

## 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.

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!

## 10 WAYS TO RUIN A TOWN

## An Editorial

Here's a set of commandments no one needs or wants, but outline a certain pattern for succeeding in failure. It's not original here, nor is it new. For any who exaggerate to these lengths, the following list may serve as a caution. Hardly any one person is cynical enough to qualify on all ten counts. If you fit 6 to 9 of the following you might enjoy moving to Siberia. If you agree with 3 to 5 we suggest you need more time out of the house and out with your neighbors. If you score from 0 to 2, there's a built-in remedy here, just reverse your stand in 1970 — your town can use you.

1. Attend no meetings of any kind. Criticize the way "they" are doing things.
2. Remind others at all times of the cold Allegany County winters and the ruggedness of those who live here.
3. Complain about the police department, fire department, chamber of commerce, and all other governmental and civic groups.
4. Keep convincing yourself that your attendance at school programs, service clubs, concerts, ballgames exhibits and benefit programs is not important — you'll never be missed.
5. Knock your village board or town and school boards — talk up the "kick backs" politicians in office must be getting.
6. Stay away from church. You might attend on Easter Sunday or during Christmas season just to reassure yourself that all who attend are hypocrites.
7. Purchase most of your requirements through discount and mail order catalogs. These firms are the first to come forth with donations and service to your community.
8. Remind others that your local newspaper is no good — that it misses more local news than the out of town papers get by accident.
9. Remember that all kids are delinquents, all businessmen are crooks, and that uncomplimentary remarks about the town are the order of the day.
10. Above all, always be skeptical, cynical and negative about anything that is designed for the community's progress and betterment — our motto should be: "If it's good, it can't happen here."



## 50 YEARS AGO

January 30, 1920

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The Clay Cutlery Plant burned to the ground Thursday morning. The loss was estimated at \$65,000.

Samuel Coats, 71, died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Gleason. His wife, two daughters and three sons survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Roy Nichols has purchased the draying business and equipment of George Vickers and will take possession of the same Saturday.

Mrs. Belle Doran, 41, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. V. Stratton Wednesday. Her husband, her parents and a sister survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloss are the parents of a daughter, born Wednesday.

Jesse, four-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge, died Sunday, January 25th. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Burger and family are getting settled in their new home on the Charles Cochrane place near Elm Valley.

Fred Stephens has moved his family from Independence to their home on Tip Top.

Glenn Burdick of Bath was a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Burdick of Tip Top.

Guy Fulmer, a well known and frequent visitor in Andover, died January 22nd. Interment was in Fulmer Valley.

Mrs. John Strait was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harvey this past week.

Liquori Lynch was a business visitor in Buffalo the first of the week.

Mina Jones passed the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lippencott of Almond.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Wesley and children left Andover Sunday for Olean, where they are to make their home.

Henry Gill, Jr., of Little Valley, was in Andover guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gill, over the week-end.

Mrs. S. J. Mounness returned Friday from a two weeks visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hazlett of Huntington, Pa.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing left Andover Saturday for New York City to resume her duties at Lenox Hill Hospital, after a month's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Hawkins were in Wellsville Sunday and Monday, called there by the death of her aunt Mrs. Thomas Dalton.

Josephine Raufenbarth of Elmira spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Raufenbarth.

## 40 YEARS AGO

January 24, 1930

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Mrs. F. R. Emery, 51, died Sunday, January 19th. Her husband, a son, a brother and two sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Albert Baker, 58, of Railroad Valley, died Sunday, January 19th. Her husband, four daughters and a son survive.

Wayne Emerson Marsh of Wellsville and Miss Sarah Ethel Wheaton of Andover were united in marriage Wednesday, January 22nd by Rev. Charles F. Parsons.

Members of the Dean families of South Hill, were in Wellsville Saturday and Sunday, at the home of Jerome Dean, where his mother Mrs. Anna Dean died Friday morning.

Mrs. A. L. Dougherty and son of South Hill were weekend guests of her parents in Wellsville. John Danhier of Wellsville spent a few days last week with his daughters.

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

A state senator from Rochester wants to make a major surgical operation on the state law allowing collective bargaining between public employees and local governments.

Senator Thomas Laverne wants to cut out of the law that part which sends public employee union leaders to jail for violating the prohibition against strikes.

Laverne is chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Public Employee Relations.

