

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

An Editorial

There are all sorts of days celebrated and publicized Now-A-Days by the greeting card and gift manufacturers. This is all very fine business for them, but has tended to downgrade the most important ones like "Mother's Day". We believe that this is one day we should do everything in our power to make "Mom's" day a happy one.

Many of us that are grown up live long distances away from our parents and find it impossible to drop in and visit or entertain them. Thus on special occasions we send them a card and a gift, or perhaps even talk to them on the telephone.

For Mother's Day, we think that one thing Mom would appreciate most of all would be a letter from her children with an account of everyday happenings, and a special invitation extended to come and visit a spell. Mothers need to have the feeling that they are still wanted and needed by their family. Thus we could sit down with pen in hand, spend a few minutes in retrospect, and write a letter starting something like this:

Dear Mom,

I wonder who it was that, from one of my earliest recollections, nursed we three tiny children thru that bad siege of whooping cough when we were living in the country? As I recall we were around 1, 3, and 5, and everytime one of us started to "whoop" the other would join in the chorus and you would come to the rescue and finally get us all settled down again.

Who was it that taught us to respect our parents and elders, using courtesy and politeness when ever we were addressed? Who also taught us to respect each others toys, playthings, and belongings and still not be selfish or greedy? Who spanked me seven times before I would close a door when told to—Yes, I finally shut the door and took my meals standing for the next week—but I learned that it was much easier to obey orders than to suffer the consequences of being stubborn and disobedient.

Who was it that helped us gather May Flowers, make candy, and goodies to put in our little May Baskets made out of wall paper samples and then watched us distribute them to our neighbors thus teaching us that it was "More Blessed To Give Than Receive"? Who taught us to read and write before attending school thus making it easier for both us and the teachers? Who stuck up for us when a substitute teacher punished us unjustly and yet on the other hand spanked us when we were naughty either in school or elsewhere? We weren't continually warned and threatened—we knew that if we misbehaved we would get spanked on the spot—and on the seat—even if it was in Church or Sunday School.

Who taught me to stand up and fight my own battles when a big bully threatened me and made life miserable for me on the way home from school? Yes, as I remember, you told me to pop him when he came running out to hit me or else you would spank me when I came home bawling from my lumps and bruises. I found out that a bully with a bloody nose will run just as fast, if not faster, away from you as he would towards you to hit you. I think I'll never forget his mother coming out and asking what I had done to her little "Harry", and when I told her what your instructions had been, she said "Pass right along", "Pass right along"! Three weeks later you invited him to a surprise birthday party for me and he brought me one of the nicest presents I received and we were good friends after that.

Who was it that after Dad was accidentally killed in an auto accident, kept the family together and acted as both parents to us. Went on long hikes with us, encouraged us in our study of music, took our whole gang over to Conesus Lake swimming almost every day during the summer and was even lame enough to let us teach you how to swim? Even the Deputy Sheriff that stopped us one day turned out to be human and told you to stay on the back roads with such a car load of kids, tho I still don't see how 8 teenagers could crowd into that rumble seat of the '31 Olds who were driving along with three others in the front seat. All of them liked and respected you even tho you made them mind and no one was hurt in any of our excursions.

Who was it that let us bring our friends home to play cards or build model airplanes and when we were through raid the refrigerator and the pie or cake in the cupboard? If I recall correctly, you used to bake 9 pies every Saturday morning and by Monday morning they would be all gone. Of course my pals were growing boys, and even my sisters' girl friends used to have a pretty good appetite.

Who was it that made us study and do our homework before we could go out and play or else have our friends in? I imagine that was one of the reasons that both my sister and I wound up with scholarships to the colleges that we attended. Who was it that later on moved our family to the city where our colleges were located so that we could still live at home and be a united family and still have a place to entertain our friends? I still recall how worried one of my college pals was when I took him out to the kitchen and cut us both a big slab of freshly baked and uncut cake. When you appeared on the scene and told him that the reason that you baked cakes was to see us enjoy eating them, he began to understand some of the advantages of living "off the campus".

Of course I could go on for hours, time permitting, with memories running thru my mind, but instead must return to the daily grind. So, "Happy Mother's Day", and whenever you decide to come up and visit us this summer let us know so we can make arrangements for your trip.

Lovingly Yours,
Your Only Son.

Now readers, if you are still with me, I have my letter written, how about you?

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50 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1916

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Perry Potter celebrated his 90th birthday Saturday. His son, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter and family were his guests and helped him celebrate the event.

John Dodge has purchased of Edw Mullen his home on Barney St., and will move into same.

Floyd Davis has moved his family from his house on Maple St., Andover, to Silver Springs, where he is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker of Leeds, N. D., are the parents of a daughter, Florence Elizabeth, born Easter Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Crandall of Independence visited her sister, Mrs. F. E. Warren at Cuba Thursday and Friday.

Miss Hazel Warfield was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Burdick of Waverly Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Warfield and Mrs. William Childs attended the District Meeting of Rebekahs held at Belfast last week.

