

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!

An Editorial Worth Repeating

The average life of each of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years, and their progression seems to have followed this sequence:

1. From Bondage to Spiritual Faith;
2. From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage;
3. From Courage to Liberty;
4. From Liberty to Abundance;
5. From Abundance to Selfishness;
6. From Selfishness to Complacency;
7. From Complacency to Apathy;
8. From Apathy to Dependency;
9. From Dependency back to Bondage.

We are sure that all serious thinking people can put approximate dates to the stages from 1 thru 7.

From our recollection, the latter part of stage 5, namely the Selfishness, became manifest shortly after the outbreak of World War II.

Many people became money hungry when they saw the big pay that was available in the defense plants. Patriotism was subjugated to the value of the almighty dollar and draft dodging became very noticeable.

During World War II, Labor Unions that controlled part of the Nation's defense effort were allowed to go out on strike for higher wages. This, despite the fact that many of us on the combat fronts were receiving an average of \$60 to \$74 a month and were risking our lives daily. What would have happened if we had gone on a strike for more pay — and less hours?

After World War II, we seemed to have traveled along the 6th stage, as the Korean conflict came along. We, as a nation, lost many Soldiers — but this wasn't even considered a War! Instead of emerging victorious, the best thing that was accomplished was a compromise — with a stalemate!

We lost a great deal of "face" with the free people of the World as a result of the settlement of this conflict. Then we were embroiled in Vietnam — and many vociferous "so-called Citizens" were demanding that we QUIT — before we achieved a decisive VICTORY!

Yes, we passed thru the 7th stage quickly when we allowed the "Reds" to establish an accessible base in Cuba — Just a few miles from our "Home Shores".

Now it appears that we are well into the 8th stage as our Leaders, Workers, and Unions demand more and more of management. These people want to be taken care of practically from the cradle to the grave. They want to work fewer and fewer hours — make more and more money — do less and less at their jobs — live higher and higher — and spend more of their time playing and vacationing.

And, with the establishment of "Medicare" as well as "Medicaid", we followed the "Primrose Path" of Socialism! — Where does that leave poor John Q. Taxpayer? — Just WHO is going to earn the money to make this Welfare State possible? Taxes are so high now that many ambitious people have to work at a regular job and have at least 1 or 2 part-time jobs on the side in order to afford to live at the social level they desire — And, this is just the BEGINNING!

Let's see if we can't get people around us interested in how our Tax Dollars are being spent — and help put a stop to this deplorable inflation and waste of our financial resources!

If we don't — our Apathy will allow the majority to turn into complete dependency — and from there it's just a short step to complete BONDAGE!

Elections are coming up in a little over a month. Check over the platforms of the Candidates carefully! For those that are proposing huge spending programs — or giving the voters money — ask yourselves where else is it going to come from — other than your already flattened wallet! Then vote accordingly.



50 YEARS AGO

February 18, 1927  
 J. H. Backus, Publisher

After nearly 20 years of service in Andover, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gilbert leave Andover today to make their future home at Ithaca in the Odd Fellows Home. Mr. Gilbert came to Andover in 1907 as an employee of The News Printing House and has been our foreman ever since. The Odd Fellows gave them a farewell Tuesday evening. Those having part in the program were: Bloss Orchestra, Rev. J. H. Seely, Oliver Kemp and Francis Vickers, Erwin Baker, Helen Vickers, Mrs. W. N. Rice, J. H. Backus, District Deputy Grand Master H. U. Burr and Leo DeRemer. Over 150 friends attended the farewell party. On Thursday evening the members of the Baptist Church gave Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert a farewell reception. Lightning struck the cow barn of John F. Baker about 9 o'clock February 16 and killed two cows. One cow was a full-blooded Jersey and the other a valuable Holstein. On the evening of February 10 the Andover Town Basketball Team won a basketball game from the State Armory quintet from Hornell by a score of 9 to 12. The Andover players were Alvord, H. Lehman, Williams, Loughhead and D. Weryley, substitutes were Downer and Rowe. Andover Grange will celebrate the 20th anniversary of their organization at their next meeting, February 23. A suitable program will precede the supper.

