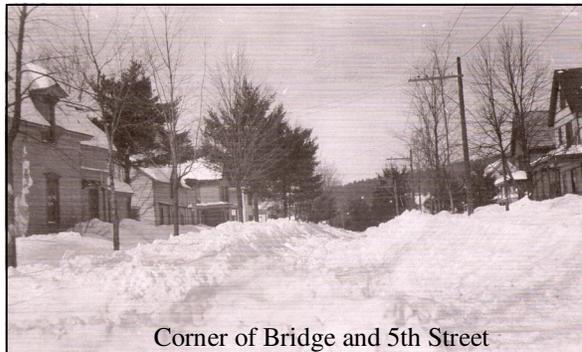
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It's on it's way, just as it did years ago.

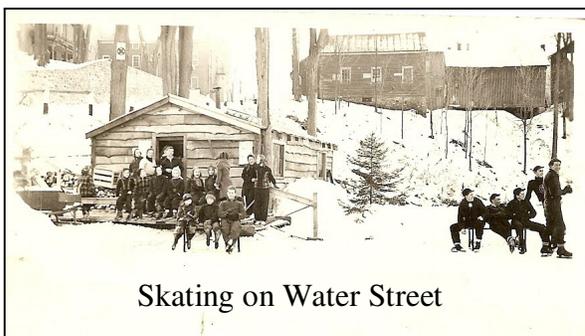
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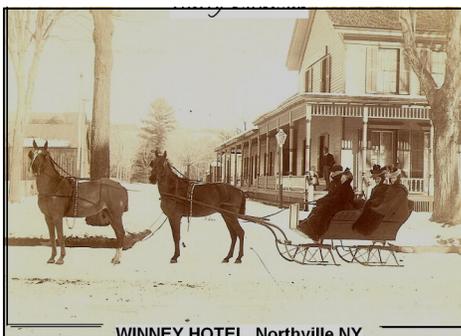
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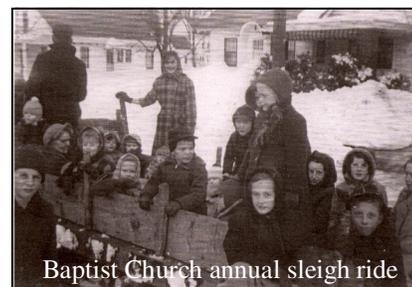
Corner of Bridge and 5th Street



Skating on Water Street

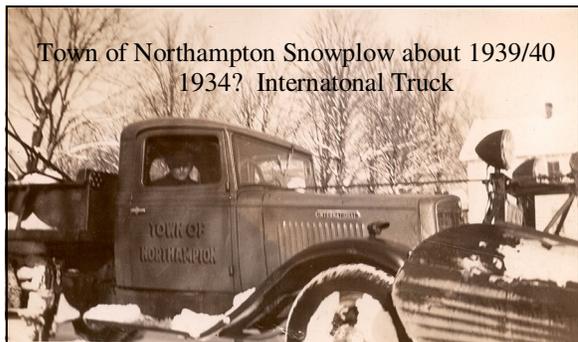


WINNEY HOTEL Northville NY

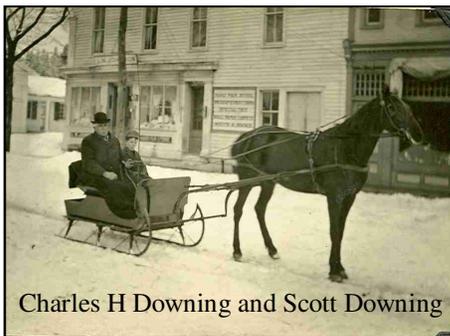


Baptist Church annual sleigh ride

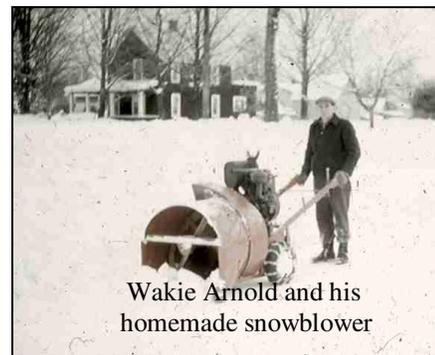
Paul Berry, Hilda Fuller, Geo Spencer, Rosalyn Spencer, Susan Jordan, B.J Crannell, Linda Murphy, Jr. Blowers, Craig girls, Janet Hayes, Sara Spencer



Town of Northampton Snowplow about 1939/40 1934? International Truck



Charles H Downing and Scott Downing



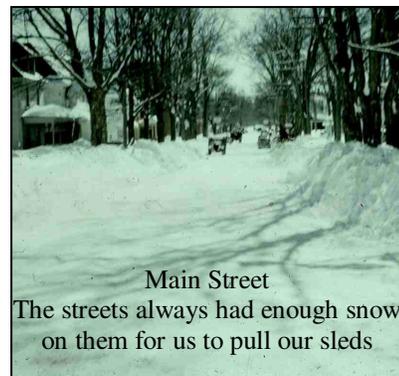
Wakie Arnold and his homemade snowblower



Lawton's Store  
Corner of Division and 3rd



Ski Tow and Hill on the Pinnacle, off Smith Road, during the 1940's



Main Street  
The streets always had enough snow on them for us to pull our sleds