

"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 an 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 through 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.

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**50 YEARS AGO**

February 16, 1923

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Mrs. Martha Davidson, 84, of Nile, mother of Mrs. Henry Livermore of Andover, died February 6th.

Mary Campbell Baker, 95, died at her home on Barney Street, Wednesday, Feb. 14. A daughter and a brother survive. Funeral services were held Friday with interment in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Newell Baker, 85, died at the Baker homestead Friday, February 9th. Eleven children and one sister survive. Funeral services were held Monday with the Rev. Royal E. MacGowan officiating. Interment was in the family plot.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cheesman have received the announcement of the birth on February 8th, of a daughter, Marlon Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cheesman of Elkland, Indiana.

Arthur Mingus moved from his farm Friday to the Gleason property on Hill Street, which he purchased last Fall.

A company of Andover friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Childs enjoyed a sleigh ride to their farm home last Friday night where they were entertained at a six o'clock dinner.

Misses Mary Snyder and Nellie Diffin were unable to fill their positions as teachers in the Andover School part of last week. Mrs. Arling Baker and Mrs. J. C. Lever supplied for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McCormick, Charles and Kathryn McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Hagan and children were guests at the home of Jas. McDonough the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Frank Dean was a guest of her mother, Mrs. D. Shine in Wellsville, a couple of days last week.

Lynn Hammond returned home this week from Alabama, where he has been working.

Mrs. Ina Church on Voorhees Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vincent of Alfred Station were week-end guests at the homes of James Martin and William Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers of Buffalo, were week-end visitors in Andover. Mrs. Rogers remained for the week at the home of Jesse Snyder.

Miss Doris Livermore was home from Elmira, where she is engaged as teacher, to pass the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. Georgianna Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emery were in Rochester from Saturday until Tuesday, where Mr. Emery underwent medical examinations.

Ames Rogers and A. O. Kemp were in Allentown, Monday evening to attend a meeting of Union Encampment No. 171, I.O.O.F.

A. O. Kemp was in Whitesville Tuesday and Wednesday in the interest of the Cary Maple Sugar Co.

40 YEARS AGO

February 24, 1933

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Arthur E. Beebe, 78, a lifelong resident of this section, died at his farm home in Duffy Hollow, Sunday, February 19th. His wife, a son and a daughter survive. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Elm Valley Chapel with interment in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Hurst McGinty, 77, a former Andover resident, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cecelia M. Taylor in Plainfield, N. J., Thursday, February 16th. Funeral services were conducted from Blessed Sacrament Church in Andover, Tuesday with burial in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

Martin Hoyer left Andover the first of the week for Shinglehouse, Pa., where he is opening a tailor shop. Mrs. Hoyer will conduct the Andover store.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lyke of Hornell, are parents of a son, Kenneth Edward, born Sunday, February 12. Mrs. Lyke was formerly Miss

ALBANY*open line*

by Alex Rankin

Gov. Rockefeller broke a tradition the other day and testified before two legislative committees, submitting himself to questions from legislators for over two hours on the topic of his mandatory life sentence program for drug pushers.

That being said, the meeting was little more than a rehash of previous statements on the subject from all concerned.

It did bring out one impression, however. Legislators seem to be objecting primarily to the provision in the bill which gives youth up to the age 19 a total of 15 mandatory years in jail before they are eligible for parole. Legislators think that figure is too high.

They are also concerned with his proposal of a \$1,000 bounty on drug pushers. As the bill now stands, they say, it would encourage corrupt cops to set innocent people up just to collect the \$1,000 — or anyone else who wants to engage in revenge and collect \$1,000 cash at the same time.

The State Commission on Public Employee Pension and Retirement Systems has turned in its report. It wants the Legislature to write a new law that would make public employees retire at age 65 instead of 55.

Guess how far that bill is going to go in the Legislature, what with the state's public servants negotiating for a new contract this year.

The state has a new Regent today, acquired under highly unusual circumstances.

