

THE PRICE OF OPINION

An Editorial

We learned at a very young age that any newspaper worth the price of the paper it was printed on was a newspaper which had opinions of its own and was a paper which made these opinions known to the public through its editorials.

Any newspaper which publishes the views of its editor, through the use of editorials, would quickly tell you that the weekly or daily routine would be made easier if its opinions were left unsaid.

We know from years gone by, that by expressing our opinions, ideas, and thoughts through the use of an editorial, and by speaking out in print we do not always win friends and influence people. Many times our views are among the minority, and quite frequently we find ourselves on the other side of the fence from our friends and business associates.

But then, we didn't enter this profession with the thought of winning a popularity contest. We fell there is a responsibility vested in us to set the stage for an open forum about our community.

We have been told, among other things that it takes guts, that nobody in their right mind would go against the grain of the majority, stick their neck out in print, and then stay around to be subjected to the repercussions which are sure to follow. Regardless of our mental evaluation by others, that is exactly what happens every time an editorial is published.

Sometimes the volume is turned to its highest and many times your family, which had no hand in the writing, becomes subjected to the little people who thrive on ridicule.

We constantly run into the person who waits for his supporters to surround him, or until he is half-beer-ed up to take exception to something we write. But when he is alone or sober, he is ready to forget the whole deal. These people fail to realize they have an editorial column of their own right here in the newspaper. It is the "Letters to the Editor" column. It is always open, with a standing invitation to our readers to use it.

Hardly a week goes by that we don't have someone or some group suggesting editorial comment for our use. When asked why they don't write a letter to the editor, 99 per cent of the answers boil down to this: "We can't afford to get people mad at us, we're in business, or we have to live with these people".

Let us say this: agreement on every subject is not vital for intelligent discussion. Rather, conflict of opinion on an issue often brings forth truth, understanding, and action towards a better community — if those involved have the maturity to remain objective.

The editorials in The Andover News remain our ideas. They are our thoughts. We do not expect agreement on everything we write. But when you see it in print, it is there as a market — place for thought and discussion. But you can bank on one thing — when you read it in an editorial — that's the way we feel!

And, don't forget readers — your Hometown Weekly Newspaper is more vitally interested in what goes on locally — than any other newspaper in the world!

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS BASIC TO ALL YOUR AMERICAN FREEDOMS! Only as your Newspaper is free to print the facts, can you be free to know them. Only as you know the facts, can you act wisely in the best interests of your Community, as you see them. In America, there is plenty of room for opinions. **THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW THE**

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50 YEARS AGO

August 3, 1923

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The Village of Andover has purchased the land owned by P. A. Dean located at the Springs, supplying the water for Andover. The purchase price was \$2,500. The work on the water system is to begin at once.

The New York State Highway Department has made a proposition to the Towns of Wellsville and Andover to construct a new concrete road between the two towns. It also includes the erection of a bridge at Stearns' Crossing. The new highway is to be 18 ft. wide and the bridge 20 ft. wide and 85 ft. long. County Superintendent of Highways, Craig District Superintendent Minch, with the Town Official Superintendents Howland and Crandall, are planning to bring the proposition before the voters of the Town of Andover at the coming Election this Fall.

John Harkenrider 82, a prominent farmer in Rexville, died July 27 at his home. Besides his widow, he is survived by five daughters, four sons and a sister. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Rexville. Andover has enjoyed five and one-third inches of water during the month of July.

C. E. Brown has leased of Mrs. Agnes Foulke, the Trainer Store on Main Street and will fit it for use as an undertaking parlor.

Leonard Theetge has won the highest honors in the Athletic Sports at Camp Shenawanna, just closed. He also was among those who won the camp Emblem.

Mrs. Jesse Hunt entertained her bridge club at a luncheon at her residence on Pleasant Ave., Tuesday. Six tables were set. Those from out-of-town were: Miss Ellen Young, Miss Grace Kellogg, Mrs. Mabel Stevenson and Miss McCornith, of Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Adams of Voorhees Hill, called on the Allison Baker family at Elm Valley, Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Howland and sons were Sunday callers at the Charles Cole home in Elm Valley.

Miss Mayne Dean returned to Lackawanna, Sunday after a two weeks vacation spent with relatives on South Hill. She was accompanied by her niece Doris Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rogers and daughter, Louise, Mr. and Mrs. Will Pease and son, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pease and son, Mr. and Mrs. Flay Pease and two sons, Miss Anna Cronk, Mr. and Mrs. S. Woodworth and son, Roy of the Lane School District, attended the Firemen's Convention at Belfast, Thursday.

