

**FRIENDS WORTH KNCWING**

An Editorial

National Library Week began April 25. Its purpose is: "To encourage lifetime reading habits and increase people's use of libraries."

Greater use of our libraries is a goal worthy of the heartiest and most widespread support. Each of us should consider it a personal goal and one to be imparted to our children. The future will belong to those who possess the hard won prize of knowledge.

Libraries have been established to serve practically every community as a result of individual philanthropy; as part of the facilities provided by local government bodies; or in connection with school systems, colleges or universities. In our libraries on the pages of books and on microfilm and recordings, can be found the sum total of information and wisdom which the human race has been able to accumulate since the dawn of recorded history.

A friend is one who gives a helping hand when it is needed, and on this basis, our libraries hold friends of incomparable worth. They wait to lend us the wisdom of the ancient philosophers that we may apply it with proper consideration in our own lives. They can unfold to us the healing arts of modern medicine; the wonders of space; the esoteric realms of physics, electronics, and mathematics. And on problems of everyday life, they have useful and good advice to give us on practically any situation that we face. These friends are the books on our library shelves. Let's get to know them better.

**IT'S TIME TO UNSCRAMBLE TIME**

An Editorial

At 2 A.M., on Sunday, April 25, America started living again on "scrambled time."

This, the Committee For Time Uniformity points out, is because some 100 million of us will advance our clocks to Daylight Saving Time, while the remaining 85 million will retain Standard Time all year round or move to DST on another date.

"This annual time scramble complicates the operations and scheduling of the transportation industry. It confounds the television viewer, bewilders the vacationing traveler and aggravates the businessman," Senator Norris Cotton (R-N.H.) said. "A flood of missed appointments, and late arrivals will plague many Americans," he continued.

Let's see what happens:

15 states start daylight saving time the last Sunday in April and end the last Sunday in October.

16 other states either start or end daylight saving time — or both on different dates.

Of the 31 states, 15 observe it on a statewide basis, while the others have local option.

And across the country isolated areas observe "wildcat" DST without official sanction.

Some states do not observe it at all.

Time confusion goes to fantastic length. An airplane, according to the clocks, may arrive at its destination before it took off from its point of origin. Trains, being held to Standard Time by law, are out of step whenever they arrive in a DST community. Some West Coast businessmen are just getting ready for lunch when the East Coast business day is over. In one of the states, there are 25 different combinations of dates on which community areas move to and from DST. In an Iowa town, the banks open on DST and close on Standard.

An impressive list of companies and organizations — representing transportation, broadcasting, banking, communications, agriculture and many other enterprises have associated themselves with the Committee For Time Uniformity. Numbers of government departments and organizations, including Commerce, Defense, Post Office, general services, the weather bureau, and others are also cooperating.

The goal is to coordinate the efforts of all concerned and to bring about that uniformity through agreements and legislative action when and where needed.

To risk a pun, it's high time this was done.

**SENATOR JACOB K. JAVITS**

reports

**FROM WASHINGTON**

President Johnson, according to most political commentators, has great ability in "handling Congress", but in the cast of the proposal to close 14 Veterans Administration hospitals, Congress must be credited with knowing how to "handle the President." There is no secret of how it was done; Congress was sure of its facts, and the Administration was not.

Last January, the Veterans Administration announced the closing of the hospitals for "economy reasons." New York was the hardest hit of any state because three of our veterans facilities were involved: the hospital and domiciliary at Bath and the hospitals at Sunmount and Castle Point. New York congressmen, including Senator Kennedy and myself, did investigative work on our own, and based on the results, we challenged directly the VA's claims that the facilities could not be maintained economically.

In a speech in the Senate, I underscored the human hardship involved in moving some 900 ill veterans from familiar surroundings near their homes, and emphasized the adverse economic impact the closing order would have on the communities involved.

The VA said the closing was irrevocable. But the President, who faced the opposition of members of Congress from both parties, said he had reason to doubt the validity of some of the VA's claims, and appointed a bi-partisan commission to make another study and to report back by June 1.

The fact that the Administration is now having second thoughts about the closing order it once considered final, is an argument in favor of the bill introduced by Senator Caleb Boggs (R) of Delaware of which I am a co-sponsor. Among other things, this measure would require the VA to give public notice of any decision to close veterans facilities at least six months in advance and to hold hearings in the Congressional district affected, if requested.

It is my feeling that any impartial survey of the veterans hospital system will indicate that the three New York hospitals are serving our veterans well, and will be needed in the future. The first argument is backed by the letters I have received from thousands of present and former patients at these institutions, as well as from physicians and nurses who have been employed there. The second is borne out by the fact that the average age level of our veteran population has been and is continuing to increase, causing a higher incidence of the chronic and long-term illnesses to which older people are susceptible. Planning for the future of the VA hospital system should take into consideration that more hospital beds and nursing home facilities will be needed to cope with this situation. As a matter of fact, the Senate Veterans Affairs Subcommittee recently reported out a measure to increase the number of authorized VA hospital beds from 125,000 to 130,000. This certainly doesn't seem to be the logical time to be closing well established and well run veterans hospitals.

