

**A SCOUT IS REVERENT!**

An Editorial



The tragic increase in juvenile delinquency has become a national problem of the utmost importance — and a solution is beset on every hand with complexities and difficulties.

This fact alone gives high significance to "Boy Scout Week", which is to be observed during the period of February 7th - 13th. The theme of the week is "Scouting Rounds A Guy Out".

A head of the national scouting organization says: "The Boy Scouts of America for 56 years has enjoyed success and public acclaim for its part in the training of American youth in character values, citizenship, skills and attitudes, as well as physical fitness. Over these years we have grown and flourished because each of us involved has had a deep conviction of the worth of Scouting to boys and to America because we resolved to act upon our convictions."

All manner of activities will mark this Week. Churches of every denomination will develop the theme in their service. Newspapers, radio and TV will give this Week the notice it so richly deserves. Schools and civic groups will participate. Patriotic organizations will play their important part. The goal is to bring home to everyone — American principles and ideals which are eternal and which the Scouts are pledged to sustain.

Beyond these — the hope is that the publicity and notice created will encourage more and more boys to join their local Boy Scout Organization, and additionally, will lead their elders to do whatever they can to advance the work and the ideals that Scouting stands for. — Rarely does a Boy Scout become delinquent!

Here Locally, "Boy Scout Week" will have an auspicious finale when the twelfth point of the Scout Law will be observed as the Scouts attend their respective Churches in a group on February 11th "Scout Sunday" — in their Scout Uniforms.

This 12th point of the Scout Law, — a Scout is Reverent, — recognizes the place in religion in one's life. A part of Scouting is to live a worthy, religious life.

Let's also give a great deal of credit to the grown-ups — both men and women that donate their time and energy for this worth while cause.

In all of our years association with the Scout Program we firmly believe that it is a wonderful program and deserves the support of everyone that has any spare time or spare money that can be devoted to it.

With the high ideals and practices in the Scout Program, it is one of the biggest single factors that successfully helps combat Juvenile Delinquency!

Let's do everything we can to make the Scout Program a big success here in Andover!

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**50 YEARS AGO**

Feb. 1, 1918

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Rev. M. N. Longnecker of Remsen, N. Y., has accepted a call to the Andover Baptist Church and will assume the pastorate next Sunday morning, February 3rd.

E. P. Rogers has rented of O. E. Vars his ice business, and will have charge of same the coming season.

L. P. Crandall has secured a position in the machine shops of the Curtis Aeroplane Company at Buffalo, beginning work Monday evening.

Frank Raufenbarth has sold his market and meat business to Ed and Floyd Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard McKay are the parents of a son, LeRoy Daniel, born January 25th.

About sixty Eastern Star members gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns Tuesday evening, January 29th in observance of their 34th wedding anniversary.

Today's specials — Men's Heavy Union Suits, \$1.25; Men's Shirts, white with black or colored stripes 69c each; Women's Black Kid Gloves, pair 69c; Chase & Sanborn Coffee, lb. 27c.

L. G. Coleman left Monday evening for Salem, W. Va., in response to a wire from a Pittsburgh firm, to inspect and repair machinery in their plant.

Mrs. Lucy Wells, Mrs. Miner Green and Miss Gertrude Wells of Nile were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Livernore.

Mrs. L. J. Spencer of Alfred Station visited at the home of her brother, Floyd Slocum from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Mame Dean from North Tonawanda is spending a few days guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Dean.

James P. Dougherty is in Chicago visiting his brother and attending the Chicago Automobile Show.

Mrs. F. S. Potter was called to Payneville Wednesday by the serious illness of her father, Leroy Richmond.

James Mulcahy went to Olean Monday, where he will spend a few days visiting relatives.

Mrs. John Ludden and daughter of Genesee, Pa. visited Andover relatives last week.

**40 YEARS AGO**

Feb. 3, 1928

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Dell Hawkins, 75, died Tuesday, January 17th. His wife, a sister and a niece survive.

