

## An Editorial

This is the week of Easter. Throughout Christianity, the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the central fact of the Christian religion, will be celebrated. On that first morning, a great rock stood rolled back from the doorway of an empty tomb. The Lord had risen and the Christian faith was born.

In this fast paced world, the swift passage of events often leaves us breathless and occasionally wondering how best to be ready both personally and as a nation to meet the shifting circumstances which are sure to arise with the new day's sun. At such a time, each of us needs a firm base founded on faith in divine purpose and a sense of direction and continuity in our lives.

This is a time to strengthen our faith and sense of direction. Easter signifies renewal and rebirth — appropriately the word itself was derived from the name of an ancient goddess of spring. Aside from its religious significance, the ritual that is part of the Easter observance in every church has a meaning for us of its own.

It is rooted deeply in tradition, and it imparts a feeling of permanence as we realize how strongly the traditions of the past are with us today. Even my lady's Easter bonnet is after all not such a frivolous and meaningless thing. It is part of a tradition and happily enough, in most cases, an eye pleasing one.

Put tradition and Easter finery aside, as we inwardly renew our dedication to the Christian faith, we pass it on to future generations as the focal point of life and the continuing key building block of western civilization.

## FLYING HIGH AGAIN

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With Spring officially with us for almost a month now (despite freezing nights), the days warming up into the high 60's for the last couple of days and the daffodils budding in our backyard, we can soon expect the children to go whizzing down the sidewalks on roller skates — and the appearance of kites soaring in the spring breeze.

Kite flying has been one of the more harmless and inexpensive pleasures which people have long enjoyed. For hundreds of years, it has been a national pastime in Asiatic countries, sometimes connected with religious ceremonies or superstitions. The Chinese, Japanese, Koreans and others developed complex kites resembling dragons, butterflies, fish, even musical kites — their construction and flying became and remains an art in itself.

The process is much simpler in this country. But the winds and weather of Spring will be bringing the usual tens of thousands of high flying kites attached to an equal number of children.

We should all be reminded that there are hazards in this sport and every parent and child should be familiar with some of the important "DON'TS" of kite flying.

Don't use tinsel, string, wire, or any twine with metal in it. Don't fly a kite with metal in the frame or tail. Don't fly a kite in the rain. Don't run across streets or highways while flying a kite. Don't fly a kite over TV or radio aerials or near electric power lines — if a kite becomes entangled in electric power lines, leave it there and don't touch the string or in any other manner attempt to get it down.

Whether you are flying a dragon or a butterfly or one of the familiar diamond shapes from the corner grocery store, these safety "Don'ts" still make sense. They spell the difference between safe fun and possible serious injury.

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## 50 YEARS AGO

April 13, 1923

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At the meeting of the Andover Fire Department held Friday evening Archie O. Kemp was appointed Fire Chief; Fay E. Boyd, Assistant Chief and Robert Mingus, Second Assistant Chief.

At the Annual Election of Andover Hook & Ladder Company, the following were elected: F. J. Raufenbarth, President; W. F. O'Connell, Vice President; B. B. Hann, Secretary; A. L. Rogers, Treasurer; David Slocum, Trustee; E. P. Rogers, Foreman; Joseph Hemmer, First Assistant; Fire Wardens, E. D. Baker, Edward Walsh, Hildred Rogers and Earl Kemp.

Clifford Bixby opened the fishing season with lucky baif. Early Saturday morning he started for a day's fishing in Dyke Creek, but returned before noon with one four-pound trout and two that weighed one pound each.

Baker Bros. and Boyd have installed new display cases in their hardware store.

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kaple at Knoxville, Pa., last week. Mr. and Mrs. Kaple moved to Knoxville from Andover, a few months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Clark and Newton Clark left Tuesday for Casper, Wyoming, where they have positions in a oil field. They intend to make the trip by motor.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reisman have located on the McLaughlin farm and Darius Pingrey moved his farm machinery to the Meade farm last week.

Arling Briggs of Davis Hill, entertained with warm sugar and music Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davis and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Davis and son, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis, Mrs. Gertrude Joyce and family and Glenn Halsey.

Margaret Wilcox and Virginia Hyland of Andover, were guests of Mrs. Flora Bess, from Thursday until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clarke of Independence, were in attendance at the graduation of their son, Charles, from the State School of Agriculture at Alfred, last week.

Mrs. Albert Green and daughter, Fern, of Andover were visiting at the Will Greene home on Independence, last week.

W. E. Greene of Independence, has moved into the Henry Joyce house.

M. A. Green of Burdette passed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams.

A. A. Porter was a business visitor in Buffalo from Monday until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes were Buffalo visitors the first of the week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Coffey of Auburn is a guest at the home of her niece, Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan and family.

Miss Ellen Casey returned home from Hornell, Monday after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Sexton.

The Misses Augusta Lewis and Bessie Slocum were week-end guests at the homes of Abram Slocum and Jas. Lewis of Voorhees Hill.

Miss Ruth Robinson returned Tuesday to the Genesee Normal after passing the ten-day Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Robinson.

Mrs. Earl Howland left Wednesday in company with ten other ladies from the county, to attend the State Convention of Lady Macabees, held at Syracuse, as a delegate from Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean, Kenneth Green and Robert Spicer were in Buffalo on Wednesday to attend the Potato Growers Meeting in session in that city.