The 1777 campaign of the British to split the Colonies by a three-way drive on Albany was defeated at Saratoga in one of the world's decisive battles.



**50 YEARS AGO**

April 23, 1915

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Mrs. Elmer Kaple, 50, died at her home on Pingrey Hill Saturday, April 17. Her husband and a son survive.

Mrs. Lucretia Wood, 77, died at her home on First Street Tuesday, April 20th. Three sisters and two brothers survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Edwards are the parents of a daughter, born April 13th.

Abram Slocum is moving his family from Andover Village to his farm on Voorhees Hill.

S. G. Crandall of Washington, D. C. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Crandall for a few days.

Jesse O'Donnell of Hornell was a guest at the home of his brother, Dr. C. W. O'Donnell Sunday.

Patrick Riley and Mrs. James Dean went to Buffalo Tuesday where Mr. Riley consulted an eye specialist.

Mrs. James Owen has returned home after passing the winter at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith of Altoona, Pa.

Rev. H. B. Williams and J. E. Redmond were delegates from the Andover Presbyterian Church to the Presbytery at Arkport from Monday until Wednesday.

**40 YEARS AGO**

April 24, 1925

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William Corey, 79, died at his home on Water Street Wednesday, April 8th. A daughter survives.

C. F. Mason, 76, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Watson, Thursday, April 23rd. Surviving are a daughter and three sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Greene and Fern of Andover and Miss Gertrude Burgess of Alfred were Sunday guests of W. E. Greene's—Independence Cor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloss and children were Sunday guests of Mrs. Frances Bloss.

Mrs. Carl Tracy of the Marsh spent from Thursday until Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pease. Mr. Tracy and children spent Saturday evening and Sunday there. — Lane School Cor.

A storm of cyclone force did considerable damage to roofs and small buildings in the area.

Danny Quigg of Wyondotte Mich., spent a week at his home here. He returned Monday to resume his work.

Mrs. Robert Moran and son John returned to their home in Wellsville Sunday after a week's visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ella Casey.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sheppard of Buffalo were guests of her parents, Attorney and Mrs. C. L. Earley; Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard are moving from Buffalo to Connellsville, Pa.

**30 YEARS AGO**

April 26, 1935

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Deville E. Livermore, 75, died suddenly at his home in Independence. A daughter survives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Earley observed their golden wedding anniversary with a family dinner April 22nd.

Miss Elizabeth Cannon has accepted a contract to teach dramatics in the high school at South



The following letter was received by us last Friday from Art Burdick:

San Antonio, Texas  
April 18, 1965

Easter Sunday in Texas.

Dear "Red":

Well here we go again. We left Punta Gorda, Fla., last Monday, on a trip West.

On coming North through Florida we came through the center of the citrus belt. At the Citrus Tower where Route 27 and 50 crosses, you can look for miles and see nothing but citrus trees. In the northern part of Florida, more farming and pecan trees.

In Alabama, sugar cane, cotton and peanuts. We crossed into Mississippi and there are a lot of tree farms and pine for pulp wood. We had heavy traffic from Tallahassee, Fla., thru Mobile, Biloxi and New Orleans area.

After we crossed the Mississippi River, which was up, from bank to bank, we found Louisiana a good looking state. All roads good.

We crossed into Texas yesterday A. M., and for 200 mi., mostly woods. Then we began to get into better farming land. Corn is up 6-8 in., oats all headed out, but green. Cotton just coming up. Watermelons will not be ready for harvest for another 4 or 5 weeks.

Texas has fine roads with right of way about 200 ft., wide, but I can't see but what junk yards, (old autos) and negro shacks look just as bad or worse here than they do in other states.

We are camped in a State Park here (Easter Sunday). There are a lot of Mexican families here for picnics and they sure enjoy themselves. Of course they are no trouble to anyone, they stay by themselves pretty much. As soon as they finish eating, they get out a musical instrument and have lots of fun. All big families.

They say Lyndon is about 50 miles north of us for the weekend, but nobody is allowed near his home.

We will leave tomorrow A. M. going West towards New Mexico. It will take two more days to get across Texas. We have covered 1440 miles so far.

Will write later  
Arthur Burdick

Hampton, I. L., the coming year. Miss Evelyn Moland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moland of Andover has completed a course in a private secretarial school in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrett Perkins and family were called to Millport, Pa., Sunday by the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Alongo Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson and daughter, Ruth motored to Mt. Morris Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huffcutt.

Miss Ella A. Baker passed last week in New York City guest of her aunt, Miss Helen Baker and uncle, Prof. and Mrs. D. Lee Baker of New Rochelle.

Fay Brown of Painted Post passed the week-end in Andover.

Miss Lenora Dean has returned to Cleveland, Ohio, after passing the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Dean.

Atty. Veronica and Miss Virginia Hyland of New York City, were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyland.

Mrs. Forrest Gee of Canadea and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calhoun of Lancaster visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Calhoun Sunday and Monday.

People moan and groan about the price of bread and eggs, but they prefer to ignore and forget what it costs to own and drive a car.

At 3 a. m., when wakened by the telephone, what you say to a dead call ought not to be printed and seldom is.

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