

## THOUGHTS OF A COUNTRY EDITOR!

An Editorial

How many of you readers have ever stopped to wonder why the Editor of a weekly country Newspaper writes an Editorial?

Is it for huge financial gain? Very seldom — for most weekly Editors are among the lowest paid group in most business professions.

Is it just an easy way to fill up space? Decidedly not! Most Editorials take several long hours of thought, concentration, and the collection of facts.

Why then? Over the past few years we have discussed the Editorial situation with many weekly Newspaper Editors.

Most of them expressed the same thought, although in many and various words and ideas. They felt that people have the right to know what is going on around them locally and on the national front also. Through Editorial comment people are often motivated into correcting or improving conditions whereby every one can reap the benefits. If nothing else — at least they will stop to think about the situation, whether they agree or disagree.

The following are some of the thoughts expressed by various Editors:

## In Interest of Good Citizenship

The editor of a country weekly or smaller city daily newspaper is in a unique position in his community. He knows personally a large proportion of his subscribers and a subscriber can find him in his office and cross verbal swords with him.

A conscientious country editor is clothed with a heavy responsibility. He not only records the local news, social events and political happenings of his community, but he should discuss national and international issues which have a direct bearing on the lives and livelihood of his readers. This is often a discouraging and unappreciated job but if his paper is worth reading he has to accept the burden. He is in the position of a teacher. How well each translates his ideas to his audience determines his standing in his profession.

It is certainly true that the smaller paper must place emphasis on local happenings. But it is unfortunate for a community if an editor feels obligated to move entirely in that direction.

The home town paper is read from the first to the last page because it contains a review of community activities found nowhere else, regardless of competition from radio, television and big city papers. With this background and the respect accorded its comment the small town paper, in the interest of good citizenship and the dignity of the press must express opinions, whatever they may be, on international and national affairs that can affect directly every citizen down to his job or business, the property he owns and the taxes he pays.

Local editors and school teachers are largely responsible for the thinking that will protect the United States from domestic and foreign influences that would destroy the freedom we enjoy.

How many of us realize the vast returns we get from helping develop a strong community? Communities flourish because the people living there keep faith. People have not hesitated to make their initial investments. They invest in a home, in a business, in friendships, in living conditions. There are those who are short sighted and fail to see that a community needs keeping up just as surely as does a home.

We have freedom of the press and we must keep that right. In freedom, though, there is a duty. It is the duty of the press to keep people informed — in the long run — a free press is better than a muzzled one — Let's all help keep it that way!

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## 50 YEARS AGO

April 20, 1923

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Andover was honored at the Rebekah District Committee Meeting Wednesday, when Mrs. Mary Warfield of Andover Rebekah Lodge, was chosen District Deputy President for the coming year.

Comrade William McDonough celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday last Sunday. A family party gathered at the McDonough home on Dyke Street in honor of the event.

A. G. Siband of Bath, has been engaged as foreman of the Andover Heading Company and began work Thursday.

Leon Hollowell is working in the Parker Garage and has moved his family to one of the Atwood Apartments on Greenwood Street.

Henry Livermore is excavating the cellar, preparatory to building a residence on the property which he purchased last fall, on Rochambeau Avenue.

Ed McAndrew was accompanied on his lease on South Hill, Tuesday, by his uncle Edward Walsh of Wisconsin, who has been the guest at the McAndrew home in Andover for several weeks.

Clyde Slocum and Miss Eva Richmond spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum on Davis Hill.

Clair Hulise is spending some time with his grandmother, Mrs. Clara Scribner on Davis Hill. Clyde Hulise who passed the winter on Davis Hill, has returned home.

Otto Roeske of Voorhees Hill, is having an auction this week in preparatory to leaving the farm, which he has occupied for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Roeske are moving to their new home in Wellsville.

Mrs. Lena Langworthy of Elm Valley, spent the week-end at the home of Lynn Langworthy of Alfred Station.

A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ackerman of Elm Valley, Tuesday, April 17. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruger of Wellsville, spent the week-end guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoard.

Miss Ruth Mingus went to New York City, Sunday, for a visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Grenolds.

Howard VanWie returned to his home at Painted Post, Sunday after a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Andover.

R. J. Hammond of Painted Post and Lynn Hammond of Perry, passed the week-end guests of their mother, Mrs. Ida Hammond.

Mrs. Ella Vars has returned from New York City, where she has been passing the winter with Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Grenolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gee, Mrs. Frank Nobles and Miss Alice Nobles, were in Stannards Friday to attend the golden wedding anniversary reception of a relatives of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Theetge and son, Leonard, returned to Andover Wednesday from Bridgeport, Conn. where Mr. Theetge has been employed for some time in a cutlery shop.

Mrs. W. D. Diffin was in Hornell Thursday and Friday of last week in attendance at the Presbytery and the guest of Mrs. W. H. Phillips while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fisher of Rochester, were guests of Charles Hoard and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Will Boyd and three children of Perry, spent the week-end with S. P. Taylor and family. Mrs. Boyd and children expect to sail for Porto Rico about May 1st.

Miss Ruth Anderson was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pease the last of the week. Miss Anderson, who was a former instructor in the Andover High School, is now teaching in Buffalo.

