

"FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW"

An Editorial

"For He's A Jolly Good Fellow Which Nobody Can Deny" is an old popular song which is still being sung at many gatherings, and can apply to many businessmen in various types of enterprises.

However, as unpleasant and sad as it may be this does not and can not apply to a good weekly editor or writer, for, by the very nature of his work, he has to get around as much as possible, and regard everything he sees as possible news.

Besides keeping both eyes open, he must also keep both ears open with one constantly to the ground in order to call attention to the needs of the entire community and for the good of the public—for after all he is running a public service—publishing local news and happenings that would not be found elsewhere.

A good Editor must be above party politics, local disagreements, petty quarrels, impartial on religious matters, fair minded, just, and honest with the public and "call things as he sees them."

He has to carefully analyse all problems and reach a conclusion to what is best for the majority of the people in the community. In doing this he has to avoid all groups with special interests which do not necessarily conform with the interests of the entire populace.

He has to separate rumor from truth and then in many cases has to file it or tone it down so that it does not border on the immoral or sensational type. After all if something unfortunate happens to a family they have enough troubles without shouting it from the housetops in a newspaper even though it is true.

All Editors from the largest magazines to the smallest weekly newspaper will always find a small minority of readers who do not agree with him or else misinterpret what has been written. This is part of the business that has to be accepted even though in most cases it could be straightened out and wrong impressions corrected if the people involved would only stop in and ask about it instead of nursing a secret grudge for years and years.

Almost any Editorial is bound to offend some who have opposing opinions or who are out to do as much harm as within their power to any civic minded citizen that takes active part in trying to improve facilities in the community. No matter how much time, trouble effort or cost an individual may make in serving the interest of the members of the community there are always those that sit along the sidelines doing nothing except to find fault, gripe, gossip, and even in some cases maliciously start rumors that are entirely unfounded and untrue.

Then too, almost every week someone with a guilty conscience will read something in the paper and think that its directed at them when actually we have not heard or do not know anything about their personal affairs.

Occasionally someone will get real brave and call us up on the phone to threaten, abuse or attempt to intimidate us over something that has been written and is all too true as far as they are concerned. Also, once in a great while we get an anonymous letter from someone who must be evidently so yellow and so much a coward that they don't sign what drivel, trash, nonsense or filth they send thru the mail.

Incidentally this reminds us that there are laws against using the phone system or U. S. Mails for purposes such as these, so of course, in performing our Civic duty, any such type of incidents are turned over by us to the police for investigation.

Naturally, we too are human, and by being so are susceptible to making mistakes or errors — and of course they are in plain sight in our showcase — The Newspaper.

If this should be the case, and the wrong impression conveyed about any of our readers, we would certainly appreciate having it called to our attention so we could rectify the misconception or error.

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**Albany Report**By Barber B. Conable, Jr.
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All the old-timers say, "We've been through this sort of thing before. It will straighten itself out." But it is quite an experience for me to watch what happens in the Legislature when the People become aroused.

There is no question about it, the proposed motor vehicle fee schedule has stirred things up considerably.

It isn't only the money involved that's doing it. My own car cost \$17 to register this year. Next year, under the proposed schedule, it would cost \$25. This is typical of the added expense unless you drive the heaviest luxury car, in which case you would have to pay \$45, or unless you own a tiny import which would cost you \$20 instead of \$8.

Judging from the letters I receive, more people are concerned about the issue of whether we are talking about fees or taxes. The man on the street just doesn't accept the distinction as a significant one. He thinks the spirit of a campaign pledge has been violated.

As I have said, I feel the proposed fee increase is a mistake, but actually the argument is not of lasting consequence compared to the overriding problem of the cost of government. The Governor has asked for no new programs. He has told us that new legislation costing the state money will be vetoed. Nevertheless, he is caught in a constant cost squeeze as every state program increases in expense every year.

Better than half the budget is for assistance to local education and other local services, and is distributed according to formula. The Governor has no control over it, no would we want this local aid reduced.

Any solution to the motor vehicle fee question is going to be merely a temporary expedient unless the legislature is willing to strike at the root of the problem. We must start the agonizing process of reappraising and eliminating programs for state services which are not necessary, however desirable they may have appeared when inaugurated. Toes will be stepped on, but nothing else will have significant effect.

It was with this thought that the six legislators representing the 53rd Senatorial District met last week and issued the statement on economy that you doubtless read. As the Governor says, the state cannot be run with mirrors, but maybe we're just trying to run it on too big a scale.

**ARE YOU A SQUARE?**

A Madison Avenue advertising agency president (of all people) has come out foursquare to restore a six-letter word to its proper place in everyday talk. The word is "Square". We think he's got hold of something.

Adman Charles H. Brower reminds us that back in Mark Twain's day, "square" was one of the best darn' words in the language—yoh gave a man a square deal if you were honest. And Brower continues:

"You gave him a square meal when he was hungry. When you got out of debt, you were square with the world. And that was when you could look your fellow man square in the eye.

Then a lot of characters ran down the word. Result: "A square today is a man who never learned to get away with it; a Joe who volunteers when he doesn't have to; a guy who gets his kick from trying to do something better than anyone else can; a boob who gets lost in his work.

"This country was discovered, put together, fought for and saved by squares—Nathan Hale, Patrick

Senator Keating Reports

A cracker barrel philosopher once noted "A man can sometimes be as proud of his enemies as of his friends."

