Mary McAndrew says:

BE CAREFUL!

Somewher a car turns right and speeds off into the nigth. It's a nice night to celebrate Independence Day. It's a nice night to court death in this strange darkness.

The tires hastily kiss the macadam road, and small stones, perhaps left by a gravel truck, are spat in response. The car moves stealthily forward. The man flicks the ashes from his cigarette and murmurs to his woman companion. She touches the soft, caressing curls on her shoulders, adjusts her evening wrap, and looks out into the night. The bells within their hearts peal to the skies with contentment and overmastering joy.

He smiles in her direction and neither notices the culvert only inches away.

A group of teen-agers, returning from the lake speed along the high way. There are ten persons in the sedan and they laugh gaily as they pass three road trucks.

The driver raises a bottle of coke to his mouth and bravely races the oncoming train to the crossing.

In the approaching train, a man sits reading the Bible. His pin-striped suit is wrinkled and the cuffs are frayed. He's reading about King David in the twenty-second Psalm . Conscious only of the beautiful thought of King David's wicked soul being converted, he does not sense the probable death, which the train is carrying to those reckless enough to race it to the crossing.

A mother races against time, to save her children and a few personal belongings from her burning home. The children were playing with their "safe" fireworks and the small boy dropped a lighted match in the paper basket.

These victims do not have names yet, but they'll be on the casualty list on the Fifth.

To those of you who are marked for death, for those of you who aren't, and to those of you who'll survive despite wounds, I can only say: BE CAREFUL!

BE CAREFUL! We, Americans, don't like the sound of those words, for we know nothing can happen to us.

I'd like to say to the happy couple speeding along the highway: "You are driving too fast. You'll never reach the dance at the club, for death is only minutes away."

To the teeners, I'd like to say: "You can't beat the train to the crossing. Some of you will be crushed beneath the mighty, grinding wheels of the train."

I'd like to say to the mother who'll watch her home burn, while all she loves burns with it: "Fireworks are never safe. Your little boy will drop a match into a basket of papers."

But how can I warn you, Stranger? For I know not where you are, but somewhere in this strange darkness you may be courting death.

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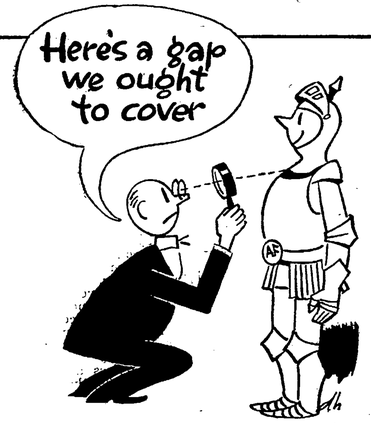

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Turning Back the Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the files of the Andover News)

30 YEARS AGO

JULY 5, 1918

J. H. Backus & Son, Editors

Miss Josephine H. Hayes and Robert A. Stout, both of Wellsville, were united in marriage June 29th.

Andover Rebekah Lodge conferred the Rebekah degree at Canisteo Thursday evening with about 40 Andover members going to Canisteo.

The Andover Hook & Ladder Company paraded at the Allegany County Firemen's Convention in Angelica yesterday.

M. V. Lynch returned Saturday to Camp Dix, after spending a furlough at his home here.

Miss Alice Pardon of Emporium, Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pardon.

Miss Susan M. Langworthy of Alfred was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Green the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wood of Springfield, Mass., are visiting Andover relatives and friends.

Miss Katherine Folsing is home from Penfield, N. Y., where she taught school the past year.

40 YEARS AGO

JULY 3, 1908

J. H. Backus, Editor & Publisher

Miss Ada Ward of Merlin, Canada and Carl Tracy of Andover were united in marriage June 24. They will reside in Tilbury, Canada, where Mr. Tracy is employed in the oil fields.

Andover defeated Almond in the first baseball game of the season Saturday by a score of 4 to 2. Leo Raufenbarth and Clarence Trowbridge were the battery for Andover.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sims, June 27.

A barn belonging to William Wahl of Elm Valley was struck by lightning Thursday, killing a valuable horse.

Miss Letha Briggs of Wellsville and Lee Millspaugh of Whitesville were married June 24th.

Miss Genevieve O'Hargan of Rexville is visiting friends in Andover.

E. Durand of Buffalo is visiting his mother, Mrs. Cunningham this week.

Miss Julia Raufenbarth graduated Wednesday from Wellsville Conservatory of Music.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey were in Wellsville Wednesday to attend the marriage of their niece, Miss Grace Frisbey.

50 YEARS AGO

JULY 6, 1898

Mosher & Green, Editors

Miss Hattie Mead and Robert Conley were married at the home of the bride last Wednesday.

John W. Deming of Andover and Mrs. Rillie Lee Baker of North Bingham, Pa., were married June 29th.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wilcox of Tip Top July 2nd.

