

A HEART-WARMING EXPERIENCE!

An Editorial

Have you ever taken time away from one of your most busy and hectic business days to guide a group of the younger schoolchildren through your plant or establishment?

If so, have you wondered whether they learned anything — or enjoyed the tour — or even appreciated your efforts?

Quite a few times in the past we have guided groups of adults, as well as classes of older students from our local and nearby schools, thru the Silk Mill and even taken some of them through the News Printing House.

However, in every case except one, we received a very polite "lip-service" Thank You after their "Cook's Tour" — and we would wonder if it had been worthwhile from the visitors standpoint — as well as from our own. (In the one case, we received a lovely letter from the Secretary of the Ladies Club that had driven over here from Penn Yan — so we knew that one was appreciated.)

Then, last week when we were getting ready to go to press, in walked one of our local teacher's and her elementary grade class for their tour of the News Printing House which had been prearranged way before Christmas — (and to tell the truth had slipped our minds.)

Needless to say, their appearance almost "shoo" us out of our tree" since we were a little behind time because of the New Year Holiday, and also due to the fact that we had been so busy trying to make up that lost day that we hadn't had time to police up the shop or our own outward appearance.

Anyway, we did the best that we could under the circumstances — and wound up the tour with a brief question and answer period which incidentally, showed a healthy interest in what had been explained.

The students didn't get out of line and, despite the fact that they appeared to be full of "pep and vim", still seemed to be under competent supervision.

When the group departed, we were thanked properly, for our time and trouble — and we figured that was the end of it. But we still couldn't help but have a few of the usual qualms and doubts — what did they think? — did they learn anything? — etc.

Thus, imagine our surprise a few days later when we received a large envelope — obviously addressed in a child's handwriting — with a local post mark. And what do you think was in it?

We don't imagine that you could ever guess — and you will probably be as surprised as we were. For there, inside the package, were a whole sheaf of "thank you" notes — apparently one from every student that visited us on their tour. Each one seemed to express a separate feeling or thought about the "high light" that was most interesting from their point of view.

Needless to say, we didn't move from our chairs until we had read every letter carefully — and then couldn't help but brush a tear away — as we realized the appreciation and good manners that lay behind this nice gesture.

Now whom would you say reaped the richest reward — the young people who made the visit (after making the preliminary arrangements)? Or we, who were permitted a brief peek and insight into the minds and thoughts of these young people — who will be the "Citizens of Tomorrow"?

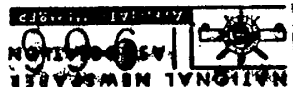
Yes, it couldn't help but restore our faith in the "younger generation as a whole" — and certainly made up for all of those tiny nagging doubts in the past!

So-o-o, if you should have a similar request from a group of students who want to see how something different works — please don't be too hasty in saying No! — or you may miss an unforgettable experience!

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50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 12, 1917

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Chas. M. Lash was installed as Worthy Master of Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M., Monday night January 1st.

Earl Goodrich was installed as Noble Grand of Andover Lodge No. 786 I.O.O.F., Tuesday night, January 9th.

Frances Beebe was installed as Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, Monday, January 8th.

Mrs. Addie Coleman was installed as President of the Edward Seaman Relief Corp., Saturday, January 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodge of Elm Valley are the parents of a son, Ralph Francis, born January 1st.

Miss Ruth Baker returned to her home on Tip Top Tuesday after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. O. R. Henderson of Suffern, N. Y.

Mrs. Adelbert Hann of Elm Valley spent a few days last week in Hornell guest of her son, Victor.

Miss Blanche Redmond was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Redmond of Canisteo.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Mattison left Tuesday for Emporium, Pa., where Mr. Mattison has accepted a position in the powder mills there.

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Walton returned to their home in Roulette Pa., Friday after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Eatley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Porter of Cleveland, Ohio returned home Tuesday after passing the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey.

Miss Ella McLoughlin was a guest of her brother and family, James McLoughlin of Oil City, Pa., for the holidays.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 14, 1927

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Miss Alice Gates of Salamanca and Vincent J. Joyce of Andover were united in marriage Thursday, January 13th. Mrs. Avery Meade and Francis Joyce were the attendants.

About 50 members of the King's Daughters, and their families enjoyed a sleigh ride and oyster supper at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. William Childs, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higby of Perry are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McDonald of Eldred, Pa., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Atherton and Joseph Eberle.

Mrs. John Dixon and son, Thomas, of Almond returned home Saturday after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Joyce and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown left Wednesday for New York City where they will attend the annual New-York Furniture Show, which is to be held in that city this week.

John Horton and Michael McLoughlin are in Detroit, Mich., this week on a business trip.

Leon Eldridge of Alexandria Va., arrived in Andover the last of the week for a visit with relatives.

Richard Prangen is up from Hornell this week to superintend the ice harvest on the Andover Pond. They started cutting Wednesday filling 35 cars the first day.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 8, 1937

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Annabel Mary Donnelly and James Emmett Dawson were united in marriage Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1936 at St. Joseph's Church in Varysburg.

