

FROGS and FREEDOM

An Editorial

From the Clymer, N. Y. INDEPENDENT

There's an old story that says you can't kill a frog by dropping him in boiling water. He reacts so quickly to the sudden heat that he jumps out before he is hurt. But if you put him in cold water and then warm it up gradually, he never decides to jump 'til it's too late. By then he's cooked.

Men are just as foolish. Take away their freedom overnight, and you've got a violent revolution. But steal it from them gradually (under the guise of "security," "peace" or "progress"), and you can paralyze an entire generation. Look at the income tax. It started out as a harmless sounding 1%. It would have been easy to jump out of water as tepid as this, but like the frog, we waited while it climbed even higher. (Try jumping now!)

Worst of all, we never learn. Even today we cannot believe that Medicaid is the same warm water that will one day boil us in socialized medicine. We see no connection between farm price supports and national agriculture. And if we draw a parallel between subsidized teachers' pay and federal control of education, we are called "extremist."

The tragedies of history are always repeated by those who refuse to learn them. To seek guidance from the past is not "turning the clock back" as we are often told. It is merely a good way to keep out of hot water.

ODDS AGAINST 'EM

An Editorial

From THE HILTON RECORD, Hilton, N. Y.

With just about everything taxed that can be taxed, fund-raisers for the great bureaucracies constantly seek out new sources of revenue. At the moment they are giving special attention to state lotteries. New Hampshire went in for this sort of thing in 1964, and now New York State is going to give it a whirl. After that, you may be sure, other states will enact legislation authorizing such gambling.

We don't like to pour cold water on the hopes of the official money-raisers, but we just don't think that state lotteries are going to produce the Niagara of revenue that the politicians hope for. It's more likely to be a sudden gush, which will soon slow down to a trickle.

What happened in New Hampshire indicates just that. In 1964, when it started, the lottery there netted \$2,800,000. Last year, only two years later, lottery earnings had dropped to \$1,000,000. The novelty of such gambling obviously wears off fast.

One can find evidence of this close to home. A few months ago housewives were excited to find that they had a chance to win money, a lot of money, by patronizing certain markets. But the initial excitement waned considerably when the lady of the house not only failed to win a thousand dollar jackpot after weeks of trying, but also failed even to come up with a one-dollar consolation prize.

We talked about lotteries with a neighbor who contributed another thought on the subject: "If my church or the Legion Post decides to raffle off a new car, sure I'll buy a chance. Maybe a book of chances. But I certainly won't do the same thing month after month."

Which is a down-to-earth demonstration of the lotteries. So our prediction is that the politicians are going to have to try something else. Maybe even something radical, such as cutting expenditures.

That seems improbable, however. And we rather expect that when the lotteries begin to trail off we'll see the wheels of chance moved into the tax collector's office, with some side action at tables for dice and blackjack. And the walls will be lined with one-armed bandits. Think of all the jobs such rooms would create for croupiers, dealers, and cashiers!

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50 YEARS AGO

April 20, 1917

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Dr. N. P. Brainard, 68, died Sunday, April 15th. His wife, a daughter, a son, a sister and two brothers survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

The home of Clayton Green, four miles Southeast of Andover on the Independence Road, burned to the ground Wednesday. The horse barn and henhouse also were destroyed.

Mrs. Ray Livermore and Geraldine of Whitesville are spending a few days with Mrs. S. G. Crandall of Independence.

Jarvis Wallace of West Union has moved his household goods into the John Lewis home. He expects to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Independence.

At the Annual Meeting of Andover Hook and Ladder Company, B. B. Hann was elected President and F. J. Raufenbarth Fire Chief.

Misses Phylla Allen and Susie Langworthy passed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Green.

Mrs. Ralph Rogers came up from Hornell Friday night to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carpenter of Salem, W. Va., are visiting Walter Lanphear and other Andover friends.

Roy Brundage began work Wednesday for the first time since he was injured at Adrian some weeks ago.

Charles Otto, who for some time past has been at Nicholson, Pa., returned Monday to resume work in the Clay Cutler Factory.

K. B. Hammond left Andover for Buffalo Monday, where he has a position as Railroad Police with the D. L. & W. Railroad Company.

Miss Katherine Folsing returned to her school duties at Genesee Normal Monday, after passing the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Folsing.

Miss Vera Jordan of Cuba, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. O'Donnell last week, helping in the care of her cousin, Wilbur O'Donnell.

40 YEARS AGO

April 22, 1927

J. H. Backus, Publisher

B. B. Dunning, 65, died at 1:15 p.m. April 15th at the home of his daughter, John W. Wood of Hornell. His wife, a son and a brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Roswell Cook, who conducted a laundry in this village for several years, a resident of Hornell, died Wednesday, April 13th. His widow, two sons and two daughters survive.

The Fisher boys were called to Mineville, N. Y., Thursday, April 14th by the death of their sister, Mrs. Mary Ryan. Three brothers and three sisters survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brundage have purchased the Clifford Ormsby, the Hinchey property on Pleasant Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cooper and Mrs. Adelia Jenkins of Elm Valley, left Monday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bemmer's in Gillette, Pa. Mrs. Jenkins will remain for several weeks.

Mrs. A. M. Lobdell and daughter, Sarah of Hornell, are passing the week with her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Rogers.