Officers of Andover I. O. O. F. Lodge elected Tuesday night were: Rev. V. L. Eggleston, N.G.; J. S. Phillips, V.G.; E. L. Hann, secretary and C. E. Hann, treasurer.

Miss Nellie Potter returned Saturday from a three months' visit with her sister at Oil City, Pa.

Mrs. Arthur Mingus was called to Worthington, Pa., this week by the death of her brother.

John McGinty is visiting his brother in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Proper, daughter Ethel and Mr. and Mrs. George N. Martin are spending this week at Honeoye Lake.

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Births

June 16: To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Colburn, Cuba, a son.

June 18: To Mr. and Mrs. James Little, Cuba, a daughter.

June 21: To Mr. and Mrs. Milford Austin, Cuba, a daughter.

June 21: To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Frost, Cuba, a son.

June 22: To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Haynes, Belmont, a son.

June 23: To Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hamlin, Wellsville, a son.

June 24: To Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Stiles, Whitesville, a son.

June 24: To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cornelius, Wellsville, a daughter.

Marriages

June 19: Miss Joan Carey of Vestal and William Childs of Cuba.

June 19: Miss Katherine Startire of Olean and Bernard Paolielto of Friendship.

June 21: Miss Phyllis Gray of Orangeville, Ont., and Robert N. Sherwood of Friendship.

June 25: Miss Vernice Smith of Hornell and Joseph C. Park of Wellsville.

June 26: Miss Marianne Dreher and Jack McEnroe, both of Wellsville.

Deaths

Mrs. C. J. Craven, 59, of Allentown, June 24. Her husband, a daughter, five brothers and three sisters survive.

Mrs. Margaret O'Leary, 78, of Wellsville, June 29. Two sons, seven daughters, two brothers and a siste survive.

Miss Lucy Clapp, 83, of Angelica, June 28. Three nephews survive.

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Offertory, "Faith and Hope," R. Morrison.

Sermon.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Gordon Larson, Pastor

Sunday school, 10:30.

Worship service, 11:30.

Evening service, 7:30.

Morning prayer meeting, Tuesday 10 a. m. at Mrs. Pelton's home.

Cottage Bible study, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday at F. Maulby's home.

BAPTIST

Rev. E. W. Hoyt, Pastor

Morning worship, 10:30. Sermon "Besides There Is No God."

Sunday school, 11:45.

Christian Endeavor, 6:30.

Evening service, 7:30. Sermon "The God of all Comfort."

The Bible class will meet in the parsonage Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Prayer service Wednesday at 8 p. m.

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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Raymond R. Taylor, Pastor

Mrs. Hazel Burgett, Organist

Mrs. Doris Gilkes, Choir Director

Services Sunday:

10:30 a. m. Morning Prayer, Rev. Helena Champlin, guest preacher.

11:30. Church school.

The pastor will be away from Monday until Saturday.

A Methodist Good Fellowship dinner at the church directly after morning service this Sunday. A former minister, the Rev. Miss Champlin will be guest speaker at the church service and will be present at the dinner. Each one bring a dish to pass, sandwiches or buttered rolls and table service.

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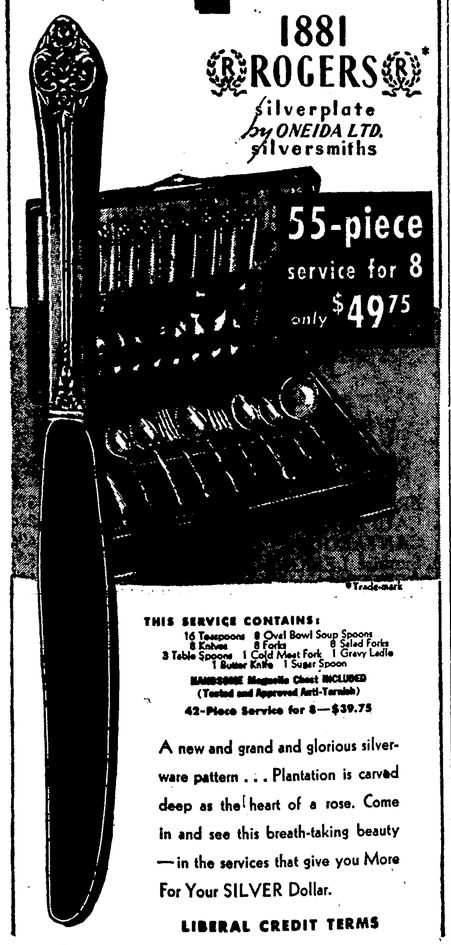

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are extraordinary are often just Seniors to make the best of their the opposite. He encouraged the abilities and to continue to progress throughout life. His talk was both humorous and constructive and everyone enjoyed hearing him.

