

A TRIBUTE TO "MOM"

An Editorial

This coming Sunday is "Mother's Day so, many families across the country will be celebrating the occasion with a family get-together to honor their respective "Moms" in their own customs and traditions.

Many of us that are grown up live long distances away from our parents and find it impossible to drop in and visit or entertain them. Thus on special occasions we send them a card and a gift, or perhaps even talk to them on the phone.

For Mother's Day, we think that one thing Mom would appreciate most of all would be a letter from her children with an account of everyday happenings, and a special invitation extended to come and visit.

Mothers need to have the feeling that they are still wanted and needed by their family. Thus we could sit down with pen in hand, spend a few minutes in retrospect, and write a letter something like this:

May 9, 1973

Dear Mom,

Do you still remember teaching us to respect our parents and elders, using courtesy and politeness whenever we were addressed? Who was it that taught us to respect others toys, playthings, and belongings — and still not be selfish or greedy?

Who was it that helped us gather May Flowers, make candy and goodies to put in our little May Baskets made out of wallpaper samples — and then watched us distribute them to our neighbors thus teaching us that it was "More Blessed To Give Than Receive?" Who stuck up for us when a substitute teacher punished us unjustly — and yet on the other hand, spanked us when we were naughty, either in school or elsewhere? We weren't continually warned and threatened — we knew that if we misbehaved we would get spanked on the spot — and on the seat — even if it was in Church or Sunday School.

Who taught me to stand up and fight my own battles when a big bully threatened me and made life miserable for me on the way home from school? Yes, as I remember, you told me to pop him when he came running out to hit me — or else you would spank me when I came home bawling from my lumps and bruises. I found out that a bully with a bloody nose will run just as fast, if not faster away from you — as he would towards you to hit you!

Who was it that after Dad was accidentally killed in an auto accident, kept the family together and acted as both parents to us. Went on long hikes with us, encouraged us in our study of music, and was even game enough to let us teach you how to swim?

Who was it that let us bring our friends home to play cards or build model airplanes, and when we were through — raid the refrigerator — or help ourselves to the pie or cake in the cupboard? If I recall correctly you used to bake 9 pies every Saturday morning — and by Monday morning, they would all be gone. Of course, my pals were growing boys, and even my sisters girl friends used to have pretty good appetites.

Who was it that made us study and do our homework before we could go out and play — or else have our friends in? Yes, we each had our own chores to do — and they had to be finished during the week-end — before we thought about our entertainment. But, I can't recall ever grumbling about being overworked either.

Of course I could go on for hours, time permitting, with memories running through my mind, but instead must return to the daily grind. So, "Happy Mother's Day" and whenever you decide to come up and visit us this summer let us know so we can make arrangements for your trip.

With Loads of Love,
Your Son

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50 YEARS AGO

April 27, 1923

J. H. Backus, Publisher

The Erie Railroad put the old express trains No. 13 and 14 back to work Wednesday.

The remains of the late Van Gorder Hunt, 34, who died at Palo Alto Veterans' Hospital in California, April 17th, arrived in Andover the first of the week. A Prayer Service was held Wednesday with full military honors by Thomas M. Lynch American Legion in the Rural Cemetery in Hornell.

The Floyd Davis property on Maple Street has been sold to Roy Brundage.

Burr Ruger has purchased the Floyd Scott residence on Dyke Street, and will occupy same.

Mrs. A. C. Frisbey had a pleasant birthday surprise visit last week Thursday by a company of neighbors and friends.

The body of Miss Frances Esaworth, whose death occurred in Colorado, arrived in Andover Monday. Memorial Services were conducted by the Rev. Royal McGowan with interment in Hillside Cemetery.

During the hail storm last Monday, a carrier pigeon came down, exhausted, near the J. E. Cannon Store. George Barrett, seeing the bird alight, brought it in the store, where it has sufficiently regained its strength so that Mr. Barrett expects to release it today. The pigeon is carrying bands on both legs with codes on them.

Mrs. Thomas Young spent the week-end with her family on the McAndrew farm on South Hill.

W. E. Babcock and Lee Genter of Wellsville, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Babcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Calhoun and John Calhoun of Penn Yan, passed the week-end with Andover relatives.

Mrs. Mark Sheppard of Morris-town, Pa., is spending a few days with her parents, Attorney and Mrs. S. L. Earley.

Mrs. Henry Carr went to Salamanca, Wednesday to be with her sister, Mrs. Neil Forness, who will undergo surgery soon.

Mrs. Raymond Church and two daughters, Muriel and Lenne of Voorhees Hill, passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robbins, Mrs. M. Gostley and Mrs. Mary Ackerman of Wellsville, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett on Water Street, Saturday.

