

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.

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 "Letter 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 some one or some group suggesting editorial comment for our use. When asked why they don't write a letter to the editor, 99 percent 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!

A "Letter To The Editor" must be addressed "To The Editor", either by Name or Title, must be signed personally — in the writer's own true signature (not just typed or stamped by a rubber stamp) although a writer may request that his signature be withheld for personal reasons, must be written in language and with words that are fit to print, and should be typed double-space, and should not contain more than 200 words. (Letters that are written by hand may be accepted providing they are clearly legible.)

THE ANDOVER NEWS

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50 YEARS AGO

March 11, 1927
J. H. Backus, Publisher
Mrs. Lucinda Tinkler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wereley Sr., was born at North Lancaster Ontario, Canada, June 20, 1901. On December 12, 1926, she married Guy A. Tinkler of Friendship. Mrs. Tinkler died March 7, 1927 at her home in Horseheads. Besides her husband and parents, she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: John, George, Dairon and Gordon Wereley; Mrs. William Burger and Florence Wereley. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery Friendship.

Harland Coats, of Andover and Maleta Clark of Independence were married February 25 at Whitesville by Rev. B. S. Kellerman.

A Fire Drill was given at the Andover High School, Wednesday morning at 9:40 a. m. The whole drill was conducted in four minutes from the time the pupils heard the gong until they were all back in their seats.

A meeting of the Beta Mu was held in the High School Building Friday evening. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lynch. They elected a new President and Vice President, who are: President Robert Lynch and Vice President Raymond Huggins. It was decided to hold initiation next Tuesday evening on two candidates Guy Nye and Edward Crandall. Carl Green, Secretary.

The Literary Society was called to order by President Clifford Howland, March 4. The following took part in the program: Eleanor DeRemer, Robert Common, Fanny Perry, Doris Church, Cecilia Gavin Elwood Williams, Marguerite Perry, Gertrude O'Connell, Irma Greene, Oliver Kemp, Vincent Mitchell, Viola Clark, Elizabeth Baker, Julie Joyce, and William Hammell. The program committee was Mary Cable, Claire Greene and Naoma Strickler.

Carl Hann and his orchestra furnished the music at a College Professors Party at Alfred, Saturday evening.

Miss Helen Folsing entertained at cards Thursday evening.

Allison Baker of Canisteo, came to Andover Monday with the body of his two year old child for burial in the family plot here. The child died from Scarlet Fever and the other children in the family are all ill with the disease.

The Post Office received 2,500 day old "baby" chicks for Frank Emery, Wednesday, by first class postage, with a special handling stamp attached which requires the Post Office authorities to give careful care to the babies. See — Spring has arrived!

Saturday was Calf Day in Andover and several were shipped from South Hill farmers.

The farmers of Independence are tapping their maple orchards Sap started good Sunday.

The Misses Onnalee Hammell and Marjorie Williams left Monday for New York City.

Young ladies have entered for a three year training in the School of Nursing at Lenox Hill Hospital. New Cabbage 5c a lb., Vienna Rolls 20c a dozen, Hearts Delight Coffee 52c a lb., American Brick Cheese 38c lb., Vienna Good Fried Cakes 20c dozen, and Hot Cross Buns are specials Friday at F. L. Bloss Grocery.

All kinds of Fish for Lent — Cistees 12c lb., Red Alaska Salmon 25c lb., Mackerel 15c lb. at B. C. Williams Store.

40 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1937
Claire C. Backus, Publisher
The Union Caucus for the Village of Andover was held at the Village Hall, Saturday evening and placed and nominated a full Village Ticket — Mrs. Hazel Atwell is the first Andover women ever to run for Trustee and Michael Dougherty is the other Trustee; Edward Mul len for Mayor in place of Henry Livermore; Dr. S. B. Scott, J. L. Williams and William Traster to fill vacancies and Village Committee: Michae Dougherty, J. D. Cheer man and John Burns.
Miss Lena Hurne of Buffalo and Sheridan Witter of Buffalo, form

ery of Andover, were married February 20.

Mrs. Margaret Dean writes to the Editor of the record attendance at Farm and Home Week in Ithaca and also how the Lenten Season is observed.

Tapping of the Oriskany Sand at about 4,500 feet, the Belmont Quadrangle Corporation Gas Well in the Town of Greenwood was drilled in Friday with a capacity estimated at 43,000,000 cubic feet daily. The lease on the Clark Farm adjoins that held by the Empire Gas & Fuel Company on State Land where the big gasser was brought in a few years ago.

Those who attended the County American Legion Meeting held at Cuba, Wednesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett, Mrs. A. L. Bloss, Fay Boyd and Mrs. C. C. Backus.

A farewell party was held at the home of Carrie Slade in honor of Mrs. Marion Theetge. Twenty members of the OES Circle Club were present and enjoyed a program of stunts and guessing games. Refreshments were served and a gift presented to Mrs. Theetge who expects to leave Andover soon to join her husband.

A party of friends gave Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ruger a surprise visit Saturday night in honor of their fifth wedding anniversary.

Otto Nye has moved his family from the Lyle Mulconery residents on Greenwood Street to the property known formerly as the Randall Pease home on Elm Street.

Mrs. Avery Mead entertained the L. L. Bridge Club at her home Tuesday night. High honors were awarded to Mrs. C. R. McGill, Mrs. William Woodruff, and Miss Emma Folsing.

