

WHY EDITORIALS?

Editorial writing is an interesting game. Sometimes it demands hours of preparation; sometimes the words roll out of the typewriter with little effort. Which editorial gets the results? It is difficult to say.

And here is the problem. How is an editor to evaluate what he has written, in terms of the reaction of his readers? When there is no response does this mean that the editorial is a failure?

Readers may be interested in what motivates an editor to write.

Editorials are not to satisfy the ego of the writer. Even though he may get a glow out of a compliment when someone agrees with him, he knows that there is someone else who is unhappy about his opinion.

Editorials are not to be agreed with. If everyone slaps you on the back you must have come up with a platitude which might as well have been left unsaid.

Editorials are not to preach. They are written to mature minds with the ability to think on their own. Who is the editor to set himself up as superior to his readers — to tell them what they should do and should not do? He is expressing only one man's opinion.

Then what are editorials for?

They are to stimulate thought.

They are to encourage people to crystalize their own ideas and ideals.

Many times the person who disagrees with an editorial is encouraged to think through his own beliefs and form an opinion he would not otherwise have bothered to arrive at. He is forced to defend his own convictions and thus gets on one side of the fence instead of riding the middle.

Editorials clarify opinion and inform. The editor may be wrong about an issue in most people's eyes, but most readers will grant him the right to his own opinion, and by understanding his, they can better understand their own.

So the editor doesn't expect to be slapped on the back for everything he writes; he can expect to make people think, he may persuade some. If he can only make people see the other side of the elephant, he has accomplished something.

If he gains the confidence of his readers to the point where he influences their thoughts and actions then his responsibility indeed is great. And woe be to the editor who uses his power for other than the greatest good to the greatest number.

A few Grains of Economic Truth

An Editorial

1. Nothing in our material world is FREE; nothing comes from nowhere or goes nowhere. Everything in modern economic life has a source, a destination and a cost. The cost may be cash, work, sweat, blood, or tears.

2. Governments produce nothing. People produce everything. Everything that Government gives to the people, it first takes from the people.

3. The only sound money that Government can spend is money taxed or borrowed from the people's earnings. Other money spent is printing press money, savings and insurance.

A. In our system of society all job security comes from customers. No customers, no sales commissions, no payrolls, no stores, no plants.

B. Plants must plan properly, employees must work properly, salesmen must sell properly — if one of the three fails the others all lose. Job security and profit security, then, are a mutual undertaking.

C. As costs rise, prices rise, unless productivity rise matches that of cost. If productivity doesn't rise we have the same situation that follows the Government printing of unsound money — INFLATION!

Thus if you are looking for "Something for Nothing", it just isn't there!

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FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

April 16, 1920

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Josephine Grossman Myers, 18, a native of Independence, died at Niagara Falls, Wednesday, April 7. Her father, three brothers and three sisters survive. Interment was in the family plot in Independence.

Miss Josephine Baufenbarth of Andover and W. W. Longwell of Elmira, were united in marriage Monday, April 12th by Rev. Father Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wood have purchased the residence corner of Elm and Church, formerly known as the Church property.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gustafson of Greenwood Street, are the parents of a daughter, Adalene Ruth, born Friday, April 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Langworthy have moved from Plainfield, N. J., to the Langworthy homestead in Railroad Valley, where they expect to remain permanently.

Earl Kemp has purchased of Joseph Lynch his property on Barney Street recently vacated by Tony Wesley and will occupy same.

Levi Dodge of Andover and Miss Eleanor S. Gena of Pikeville were united in marriage Monday, April 5th.

Mrs. Lawrence Hunt went to New York the first of the week and from there will go to Washington, D. C., where Mr. Hunt is employed.

Mrs. Agnes Langworthy has returned from Newport, R. I., where she has been passing the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Dawson.

Miss Roxy Hollowell spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hollowell of Canisteo.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bines arrived home Tuesday from Florida, where they have been passing the winter at Ferdinand and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Traster of Hornell were week-end guests of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Vickers. Mrs. Traster's father, Mr. Smith accompanied them.

Mrs. Clarinda Brundage has returned to Andover from Newport, R. I., where she has been with her daughter, Mrs. Vern Langworthy for some months.

Mrs. Lavanaly Wilson of Wells-ville visited Mrs. S. C. Parker from Saturday until Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lamphier of Hornell have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Rosanna Joyce at the Hotel American.

A. B. Richardson of Fort Worth, Texas, was a business visitor in Andover Sunday and Monday.

Miss Doris Livermore returned Monday to Genesee where she is attending the Normal, after passing the Easter vacation with Andover relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Karcanes returned Wednesday from Buffalo, where they have been passing a week guests of relatives and friends.

40 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1930

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers. Friends and associates of Wm. McDonough helped him celebrate his 91st birthday Tuesday, April 15th.

Julius Updyke, 79, died Wednesday, April 9th at his home on Greenwood Street. His wife, a brother and three sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

James O. Fuller, 67, died Saturday, April 12th. Two sons survive. Burial was in Scio.

The S. D. Baptist Society enjoyed a warm sugar social given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Baker in Railroad Valley, Thursday night.

Miss Mae Wood of Andover was a week-end guest of Rosanna and Edna Joyce of Davis Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schriener and son, Bill of Wellsville, were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill.

Charles Burdick of Cold Water passed the week-end with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs.

