

GET TO KNOW YOUR LIBRARY — An Editorial

National Library Week, April 16 - 22, symbolizes a service and a need that are of the utmost importance in this complex modern world.

A library, such as that in Andover, is many things. It is, first of all, a repository of the thoughts, wisdoms, the failures and successes, and events great and small which marred or brightened the centuries which have passed. It holds, within its confines, the history of man and nature.

A library exists to provide knowledge and understanding. It has no limits — everything ever known under the sun is within its province. A library is timeless, in the sense that it embraces all of time.

A library offers the reader amusement, relaxation, the opportunity to quietly contemplate himself and the world around him. It provides, from its many voices, comfort or challenge, relief from care of stirrings of ambition — whatever may be one's needs or desires.

It is impossible to conceive — a world without libraries. Never in the endless reach of history has knowledge been so important. That is true of the knowledge that lies behind the miracles of science and invention which are transforming life more swiftly than we realize.

And it is true, above all, of the knowledge that comes out of the past and that deals with the principles and attitudes and values that transcend the material and give true meaning to the existence and perpetuation of mankind. (We hope!)

WE LIKE "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR"

(Taken From Our Files of Our Edition of April 21, 1960)

The News is favored with a fair flow of letters from its readers. Newspapers like to publish letters, even when they disagree with editorial views. That's because people find letters interesting and read them. The editorial page has as its purpose the stimulation of thought.

Letters provoke thinking, and they are evidence of readers' interest. When you get the urge to write, here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- (1) Keep it short and interesting. Letters to the editor get high readership because people are interested in other people. But they don't want to wade through long epistles.
- (2) Use short sentences, keep paragraphs short. This makes your writing interesting too.
- (3) Use a new sentence for each new idea.
- (4) Write like you talk. Don't try to write like a college professor.
- (5) Avoid sarcasm. This is very hard to handle, even for accomplished reporters. You make a bad impression if you start out to hurt somebody's feelings.
- (6) Don't be cute. These attempts usually don't come off as the writers intend.
- (7) Make your first shot the most telling. Begin with your strongest argument, or strike at the other side's weakest argument.
- (8) Sign your name and list your address. Otherwise your letter won't even be considered. You may request that your name be withheld, in which case the editor will honor your request or not use the letter at all. Don't lay down an unconditional "no editing" rule. This usually results in rejection of the letter.
- (9) Don't be hesitant to write when you feel strongly on a public issue. You would be surprised to know how much influence a citizen's letter in a newspaper has.
- (10) Keep it short.

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50 YEARS AGO

April 13, 1917

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Miss Eva M. Williams and Earl H. Howe were united in marriage Saturday, April 7th at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Williams of Elm Valley.

Mrs. Effie Harvey of Sayre, Pa., and James Burbank of Andover, were united in marriage Tuesday, April 10th.

Miss Louise Mingus, 84, daughter of the late George Mingus, died April 2nd at the home of her nephew, Robert Mingus. A brother, Monroe Mingus of Independence and a sister, Mrs. Fannie Hazeltine of Whitesville survive.

Mrs. Fred Burdick of Elm Valley died Wednesday, April 11th. Her husband, two daughters and a son survive.

Mrs. James Dean and children of South Hill, spent Thursday and Friday with her sister, Mrs. Harrington of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nevel of Elmira, were called to Elm Valley by the death of her mother, Mrs. Fred Burdick.

Lieut. D. G. Blackman of Warren, Pa., was in Andover Saturday visiting his sister, Mrs. D. P. Corwin.

Mrs. Robert Barrett, Mrs. James McGee, John and Charles R. Barrett of Buffalo, were guests of Patrick Barrett and family last week.

Mrs. Helen Trowbridge and Ernest Trowbridge of Rock Creek, Ohio, visited at the home of their son and brother, Lee Trowbridge this past week.

Lewis Corwin left Thursday for Michigan to visit relatives.

Miss Mary O'Leary was home from her school duties at Little Valley to pass the Easter vacation.

Miss Ruth DeRemer is home from Buffalo Normal to pass the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer.

Miss Cecile O'Donnell of Hor, will spend a few days the first of the week, guest of her Aunt, Mrs. Eliza Doran.

40 YEARS AGO

April 15, 1927

J. H. Backus & Son, Publisher

Jessie Jane Whitcomb, 62, died today, April 8th. A son and a daughter survive. Interment was in the Brewster Cemetery.

Thomas Riley, 81, died Saturday, April 9th. Three daughters, a son, two brothers and two sisters survive.

James P. Dean has purchased the M. T. Garvin residence on Chestnut Street and moved his family to the same.

Mrs. Mary Ryan of Weatherby, N. Y., sister of John and Charles and Miss Grace Fisher, died Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace of West Union are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Play Pease.

Mrs. Harold Hardy and children of Andover were week-end guests of her father, D. E. Livermore of Independence.

George Holmes of West Clarks, visited at the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes from Thursday until Tuesday.

Miss Gertrude Joyce of Buffalo passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Joyce.

