

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 feel 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.

Then too, occasionally there are a few people that "pop-off" about the selection of pictures that we use, or, when and how we use them. These people fail to recognize the fact that pictures cost us time and money to take, develop, print, and then cut on our Scan-Engraver and are truly expensive. And, at certain times when there is a lot going on, we don't have room to print all the pictures that we take. Sometimes we are able to print them later and sometimes we don't get to print them at all — so that all our time, effort and money expended goes "down the drain". But, in our selection, we have to consider and use the ones that are most timely and of the most interest to the largest number of people.

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 beered 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, if the letter is signed and fit to print.

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% 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!



50 YEARS AGO

June 6, 1924

J. H. Backus, Publisher

It is estimated that 3,000 people from Cattaraugus, Allegany and Steuben Counties gathered on the P. Rogers farm near Andover, Memorial Day night representing the Ku Klux Klan. The first part of the evening was given over to a display of fireworks and ended about midnight with the burning of a huge cross.

Dr. Clarence W. Hardy has been honored with the appointment to the medical staff for internship in the Woman's Hospital in New York City.

Floyd L. Hann and Clara M. Caple were united in marriage May 29 by the Rev. Ernest E. Davis in Wellsville. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stebbins.

Fifty members of the Andover Baptist Church gave their pastor, the Rev. A. D. Shepard a surprise birthday visit. A birthday cake had been prepared for the occasion and a jolly time was enjoyed by the group.

Forty neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rollins, May 31, to honor her birthday anniversary. Games and music were enjoyed followed by refreshments.

Miss Sylvia J. Hardy, R.N. of New York City, is spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. G. A. Hardy.

The following have been on the Honor Roll of the Andover High School: Sara Bettinger, Elizabeth Cannon, Nathaline Shepard, Wayland Livemore, Mary McFetridge Ruth Parker, Marion Rogers Mabel Wagner, Richard Harder Paul Kemp and Francis Quinn.

A trucking firm of Hornell, moved Tom McAndrew's rig from Greenwood Hill to the Jordan-Huggins lease in Fulmer Valley, where he will soon start to drill.

Jesse Clarke, Wilmer Burdick of Hartsville and Leeman Davis have been helping Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill plant potatoes. The farmers are glad to use a few full days potato planting.

Earl Dawson of Elmira passed the Memorial Day week-end with his mother, Mrs. Madge Dawson.

Mrs. E. J. Loughlen, Mrs. Ella Bundy, Mrs. J. M. Brundage and Mrs. Guy Wood were in Wellsville Wednesday in attendance at the funeral for Mrs. Celestea Whitcomb.

Misses Katherine and Susan O'Donnell are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jordan in Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and guests, Eugene Smith and daughter, Helen of Olean, visited at the home of E. M. Acker and family at Purdy Creek, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Rice returned Monday from several days spent with their daughter in McClean.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bird and family of Almond were Sunday visitors of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum.

Wallace Cummings returned Sunday from a visit with his aunt, Mrs. Ed Childs of Rochester.

Harold and Jesse Kemp were home from Depew for Decoration Day.

Mrs. Grace Fowler spent the week-end with her mother who is ill in Buffalo.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing R.N., returned to New York City, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Temple and daughter, Barbara, were business visitors in Hornell, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Faisant of Lancaster were Saturday overnight guests of Mrs. Eliza Gallagher and family.

40 YEARS AGO

June 1, 1934

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The Young Women's Friendly Class of the M. E. Church entertained at a Mary Jane Party. Prizes were awarded as follows: 1st to Mrs. Mary Childs; 2nd, Mrs. Margaret Northrup and 3rd to Mrs. Ruth Nottingham.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene, Mrs. Agnes Langworthy and son, Edson, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Thorne and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Northrup attended the funeral services for Dr. Elwood Burdick of Waverly, held at Alfred, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Coryell and daughter, Charlotte, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Tyler at Canisteo, Sunday and motored to Rochester to see the Ilacs and also visited the Iris Farm at Macedon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Randall of Corning are spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter.

Mrs. Mina Gordon and Mrs. Hester Green were calling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark on Joyce Hill, Monday. On their return in the evening they just missed hitting a large deer in the road.

Prof. William H. Loughhead of Hilton, Mrs. Jennie Loughhead of Knoxville, Pa., and her sister, Mrs. Raymond Symonds of Troupsburg, were Tuesday overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Backus.

J. D. Burdick motored to Olean Saturday bringing his son, Allen Harvey to Andover to pass the week-end with his wife, who is caring for her mother, Mrs. Harry Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cleveland of Richburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker. The Misses Alice Pope and Florence Earley spent Memorial Day in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Cheesman and Mr. and Mrs. Geil Reynolds were Sunday visitors of Glenn Cheesman and family in Elmira.

At the close of the Memorial Program, Wednesday, Comrade John Deming of the G.A.R., pastors of the Village and their wives, members of the American Legion Band and invited guests were entertained at a dinner given by the ladies of the Edward Seaman Woman's Relief Corps at the Legion Hall.

The Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, O.E.S. entertained the visiting Grand Officers with a 6:30 banquet with Mrs. Grace S. Maine of Fillmore, District Deputy Grand Matron of Allegany County and Assistant Lecturer Roland B. Richardson of Angelica. As the guests were seated, Miss Minnie Clair presided at the piano. Miss Annette Clifford gave a reading and a violin solo was rendered by Mrs. Denzel Baker. There were 100 present.

Mrs. Byron Proper, 80, a native of Andover, died May 25 at her home on First Street. Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDonough entertained Monday evening in honor of Mrs. William McDonough of Belmont and Mrs. Irving Gilfillan at a joint birthday party.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean are remodeling their residence on Main Street, purchased from John Wahl preparatory to moving there from the Doran home on Chestnut Street. A 6:30 dinner and variety shower was given Miss Edith Paine at the Robinson home by the eighth grade teachers.

Prof. and Mrs. Oliver Saunders of Cattaraugus are parents of a daughter, Janice Baker, born May 24. Mrs. Saunders was formerly Miss Orrelbeth Baker of Andover.

Lack of rain has done heavy damage to pastures and meadows throughout the county and state. Government rain gauge shows but .93 inches of rain in the month of May.

30 YEARS AGO

May 25, 1944

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Commander Harold Emery of Thomas M. Lynch Post No. 397 American Legion, announces the following program for the observance of Memorial Day, Tuesday May 30: Introduction, R. E. Temple Post Commander; Prayer by Chaplain, R. E. Shaff; Gettysburg Address, James Burgett; Reading of Honor Roll, R. E. Shaff; In Flanders Field, Patricia Dolan; Address Rev. W. D. Shearer; Decorating of Graves of deceased Comrades by the Flower Committee of the Edward Seaman Woman's Relief Corp. Salute to the Dead, Legion Firing Squad.

Claude A. Drew Seaman 1ic, son of Mrs. Lotie Drew, has been listed as missing in action as of September 29, 1943.

Mrs. Levi Dodge died May 22

News From Albany

by Assemblyman James L. Emery

Geneseo — The Office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Geneseo) announced his schedule for the week of June 14th as follows: On Saturday evening, June 15th the Assemblyman will be attending the 100th Anniversary dinner of the Union Hose Company No. 1 in Dansville. At noon on Tuesday, June 18th he will be guest speaker at the luncheon of the Brae Burn Rotary Club in Dansville. On Wednesday afternoon, June 19th, Mr. Emery will be meeting with key executives of the Rochester Telephone Company for a Public Affairs Seminar. The Assemblyman will be travelling to Rochester in the morning on Thursday, June 20th to attend a public hearing which the Assembly Standing Committee on Social Services is holding in regard to the continuing problems experienced in the administration of the Supplemental Security Income Program. That same afternoon he will be attending dedication exercises at Craig Developmental Center to re-name a building after the late William Wilkinson who served as a Representative of the Board of Visitors for 27 years. That evening Mr. Emery will be in Scottsburg attending an Annual dinner given by Livingston County honoring those going to Boys' State.

1944 at the Jones Memorial Hospital. Her husband and a brother survive. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellsville.

Applications for home canning sugar allowances are available at local grocery stores. A total of 20 pounds per person is obtained.

Sgt. Charles Lever of Langley Field, Va., spent from Saturday until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lever. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lever, Mrs. Charles Lever and son, Gordon accompanied Sgt. Lever to Olean, Monday night.

Regina Ann Richardson S2/c has been transferred from Palm Beach Florida to Norfolk, Virginia.

Clare Jackson S2/c passed the week-end with his family here, he is stationed at Sampson Naval Training Station, Geneva.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cornell (Miss Marjory Davis), are parents of a daughter born May 20, at the Bethesda Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Coleman received word of the arrival of a grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson of Philadelphia, Pa., May 18. Mrs. Johnson was formerly Miss Dorothy Coleman.

Neighbors and relatives of Mrs. M. H. Greene of Railroad Valley, gave her a surprise party in honor of her birthday anniversary, Sunday night.

Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph Skinner are parents of a son born May 23 at the Tullar Maternity Hospital, Wellsville.

At the close of the seventh marking period the following have maintained perfect attendance records for the year: 2nd Grade, Charles Davis, Ann Marvel, Rowland Sweet; 3rd Grade, Rosetta Davis; 5th Grade, Evrett Davis, Liquori Lynch, Florence Boyd; 6th Grade, Barbara Trowbridge, Gloria Clair Mary Louise Dunham, Ronald Sutor; 7th Grade, Beverly Clair, Mary Margaret Dean, Mary Ellen Driscoll, Gerald Goodridge; 8th Grade, John Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phelps of Rochester spent the week-end at the Charles Burdick home in Elm Valley. Mrs. Lizzie Burdick returned with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fulkerson of Buffalo, spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hyland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Greene of Railroad Valley, spent from Thursday until Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Muzam at Fairmont, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeland and daughter, Eleanor, spent Saturday at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Perkins of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Childs and Miss Winifred Wentworth were in Getleton, Pa., Monday.

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