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

It was April Fool's Day at Grossinger's, the big resort hotel outside the village of Liberty in the Catskills, a somehow appropriate day for the 345 members of the State Democratic Committee to meet to select statewide candidates to run against the Republicans in November.

It was a day of wild bedlam, touched off by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice and UN Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, who was given the official nomination for governor and then in an incredible move attempted to defuse the bossism issue by throwing the nomination back in their faces.

And the next day Goldberg had to admit the whole thing was a publicity gimmick.

The Democrats left Grossinger's with a New York City ticket with a strong Kennedy color.

Goldberg had some time ago said that under no circumstances would he be a candidate.

Then he said he would, but only if the committee gave him at least 50 per cent of the their vote.

The voting system is a complicated procedure based on the total number of votes the losing Democratic candidate for governor got in 1966, divided up into Assembly Districts.

More important to an understanding of what happened at Grossinger's is the state's new primary law, which allows candidates on the June 23 primary ballot three ways:

1. by getting a majority of the votes of the committeemen at the meeting the candidate becomes the "regular" candidate of the party.

2. by getting at least 25 per cent of the vote, the candidate automatically gets on the ballot, but without the "regular" designation.

3. Failing the first two, the candidate can go out with a petition and get 10,000 signatures, including a minimum of 50 each in 47 of the state's 62 counties.

Menzo Burdick of Elm Valley.

Kenneth Alvord, who is employed as surveyor on the state road construction, was in Andover for the week-end with his aunt and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cheesman of Church Street.

Hiram Smith has returned home after passing the winter with his brother, Ray Smith at Altoona, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams arrived home Saturday having driven thru from Daytona Beach, Fla. Mrs. Francis Smith of Tampa, Fla. accompanied them to Andover for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Williams and Andover relatives.

Mrs. Floyd Hann spent the week-end guest of her daughter, Miss Edna Caple at Buffalo.

Mrs. E. W. Wells and two daughters, of Syracuse were week-end visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McPetridge of Dyke St.

Miss Vivian and Lynn Vanderhoof passed the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Vanderhoof of Greenwood.

H. P. Burdick and daughter, Maxine of Cold Water passed the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles and other Andover relatives.

Miss Helen M. Baker of Brooklyn arrived Sunday to pass the Easter vacation at the homes of her brothers, E. D. and A. R. Baker.

William Loughhead in company with Prof. E. J. Hildebrand and Asst. Prof. Leland Williams of Alfred, left Thursday for Boston, Mass., to attend the Eastern Industrial Arts Convention to be held in that city next week.

30 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Siles W. Howard, died Wednesday, April 10th. His widow, three daughters and four sons survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

At the Annual Firemen's Meeting held Friday night, Oliver Kemp

The committeemen did pretty good. They gave Goldberg 63 per cent of the vote.

But everyone knew the whole thing had been engineered by three men, Steven Smith, the close friends of the Kennedy family, Joe Crangle, Erie County Democratic leader from Buffalo and Meade Esposito, Brooklyn Democratic leader.

The two losers, Howard Samuels and Eugene Nickerson, howled.

And so at 10 p. m. April Fool's Day Goldberg strode into the hall at Grossinger's where the meeting was held, aptly called "The Playhouse" and told the committeemen and women that the boss issue was a phony one, and to prove it he was turning down their 63 per cent vote and would make himself "equal" to Samuels, Nickerson and anyone else by getting on the ticket via route number 3.

That led to a challenge from the floor by Jack English, the Democratic National Committeeman from New York State and a close backer of Nickerson, and the bedlam was on — shouting and hollering, arm waving, and the sight of sweat actually pouring down the face of the stuffily dignified Goldberg until it soaked the TV blue collar of his shirt.

But it was Goldberg's move that was phony, because if by some odd chance he can't get the 10,000 signatures or if the petitions are thrown out in court, he will be on the ballot — which hardly makes him equal to anyone else. It gives him the decided edge. He will be on it because the committee gave him that 63 per cent.

Indeed at the press conference the next day at the back of the hall when Goldberg was asked what he expected state Secretary of State John P. Lomenzo to do with the petitions (they have to be filed with Lomenzo) he replied "I don't care what he does with them."

was elected President and George Weresley, Chief.

Mrs. Bertha Hardy, Past Noble Grand of Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303, was recommended by Allegany Rebekah District No. 1 as District Deputy President for the district. Mrs. Hardy's appointment will be confirmed at the meeting of the Rebekah State Assembly in May.

Miss Clifford Wilkins has returned from a three months stay in Florida.

Miss Elizabeth Bassett of New York City is passing her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett.

Lawrence Hunt of Washington, D. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Carrie Hunt and greeting Andover friends this week.

William DeRemer left Saturday for Long Island, where he began work Monday with the Well-Built Stove Company there.

Miss Edna Caple of Buffalo spent from Friday until Sunday night at the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hann.

Mrs. Wm. Green and daughter, Ann Marie were overnight guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Sly of Arkport.

Bruce McGill of Alfred University is spending his Spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McGill.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Davis of Hornell were guests at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nye last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tracy of Buffalo were guests over the week-end of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tracy.

Mrs. LaVern Wightman of Effendi-ship, spent three days last week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. C. Wightman, who returned home with her for the week-end.

Miss Margaret Dougherty of Towanda, Pa., spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. P. J. Dougherty.

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