## 40 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1933

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The most progressive bit of busi-

## ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

The big show down between Gov. Rockefeller and the Republicans who control the Legislature is getting closer and closer.

Last month, in return for their votes on the \$3.8 billion state budget, several Central New York Assemblymen received assurances from Republican Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr., that a cut bill would be reported out for a vote.

Rockefeller has said several times that tax cuts this year are "unwise" and "totally irresponsible."

But Duryea promised further that he would report out the tax cut bill in time for the Legislature to override any gubernatorial veto.

Because of various constitutional technicalities, however, time is running short. If they delay too long the governor can merely wait until the legislators have gone home and then veto the measure and that will be the end of the game.

And, of course, all of this assumes that Republican Senate Majority Leader Warren M. Anderson of Binghamton will bring the bill up for a vote in his house.

Peter Preiser is the state's new man in charge of the state's prisons, named by Rockefeller after Russell G. Oswald resigned.

Oswald is a good man, and the governor is slipping him into obscurity on the Crime Victims Compensation Board, an obscure outfit that is supposed to approve

payments to the victims of violent crime in the state.

Oswald's old salary was \$44,175. His new pay is \$32,635 a year.

Thus, Oswald becomes the latest victim in the tragedy of the 1971 riot at Attica Prison in which 32 prisoners and 11 prison employees died.

The fact is that Oswald was caught in the middle — between prisoners who wanted reforms in the dehumanizing prison system in this state which has absolutely failed to rehabilitate large numbers of convicts, and on the other hand prison employees — guards — who were being asked to do too much with low pay, understaffed conditions and who felt any bending toward the prisoners in the system would only weaken their already precarious position.

Everyone talks about more judges, more policemen, more sophisticated anti-crime equipment, but the end result of the criminal justice system in this state — jails — hasn't changed in 100 years.

This is no apology to prisoners who have broken the law. It is a statement that it takes guts to be a prison guard these days, even more so in 1971 when because of budget cutbacks one guard would be asked to control over 100 men in a yard. That's asking for trouble.

Oswald tried to do something about it. But it was too late. By 1971 everything he did — for prison employees and for prisoners — was turned and twisted by the opposing sides.

ness that has been accomplished for the benefit of this community in many years was performed by the co-operative work of the Andover Village Board of Trustees, the Board of Education, the Athletic Association, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Porter. The project is to purchase the Robinson flats for an athletic field.

Mrs. Thomas J. Mulconery, 80 died Monday, April 24 at her home on Baker Street. Three sons, four daughters, a sister and a brother survive. Funeral services were held Wednesday with the Rev. W. C. Pero officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Palmiter of Hartsville Hill, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday. Fifty guests attended a dinner served at the First Baptist Church, followed by a reception at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Victor Stearns at Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halsey are parents of a son born Wednesday. Miss Gertrude O'Connell, a senior in Alfred University, is practicing teaching this week and next in the school at Addison, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Green moved their household goods to Wellsville this week and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lauser will occupy the house vacated by them on Rochambeau Avenue.

W. N. Swain, born in Andover August 31, 1859, died at his home in Belvidere, Monday, April 17. Burial was in Canaseraga.

The Rev. Father Charles McHugh was the guest of honor at a farewell dinner served by the ladies of the Blessed Sacrament Church at their hall, Thursday evening. The Rev. McHugh leaves Andover this week for his new duties at St. John's Catholic Church in Olean.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mullen and three children motored to Springville, Wednesday to visit her brother, Floyd Lamphier and family. Mrs. Mullen and children remained for the rest of the week.

Miss Ethel Weinbauer has been visiting Miss Maryetta Spicer at Independence from Thursday until Saturday.

Edgar Crandall of Alfred visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke of Independence from Tuesday until Friday.

Mrs. Lillie Prentice of Alfred is passing a couple of weeks at the

Linford Potter home in Independence.

Bernard Murray of Greenwood, was a guest at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McAndrew and family a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Trowbridge and son, Robert of Pulaski, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Trowbridge from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. John Cannon, son, John and daughter, Mary Catherine, returned Sunday from a visit with her sisters, Mrs. J. J. Donnelly at Bolivar and Mrs. Margaret Jones at Mt. Jewett.

Miss Doris Robinson of Alfred spent the week-end at the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hann.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rennells and daughter, Eva, were in Couderdport, Pa., Monday to attend the funeral of his brother, Arthur Rennells. Mrs. Rennells remained for the week with Mrs. Arthur Rennells.

Mrs. Helen Bower of Burdette was the guest at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Sackett, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Albert Sortore of Belmont was an overnight guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith Thursday.

Mrs. Wilmer Atwell visited relatives in Greenwood from Thursday until Sunday.

Frank and Jett Cook of Alfred visited their sister, Mrs. Frank Ingraham from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Regina Ann and John Richardson have returned home after spending the week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett at Buffalo.

## 30 YEARS AGO

April 22, 1943

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Howe are parents of a daughter born Tuesday, April 20.

The Soldier pictures published in this week's issue of the Andover News are of Private John F. Ahrens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ahrens and Private Stanley C. Ruger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruger, both of Andover and both graduates of Andover Central School.

Miles Gorsuch left Monday en-

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