John Bridge, salutatorian for the Class of '48, gave a speech entitled "If You Have An Excuse, Don't Use It." The speech was very well given and offered some worthwhile advice to people who always invent excuses for their faults and shortcomings. Following the salutatory address the Girls' Chorus sang two selections, "Dear Land of Home" and "Music When Soft Voices Die," which were very well rendered and added much to the ceremony.

Next on the program was the valedictory address given by James Burgett. In this address the faculty was highly praised for its helpful assistance and willing cooperation in guiding the Senior class throughout their last school years. The speech was well worded and the comparisons which were made were excellent and written in an expressive manner.

Robert Smith, class president of this year's Senior class, then dedicated to Mr. S. B. Crandall, president of the Board of Education, a Senior yearbook for the year 1948, after which Mr. Crandall presented the following Seniors with their diplomas:

James Ralph Burgett, valedictorian.

John Clark Bridge, salutatorian.

Doris Marion Atwell
Rose Mary Baker
Phyllis Ruth Burdick
Lila Ann Childs
Marjorie Jean Collins
Harold Edward Dodge
Patricia Jean Dolan
John Karl Fisher
Lawrence Clifford Hoyt
Kathryn Cecilia Joyce
Kevin Peter Lynch
Phyllis Aurelia Nye
Philip Sherman Mascho
Philis Charlot Mascho
Earl Francis Richardson
Robert Gerald Smith
Dolores Anne Snyder
JoAnn Theetge
Helen Katherine Yannie.

In closing, the benediction was given by Rev. Hoyt and the Seniors marched off the stage and out of the auditorium.

The following awards were given:

Prizes Awarded at Commencement

Perfect attendance for school year: High school—Alice Bostick, John Dougherty, Mary L. Dunham, Gloria Clair, Rose Marie Baker, Mary Margaret Dean, Evelyn Glover, Ann Marie Greene, Betty Ann Isaman, Barbara Marsh, Rosemary Mead, Joan Woodruff, Doris Atwell.

English Prize — Awarded in memory of Helen A. Joyce and Marie Joyce Harvey to Seniors having the highest average standings in English for the four years of high school work, including Regents standing: 1st prize, Jo-Ann Theetge, 90 average, $5.00; 2nd prize, John Karl Fisher, 89 average, $2.50.

American History Prize — Awarded by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary to the pupils having the highest yearly average in American history: 1st prize, Ruth Shutt, $7.50; 2nd prize, Rose Marie Baker, $2.50.

Geometry Prize—Awarded by the Andover Masonic Lodge No. 558 to the pupils having the highest yearly average, including Regents, in plane geometry: 1st prize, Donald Scott, $5.00; 2nd prize, Duane Hackett, $3.00; 3rd prize, Evelyn Glover, $2.00.

Home Economics Prize—Awarded by Baker's Hardware to the outstanding Senior High girl and outstanding Junior High girl in home economics: 1st prize, Betty Isaman, $20.00; 2nd prize, Ruth Curry, $5.00.

Freshman Prize—Awarded by the Andover Grange to the most outstanding member of the Freshman class, to be determined by a vote of the high school faculty. Considerations are given to scholarship, citizenship and activities: Winner, Phyllis Burger, $5.00.

Vocational Agriculture prize: Awarded by the American Agriculturist Foundation for outstanding work as a student of vocational agriculture including practical application and good citizenship: Winner, Robert Baker, $5.00.

Vocational Homemaking Prize: Awarded by the American Agriculturist Foundation for outstanding work as a student of vocational homemaking including practical application and good citizenship: Winner, Maxine Filler, $5.00.

Business Scholarship Prize: Awarded by Rochester Business Institute to the outstanding student in Allegany county: Winner, Dolores Snyder, scholarship award $100.00.

Reader's Digest Award: One year subscription awarded by the publishers of Reader's Digest to the valedictorian, presented not only in recognition of past accomplishments, but in anticipation of unusual achievement to come: Winner, James Burgett.

American Legion Poster prize: Awarded for Poppy poster contest: 1st prize, Helen Yannie, $3.00; 2nd prize, Ruth Curry, $2.00; 3rd prize, James Yannie, $1.00. With honorable mention to Mary Lou Clark and David Conde.

Spelling Contest: Awarded by the Buffalo Evening News to the champion speller of the Junior high school for the school year: 1st prize, Webster's dictionary, Ernest LaFollette; 2nd prize, certificate of honor, Dolores Brown.

National Honor Society awards—Members are elected to this society from a list of students having averages of at least 85 per cent in scholarship and awards are based on scholarship, leadership, service and character. Membership cards and certificates to: John Bridge, Robert Smith, Robert Burger, James Burgett, Rose Mary Baker, Joseph Smith, John Karl Fisher, Helen Yannie, Phyllis Burdick.

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