Mrs. James Wentworth and daughter, Miss Winifred, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Pease and family the past week.

Dr. John Common motored to Cuba, Tuesday with six young people to enjoy an outing at the Health Camp. The party included: Doris Yager, Burrell Cole, James and Florence Mulholland, a son of Raymond Hardy and a daughter of Mel Green of East Valley.

The Misses Mary Snyder and Mary Boyd reached home Tuesday from a month's trip visiting with relatives in the Western States.

40 YEARS AGO

July 28, 1933

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mrs. Guy S. Wood and Mrs. John E. Vincent were hostesses to a lawn party held at the home of Mrs. Wood Wednesday afternoon for the benefit of the King's Daughters of the Presbyterian Church. Refreshments were served to 100 guests. The Committee in charge were: Mrs. Arling Baker, Chariman; Mrs. R. V. Atkins, Mrs. T. R. Bassett, Mrs. W. S. Calhoun and the hostesses.

At the annual meeting of the Allegany County Past Noble Grands Association held in Andover, Tuesday, Mrs. Clara Howland was elected president. Mrs. Laura Witter was in charge of the



by Alex Rankin

Rumors are floating about that Gov. Rockefeller is hinting that he may not run for re-election next year.

The rumors are intended to do nothing more than keep the troops in line. Implicit in them is the fact that if Rockefeller decides not to run next year the coffers of the republican party will resemble an arid wasteland.

They are aimed at Republican Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr. of Montauk, L. I., and Republican Senate Majority Leader Warren M. Anderson of Binghamton, who spent a lot of time at the 1973 session of the Legislature engaging in a public relations battle — pumping air into their own gubernatorial ambitions.

A lot of people believe that no matter how you feel about Rockefeller personally, if he suddenly removed himself from the picture the Republican party in this state would quickly crumble into what it is, the minority party.

A report by Duryea's staff re-

cently concludes that the only way to keep government from getting bigger and bigger all the time is to watch it constantly, instead of periodically.

The report pointed out that while the state constitution limits Rockefeller to 20 departments, the fact is that the executive chamber has only been limited to 20 units of government which are called departments.

The report called for the expansion of the current studies on public authorities now being conducted by the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions.

It also called for a closer look at controversial joint legislative committees — one of the best farms for political patronage in the state — by the standing committees of the legislature.

They want commissions to submit their annual reports to the Legislature in December before the annual session gets underway so the Legislature can act on those recommendations.

Baker.

30 YEARS AGO

July 22, 1943

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Pvt. Louis Sherman of Ft. Lawton, Washington, and Pvt. Stanley Sherwood of Romulus, Michigan, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sherwood, are the Servicemen's pictures featured in the Andover News this week.

Frank Foster, 70, died at his home in Elm Valley, July 15. His widow, four sisters, and a brother survive. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellsville.

A dinner party was held on the lawn of Mrs. Grace Howland, Sunday in honor of the birthday anniversaries of Curtis Burdick, Mrs. James Gibson, Miss Irene Dougherty and Mrs. A. L. Dougherty.

Mrs. Clara Hann entertained the Past Noble Grands Club at her home Friday night. Mrs. Jennie Green was the honored guest. The August meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ora Galt.

Lawrence J. Byan and Miss Ruth Blauvet of Almond, were united in marriage July 17th by the Rev. J. Walton Oliver, pastor of the Andover Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hotchkiss were their attendants.

Commissioner Fay E. Boyd and his men are building a new concrete sidewalk in front of the gas office, H. H. Williams Store and the Fire Hall this week. The Andover Fire Trucks are housed in the Holt Garage.

Mrs. Bartley Joyce entertained at pinocle, Friday, in honor of the birthday anniversaries of Mrs. C. L. Lynch, Miss Mary Kathryn Cannon. High and second high honors went to Mrs. Leo Horan and Miss Cannon.

Pvt. B. H. Cole returned to Ft. Slocum, Tuesday, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cole of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barney and family were Sunday dinner guests of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schoonover of Elm Valley.

Bruce and Kenneth Nye were Tuesday and Wednesday visitors at the John Dodge home on Davis Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Walden, son, William and daughter, Arbirta of Greenwood, were Sunday visitors at the home of John Dodge on Davis Hill.

Paul Ryan and Wendell Vars have returned to the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy.

Mrs. E. Yannie returned Tuesday from New York City where she passed a week with her daughter, Miss Anna Yannie. She also visited her sister Mrs. Martin Reynolds at Susquehanna.

Sergeant Harold Kemp of the

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