

**A WORD OF WARNING!**

An Editorial

With the advent of the recent cold snap and the receiving of the huge gas bills for last month's heat comes the inherent danger of fire and suffocation from defective stoves, furnaces and chimneys.

In the past few years we have seen several tragedies where a whole family was wiped out from these causes. In one of the recent ones that we can recall vividly, a mother and her three children lost their lives in a new home as a result of this deadly and sinister caller—Carbon Monoxide and Gas—THE CAUSE—a chimney plugged up with ice as a result of a cold wave and formed by freezing of the exhaust gases from the gas fired furnace.

Last fall the Firemen conducted a campaign where-by any local resident could have his chimney inspected and cleaned free of charge by requesting this service from the Firemen. This was a very noteworthy Public Service performed by the Firemen and was a very successful one—for of all the chimneys checked ONLY ONE DIDN'T NEED CLEANING! All of the rest were partially plugged and needed to be cleaned out.

As a result of this startling piece of information we wonder how many of the homes that were not checked—have partially blocked or plugged chimneys. Were you one of the far-sighted, careful residents that know your home is safe from this danger as a result of this inspection—or are you in the same boat as most of the rest of us that are wondering now, and feeling a little apprehensive about it?

Whether you live in the country and burn wood, coal, or well gas or reside in the village and burn commercially distributed natural gas, the possibility and danger of defective exhaust systems is always present.

If we recognize the fact "That it could happen to us" and are aware of the danger, then we can be watchful for any symptoms that could indicate trouble with our chimneys or flues.

If any visitor or caller should remark that they smell gas or smoke upon entering our home it should be cause for an immediate investigation, for many times persons living in the house get used to the fumes and don't notice them and thus are unaware of the danger that exists. Other warnings are if you develop a headache after being in the house for a while or if you become nauseated for no apparent reason.

A quick visual check can be made by making sure that the stove or furnace is burning good and then going out doors to see if a good stream of smoke or steam vapor is coming out of your chimney. If any doubt still exists in your mind it would be very wise to call the Firemen or the Gas Company and have someone check on it.

Remember—the life you save—could be your own!

**ADDED NEW COVERAGE**

An Editorial

In this week's Edition of the News we are commencing an "Albany Report" by our recently elected State Senator, Barber B. Conable, Jr., from our 53rd District.

His views, beliefs, and ideals do not necessarily reflect those of our newspaper but we do believe in the premise that the public has a right to know what is going on in our State Legislature.

Thus as long as these reports remain objective we will publish them for your information and comment.

However, if at any time we believe that it is becoming a political party mouthpiece we will stop using it immediately.

**Turning Back  
The Pages  
of Andover History**

(Taken from the Files of  
The Andover News)

**50 YEARS AGO**

Dec. 27, 1912

J. H. Backus, Publisher  
Lea Trowbridge is home from Sardinia where he has just completed a test gas well, drilled to the depth of 3,050 feet, resulting in a dry hole.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Clark of Independence are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Carrie Stade of Belmont.

Miss Grace Cheesman is home from Albany for the holidays.

Mrs. Carolyn Rinehart is visiting relatives in Arcade and Buffalo.

Herbert Padden of Buffalo is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huber Padden.

Miss Nellie Lynch of Lackawanna is passing the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lynch.

Miss Mary O'Leary came down from Buffalo to pass the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Leary.

Miss Blanche Redmond is home from her school duties at Aveca to pass the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Redmond.

Mrs. S. J. Mourhess has gone to Washington, D. C., for a visit at the home of her son, Charles Mourhess.

**40 YEARS AGO**

Dec. 29, 1922

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers  
Married:—at the M. E. Parsonage by Rev. C. H. Whelan, Mr. Frank Smith and Margaret Allison both of Andover.

Sheridan Witter is carrying his arm in a sling the result of injuries sustained in a basketball game.

C. F. Davis, Jr., and R. E. Spicer are drawn as Grand Jurors for the Jan. term of Supreme Court and William Pingrey will serve as Trial Juror.

Mrs. Jennie Flint entertained a company of relatives and friends Wednesday in honor of the 77th birthday of her father, C. C. Witter.

Mrs. Emma Brown Scriber, 76, died at the home of Mrs. R. A. Pease, Thursday. A brother, Milo Brown of Canisteo and a nephew, Bert S. Brown of Painted Post survive.

Everett Clair is home from Philadelphia to pass the holidays at the home of his father, B. A. Clair.

Prof. Levi R. Tibbs is attending a teachers convention in Syracuse this week.

