

**A TIME OF FAITH**

**An Editorial**

This is the week of Easter. Throughout Christendom, the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the central fact of the Christian religion, will be celebrated. On that first morning, a great rock stood rolled back from the doorway of an empty tomb. The Lord had risen and the Christian faith was born.

In this fast paced world, the swift passage of events often leaves us breathless and occasionally wondering how best to be ready both personally and as a nation to meet the shifting circumstances which are sure to arise with the new day's sun. At such a time, each of us needs a firm base founded on faith in divine purpose and a sense of direction and continuity in our lives.

This is a time to strengthen our faith and sense of direction. Easter signifies renewal and rebirth — appropriately the word itself was derived from the name of an ancient goddess of spring. Aside from its religious significance, the ritual that is part of the Easter observance in every church has a meaning for us of its own.

It is rooted deeply in tradition, and it imparts a feeling of permanence as we realize how strongly the traditions of the past are with us today. Even my lady's Easter bonnet is after all not such a frivolous and meaningless thing. It is part of a tradition and happily enough, in most cases, an eye pleasing one.

But tradition and Easter finery aside, as we inwardly renew our dedication to the Christian faith, we pass it on to future generations as the focal point of life and the continuing key building block of western civilization.

**FLYING HIGH AGAIN**

**An Editorial**

Kite flying has been one of the more harmless and inexpensive pleasures which people have long enjoyed. For hundreds of years, it has been a national pastime in Asiatic countries, sometimes connected with religious ceremonies or superstition. The Chinese, Japanese, Koreans and others developed complex kites resembling dragons, butterflies, fish, even musical kites

an art in itself. The process is much simpler in this country. But the winds and weather of Spring are bringing the usual tens of thousands of high flying kites attached to an equal number of children.

We should all be reminded that there are hazards in this sport and every parent and child should be familiar with some of the important "DON'TS" of kite flying:

Don't use tinsel string, wire, or any twine with metal in it. Don't fly a kite with metal in the frame or tail. Don't fly a kite in the rain. Don't run across streets or highways while flying a kite. Don't fly a kite over TV or radio aerials or near electric power lines — if a kite becomes entangled in electric power lines, leave it there and don't touch the string or in any other manner attempt to get it down.

Whether you are flying a dragon or a butterfly or one of the familiar diamond shapes from the corner grocery store, these safety "Don'ts" still make sense. They spell the difference between safe fun and possible serious injury.

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**50 YEARS AGO**

April 9, 1915

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John H. Kemp, 80, life-long resident of Pingrey Hill, died Monday afternoon. Surviving are a daughter, an adopted son and two brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch are the parents of a son, born April 8th.

J. L. Williams is now able to walk down town and greet his many friends. Mr. Williams is recovering from a recent operation.

S. S. Scribner has purchased the property on Center Street owned by the late W. E. Snyder and will move from his farm to Andover Village.

Leo Snyder passed Easter Sunday with friends in Ithaca.

Mrs. Frank Gilder is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. James P. Cannon was called to Covert, N. Y., yesterday by the illness of her father.

Mrs. Lottie Hann, District President of the Rebekah Lodges made official visits to Wellsville Friday night, Alfred Monday night and Cuba, Tuesday night.

Postmaster W. F. O'Connell was elected at the K.O.T.M. District Convention at Hornell as delegate to attend the State Convention to be held in New York City April 28 - 29.

**40 YEARS AGO**

April 10, 1925

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Joseph Hammell, 72, passed away at the home of his brother, William Hammell Thursday, April 2nd, after a week's illness. His brother survives.

Fire which caught from a bonfire destroyed the barn on the C. E. Hann place on High St. Alliance

a quantity of farm machinery.

J. N. Wentworth took Louis Johnson's household goods to Elmira Thursday. Mr. Johnson having purchased a home in that city.

Stephen Clarke graduated from the Alfred Agricultural School Tuesday and has returned home.

Mrs. W. N. Rice was called to Ford City, Pa., Sunday morning by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. A. B. Mohney.

William Hammell left Sunday for Trumansburg, Pa., where he is employed as foreman for the United States Pipe Line Company.

F. S. Clark arrived home Friday from Florida where he has passed the winter.

Lewis Mead who has been in the Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo because of a broken hip received while working on the State Road near Cuba, visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jesse Slocum this week.

Ames Rogers, William Rice, T. J. Gilbert, J. Harvey Backus and C. C. Backus attended the IOOF District Meeting at Fillmore Wednesday.

**30 YEARS AGO**

April 12, 1935

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Rev. A. D. Shepard has accepted the call of the Andover Baptist Church and will begin here on Sunday, April 14th.

Philetus Brewster, 87, died Saturday, April 6th. Two daughters survive.

Michael Casey and Harry Smith are jurors drawn from Andover to serve at the April Term of Supreme Court commencing April 22nd.

James Mitchell left for Springville Monday where he has employment.

Mrs. J. L. Williams was in New York City from Monday until Thursday delegate to a meeting of the W.B.A., at Hotel Astor, from Andover.

Mrs. Bertha Pingrey left Friday for Honeoye where she will spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Emma Bray.

Miss Florence DeRemer returned to Ithaca Sunday where she is a Senior at Cornell University.

**Albany Report**

By

**DON O CUMMINGS**

The present Budget impasse, in fact the 1965 Legislative Session to date, clearly indicates that the Majority party is not only incapable of organizing the Legislature, but also unable to operate the same. Possibly, they will not be able to terminate the Session!

Because New York is now operating without a Budget, pressure is being applied upon the Republican legislators from all sources to join with the New York City Democrats to pass an operating Budget.

