

**IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK! An Editorial**

The average life of each of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years, and their progression seems to have followed this sequence:

1. From Bondage to Spiritual Faith;
2. From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage;
3. From Courage to Liberty;
4. From Liberty to Abundance;
5. From Abundance to Selfishness;
6. From Selfishness to Complacency;
7. From Complacency to Apathy;
8. From Apathy to Dependency;
9. From Dependency back to Bondage.

In less than ten years the United States of America will be 200 years old. And, from the looks and appearances around us, it would seem as if we are in the 8th period — doesn't it?

We are sure that all serious thinking people can put approximate dates to the stages from 1 thru 7.

From our recollection, the latter part of stage 5, namely the Selfishness, became manifest shortly after the outbreak of World War II.

Many people became money hungry when they saw the big pay that was available in the defense plants. Patriotism was subjugated to the value of the almighty dollar and draft dodging became very noticeable.

During World War II, Labor Unions that controlled part of the Nation's defense effort were allowed to go out on strike for higher wages. This, despite the fact that many of us on the combat fronts were receiving an average of \$60 to \$74 a month and were risking our lives daily. What would have happened if we had gone on a strike for more pay — and less hours?

After World War II, we seem to have traveled along the 6th stage, as the Korean conflict came along. We, as a Nation, lost many Soldiers — but this wasn't even considered a War! Instead of emerging victorious, the best thing that was accomplished was a compromise — with a stalemate!

We lost a great deal of "face" with the free people of the World as a result of the settlement of this conflict. Now we are embroiled in Vietnam — and many voiciferous "so-called" Citizens are demanding that we **Quit** — before we achieve a decisive **VICTORY!**

Yes, we passed thru the 7th stage quickly when we allowed the "Reds" to establish an accessible base in Cuba — just a few short miles from our "Home Shores".

Now it appears that we are well into the 8th stage as our Leaders, Workers, and Unions demand more and more of management! These people want to be taken care of practically from the cradle to the grave. They want to work fewer and fewer hours — make more and more money — do less and less at their jobs — live higher and higher — and spend more of their time playing and vacationing.

And, with the establishment of "Medicare" as well as "Medicaid", besides reading about the ambitious spending plan of our Governor — these ideas seem to be Quite Popular! But — Just **WHO** is going to earn the money to make this Welfare State possible? Taxes are so high now that many ambitious people have to work at a regular job and have at least 1 or 2 part time jobs on the side in order to afford to live at the social level they desire. — And, this is just the **BEGINNING!**

Let's see if we can't get people around us interested in how our Tax Dollars are being spent — and help put a stop to this deplorable inflation and waste of our financial resources!

If we don't — our Apathy will allow the majority to turn into complete Dependency — and from there it's just a short step to complete **BONDAGE!**

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**50 YEARS AGO**

Jan. 18, 1918  
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 Pure Cane Sugar, in bulk, \$1.00 a gallon.  
 Miss Fay Clark of Bennett's Creek and Henry Beil of East Valley, Andover, were united in marriage last week.  
 Henry Horan and Miss Nellie Horan were guests of Lou Snyder and family of East Valley, last week.

Mrs. T. R. Bassett was pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening when the members of the Eastern Star gave her a birthday surprise.

Miss Reva Feeley and Harold S. Brainard of Hornell were united in marriage Thursday, January 17th.

Jesse Corwin is home for a few weeks visit with Andover relatives. He is located at Merrett, Michigan.

Corporal Thomas Lynch returned to Camp Green at Charlotte, North Carolina Monday after spending a short furlough with Andover relatives.

Mrs. Ed. Corwin of Dawogiac, Michigan, is the guest of her mother, John Cochrane and other relatives and friends for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stearns and E. F. Stearns were visiting relatives in Port Allegany from Monday until Thursday.

Mrs. Elmer Kemp arrived from Washington, D. C., Tuesday for a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Flora Bloss.

H. P. Garvin left Sunday for Geneseo to look after Garvin Bros., cattle interests in that place.

Mrs. Edward Albright and son, King, of Seaberry, N. J., are visiting friends in town this week.

Mrs. Margaret Fisher, who has been passing some time at the home of Mrs. Lewis Flohr, of Hornell, has returned to Andover.

Mrs. Flora I. Mosher visited at the home of her son, Chas Mosher in Hornell from Thursday until Monday.

Mrs. W. S. Calhoun has returned home from several weeks visit with New York City relatives.

**40 YEARS AGO**

Jan. 20, 1928  
 J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers  
 The following are in charge of the affairs of our Fraternal Organizations: Masonic Lodge, Archie L. Bloss, Worthy Patron; Eastern Star, Bernice Mead, Worthy Matron; B. S. Brundage, Worthy Patron; I.O.O.F., George Carr, Noble Grand; Union Encampment, Frank Burns, Chief Patriarch; Rebekah, Clara Howland, Noble Grand; Grange, Charles Nevel, Master; West Greenwood Grange, Frank Teribury, Master; K.O.T.M., Dewey Northrup, Commander; W.B.A. No. 188, Clara Hann, President; G.A.R. John Deming, Commander; W.R.C., Fannie Backus, President; Thomas M. Lynch Post Leo S. Snyder, Commander; Legion Auxiliary, Millie Calhoun, President; W.C.T.U., Lelia Livermore, President.

Wednesday afternoon W. S. Calhoun, and R. O. Snyder leased the Auditorium from John Karcanes and will show their first production Saturday, Jan. 21st.

Dell Hawkins died Tuesday, January 17th at his home in Andover.

Mrs. M. A. Fowler has sold her residence on First Street to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, who will move to their new home from their farm on Davis Hill about the first of March.