Mrs. Anna Moquin of Woodhull spent Christmas with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brundage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryan and son of Allegany spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Muleshy.

Mrs. Carrie Burgett, Miss Helen Burgett and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higby of Perry were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cannon, Miss Elizabeth and Edward Cannon are in New York City to pass the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse S. Phillips.

**30 YEARS AGO**

Dec. 30, 1932

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers  
Mrs. Gerald Folwell, 35, died Thursday, December 22nd following an operation at Jones Memorial Hospital. Surviving are her husband, a son, Frank, a daughter Jean and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clemons.

Drawn for Jury Duty:—Carl Clark will serve as Grand Jury and George Weed and W. M. Joyce as Trial Jurors for the January Term of Supreme Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wales are the parents of a daughter, born December 27th.  
Mrs. Mae VanZandt left Wed-

nesday for Syracuse after passing several months at the home of her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers and Miss Elizabeth Bassett of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett, Mr. Huff and daughter of Buffalo were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wood, Miss Mary Snyder and Fay Boyd were in Hornell Tuesday in attendance at the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Bitzner.

Miss Carolyn Hinchey of Elmira is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arling Baker during the holidays.

Mrs. E. J. Atwood is passing this week at the home of her cousin, Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Crawford at Syracuse.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Murphy and daughter of Hornell visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg the first of the week.

The Misses Veronica and Virginia Hyland of New York City were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyland.

**Conservation Department News**

New York hunter would just as soon forget one of the "records" they set last year according to State Conservation Department Fish and Game Law violation reports which show a record number of arrests and fines for October and November—the height of the 1962 small and big game gunning seasons.

William J. Goodman, Chief of the Department's Bureau of Law Enforcement, has announced that fines and penalties for that two month period totaled \$53,417.50 with 1,388 persons apprehended. This compares with \$34,917.50 in fines and 1,143 arrests for the similar period in 1961.

Although the violators represent a small percentage of the State's one million license holders, Mr. Goodman said that Conservation Officers and State Police in many instances worked "around the clock" to control the outbreak of poaching.

High on the list of infractions were cases involving illegal taking of deer, ducks, geese, and shooting deer during a closed season. These violations accounted for the arrest of 139 persons who paid \$19,855 in fines during the 60 day report period.

A summary of other violations include: 224 for carrying loaded guns in cars, 211 for no license, 131 migratory waterfowl violations, 124 for taking upland game birds in closed season, 53 for illegal shooting of rabbits, squirrels and furbearers, 19 fishing and 489 miscellaneous cases.

Mr. Goodman pointed out that an additional 126 persons, mostly boys under 16 years of age, received warnings of technical violations where no action was taken by the Department.

**Albany Report**

By Barber B. Conable, Jr.  
State Senator, 53rd District

"When do you move to Albany?" This is a question frequently asked of me for some time now.

One of the pleasant facts about my new job as State Senator is that moving won't be necessary. I think also that the very nature of the legislative process makes this an advantage for all the citizens of the district.

The Legislature operates in high gear during most of its annual session for three days of the week. Most legislators return home between these meeting days to consult with the people who live in their districts and to follow their normal occupations. The session normally lasts about three months, and certainly no one with school-age youngsters would want to dislocate them for this time.

By Thruway, the Capital Building is 250 miles from my home. Five hours of driving will do it, and by winter's end it will be a familiar route. Many legislators fly or come by train, but the advantages of speed are somewhat offset by expense, taxi-trips and inconvenience at either end.

The physical nearness of Albany and the practice of returning home weekly benefit the state legislator in a way not possible for his counterpart in Congress. The basic factor in representative government is communication between a legislator and the people he represents. It seems to me the job is easier and the result better when the legislator can spend a lot of time in his home district.

At this early stage, however, I am impressed by the number of people who choose to communicate by letter. A senator from one of the districts in the New York City area told me the first day of the session that he already had more than 8,000 letters to be answered.

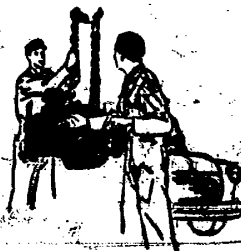
"Many of them are form letters, sent out in huge quantities by pressure groups," he said, "but there are also many individual letters from interested citizens, and these I intend to answer as I can find the time."

My letter pile is nowhere near as large, but already I can see that the problem of communication absorbs a large part of a legislator's time. This is the reason for this column. I hope in succeeding weeks to be able to tell you what is going on in Albany, how it affects us in our district and how I am reacting as your representative in making your point of view known in our state government.

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