## 40 YEARS AGO

April 21, 1933

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers  
Mrs. Linford Potter, 48, died

The \$300 million-plus wage hike package agreed upon by Gov. Rockefeller and the State Civil Service Employees Association the other day stands a good chance of being ratified by the Legislature because it contains important pension system reforms — in favor of the taxpayer.

But at the same time the size of the 3-year wage hike package seems to make any chance of a tax cut this year questionable.

The pact calls for the 136,000 state workers represented by the CSEA to get a six and a half per cent pay hike this year, five and a half next year, and opens the door to further negotiations over the size of the wage hike in the third year.

Pension reform is a big topic in the Legislature this year. The governor wants reforms, and so does the Legislature, despite intense lobbying by various labor organizations in the Capitol.

The feeling is that the reforms have to come this year. If they are delayed until next year there will be no reform because that is an election year and the unions would then be too tough to oppose on an issue so sensitive to them.

Melvin H. Osterman, Jr., state director of employee relations, estimated the pension reforms will reduce pension costs to 10 per cent of total payroll costs in the future. The reforms affect only those state employees hired after July 1.

Sunday, April 16th at the Potter Homestead in Independence. Her husband, a daughter, a son, a sister and two brothers survive. Funeral services were held Wednesday with Rev. Walter L. Greene officiating. Interment was in the Whitesville Rural Cemetery.

Word has been received by relatives in Andover, of the death of Will Swain at Belmont, Monday. He is a brother of Mrs. E. E. Orvis and Ed Swain of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Perry of Buffalo have moved their household goods to the house formerly occupied by his mother, corner of Elm and Barney Street.

Following are the new officers of the Hook and Ladder Company: H. S. Livermore, President; A. R. Rogers, Vice President; A. L. Rogers, Treasurer; B. B. Hann, Secretary; Earl Kemp, Foreman; Glenn Perry, First Assistant Foreman; Gerald Hann, Second Asst. Foreman; Archie Kemp, Chief; E. P. Rogers, First Assistant Chief; Joseph Hemmer, Second Assistant Chief; Glenn Ruger, Trustee for 3 years.

Mrs. Margaret Dean of South Hill, spent several days last week at the O'Leary home in Andover.

Mrs. Maude Clarke of Independence is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Whitford at Wastontown, Pa. Wednesday Mrs. Clarke fell and fractured her hip.

Miss Jane Crandall of Alfred, is a guest of Miss Mary Etta Spicer of Independence during the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Young and family of Rochester, visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Amesbury of Davis Hill, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Atwell of Greenwood, are spending the week at the home of their son, Earl Atwell of Elm Valley.

Bernice and Kenneth Leonard of Olean, are spending the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Osborne and other relatives in Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mann returned to their home in Elm Valley Tuesday after spending the winter in Florida.

Leo Fulkerson is spending his vacation on the farm of his uncle Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hyland.

Mrs. H. P. Joyce and son of Greenwood, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke from Friday until Monday.

Miss Ella Mulcahy is spending the week with friends in Olean

They include:

\* The normal retirement age is increased from age 55 to age 62. State employees can retire earlier, but at reduced benefits.

\* The maximum retirement benefit under the new contract is reduced from 75 to 60 per cent of the first \$12,000 of final average salary, and from 75 to 50 per cent of final average salary over \$12,000.

\* A maximum of five years will be required in order to qualify for the pension.

\* The final average salary is redefined to prevent workers from building up huge amounts of overtime or getting other lump-sum payments that distort the final average.

The program substantially achieves the major objectives for reform recommended by the Kinzel Commission," said Osterman. "It forms the basis for uniform statewide limitations on pension benefits which should be made applicable to all public employee pension plans in the state".

The State Department of Taxation and Finance reports that income tax refunds to taxpayers are running on the average of \$30 higher than last year.

To date, 2,222,602 income tax refunds have been mailed, totalling \$216.4 million. At the same time last year \$126.9 million had been mailed to 1,844,143 taxpayers.

and Allegheny.

Davis Lee Baker, Jr., of New Rochelle, was the guest of relatives in town Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Marion Swarts is spending her Easter vacation with her mother, Mrs. Alice Swarts at Waneta Lake.

Prof. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson of Rutherford, New Jersey, are passing their Easter vacation with their parents and friends in Andover and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kibler of Rochester, were guests of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ruger Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Martha Bloss, in company with her daughter, Mrs. Mark Wilson and daughter, Marion of Whitesville, were Easter guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunt of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Ed Walsh, daughter, Aileen and Miss Anna Yannie, motored to Fredonia, Monday, where the young ladies will resume their school studies after Easter vacation passed with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Bennion and son, William Edward, of Kenmore, came Saturday, where they visited over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cable. Mrs. Bennion and son remained for the week.

## 30 YEARS AGO

April 15, 1943

Clare C. Backus, Publisher

Victor Hoagland was elected President of Andover Rod & Gun Club at their Annual Meeting held Tuesday evening. Other officers elected were: Charles Gleason, Vice President; C. C. Backus, Treasurer; Carroll Ruger, Fish Chairman and Ralph Shaff, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hurne are parents of a daughter, born Friday, April 9th.

The Servicemen's pictures published in this week's issue of the Andover news are of Roland P. Kemp, Fireman Third Class, and Private First Class Clyde H. Kemp, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kemp of Andover.

Mrs. Sylvia R. Whitcomb, 77, sister of Ames L. Rogers of Andover, and a former resident of Andover, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Gregg of Corning, Monday, April 12. A daughter, three sons and a brother

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