"The present go-to-jail law," said a JLC report, "tends to make martyrs of them (strike leaders) and may tend to solidify union membership."

Which sounds like another load of hogwash.

First, what is wrong with a solidified union membership?

One can hope local governments are honest enough to realize that they must bargain — as hard as they want, of course — on the issues, instead of trying to win a dispute by putting the members of the union at each other's throats.

More important is the "martyr" issue. It is a phony one. Union leaders who call or threaten to call a strike should be sent to jail. Public employees ought not to have the right to strike. That is why the present Taylor Law goes into such great detail to allow for the most possible negotiation before a situation gets out of hand and polarizes.

Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Dougherty on South Hill.

Mrs. F. E. McGinnis of Genesee, Pa., is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cable.

Mrs. Earl Bassett of Buffalo is visiting at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson of Dyke Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trowbridge and children of Syracuse were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge.

Mrs. Edna Wilbur attended the Auto Show in Buffalo Saturday and remained for the week visiting relatives and friends before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker left today for Rochester to spend the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Tucker and to attend the Auto Show in that city.

Mrs. Levi Fudge of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been spending a few days at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Greene, left Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. Otto Walchli of Wellsville for St. Petersburg, Fla. to spend the remainder of the winter.

Miss Eva Rennells, who was called home by the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Welman Baker has returned to her studies in Fredonia Normal.

Rev. J. H. Seely and son, Burton of Kennedy, passed Tuesday and Wednesday in Andover, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pope.

Clifford Howland was home from Lyons to pass the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. VanWie of Painted Post, passed Friday with her mother, Mrs. Ida Hammond.

## 30 YEARS AGO

January 25, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Mr. and Mrs. John Elster are parents of a son, Olin Earl, born Sunday, January 21st.

Miss Edna Smith of Hornell, passed the week-end with her par-

There is something to the theory that the people who cry the loudest about martyrs being created are those responsible for allowing a situation to polarize in the first place.

You break the law, you go to jail. That's the way the system works for you and me. Why not for public employee union leaders too?

The Joint Legislative Committee on Education has just released its report, and indications are that something close to what is in it will become law in a couple of months.

First they called for raising the per pupil aid figure from the present \$760 to \$900.

Then they call for raising the aid ratio from 46 to 50 per cent. In other words, the state would pay, based on the local tax effort, 50 per cent of anything up to \$900 per pupil.

They also propose to raise the flat grant — the minimum amount a school district can get, from \$230 to \$324 per pupil.

There is also some talk — and it is just that right now — of restoring the old transportation aid formula. The old one gave districts 90 per cent of what it cost them to bus children no matter what the local cost. Under present law the money is paid out on a ration basis similar to the one used to pay regular state aid for school operating purposes.

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith. Mrs. D. J. Appier and Miss Nora McAndrew spent Tuesday in Wellsville with their sister, Mrs. Mary Keough.

Miss Dorothy Joyce passed Sunday afternoon and evening in Hornell with her sisters, Misses Margaret and Veronica Joyce.

The schoolhouse of Greenwood District No. 7 has been sold to the Empire Gas & Fuel Co. The land on which the schoolhouse is situated, a part of the old Lynch farm, has been owned by the Empire for some time.

Francis Clarke of Independence is in Ithaca this week, attending a meeting of the G.L.F. Co-operative.

Mrs. Alta Hoagland has moved from her former home in Canadice to her new home on the Victor Hoagland farm.

Dorothy Baker of Andover was a week-end guest of Doris Mead of Elm Valley.

Mrs. Carrie Metzler of Houghton was a guest Saturday and Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Loretta Payne of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hoagland and family were week-end guests of his mother, Mrs. Alta Hoagland and also Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoagland.

Mrs. Lou Snyder passed from Friday until Monday in Rochester, guest of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Snyder.

Mrs. Betty Ames of Angelica is passing the winter with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chase.

Miss Doris Dean is spending this week in Rochester, guest of Miss Alice Flannagan.

Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum were overnight guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Bahne in Wellsville, Saturday. They were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Baldwin.

Mrs. George Mickle and daughter, Kay, are passing some time with relatives in Troy. During their absence Miss Thelma Mickle will stay with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mickle of Wellsville.

Harold Slocum of Hornell is spending the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum.

Mrs. Vesta Norton of Angelica is spending some time at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick of Railroad Valley.

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