Mrs. James McDonough, 54, died Tuesday, January 5th. Her husband, two daughters, her mother, and a brother survive. Interment was in Gates of Heaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Addie L. Greene, 78, died Saturday, January 2nd. Two sons, and a sister survive. Interment was in Independence Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Clemens are the parents of a daughter, Joyce Ann, born Tuesday, January 5th.

Bill Lamale WNY Feature

When the circus came to the city, "Queen" was always in the parade. Wearing a purple plume and gold trappings, the milk-white Arabian horse trotted down the street, ridden by an equestrienne in tights.

Traveling with the Big Top, she was part of a pony act called "The Chariot Race".

Yet Queen's best performance was made on a dirt road in the back country of Western New York when she was 18 years old. Her owner then was a school girl who had never seen her in the ring.

Erma Dee had grown up on the farm and loved animals. In high school she had joined a riding academy in a community not far from Buffalo. "One night after school I took the trolley there, and found the stable manager all cut and bruised," she told me. "I asked him what happened, and he pointed to a new horse tie, up it one of the stalls.

"That was how I met Queen, the circus pony. They sold her because she was getting old. He had gotten her the day before as the circus prepared to leave Buffalo. What they hadn't told him was that she was also temperamental and when he climbed on for a ride she had taken him right through the stable door."

Erma paid \$50 for Queen, and walked all the way home with her and put her in her father's barn. For two weeks she lived with Queen, led her around the pasture for hours at a time and rewarded with carrots. Finally she said, "Up and went for a ride."

That summer she went everywhere on Queen. She visited her grandfather's home, and even took the pony into the riding academy. With other riders she went on night picnics.

When the circus returned to

Mrs. Ellen E. Cartwright, 68, died at Oakland Sunday, Jan. 3. A son and a daughter survive. Interment was in East Valley Cemetery.

Police Officer C. I. Jones leaves Andover Saturday for Wallkill, N. J., where he will take an eight week training course, preparation to a permanent position in the New York Prison guard force.

Mr. Margaret Dawson, 70, died at her home on Water Street Sunday January 3rd. Three sons and a daughter survive. Interment was in Gates of Heaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Fay Brown and daughter, Mary of Painted Post returned to their home Monday after passing the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Smith.

Miss L. A. McLaughlin returned home Saturday from several weeks passed with relatives in Rochester, Buffalo and Hornell.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR
VEHICLES

January 5, 1967

Mr. Red Allen,
Editor
Andover News

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you very much for your excellent editorials on the drinking and driving problem which you published before Christmas and New Year's.

We feel that this type of editorial can be quite helpful in reminding drivers that they must accept their moral responsibility and avoid driving when their condition is affected adversely by alcohol.

Once again thank you very much for your interest and assistance to the drivers of your community.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM R. ECKHOFF
Director of Public Information

Buffalo next year, Erma visited the animal lot and inquired around until she found Queen's former trainer. When she told her story of getting the pony, the man sat down on a bale of hay, pale. "Why, you poor kid," he exclaimed. "Stay off that horse or she'll kill you!"

Queen, he explained, had been taught to do square dancing and other steps. She had been a talented performer for years, always dancing on her rear legs, but she couldn't forget the stunt.

In the Buffalo parade she had reared up, dumped the equestrienne and frightened the crowd. "If anything scares her, look out," the trainer warned, shaking his head. "She'll throw you for sure."

Erma went home and out to the barn, carrying an extra carrot in her pocket. She ran her hand through the pony's mane and talked to her. "I'm going to take you to the Erie County Fair next fall," she said. "I don't care what that man said."

On a hot dry day in August Erma strapped on Queen's little English saddle and started out.

There would be many tuggies and wagons on the road, Erma knew, and she decided on taking a short cut, an old logging trail. At a narrow spot two men stepped from behind a rock, each carrying a club and one of them waving a red bandanna.

Erma had a tight grip on the lines as Queen reared skyward whinnying and churning up clouds of dust. Faced with the pony's lashing hoofs, the men fled. Erma said she never told her parents.

BANK NOTES

by Malcolm

DID YOU KNOW...

THE FAMOUS PIRATE COINS "PIECES OF EIGHT" CIRCULATED WIDELY IN THE COLONIES DURING THE 18TH CENTURY. TO MEET THE NEED FOR SMALL CHANGE, COLONISTS FREQUENTLY CUT THESE "DOLLARS" INTO FRACTIONAL PARTS. THUS, OUR "TWO BITS" AND "FOUR BITS" WERE BORN.



STUDENT LOAN APPLICATIONS ARE INCREASING WITH LEAPS AND BOUNDS. THIS YEAR, NEARLY 15% OF ALL STUDENTS — ABOUT 962,000 — WILL APPLY FOR \$695 MILLION.



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