The large barn on the Bert Cook farm a mile and a half this side of Wellsville, burned to the ground Tuesday morning, together with a large quantity of hay, grain and farm tools and machinery.

Mrs. Fannie Slocum, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Maude Clarke Tuesday, Jan. 31st. Two sisters and a step-daughter survive. Interment was in Vaffey Brook Cemetery.

Robert Sutherland has purchased of Charles Howland his property on Rochambeau Ave.

Patrick Hyland has purchased the Hayden Rogers property on East Greenwood Street.

Mrs. Floyd Pease of Greenwood was a week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. W. J. Potter of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of Davis Hill, are visiting for a time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson of Nile.

Mrs. M. T. Garvin of Pittsburgh Pa. is visiting her mother, Mrs. Catherine Dean.

Mrs. A. A. Porter left Sunday night enroute to Florida, where she expects to join Mrs. W. S. Calhoun at Daytona Beach.



by Alex Rankin

The predicted battle lines in the State Capitol Building over Governor Rockefeller's \$55 billion budget and the \$500 million tax hike he wants to balance it are beginning to shape up.

Down on the second floor the governor is waiting in his office, listening to the little shades of difference in the reactions to his tax program, a variety of 10 different tax hikes.

One key is in the variety and the amounts he says they will raise.

The biggest is the 20 percent surcharge on the personal income, \$270 million. Then come the corporation franchise tax, \$108 million; followed by the corporation and utilities tax hike, \$35 million; the one-cent hike in the gasoline tax \$21 million; the bank tax, \$19 million; the 50-cent a gallon hike in the whiskey tax, \$15 million; the unincorporated business tax \$15 million; the hike in the pari-mutuel betting tax, \$6

million, and the hike in the insurance premium tax, another \$6 million.

The other key is the fact that all state Senators and Assemblymen are up for reelection this November.

This is the first time in many years that a governor has asked the Legislature to hike so many different taxes at the same time.

Why, for example, couldn't the governor tack on another penny to, say, the bank tax hike and eliminate the gasoline tax altogether?

The obvious answer is that all these little taxes are throwaways.

Any legislator can find a way to cut \$21 million out of a \$55 billion budget. Its like taking a nickel out of the money you give your wife every week.

If the \$21 million is gone, the gasoline tax hike won't be needed.

And the Legislators will get the political credit for it.

The other part of the battle is up on the third floor in the Senate and Assembly chambers.

That battle is between rural upstate legislators and suburban downstate legislators. It concerns taxes and school aid.

It is perhaps dangerous to generalize on the statements of one or two legislators but a trend can be seen.

First the statement of a rural upstate legislator, Assemblyman Donald L. Taylor of Watertown: "In my district (Jefferson and Lewis Counties) all the people I have talked to are bitterly opposed to a tax hike, without exception."

Now the joint statement of four Assemblymen from Nassau County. There is no mention in it anywhere of state taxes.

"The governor has given no evidence of any concern for the overwhelming property tax burden borne by home owners — the proposed increase in aid to education is paltry . . .

In Nassau and other suburban counties the real estate tax to support schools is extremely high. Legislators from this area want the state aid formula raised from the present \$660 per pupil to \$800 per pupil to ease some of that local real estate burden. Rockefeller asked for \$726 per pupil.

The suburban legislators are screaming that it isn't enough.

Rural upstate legislators do not feel this pressure in their areas. Their constituents just plain don't want any tax hike period.

Suburban legislators argue that a state hike will ease the local burden.

Rural legislators, such as Sen. H. Douglas Barclay of Pulaski argue that a large number of his constituents are elderly people with fixed incomes — unable to work harder to offset a tax hike in what they get from pensions and social security to pay the electricity bill and for food.

"Gin" as used in cotton gins is an abbreviation for engine.

"To the press alone, checkered as it is with abuse, the world is indebted for all the triumphs which have been obtained by reason and humanity over error and oppressions." — James Madison