At the last meeting of the Literary Society, called to order by President Clifford Howland, February 11, the following people spoke: Mildred Seely, Mary Horan, Mary Bronck, Edward Crandall, Ima Williams, Helen Joyce, Cecelia Gavin, Robert Common, Julie Joyce, Harold Bixby, Vincent Mitchell, Dorathea Snyder, William Hammell, Carl Greene, Gertrude O'Connell, Oliver Kemp and Gerald Hann.

At the January Regents Examination, 41 grade and 33 high school, several received 100% 90% and 85%.

James Mathews was born October 15 1857, the youngest son of the late William and Esther Mathews, died at his home of Hill Street, February 13. On January 8, 1875, he married Elnora L. Green, who survives with four daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Dahill of Buffalo, Mrs. Ethel Perry of Watkins Glen, Edna Thompson of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. Clara Howland of Andover, 18 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Andover relatives have received the announcement of a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitcomb of Harrisburg, Pa. The little may be named Harold C. Jr.

Cpl. McMinde of Canisteo, is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. John Osmin in Rexville. George, eldest son of Mrs. Clara Crandall, died February 6, at the age of 47. His father was the late Sidney Crandall. Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife Ruby Slade Crandall, two sons Lewis and Sidney; and one brother Frank of Los Angeles, Calif. Burial was in Whitesville.

Mrs. William Woodruff spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. James Martin of Alfred. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes accompanied the High School Basketball Team to Bolivar Tuesday evening.

Miss Sylvia J. Hardy has returned from a visit with friends and relatives in New York City and Rutherford, N. J. Mrs. M. T. Livermore, who has been in Andover since the death of her mother, accompanied her and after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rodney Robinson at Rutherford, N. J., returned to her home at Brazil, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Vincent of New Rochelle, N. Y., sailed from San Francisco, Calif. February 15th on a pleasure trip to Honolulu and Japan. Enroute to the Pacific Coast, they enjoyed a visit with Mark Boyd at Grand Canyon, Arizona and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brundage at Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Vincent will be remembered as Miss Rose Baker of Andover.

George Stein of Depew is in Andover helping in the installation of new equipment at the Silk Mill.

Miss Louise Will is passing the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Snyder.

Miss Viola Wildman was calling in Wellsville Sunday.

Miss Florence Cocoman was a business caller in Wellsville, Wednesday.

40 YEARS AGO

February 19, 1937  
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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones entertained 18 guests at their home on Dyke Street at a Valentine Party, Sunday evening. The American Legion Band has organized for the 1937 season. Officers elected were Lloyd W. Robinson, President; John E. Green, Manager; Harold D. Hardy, Secretary; C. C. Backus, Treasurer; A. L. Bloss, Director and C. L. E. Lewis, Assistant Director.

Mrs. Ernest Witter died at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, February 17. Carrie, the daughter of Joseph and Isabell Stewart, was born in Arkport on June 11, 1895. She married Ernest Witter September 20, 1913. She is survived by her husband and four children, Lillian, Franklin James and Ernestine at home, her aged mother, Mrs. Isabell Stewart, one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmerteti and three brothers, Dorsin Joseph and William Stewart, all of Arkport.

Mrs. W. W. Miller died at the Grovel Hospital in Detroit, Michigan on February 4. She was the younger of two daughters of Daniel and Emily Stenson Bradley born in Andover on March 24, 1875. On November 15, 1877 she married Waldo M. Miller who died June 20, 1927. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Wm. H. Fries of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan and one nephew, Frank W. Burrows of Andover. Burial was in Wellsville, Pa.

Daniel Clark, age 78, died at his home on the Canisteo-Greenwood Road. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and one brother.

W. N. Rice has sold his home and truck gardens on Chestnut Street to Charles Gath.

Mrs. R. E. Dronsfield and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord entertained the Contract Bridge Club at the home of Mrs. Alvord, Monday evening.

Mrs. Anna Early has received word that her sister, Mrs. May Threagould of Minneapolis, Minn. died February 14. Mrs. Threagould was the daughter of David Corwin and for the first 18 years of her life, lived on Corwin Hill. She leaves a daughter and a grandson.