Thomas Place, Miss Susan Langworthy, Mrs. Mae Truman and daughter, Edythe of Alfred, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Greene, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Proper and Mrs. Valeneta Slocum attended the Past Matrons and Patrons of Eastern Star meeting in Wellsville, Thursday. Mrs. Proper being a Past District Deputy Grand Matron some years past.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall entertained Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Raufenbarth and Miss Mary. Mrs. C. W. O'Donnell and Susan, Miss Ruth Whisten, Miss Alice Clarke Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. Porter Richardson to a Neighborhood Sugar Party at Mr. Crandall's maple orchard, Sunday.

May 4, 1923

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bloss are now located in their new home corner of Greenwood Street and East Avenue, recently purchased by them from A. O. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick and family of Davis Hill, visited her parents near Birdsall, Saturday. Mrs. Burdick and children remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Briggs of Hemrods, have been visiting several days with his sister, Mrs. Mae Davis of Davis Hill.

Fay Boyd is in attendance at the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. in New York City this week.

Miss Cynthia Scott went to Canisteo, Tuesday, for a few days visit with friends and relatives.

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

Gov. Rockefeller thinks state legislators deserve a pay hike. But he doesn't think taxpayers ought to get a tax break.

That was what he said at a recent press conference in the Capitol, one of the few formal meetings with reporters he has held this session.

The Governor made the remark when asked to comment on reports that a special commission will recommend that legislators get \$10,000 pay hikes this year.

Right now they make \$20,000 a year — minimum. Some make as much as \$21,000, more for holding important legislative titles.

"Do you think it is fair they should get pay hikes and yet not pass any kind of tax reduction this year?" Rockefeller was asked.

"What is the relation between those two?" he replied, "Excuse me, I'm not supposed to ask you questions. Let me put it this way. I don't see any relation between their making a tax cut and their having a salary increase unless you are talking politics & whether it's good politics to make a tax cut in order to create an atmosphere that is more receptive to a salary increase. I don't think that is the way to decide either of those questions. I think both should be decided on the merits and they are unrelated."

The governor repeated what he has said earlier, that tax cuts this year are "unwise and irresponsible."

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown were in attendance at the furniture convention held in Jamestown, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cass Carpenter of Hartsville Hill, were week-end visitors at the home of his sister, Mrs. Byron Proper.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Arnoys and family of New Haven, Conn., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Herman and family.

Rockefeller said legislators deserve a pay hike because they work hard and haven't had one in six years.

Then a reporter asked him about talk that the Legislature may adjourn in mid-May.

"Beautiful," he replied. Rockefeller revealed he is still working on what he said is a revolutionary new system of state aid to local school districts.

It has two concepts, he said. One is the idea of a regional basis, where the school districts would be consolidated into a region. "This would extend a major industrial plant for the benefit of that tax over a broader area," he said for example.

Secondly, he said, the state at the present time has a minimum amount of aid that goes to school districts regardless of need, and that the rest varies according to a formula.

The second proposal would go "to the concept of the school preparing its budget on the basis of meeting the basic educational requirements of their children, weighted by the number of retarded children in the school, the number of deprived children in the school and so forth."

The districts would come up with a budget "on the basis of the real property tax values in their district and a reasonable tax rate on those, one would be subtracted from the other and the state would pick up the difference."

the south, arrived home from Southern Pines, S. C., Friday.

Mrs. Marshall Barley and son, Carlton, left Saturday for Hartford, Conn., to visit at the home of their daughter and sister.

Miss Ruth Robinson returned to her school duties at Orange, New Jersey, Sunday, after a weeks visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson.

Mrs. Eliza Sherwood of Voorhees Hill, is visiting this week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cora Baker and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mullen and family of West Greenwood were guests Saturday at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bunt.

Mrs. Kenneth Bennion of Kenmore was called to Andover, Friday by the critical illness of her father, Edward Cable.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fuller were visitors in Buffalo and Rochester, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent returned Friday after passing the winter in the South.

Miss Ellen Driscoll, R.N., of Buffalo, passed the week-end at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent O'Connor.

Robert Common of the University of Buffalo, was the guest of Edward Cannon at a fraternity party at Ithaca Saturday night.

Miss Ruby Robinson returned to Alfred University Sunday after passing the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson.

Mrs. Henry Gee and son of Wellsville, visited from Friday until Tuesday at the home of her sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Orris Parker.

30 YEARS AGO

April 29, 1943

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

On Easter Sunday, Virginia I. Mullen and Clinton M. York were united in marriage by the Rev. Leon B. Randall. The attendants were Barbara York, sister of the bridegroom and Harold Mullen, brother of the bride.

Pictures of soldiers appearing in this week's issue of the Andover News are of Private Carl E. Will, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Will of Elm Valley and Air Cadet Francis McAndrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew of Elm Valley.

Mrs. Sarah Murray, 92, a life-long resident of the Town of

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