

"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.

**50 YEARS AGO**

February 20, 1920

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Word has been received by James Wallace of West Union of the death of his son-in-law, Rev. Otis Potter of Dunkirk, last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Frank Ingraham died at her home on Barney Street Thursday morning.

The Blo-Ro-Ba Orchestra played at the Masonic dancing party at Greenwood last Friday evening. About thirty young people from Andover accompanied them and enjoyed the sleighride and party.

Miss Blanche Waters of Greenwood and John Wallace of West Union were united in marriage February 10th. Their attendants were Miss Jennie Walters and Earl Green.

Word was received in Andover Monday of the death of John H. Cannon of Buffalo, who died of pneumonia. Mr. Cannon was a cousin of John E. and James P. Cannon of Andover and had been a frequent visitor in Andover. Mr. and Mrs. James P. Cannon were in attendance at the funeral held in Buffalo Thursday.

Mrs. R. McAndrew of Andover enjoyed a visit at the homes of Ed McAndrew and D. F. Appier on South Hill from Tuesday until Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Charles Baker of Andover spent a few days last week at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes of South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Green of Alfred Station are visiting at the home of their son, Will Green and family of East Valley for a few weeks.

Harold Howland is substituting in the Elm Valley School this week for Jessie Burger, who is ill.

Mrs. Ray Hammond is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis VanWick of Corning this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Scribner of Greenwood were guests at the home of his uncle, S. S. Scribner Saturday.

Oscar Bergh, who has been employed at the Parker Garage, is in Wellsville working in the Kerr Turbine Plant.

George Moses and James Everham of Wayland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pease and Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum.

Erwin D. Baker left Sunday for a few days trip to Rochester and Webster.

The gas pressure was very low Sunday and Monday. Many places not having enough to light.

40 YEARS AGO

February 14, 1930

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Early Monday morning fire destroyed the Mrs. John Mitchell house known as the Gillen property, on the corner of Third and Maple Streets, occupied by Joe Mussolini.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wentworth were honored at a surprise party on their 20th wedding anniversary.

Edward F. Joyce and Mrs. Viola Cole were united in marriage Saturday, February 8th.

Mrs. J. Sauter of Hornell spent Friday guest of her mother, Mrs. Catherine Dean of South Hill.

Miss Anna O'Leary of South Hill went to Dunkirk Saturday for a visit with relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Floyd Pease and Cleon of Greenwood are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Potter of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocum of Shongo, were Sunday and Monday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill.

Mrs. Pearl Davis of Andover is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halsey of South Hill this week.

Mrs. Anna Wallace spent last week with her son, H. V. Wallace at Greenwood.

Mrs. Leona Davis returned Friday from a visit at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor of Hornell.

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by Alex Rankin

There was a report recently that State Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea Jr., of Montauk may be ready to call its quits.

It was given a push when Earl Brydges, Duryea's counterpart in the Senate, gave a little speech before a Republican women's meeting at the Thruway Motel in Albany.

Earl said he and Perry were walking down the "million dollar staircase" to the second floor of the capitol for a Monday morning skull session with Governor Rockefeller.

"Earl, why don't we get out of this business?" said Perry.

Earl said he thought it was a case of Monday morning blues — a common ailment in Albany.

The reason given for Perry's attitude — if indeed that is what it is — is that he hasn't gone anywhere.

To be sure, the governor has him boxed in. In 10 years Duryea has risen from assemblyman to speaker, and that is a tough and demanding job. This is Perry's second year of riding herd on 80-odd Republican assemblymen while at the same time fighting

off Democratic opposition, and sometimes Rockefeller himself.

But the top job in the state is still governor.

This fall Duryea may wind up doing a job that will not earn him the recognition it deserves.

For Republicans, the election this November are the most important they have faced in 10 years. All the power and influence of the party are on the line.

This is because the men who are elected to serve in the 1971 state Legislature will reapportion the state's legislative districts — and those lines will be good until 1981 — 11 long years.

It was Duryea and his staff, it will be remembered, who took the Assembly away from the Democrats in 1968. They did it with a bit of work and hard-nosed political calculation, putting their money and brains in the right places at the right time.

If Duryea does it again this November the governor will probably get the credit for it because he runs at the head of the ticket and he runs the party.

The governor may be the top man, but the nitty-gritty work is down in the Assembly districts.

Mrs. Agnes Langworthy has returned from Alfred Station where she was called by the illness of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Langworthy.

Mrs. William Burger and two sons and Mrs. George Wereley were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wereley of Elmira from Thursday until Sunday.

Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Mider, who have been passing some months with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Dynes at the M. E. Parsonage, have gone to Canisteo, where they expect to make their home.

Mrs. E. L. Ross of New York City is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bixby and family this week.

Merle Bissel of Wellsville passed Thursday night and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green.

Mrs. Otis Vanderhoof and son, Lynn of Greenwood, are guests of her mother, Mrs. Mary Bunker of Barney Street, for a few days.

Mrs. Jennie Flint was a Hornell visitor from Friday until Monday.

Patrick Casey of Hornell spent Monday with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Casey.

E. F. Stearns, Miss Reta Stearns Mrs. Hattie Eggleston and Mrs. Florence Mulholland, were visitors in Buffalo, Monday.

30 YEARS AGO

February 15, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Andover's Valentine this year, Wednesday, February 14th, came in the form of one of the heaviest snowstorms this village ever had. The official snowfall for Wednesday in Andover was 22 1/4 inches with a water content of 2.22 inches.

Pupils of Andover School District No. 4 in East Valley attended their one-room school Friday for the last time. The pupils will attend Andover Central School and will be transported by bus. Mrs. Mary Moran, who has been teaching in the East Valley School, has been transferred to the Andover Central School to fill out the term of Mrs. Alyse Pope Monte, who resigned.

Edward J. Hyland, 70, a lifelong resident of Andover, died at his home on Rochambeau Ave., Thursday, February 8th. His wife, two daughters, two brothers, and a sister survive. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Egbert Langworthy died at her home in Newport, R. I., Saturday, February 10th. Her husband, a daughter, two sisters and a brother survive. Interment was in Newport, R. I.

Miss Marion Trowbridge and James F. Cannon were united in marriage December 28, 1939.

The Misses Mary and Irene Lynch entertained twenty-five young people at a Valentine Party Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch.

Mrs. Maude Clarke of Independence, is in Alfred this week caring for Mrs. Hattie Crandall who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crandall of Canisteo, spent Friday and Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence are visiting at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Spicer at Himrods this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke, Cory Clarke, Lillian Tassell, Zereta Matteson, and Mrs. H. M. Bassett of Independence, are attending Farm and Home Week at Ithaca from Tuesday until Friday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phelps of Rochester, were guests over the week-end at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. George Beebe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burdick and other friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Flay Pease, Mr. and Mrs. William Pease, and the Misses Annette and Ruth Taylor were in Greenwood Monday to attend the burial of Mrs. Lucinda Pease at the Greenwood Cemetery.

James McDonough returned home Friday from a visit with relatives in New York City and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Giffillan returned home Friday from Boston, Mass., where they had passed the week.

Ernest Jones, who has been ill at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jones, left Friday for his home on Pingree Hill.

Mrs. Mina Gordon of Wellsville, who recently returned from Washington, visited Andover relatives a few days last week.

George Gath of Johnstown, Pa., is passing a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gath and family.

Wallace Clarke of Solvay spent a few days last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence.

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