Paul Whitcomb of Dansville was called home last week by the illness and death of his mother, Mrs. Jariah Whitcomb.

Mrs. Carrie Loughlen is in Hornell, where she has been passing the past two weeks guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Guttinger.

Miss Edna Caple of Buffalo is spending a few days during Easter week, guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hann.

Mrs. Leona Davis went to Hornell Tuesday to spend until after Easter at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Taylor.

R. F. Howland is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Robinson of Alfred.

Albany Insight

by Johannes Loursen



Legislative Wind-up

The Legislature this year has performed about as predicted by many observers, both within and outside the Capitol. There were many weeks of comparative inaction and not even too many signs of preparatory work. Then, after appropriate hearings, the Governor's budget was passed with relatively minor changes, leaving only a couple of weeks for hectic maneuvering regarding some major issues.

There were even some semi-dramatic moves, such as New York City's Mayor John Lindsay flying all the way to Albany in the Governor's private plane, and a mid-night big-name press conference to announce leader agreement on some expected additional aid to New York City. The ensuing fast action on important issues raises some legitimate questions about the degree of true deliberation by the legislative bodies. Does the rank-and-file member get a fair chance to exercise his own judgment, or does the system almost force him to rubber-stamp the leadership decisions?

Such questions are raised every year, but this time with some hope that changes in the practice might be effected by the Constitutional Convention. However, it is not so much a matter of what the Constitutional says, as the way in which the Legislature is operated. The remedy must come from the legislators themselves, it seems. They can, if they wish, vote a different system of getting the issues on the floor for full debate.

Not a Bad Session

In spite of some headshaking, legislators defend the session as not a bad or unproductive one. In the first place, most legislators got their favorite bills of a

non-controversial, constructive nature through. In most cases they are now awaiting the Governor's action, hoping to avoid a veto for some technical reason. In the second place, they feel that some landmark legislation was passed toward the end of the session. Governor Rockefeller's transportation program perhaps stands out as the most momentous. He put tremendous push behind it, thus indicating the importance he attaches to it. Definitely it will help shape New York's future for decades to come.

In the important health field much was accomplished both by means of appropriations in the State budget and through separate legislation. Regarding the comprehensive health insurance program there was understandable hesitation to act quickly. Legislators now generally agree that last year's Medicaid program would have benefitted from more preparations and longer deliberations.

The New Lottery

The State lottery is a major innovation, although greeted with mixed feelings. Much depends on the way it is carried out. It will be a real challenge to the Administration to run it in such a fashion that the worst fears of opponents are quickly allayed. Proponents who fought for the lottery for years are naturally gratified, although not all are happy with the large number of drawings. Some would have preferred a more modest beginning.

When the session started, many legislators felt certain that some revision of the Condon-Wadlin law had to be a major goal this year. There seemed to be willingness to compromise from both sides. However, an impasse developed, and with no current case of strikes by public employees, there did not seem to be imminent need for action. Only toward the end of the session were there again signs of developments where the law might be needed. It seemed incongruous to keep a law on the books which had never been invoked even when it clearly applied.

During the finishing rush, the Legislature was always mindful that it can at any time be called into special session to deal with such matters as the Governor chooses to put before it. This could be the compulsory health insurance or, in an acute situation, the Condon-Wadlin law.

The Convention

Mostly, towards the end, thoughts turned to the upcoming Constitutional Convention, long set to open April 4. Most of the leading legislators of both parties are also leaders of the Convention. This may lead to some limitations but may also be a source of strength. In particular, nothing should be passed by the Convention which could not get support from the Legislature.

With the adjournment of the Legislature, the purpose of this column has been fulfilled. It was to provide background information on some of the more important issues before this year's session. Some of those issues were not resolved this year, but got a hearing and will probably come before later sessions.

30 YEARS AGO

April 9, 1937

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At the Annual Meeting of Andover Fire Department held Friday evening, F. S. Potter was elected President and Clare Jackson, Chief.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perry are the parents of a son, born April 4th.

Thomas Coleman, 74, a well known resident of West Union, died Saturday, April 3rd. A son and three daughters survive.

Charles G. Lynch, was a member of the Senior Class which is graduating from the New York State School of Agriculture at Alfred, Tuesday, April 13th.

W. D. Clarke will represent Andover on the Grand Jury and Edward McAndrew as Trial Juror for the April Term of Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kruger and family have moved from their home on Barney Street to Allentown.

Philip Crandall is home from Houghton College for a ten day vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler Drew of Little Genesee were Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsey of Angelica were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey of South Hill.

Fay E. Boyd left Tuesday for New York City where he will bowl with the County Club Team of Wellsville in the Annual American Bowling Congress Tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Carr left Monday for Charleston, W. Va., where he has been transferred by the company.

Ralph Williams returned to Scottville, Sunday, after passing his Easter vacation with his mother, Mrs. Mable Williams.

Mrs. Vincent Cobb of Buffalo is visiting her mother, Mrs. Elton Casey and sister, Mrs. Mary Driscoll and family for a few days.

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