He is Willard A. "Woody" Genrich of Amherst, a suburb of Buffalo.

His selection, and particularly the manner in which he was chosen, is bound to shake some of the crust off the establishment in the mammoth State Education Department — the managers of the biggest share of the state budget.

For the first time in the memory of anyone around the capitol, the Legislature refused to reappoint a Regent in this case Charles Millard, Jr. of Buffalo.

The 15 members of the State Board of Regents set all educational policy in the state, and until

the other day at least, they were almost law unto themselves.

Genrich, it can be said, was appointed because he is a conservative. He is opposed to forced busing of children to achieve racial integration in schools. His appointment is not going to upset the liberal majority of the Regents, but unless he retreats into obscurity he will give the department a shaking.

Genrich's appointment was not unanimous. In the Assembly, Democrats voted unanimously against him. The vote of the Democrats was one of those exercises in hypocrisy that frequently appears in the capitol.

The Democrats were really opposed to Genrich because of his stand on busing.

But they never mentioned it once in the debate. Instead they argued that they were opposing him because they had learned he was the candidate only hours before the vote was taken. Even if you accept that excuse, it isn't any reason for a negative vote. Abstention would have been in order.

And not one single word was heard from Democratic Assemblyman Arthur Eve, the black legislator from Buffalo who has not hesitated to speak out in the past. He recently called Rockefeller's drug pusher legislation "genocide" and called the governor a "murderer" for his role at the Attica Prison riot.

Where was Arthur?

The Genrich nomination was engineered primarily by Republican Senators James T. McFarland and Thomas McGowan of the Buffalo area but it was done with the help of none other than Republican Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson of Binghamton.

Putting some teeth into his promise of reform, he allowed the Genrich nomination to come through the Senate Education Committee instead of what has been the normal route for nominations in the past, the leadership, controlled Senate Finance Committee.

The distinction is a very important one in the capitol. It gives rank and file Senators a little more say about what goes on. Not much, of course, but it is a crack in the door.

Ethelyn Dodge of Andover.

John Wahl moved his household goods from Andover last week to his new home on South Hill. He was assisted by Lou Snyder of East Valley.

Miss Margret Dougherty of Andover, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. Dougherty of South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Greene of Cleveland Ohio, are visiting their sister, Mrs. C. M. Crandall and family of Independence.

Mrs. John Lewis returned to her home in Independence, Sunday, after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Everett Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dennison of Hornell, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Simon Reisman visited at the homes of her daughters, Mr. and Clarence Colburn and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Higgins of Wellsville last week.

Clay Jordan of St. Louis, Mo., has been a business visitor in Andover this week. Mr. Jordan is the owner of the Cutlery building on Rochambeau Ave.

Miss Bryde Moss, who has been passing her vacation at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Baker, has returned to her duties at the Bethesda Hospital in Hornell.

Mrs. Martha Bloss is spending this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mark Wilson of Whitesville.

Mrs. E. J. Atwood and Mrs. George Carpenter returned Sunday evening from a four weeks motor trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Park Rogers and

Miss Alice Clarke were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Bines, the occasion being the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bines.

Mrs. Mary Bunker is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Otis Vanderhoef and family of Greenwood this week.

30 YEARS AGO

February 18, 1943

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Monday morning the temperature was 21 degrees below zero at 6 A. M.

PFC and Mrs. Otto House are parents of a son born Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Wright are parents of a son born Tuesday, February 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gayhart are parents of a son, born Wednesday, February 17th.

John Lever has purchased the Emery lots and buildings on the North side of Chestnut Street.

Pvt. Jaul Jackson left today for San Marcos, Texas, after passing a 15-day furlough with his family in Andover.

Mrs. Carl Will of Buffalo, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Will of Elm Valley.

Mrs. Addie Church of Wellsville passed the week-end with her son, Carrol Church and family of Voorhees Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Baker and daughter, Rose Marie, of South Hill were supper guests of Mrs. H. B. Adams Thursday evening before leaving for their new home on the Almond-Hornell Road.

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