

THE "MILK OF HUMAN KINDNESS" An Editorial

As a result of an unforgettable experience this past week-end, our faith in Humanity has been restored, and, as far as residents in smaller Communities are concerned, the "Milk of Human Kindness" is still a visible, present, and gratifying blessing which is much more easily recognized by strangers — than local friends and neighbors.

This past Saturday we agreed to accomodate a friend and participate as Photographer in the Allegany County "Shrine Circus Cavalcade" to Buffalo.

Our transportation, not exactly Deluxe Class — but safe and dependable, in the form of a School Bus (built for children and short runs), picked us up ahead of time and proceeded to the ACS parking lot where we met the students from the entire 6th Grade along with their teachers who acted as supervisors for the entire journey.

As soon as the noise aboard the bus subsided from a "high pitched din" (caused by the excitement of getting loaded and started on the trip) to a "low-pitched sort of roar", we began to become aware of our fellow passengers as individuals as well as notice things.

The first thing that impressed us was the skill, dexterity, and safety procedures followed by our Bus Driver which even included quieting the children down whenever the Bus was stopped for a RR Crossing.

After traveling along for an hour or so an incident occurred which began a chain of events that ended up with a heart-warming finale. One of the lads suddenly became violently ill to his stomach and "Tossed his Cookies" over a wide area in the aisle of the bus as well as making a mess of his slacks which immediately made him a social "outcast" among his fellow students. (Evidently he didn't have any warning as the bus is equipped with bags for just such an emergency).

So, we made an emergency stop, windows were opened, a special preparation was dumped on the floor, and the embarrassed lad was taken out of doors where clean-up repairs were attempted which were not completely successful. What was needed was a different pair of slacks!

Since we were just a short way from a Village, we proceeded to Arcade, arriving there around 8 A. M. and stopped on Main St. — only to find no store open. So, while the Bus Driver and Teachers were making their search for an open clothing store, we hailed a local Citizen to ask for information and explained the situation.

The Gentleman offered his assistance, opened his Insurance Office, and immediately began calling around the area to locate a possible store where we could buy the lad some new pants. And, while making his phone calls, our Bus Driver and School Representative came in and borrowed his cleaning equipment, namely broom, dust-pan, pail and mop, proceeding to clean-up the Bus.

Fortunately for us, our Benefactor was able to locate a store open along our route, and, after restoring his borrowed appliances along with giving him our heartfelt thanks, we headed for our destination.

We found the store with no problem which was just beyond the Aronson Plant and one of the ACS Teachers took the lad in to get what was needed. While they were finding trousers the right size, and a color to his liking, we began to chat with one of the clerks in the store and told her where we were going and what the plans were.

After finding suitable raiment and completing "mop-up" operations, the Teacher went up to the cashier to pay for the purchase — and — imagine our surprise when the Lady we were talking to not only refused payment, but wished us "good-luck" with our entertainment plans and said that as long as we were doing this for the children that she wanted to make her contribution also.

And, after all of this kindly help solving this emergency, how could the rest of the day turn out to be anything but perfect — for the children — and Grown-ups alike?



50 YEARS AGO

April 9, 1920

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Mrs. J. W. Wright, wife of Rev. J. W. Wright of Belmont, former pastor of the Andover Methodist Church, died Tuesday, March 30. Besides her husband, a son and four daughters survive.

Elwin P. Myers, 26, died at the home of his brother, Harold Myers of Dyke Street, Saturday, April 3rd. His parents, three brothers and two sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Howard Martin of Alfred has been engaged to work in the Parker Garage and will move his family to Andover.

At a Special Meeting of the President and Trustees of the Village of Andover held Monday April 5, B. B. Hann was appointed Village Clerk.

Miss Mary Casey has successfully passed the first period of training for a Registered Nurse at the Mountain Clinic Hospital in Olean and upon Easter Sunday, was awarded her cap and apron.

Will Dean, enroute to his home in Wilmington, Del., from a business trip to Syracuse, spent Friday and Saturday with his people on South Hill.

Miss Erma Clarke of LeRoy, is spending the Easter vacation at her home in Independence.

Mrs. M. A. Clarke of Independence, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. R. Crandall at Little Genesee.

The Misses Mary Baker of Hornell and Helen Baker of Andover spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker of East Valley.

The Misses Mary Padden of Buffalo and Monica Padden of Canisteo, are spending the week at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Padden of East Valley.

Miss Veronica Hyland of Washington, D. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyland.

Mrs. L. T. VanWie and daughter, Velma of Corning, are visiting relatives in Andover this week.

Mrs. A. B. Pyane of Perry, is a guest this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Green.

Dorr Richmond returned Friday from Rochester, where he has been working for the past few weeks. Messrs. Chas. Calhoun, Harold and Jesse Kemp and Mrs. Gerald Stein of Depew, spent Sunday at their homes in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brown and two sons of Painted Post, visited Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Scribner from Sunday until Wednesday.

Prof. and Mrs. O. B. Trowbridge of Goshen, have been passing the Easter vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge.

Ames Rogers, Mrs. Clara Rogers and Mrs. E. P. Rogers and daughter, Marion, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Q. G. Whitcomb of Belmont. Mrs. Clara Rogers, remained for a week's visit with her daughter.

40 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1930

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The old homestead at Elm Valley, which has been in the possession of the Leonard Family for the past 92 years, has been sold to Leo B. Richardson of Hornell.