This might seem to be an easy solution, but it completely overlooks the fact that the responsibility for running the State Legislature rests this year with the Democratic party. It also overlooks the fact that there are other solutions to this problem, other than joining the Democratic party.

I am intrigued by a fiscal plan which has been submitted by the Onondaga legislators, working in cooperation with the Syracuse Governmental Research Bureau. It is my sincere belief that this plan modifying the proposed Budget should be unanimously adopted by the Legislature. This proposal is a responsible combination of (a) the elimination of new taxes and, (b) Budget cuts which I think the people of our State would approve, if they are made known to the people.

As briefly as possible, the following is a substantial explanation of this proposal:

**TAX REDUCTION**  
Eliminate entirely the proposed Sales Tax for a total income deduction of \$33,000,000

**BUDGET CUTS AND ADJUSTMENTS**

(a) Appropriation reductions 202,000,000

(b) Stock Transfer Tax (retain all receipts for the State by not relinquishing this income source to the City of New York) 60,000,000

(c) Underestimate of cigarette tax receipts 17,500,000

(e) Further use of highway bonds instead of direct Budget appropriation 34,000,000

Total: \$348,500,000

Regarding the appropriation reductions shown above, they are made up of a number of small, across-the-board cuts, including the following major items:

1. Cut in Regents Scholarships and increased Scholar Incentive Program \$16,200,000

2. Reduction of Student Loan reserve fund 3,500,000

3. Hospital care (new form of State Aid) delete 23,000,000

4. Elimination of per capita assistance increase 78,000,000

5. Eliminate motor fuel receipts for New York City 24,900,000

6. Eliminate desalination plant 3,500,000

7. Eliminate cost of Sales Tax administration 8,500,000

8. Eliminate other supplemental receipts 8,000,000.

The underestimate of receipts from personal income tax, shown above, of \$35 million seems justified. The increase in 1964 over 1963 was \$100 million, yet the proposed budget relies on a projected increase of only \$65 million for the coming year. Last year's receipts exceeded the Budget expectations, and it is believed that this normal income growth will continue at the same rate.

The 1965 Legislature has already increased the tax on cigarettes by five cents per package. The last time the cigarette tax was raised, only a minor decrease in sales occurred. Assuming this will apply to the coming year, the Budget revenue for this item is underestimated by \$17,500,000.

It should also be noted that the above fiscal plan actually produces Budget reductions of \$348,500,000 which is \$18,500,000 above the income from the Sales Tax.

What is wrong with this plan? This has been submitted to the Majority party, but not accepted.

**"Red's" Racetrack Rambblings**

The latest invention to come to the Olean Speedway, straight from the national-type stocks such as Daytona or Charlotte will be drivers with ear phones. Through this device, they will obtain data on track conditions ahead as well as laps to go and their current position from one of their pit crew who will be sending this information from a good vantage point in the pits.

Mike Shreve of Westfield, N. Y., is the first to bring this into local stock car racing. He will be transmitting the information to his driver, Dick Gilbert, also of Westfield, who will be piloting their '65 Ford No. 10%, in the New Car Division.

The way this is hooked up — there will be a receiver built into Dick Gilbert's crash helmet. The theory behind this is that running three or four tracks per week, Mike feels this will enable them to keep their car out of a possible mishap ahead much better than Dick having to rely on his sight only — it's like having an extra set of eyes.

Back in 1962, the Chevrolet Division of General Motors Corporation developed a 396 cu. in. engine that would develop 427 HP. They cleaned clocks with it at the Daytona 500 that year, but shortly thereafter, it was withdrawn from the market. This year, it has returned, and Chuck Nazza of Jamestown, N. Y., is one of the drivers that we know of who will be using this "hot" engine in his 1965 Chevelle.

Many of the other drivers that we have spoken to have mentioned this very same engine. The general reaction seems to be that this engine is the best thing that has happened to the automotive industry since the wheel. No major company, be it Ford, Chrysler, or what have you, is supposed to have an engine that can compete against this one Friday night April 30th, will tell the tale.

Now that dame nature has tamed down a bit, work is going full speed ahead on the track itself.

an 8' rise as compared to the 18' rise of last year.

The water problem that has existed on the No. 4 turn since the beginning of Olean Speedway's history has been corrected. It was discovered that a large mound on the infield, just off that No. 4 turn is what was holding this water on the track and preventing drainage to lower ground. This mound has been completely flattened, even lowered below the track level, thereby giving free drainage from the track.

In addition, new top soil of clay and Calcium is being laved, dragged, and rolled to make a smooth, hard, yet resilient surface, conducive to fast driving.

A new 5' hub rail is being constructed for both the safety of the spectators and the drivers. This rail, composed mainly of railroad ties will deflect any moving object without allowing it to "jump" the rail or veer into the infield. It is so constructed that if an object, such as a loose wheel, hits it, the wheel will be immobilized right at the rail without running over the rail or into the infield.

This is one reason why I do not favor the Sales Tax. Add to this the fact that the present Budget increases State Aid to New York City by \$100 million and that the Budget as cut by the Democrats to date, eliminates \$500,000 for a youth camp in Allegany County, and reduces the Budget for Alfred Ag-Tech Institute, and you have my personal reasons why I do not wish to join with the Majority party in a coalition attempt to pass a Budget at any cost.

I have not definitely made up my mind concerning the adoption of additional taxes. It might be possible to reduce the Sales Tax and to provide additional exemptions from this tax which would make it more palatable. The situation is so confused at the present time that it is impossible to arrive at a definite conclusion, and I believe that further changes are inevitable. These may well influence my final decision.

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