I've recently acquired an enemy I'm quite happy to have "against" me. Radio Moscow now has taken to denouncing me regularly in their daily broadcasts. The outbursts come, of course, because I have been extremely critical of their activities in Cuba, where the Soviets are working feverishly to build up a communist base in the Western Hemisphere.

I have said, and say again, that the Soviet buildup in Cuba has turned the island into a base for subversion and terrorism throughout the Hemisphere. This is, in fact, their announced aim.

"Che" Guevara, the principal strategist of the Cuban communist regime stated in a public interview in December that the Soviet Union from its Caribbean base, intends to use every means short of actual aggression to spread its influence through Latin America, fomenting unrest and guerilla warfare to upset neighboring governments. He states that there is no solution but armed struggle to overthrow these governments. Guevara admitted that guerillas in Venezuela, Guatemala, Paraguay and Colombia are already active in armed struggle and the guerilla groups also have been inciting in Nicaragua and Peru.

Latin America has begun to feel the effects of the increased subversive activities of the Castro regime.

In Venezuela four power stations were blown up by communists at the Lake Maracaibo oilfields stopping the flow of 500,000 barrels per day of petroleum. The signals came from Havana.

On December 16th the Brazilian police uncovered a Castro-communist plot to launch a Marxist-Leninist revolution in Brazil. They charged that Castro agents, trained by Russians, had slipped into the country to train the guerilla bands.

On January 15th, the Government of Nicaragua called on the Honduran authorities to eliminate "a Castro guerilla force operating on the border and awaiting a chance to invade Nicaragua." The communists also charged that the Castro groups are distributing communist propaganda in Nicaragua and using a small plane to sabotage cane fields in Carazo Province.

There are many more examples than I have space to list here. And we can expect the situation in Latin America to get worse and worse.

The time will come when the United States will have to make the hard choice—get rid of this advance communist arsenal, no matter how, or give up the Latin America.

Cuba's explosive potential in the Western Hemisphere is increasing week by week, and threatens the long-term security of this entire hemisphere. Radio Moscow can be assured that they'll continue to hear from me as long as this untenable situation exists.

Henry, Paul Revere, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin" Brower dares us to get with it—get back to this nation's old beliefs in such things as "ideas, pride, patriotism, loyalty, devotion—even hard work."

"How about joining the club?"

Livingston, N. M., Leader: — "The implication is when there is a joint financing of some project, any part contributed by the federal government is 'found' money. As long as 'federal funds' are used nobody has to pay. It seems to me it is about time somebody put to use the known facts of financial life, the most prominent being that there are no such things as federal funds in the sense the government doesn't earn a dime unless you include some of the unintentional profits it makes from its intrusion into business."

Bridgeport, Nebr., News-Blade: "Everybody reads their hometown weekly newspapers. They know what is going on in the town but want to see who was caught at it."

Turning Back The Pagesof Andover History
(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)**50 YEARS AGO**

Feb. 7, 1913

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Thankful Witter, 72, died at her home Sunday morning. Two sisters and two brothers survive.

Miss Chloe Rose of Whitesville and Rev. F. M. Baker of Andover were united in marriage Wednesday, February 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole of Elm Valley are the parents of a daughter, born February 3rd.

Daniel Muleahy left Wednesday for Rochester where he will be employed as salesman for the H. P. Brewster Cigar Co.

E. H. Williams has purchased the interests of C. W. Williams in The H. H. Williams Co., grocery business.

Mrs. Mertie Stebbins of Moshertown, Pa., is visiting at the home of her brother, Wm. Clark on Elm Street.

Fred Parker of Cleveland, Ohio is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. S. Parker.

Mrs. W. E. Baker was called to Roulette, Pa., Wednesday on account of the illness of her father, John Yeater.

Mrs. Cornell Livermore and daughter, Miss Lena, of Arkport were called to Andover Thursday by the illness of Mrs. Henry Baker

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 2, 1923

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Rev. J. W. Wright of Wyoming a former pastor of the Andover Methodist Church, died January 23rd from injuries received in a fall on an icy sidewalk.

Mrs. Louise Hower, mother of Wm. Hower, died at her home on Hill Street Thursday, Jan. 31st.

Twenty eight inches of snow has fallen in Andover during the month of January.

Mrs. Harold Hardy and son of Auburn were called home Thursday by the illness of her mother, Mrs. D. Livermore.

Leo Horan is the guest of his brother, Dean Horan at Schnecktady.

Mrs. Al Brown was called to West Virginia, Saturday by the illness of her sister.

W. F. O'Connell returned home Saturday night from Buffalo where he underwent an eye operation.

D. P. Ryan and daughter, Miss Mary, were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Ellen Ryan.

Joseph Baker of Houghton Lake Mich., is visiting his father, Newell Baker, who is ill.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 3, 1933

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker are the parents of a son, born January 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Cronin of Wellsville are the parents of a son, born Sunday. Mrs. Cronin was formerly Mrs. Cyrilla Dunigan of Andover.

In many places farmers are taking advantage of the open winter and are getting their plowing done, claiming the ground is in excellent condition for the work. H. D. Cook of Woodhull sowed 8½ acres of rye last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cakes were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Prest at Bath, Monday.

The Misses Ruth Baker, Margaret Beman, Ruby Jordan, Dorothy McLaughlin and Gretchen Trenkle motored to Rochester Monday to see Eddie Cantor in person.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harder, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Youmans and daughter, Carmen were called to Rochester this week by the death of Mrs. Carrol Tucker.

E. C. Langworthy attended the Auto Show in Rochester this week. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge and family of Waverly were weekend guests of his parents.