Mrs. Chester Forsythe of Binghamton Center is spending a few days with Mrs. O. A. Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davis have purchased of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, their farm on Davis Hill and will take possession February 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Leoman Davis will reside on the Davis farm.

Miss Fay Clark has purchased of Ed Lynch, the farm known as the Old Livermore Place on South Hill.

Mrs. Rex Starr of Campbell, N. Y., was a guest of her mother.



by Alex Rankin

The state legislature last week received Gov. Rockefeller's annual message with something less than enthusiasm.

They sat in stony silence during the entire 35 minute speech. They did not applaud once. They applauded at the end but it was only a formality.

This lack of enthusiasm, the

respectful applause can be traced directly to the fact that the governor told them two things:

1. There will be a tax hike.
2. But there will not be a significant hike in state aid to local school districts.

These two items are tied together in a year in which all the legislators are understandably nervous because they are up for reelection.

In brief, the governor said a tax hike will be needed to pay for an increase of half a billion dollars for state aid, not only to school districts, but to local governments.

The present state budget is \$4.6 billion, the biggest in the history of the state. Mandated increases for the next budget year, which begins April 1, are about \$200 million. That, plus the \$500 million the governor talked about last Wednesday, means the new budget will be about \$5.4 billion.

In private talks with legislators from almost all parts of the state, this pattern appears to be forming.

For the present, most of them are not ready to, as one might expect many of them to do, flatly denounce the tax hike proposal.

For one thing, they are waiting to see Rockefeller's budget. The budget will say just what taxes Rockefeller wants hiked, and just how much. It will say where this new money will go.

The last point is important in the minds of most legislators.

It is axiomatic that Legislators do not go around raising taxes in election years, not if they want the taxpayers to re-elect them, they don't.

There is one exception.

This exception is particularly apparent in talking with legislators from Westchester and Rockland Counties and Long Island.

Some of these legislators say they feel their constituents are willing to go along with a tax hike if the tax hike goes for a substantial increase in the per pupil aid formula.

And thus the exception to the axiom is that taxes can be increased in election years which are also years of great financial pain and burden.

This is the case with school district taxes, local real estate taxes in the lower Hudson and Long Island areas particularly and to a great extent in most other areas of the state. The point is that the impetus for a favorable action on a tax hike is coming from this area — even though it affects other areas as well.

The formula for state aid is now \$660 per pupil. But some districts in Long Island, for example, are actually spending as much as \$2,000 a pupil. They make up the difference in local real estate taxes.

These legislators, led by Assembly Republican Minority Leader Perry B. Duryea of Montauk, L. I., are pushing for a formula of \$800 per pupil.

"Obviously, this is out of the question," Rockefeller told the legislators in his speech.

And just as obviously, this was greeted with stony silence.

A token increase in the formula, reason a number of legislators does not offset the ugly prospect of a tax hike. If they could go home and explain that the tax hike will reduce the local real estate tax burden, they could do it.

The feeling now is that anything less than \$800 per pupil, which would eat up \$334 million of the \$500 million increase, wouldn't even put a dent in local real estate taxes.

Plantings on the south or southwest side of a house often need more winter protection than those on the north because the winter can cause fluctuating temperatures resulting in a loss of moisture.

Keep On Buying Savings Bonds.

Mrs. Ida Baker Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Carl Childs of Elmira has been spending the past two weeks visiting in Andover.

Mark Sheppard was in North Hornell three days this week employed in surveying and subdivision work.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Atwood left Thursday for a two weeks trip to New York City and Boston.

**30 YEARS AGO**

Jan. 21, 1938  
 J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers  
 Who's Who in Andover Fraternal Organizations: — Masonic Lodge, B. B. Hann, Master; Eastern Star, Harry Smith, Patron and Pearl Randall, Worthy Matron; Thomas M. Lynch Post No. 397, James McDonough, Commander; Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Bertha Hardy, President; Edward Seaman Relief Corps, Laura Witter, President; Junior Relief Corps, Marian Steadman, President; Andover Dairymen's League, C. A. Robinson, President; I.O.O.F., James Mulholland, Noble Grand; Rebekahs, Nora Higby, Noble Grand; Grange, Dewey Northrup, Master; Juvenile Grange, Kathleen Howland, Master; Andover Fire Department, F. S. Potter, President, and C. L. Jackson, Chief.

Kenneth Vars is working in the A & P Store in place of Edwin Alderson, who has been transferred to the Wellsville A & P Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ray are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, January 19th.

Rev. A. D. Shepard tendered his resignation as pastor of the Andover Baptist Church last Sunday, to be effective February 1st. Rev. and Mrs. Shepard are planning to go to Harrison Valley, Pa., where they will be in charge of the Harrison Valley Children's Home.

The weatherman showed his authority Tuesday night at 18 degrees below zero, the coldest so far this winter.

The Town of Independence has purchased a new snow plow and caterpillar tractor, to be used in opening the roads in that Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith entertained at dinner Saturday evening in honor of the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Thorne.

David Davenport has been passing the week with Mr. and Mrs. John Fanton and other friends on Voorhees Hill.

Carl Robbins of Gloversville, is visiting at the homes of his cousins, Mrs. James Lewis and Mrs. Abram Slocum.

Mrs. Lottie Drew, Esther and Edith of Independence are visiting Butler Drew at Little Genesee.

Carl V. Clarke of Independence attended a State Holstein convention at Ogdensburg, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Charles Warfield of Scio visited his sister, Mrs. Clara Scribner from Friday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brown, and daughter, Mary of Painted Post spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

Mrs. Darwin Lehman, Miss Phoebe Perry and Basil Perry spent from Friday until Sunday in Rochester, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Williams.

"Ernie" Andrus was in Belmont from Saturday until Sunday in charge of the Market Basket Store in that village during the absence of Wm. Dougherty, who was attending the funeral of a cousin.