A company of fourteen girl friends gave Miss Hazel Plummer a surprise birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Vickers, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Greene of Railroad Valley, were given a surprise visit March 22nd in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary by a company of about eighty friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Sidney Kaple of Pingrey Hill, was pleasantly surprised Monday, March 31st by a large company of neighbors and friends in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Deo Feenaughty of West Greenwood Hill, are parents of a daughter, born Saturday.

School was closed on Davis Hill Thursday and Friday as the teacher, Miss Kathryn Lewis, at-

Well, Act II of the Albany circus is over.

The performers are out changing their costumes and the audience has stepped out for a breather.

The curtain came down after the Legislature passed a record \$7.1 billion budget that has no tax increases this election year — and worry about next year when it comes.

Passing the budget, for example, took a little short of eight solid hours of debate. You wouldn't even wish that on your mother-in-law. Eight hours of self serving political speeches that soon had many Legislators — and reporters — snoring in their chairs.

It was senseless because everyone knew the outcome. Democrats voted against it after offering their usual amendments. Republicans voted for it, and so it passed.

Gov. Rockefeller was the smartest man in Albany. The state constitution says he does not have to sign bills into law. They become law after passage by both houses of the Legislature.

About two hours into the debate the governor's office one floor below sent up a press release saying

tended the Teacher's Conference at Hornell.

Miss Marion Lewis of Rexville, has been spending a few days with Miss Ella Lewis of Independence.

Carl V. Clarke of Independence is attending a sale at Earlville this week in which he has some cattle. Leo Davis and Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill, were in Lancaster Tuesday evening with the I.O.O.F. degree team.

Miss Lenora Dean of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived at her home on South Hill Saturday for the week of Spring vacation.

R. M. Barrett and son, Robert of Buffalo have been visiting relatives and friends in Andover for a few days.

Mrs. Lawrence McCracken of Wellsville, is passing the week guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Millsbaugh.

Mrs. Gordon Borden and daughter of Rochester, are in Andover, called here by the illness of her grandfather, Henry Stephens.

Miss Dorothy Snyder is home from Cornell College, enjoying a week's vacation.

Edward Cannon is home from Cornell University, passing the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cannon.

R. K. Hammond and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Fakar of Rochester, were week-end guests of his mother, Mrs. Ida Hammond and other Andover relatives.

Mrs. Ellen Dougherty visited at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griswald in Hornell from Monday until Wednesday. Tuesday she attended the Allegany Valley Federation meeting in that city.

Rev. Charles F. Parsons went to Bridgeport, N. J., Tuesday, where he will be the pastor of the Presbyterian Church there. Mrs. Parsons and family will join him later.

Mrs. Bernard Hawks of Genesee, Pa., has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Mead on Rochambeau Ave., for two weeks.

The Misses Margaret and Orpha Green passed from Thursday until Sunday with their brothers, Howard and Clifford Green of East Valley, while Mrs. Howard Green was with her mother, Mrs. Atwell in Greenwood, who is ill.

Miss Genevieve Clark, Teacher in Independence, attended the Teachers' Conference held in Hornell Thursday and Friday.

30 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Fire destroyed the farm house known as the Spencer Scribner house, occupied by Mrs. Ada But-

the governor had gone to Puerto Rico for a vacation.

"A working vacation he took papers with him," the press release hastened to add.

The Legislature backed about \$117 million off the governor's original \$7.2 billion budget, but most of that will be back in the budget by the end of the season.

Republicans plan to add another \$65 million for drug addiction treatment for youths, and another \$30 million in state aid to local schools.

In general, local schools will be getting under this budget anywhere from 10 to 13 per cent — the districts were given two alternatives on which to calculate their aid — more during the coming school year than they got from the state in the present school year.

The effect is to give back all and in some cases a little more money than was taken away by the governor and the Legislature last year, including the cutbacks that were to have gone into effect two months from now.

Persons and groups with specific interests will have their gripes about this budget, but overall it is a fairly good document. In most areas it is responsible and meets the needs of the people.

ton and family on Davis Hill, Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lehman are parents of a son, born Thursday, April 4th.

Miss Annette Bass of New York City and Malcolm Brundage of Andover, were united in marriage Wednesday, March 27th in New York City.

At the Annual Meeting of the Andover Rod & Gun Club, held Friday evening at the Grange Hall, Carl Childs was elected President; John C. Lever, Vice-President; George Sackett, Treasurer; Gerald Hann, Trustee; Clifford Bixby, Game Chairman and C. C. Backus, Fish Chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tracy of Scio arrived in Andover Saturday to take possession of their home, the former Frank Clark residence on Elm Street.

Miss Lucille Clarke of Whitesville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Clarke of Independence during Easter vacation.

Carl Vincent of Andover was a week-end guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence.

Oliver Keough of Slate Creek, has accepted a position on the farm of Clarence Travis of Purdy Creek and moved there Monday.

Virginia Mullen has returned to her school duties at Genesee after passing the Spring recess at her home.

Daniel Mullen, Jr., of W. Greenwood, is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Shirley Evans of Freemont.

The snow plow and workmen from Greenwood opened the West Greenwood roads for traffic Friday night after being closed for over a week.

The Misses Koneta and Pauline Perkins of Voorhees Hill, spent part of their Easter vacation with their sister, Mrs. Maud Hallett at North Bingham, Pa.

Leo Fulkerson left last Tuesday for Akron, Ohio, where he is employed in the American Hard Rubber Co.

James Lynch has resumed his studies at the University of Buffalo after passing the Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swain of Erie, Pa., passed the week-end with his father, Ed Swain at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Horton of Buffalo, were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum Saturday and Sunday.

Orville Mester returned to Morrisville Monday after spending the Easter vacation with his mother, and sister, Mrs. Pearl Mesler and Mary.

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