Miss Helen Baker of New Rochelle, N. Y., passed the Easter vacation guest of her brothers in Andover, E. D. and A. R. Baker.

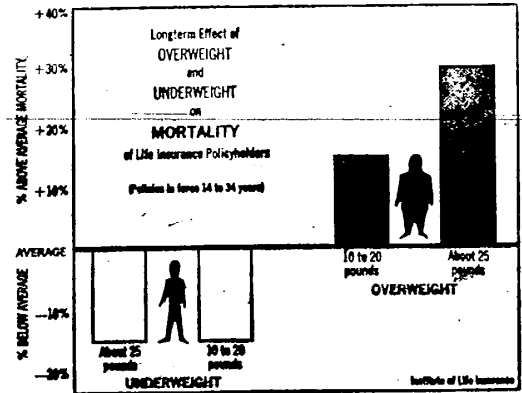
Mrs. James Guinn of First St., is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. A. Murphy of Johnstown, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cleveland of Richburg were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark and family returned to Binghamton Sunday after spending a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ila Clark and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett are passing the week guests of their son, G. A. Bennett of Rochester.

Miss Mary O'Leary came from New York City to pass the Easter



Excess Weight, High Mortality Still Linked 30 Years Later

There doesn't seem to be any time limit to the deadly effect of an oversize waistline, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

A new actuarial study indicates that people who are even moderately overweight today will continue as a group to have a significantly higher death rate as they age 30 or more years.

Thin people tend to live longer. And the new study found they continue to enjoy below-average mortality for many years.

Overweight people often find it difficult to take off excess poundage and keep it off. In fact, many heavy people tend to put on more weight as they get older.

Regaining Weight

According to one government report, recent work on experimental animals suggests that — once an animal has become obese — it becomes obese more easily and rapidly a second time, even when food intake is the same as in the previous period of weight gain. This increased "efficiency" in food utilization may be partly responsible for lack of permanent success in weight reduction.

The study reported by the Society of Actuaries involved more than 5,000 death payments on life insurance policies originally issued in the early 1930s.

Among policyholders who had been 35 pounds or more overweight at that time, deaths more than three decades later ran over 35 per cent above average.

Moderately Overweight

Since all of the policies had been issued at standard premium rates, none of the policyholders had originally been considered grossly overweight.

Even among those who started out only about 10 to 20 pounds overweight, mortality 30 years later ran 10 per cent above average.

The figures were reversed for persons on the lean side. Among those originally about 10 to 25 or more pounds underweight, mortality 30 years later ran 8 to 11 per cent below average.

Heart disease is a particular problem among people who are overweight, but a number of other chronic disorders (such as diabetes, respiratory ailments and arthritis) are also often associated with or aggravated by obesity. Any disability that restricts bodily movement is more difficult to manage with a seriously overweight patient.

Fat patients also face greater risk when they undergo surgery, and obesity is considered a hazard for pregnant women.

The longterm adverse effects of overweight seem to be more among younger people (those between the ages of 15 and 34).

The heavier of the young policyholders in the study group had 46 per cent extra mortality.

Overweight appears to have somewhat less adverse effect on mortality among older insurance buyers (between the ages of 35 and 65).

Mortality ratios of all overweight insurance buyers tend to increase for the first 20 years or so, and then to remain at a high level in later years. The extra mortality of the moderately overweight (10 to 20 pounds) group tends to diminish somewhat after 20 years.

30 YEARS AGO

April 16, 1937

J. H. Backus, Publisher
 Mr. and Mrs. Avery Mead are parents of a son, born Friday, April 16th.

Frank Slocum, 69, died at his home on Barney St., Tuesday, April 13th. His wife, two sons, three daughters, two half-brothers and two sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Miss Ivar Lee Rogers of Andover and Wm. Kyle of Belmont were united in marriage Saturday, April 10th by Rev. R. E. Dronsfield.

The T. J. Lynch block corner of Main and Center Sts., is undergoing extensive repairs. The Childs Bakery and Restaurant will occupy the building when finished.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter have purchased of Mrs. E. J. Atwood, the O'Donnell house on Church Street.

Leonard Reisman has moved his family from Elm Valley to the Hardy Farm near Andover.

Mrs. Emily King of Greenwood is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Keough for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mullen are the parents of a daughter, Jane Irene, born Monday, March 31st.

Mrs. John Ordiway of Stannards is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perry.

Mrs. Joan Crane of Hornell is passing the week guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Wentworth and family.

Dr. Harold Tassell of Rochester spent the week-end guest at the home of his brother, Carl Tassell of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Horton and children of Buffalo were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fuller were in New York City several days this week.

Mrs. Chas Reynolds of Franklinville is passing the week with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lang and family.



To The Editor:

Last Friday evening it was our privilege to attend the play "Meet Me in St. Louis" put on by the Class of 1963 under the direction of Mrs. Reba Kessler. We wish to congratulate Mrs. Kessler on a job well done. These young actors all gave a fine and credible performance.

The people of Andover who generously made and donated the beautiful costumes and props, which created the air of authenticity, should be commended.

Musical selections by the Dance Band, under the direction of Mr. Strach and vocal groups under the direction of Mrs. Boyer, singing songs of the 1930's era were very much enjoyed by the audience.

Kaliopy Hames

Only 10 per cent of available sugar maple trees in New York State are tapped for syrup each year.