Miss Eva Rennells of Tip Top finished her business course at the Hornell Federal Commercial School this week.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will serve a hot waffle and Maple Syrup Supper March 9 — Price 25c.

A much needed light has been placed at the grade entrance of the M. E. Church.

Manager Lang of the Market Basket has begun moving things about in the Market Basket Store in preparation for extensive changes in the interior of the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Ordway of Hornell, are the new proprietors of the Atlantic Gas Station. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Mulconery are moving to their new home on Greenwood Street.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Edwards of Whitesville, March 3.

Patrick McCambridge, 86, of Whitesville, died February 23. Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Kate Coleman and two nephews, Alex and Joe Bessette.

Nathaniel H. Hubbard, 65, died at his home in Stannards, February 26. He is survived by his wife one daughter, Mrs. Fred Green of Olean; one son, George Hubbard of Andover; two sisters, Mrs. Ray Kelly and Mrs. Mary Braden, both of Wellsville.

Charles Clark of Independence moved the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. Butler Drew to Little Genesee, N. Y., Sunday.

Over 50 people attended the Home Bureau Party and Shower for Mr. and Mrs. Butler Drey at the home of Robert Spicer in Independence, Saturday evening. A very pleasant evening of games and music was enjoyed by all present.

Two sleigh loads of former neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fanton of Voorhees Hill journeyed to their home in Fulmer Valley last Wednesday evening to help them celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Trowbridge of Greenwood, announced the marriage of their granddaughter Agnes McCaffery to Russell Smith of Wellsville, February 27.

Mrs. W. J. McDonough of Troupsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Canty and daughter, Catherine Ann and Mrs. John Canty of Belmont, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Gilfillan Sunday.

March 12, 1937

Mrs. Jane Updyke of Independence died early Thursday a. m., March 11, 1937 at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Updyke of West Union. She was born January 20, 1855, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Rogers. She married George Updyke on February 17, 1874, who died January 31, 1919. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Laura Witter of Andover and Mrs. Martha Kibler of Rochester; two sons, Fred of West Union and Ben of Independence; three sisters, Mrs. Sara

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery
FOREIGN COMPETITION COSTS JOBS; MISUSED TAX DOLLARS

With businesses continuing to leave the state and the persisting high unemployment rate, the search for ways to improve the state's business climate is a top priority. One way a beneficial step which the state could take to provide immediate help would be to restrict state purchases to New York State producers.

For example, on October 6, a bid will be let by the State's Department of Transportation for the purchase of millions of dollars of steel for the construction of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge over the Hudson River. I have learned that Japanese manufacturers are likely to receive that bid. This comes at a time when 3,500 employees of the Bethlehem Steel plant in Buffalo are being laid off because the company cannot find a market for its products.

The state must seriously address itself to the problem of foreign competition under-cutting New York State businesses and jobs. We should definitely insist that those products purchased with state tax dollars be produced by New York businesses whenever it is reasonable and possible. The jobs in our state and nation must be protected. On another issue relating to the use of state tax monies, I have learned that hundreds of thousands of pamphlets are being made up at state taxpayer expense to promote the Governor's proposal for a \$750-million Economic Development Bond Issue. This proposal will be on the ballot this November for voter consideration.

In the past, arguments solely meant to sway a voter's preference for or against a proposition, question or constitutional amendment have been financed and developed by private resources. This year, a special task force of state workers paid by your tax dollars are working full time on this lobbying effort to pass the Governor's program.

It is totally wrong, if not actually illegal, for state tax dollars to be used this way. I would hope that this action would stop immediately and the state treasury be reimbursed by the Governor for all costs of the operation.

As a special note, I would like to mention that every voter will soon be receiving a special report from me listing each issue to be decided by public referendum on this November's ballot. Brief explanations of the issues and arguments both for and against the passage of each proposal are included in the report. If you do not receive your copy by the second week of October, please write to Assemblyman Jim Emery, New York State Assembly Room 525, L.O.B. Albany, N. Y. 12248. A copy will immediately be forwarded to you.

Murry of Greenwood, Mrs. Irene Updyke and Mrs. Myrtle Kemp of Andover. Burial was in Independence Cemetery.

The Annual Father and Son Banquet of the Brotherhood Class of the M. E. Church was held last Thursday evening with 100 men and boys attending.

The ladies of the church served the dinner. Principal Glenn Bretsch led the group in singing old and popular songs, with Mrs. C. A. Robinson accompanying at the piano. After dinner the program consisted of the HHS Orchestra, the quartette of C. A. Robinson, G. E. Bretsch, Rev. E. J. Cory and William Lang; Farnham Pope gave the Toast to Dads; Erwin Baker a reading; C. A. Robinson, Toast to the Boys. Rev. E. J. Cory then introduced the speaker Dr. J. Wesley Searle, who spoke for 40 minutes.

The March meeting of the Musical Club was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Denzel Baker and Mrs. Hayden Rogers. The following pupils had parts in the program: Elaine Pope, Rose Yannie, Beatrice Dean, Paul Kibbane, Dewey Northrup, Donald Northrup, Audrey Baker, Eleanor Northrup, Patrick Lynch, Jean Northrup, Geraldine Perry, Frances Baker and Pearl Goodridge.

The Boys Class of the Presbyterian Church Sunday School were entertained at the home of John Ahrens on Center Street, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Marion Ernestine Halladay

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