Weekend Specials at the Market Basket are: Alaska Pink Salmon 2 cans for 25c, Alaska Red Salmon 25c can, Tuna Fish 2 cans for 50c, Cabbage 3 lbs. for 10c, Apples 5 lbs. 23c, Grapefruit 4 for 23c, Oysters 23c full pint, and Cottage Cheese 3 lbs. 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke, Mrs. C. M. Crandall, Mrs. R. E. Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clarke of Independence are attending Farm and Home Week at Ithaca.

Miss Mary Lee of Independence entertained the Home Bureau members and their families Saturday evening.

Mrs. Grace Spicer of Independence invited the Home Bureau members and their families and anyone who would like to come, to a farewell party and shower for Mr. and Mrs. Butler Drew, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Milligan and family of Belmont were dinner guests of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Perry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nobles and daughter Patricia of Towanda, Pa., were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles in Show, Hollow Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ruger and daughter, Lois were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kibler of Rochester.

Mrs. Grace Howland entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of the birthday of her sister, Margaret Dougherty of Towanda, Pa. Those present were Margaret Dougherty, Tracy Dutcher of Towanda, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. John T. Baker and family of Pingrey Hill, Mrs. P. J. Dougherty and daughter Irene.

Miss Doris Church of Campbell Creek and Miss Roberta Church of Bath Extension School, passed the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy entertained Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Dronsfield at dinner Thursday evening in honor of the birthday of

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED

As vice-chairman of the Temporary Commission on Social Services, I recently participated in a first-hand briefing with the architect of President Carter's welfare proposals. The meeting, called by the Temporary Commission, was opened up to include the chief executives, legislators and commissioners of social services from many different counties across the state. It was encouraged by what I heard from the President's emissary, a deputy director of the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare. However, I do not want to convey any false hopes of optimism about a wondrous solution. A great deal of modification to the existing proposals will be necessary before substantial savings for New York would be realized.

Primarily, the proposed welfare changes would provide that several programs be scrapped or shifted to other agencies more in tune with the objectives of that specific program, and provide for the establishment of a higher level of federal dollar support upon which states would be allowed to subsidize additional grants in aid.

It is the provision for additional subsidization which worries me. Recent history has shown us that when some tax monies are freed from their original purpose, they are not rebated back to the taxpayers. Instead, the monies are divided up among other spending programs. I fear this trend would be continued should the federal welfare changes be adopted.

Rather than returning all of the savings realized from the changes back to the taxpayers, I think that we in New York might be caught by the more liberal state legislators who would mount a drive to keep welfare spending at current levels so as to provide greater subsidy to welfare programs not backed by federal dollars. Should this take place, the entire purpose of the proposed welfare changes will be defeated here in New York State. In fact, the intended tax decreases might actually turn out to be a bottom line increase in total welfare costs for New York State taxpayers.

However, before any change may be acted upon here in New York State, the proposed welfare changes must first pass through the U. S. Congress. No one can predict the reaction of Congress, but if all goes as usual, the program that would be introduced will be subject to major changes to suit the congressional point of view.

For this reason, it is dictated that we must simply wait, keeping our fingers crossed that a strong welfare reform proposal will ultimately be produced.

Mrs. Dronsfield and little Ruth Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Childs and family and Charles Ruger were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wales of Elmira.

Mrs. Carroll Ruger and daughter, Lois were callers at the home of Fred Short in Wellsville, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clara Jackson and family were guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cronk in Olean, Sunday.

Mrs. Kenneth Alvord attended a Bridge party at the home of Mrs. Frank Apsay in Wellsville, Tuesday evening.

Miss Edna Barrett of Buffalo passed the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Barrett on Corwin Hill.

30 YEARS AGO

February 20, 1947

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Edward Kent of Andover, for the third successive year was the Sweepstake Winner of the Fourth Annual Allegany County Potato Show held in Wellsville last week and is now the permanent holder of the Wellsville Exchange Club Cup.

The Vocational Agricultural Class of Andover Central School won Second Place in the contest sponsored by the Allegany County Soil Conservation District Board on an exhibition in Soil and Water Conservation. Other Andover winners were Clifford Nye, Lester York and Sons and Carl Burdick.

In the Junior Potato Snow Andover winners included Carl Clark.

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