J. Archie Diffin left Tuesday for St. Regis Falls, N. Y., where he has been engaged to teach the remainder of the term, as a supply.

Homer W. Burger left Wellsville on an early train last week for Cleveland, Ohio where he will visit his sister, Mrs. B. E. Johnson of Chardon, Ohio for a few weeks.

Archie Bloss of Meadville passed Easter at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bloss.

Mrs. H. W. Slade of Newark, N. Y., is spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Clarke of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall of Alfred Station passed a few days with their daughter, Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence.

40 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1926

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Good work by the Andover Fire Department Friday morning saved the residence of Attorney C. L. Earley from destruction by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown are the parents of a son, Edwin, born Sunday, April 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Dolan are the parents of a son, Warren Douglas, born Sunday, April 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Scott of Belmont were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs and family from Saturday until Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Greene were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Flay Pease Saturday and Sunday.

A company of ladies gave Mrs. Mary A. Frisbey a birthday surprise visit Monday afternoon in honor of her 88th birthday.

Mrs. J. F. Monaghan is the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Diffin this week.

Miss Sylvia J. Hardy returned last week from spending Easter vacation in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall, Miss Alice Clarke of Andover, Samuel Crandall and Miss Anna Laura Crandall of Independence motored to Almond Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nina Palmer.

Dr. P. B. Hardy and wife of Tecumseh, Mich., and Prin. S. D. Hardy of Elmira spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. G. A. Hardy.

Miss Marie B. Walsh has returned to her duties as teacher in Utica after spending her Easter vacation with her mother, Mrs. Ellen Walsh.

30 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1936

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Lou E. Howland, 75, lifelong resident of Andover, died Wednesday, April 22nd at his home in Elm Valley. A son, Harold L. Howland survives. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

W. G. Pope was elected to succeed himself as school supervisor of the Fifth Allegany County District at a meeting in Wellsville, Tuesday.

Miss Elizabeth Cannon of South



Central, N. M.
April 29, 1966

Mr. Ralph Allen, Ed.
Andover News
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a check for \$3.50 to renew my subscription to the Andover News.

Even tho I don't know too many people there anymore, except the old timers, I miss it when I don't get it. I particularly enjoy the Column "News That's Print To Fit". Give my regards to Claire and Genevieve.

Mary Boyd Horton

April 29, 1966

The News Printing House,
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

Received my April 28th copy of the "News" today. Was interested to read the front page extensive account of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) observed over the Andover area last Monday evening, also that this strange phenomena was seen by many others in this area of Western New York State. But also, some of our New Jersey papers on Tuesday morning made note of this strange phenomena.

Now, investigation by Fire and Police Depts., and those keenly interested from a scientific standpoint are proving that this strange Flying Object (UFO) was a very skillfully planned hoax, (by teenagers).

I am enclosing an (AP) item from Madison, N. J., which appeared last evening, in our "Plainfield Courier - News", which to me gives a reasonable explanation.

Very truly yours,
Frank A. Langworthy
1343 Bellevue Avenue
Plainfield, N. J.

UFO MYSTERY
BROKEN IN N. J.

MADISON (AP) — Police have punctured the mystery of the unidentified flying objects seen flying around here several times in the past two weeks.

They reported yesterday the strange lights moving through the sky were the prankish production of three teenaged boys.

The youths got a stern scolding and lost their UFO equipment: several hundred feet of plastic sheeting, a tank of hydrogen gas and a number of railroad flares.

Hampton, L. I., is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Cannon.

T. R. Bassett went to Buffalo Thursday guest over the week-end at the home of his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett.

Fay E. Boyd accompanied the Wellsville Bowling Team to Utica where they attended the State Bowling Tournament held in that city Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Eva Shepard of McLean, N. Y., has returned to her work at that place after spending two days with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Shepard.

Mrs. Hattie Clarke, who has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge, left Wednesday for Moshertown, Pa.

Miss Grace Burdick has returned to Rochester after spending three weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Burdick of Elm Valley.

Mrs. Jennie Baker is spending this week at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sanders of Cattaraugus.

May Has Been Designated
As "Keep Our Highways
Clean Month"

May has been designated as "Keep Our Highways Clean Month" by Governor Rockefeller in a proclamation appealing for public cooperation against roadside litter that he said "not only detracts from the beauty of our countryside but also represents a health and accident hazard."

"To remove litter along State highways," the Governor said, "New York State each year spends more than two million dollars — money that otherwise could be spent for highway construction and improvements."

"We must renew our efforts to eliminate this man-made menace to beauty and safety," he declared. "New York State enforces laws against littering, but voluntary cooperation by each individual can be more effective in keeping roads and roadides clean."

"At this time of year, when pleasant weather fosters pleasure driving and touring in greatly increased measure, I call upon all citizens to bear in mind their responsibility to keep our State clean and attractive and to join in a month-long observance to promote the elimination of littering our roads and streets. I also ask the many organizations in our State interested in community welfare to join in additional efforts to this end."



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