

GET TO KNOW YOUR LIBRARY An Editorial

National Library Week, April 21 - 27 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.

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 of perpetuation of mankind. (We hope!)

WE LIKE "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR"

(Taken From Our Files of Our Edition of April 13, 1967)

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.



50 YEARS AGO April 19, 1918

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Capt. John Alvin Travis, 81, well known and popular both in Andover and Washington, D. C., died Saturday, April 13th at his home in Washington, D. C. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday in Andover with Rev. H. D. Bacon officiating. Burial was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles have moved from Lancaster, back to Andover and are located in the Roland house.

Jerome Remington has been taken to the home of his daughter in Painted Post, due to illness.

Miss Lela Slocum has completed her business course at Westbrooks in Olean and has accepted a position with the A. J. Deer Co. at Hornell.

Mrs. M. A. Greene of Independence is spending a few weeks with her son, Harry in Cleveland, Ohio.

Howard Clarke was home from Camp Sherman, Ohio for a few hours Monday.

Mrs. George Jones of Elm Valley has gone to join her husband in New Jersey where he is in Camp.

Mary Boyd was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mary Snyder last week. Edward Cannon was a weekend visitor at the home of Henry Baker of East Valley.

Miss Ella McLaughlin was called to Oil City, Pa., Sunday by the death of her brother, James McLaughlin.

Mrs. M. Folsing and daughter, Margaret were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will and her sister, Mrs. George Tucker of Elm Valley Saturday and Sunday.

Harold Emery is home from Spartansburg, S. C., on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bloss have returned from Sayre, Pa., where they have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss for several weeks.

Ernest Green was home from Camp Dix for a few days visit with relatives, returning the first of the week.

Miss Belle Brundage is visiting relatives in Hornell this week.

40 YEARS AGO April 20, 1928

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Mrs. Grace Beiding, 47, died Saturday, April 14th. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery.

A company of about twenty friends of Mrs. W. L. Greene gave her a surprise visit at her home Sunday afternoon in honor of her birthday.

A group of friends and neighbors gave Wm. McDonough a surprise visit Saturday evening in honor of his 89th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell of Endicott, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Wallace Briggs of Independence.

Mrs. Jones of Whitesville is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Metta Hawks of Independence.

Mrs. Sophia Slocum of North Bingham is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum this week.

Mrs. Mary Pardon of Buffalo is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Barrett and other relatives in town.

Edward Donnelly, who spent the Easter vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonough, returned to Detroit, Mich., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doane of Kansas, are visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kilbane this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lever spent Saturday and Sunday in Ashville, guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graves.

Miss Helen M. Olmstead of Buffalo was the guest last week of her sister, Mrs. A. C. McPetridge.

Miss Mary O'Leary returned Sunday to her school duties at Elizabeth, N. J., after passing the Easter vacation at her home in Andover.



by Alex Rankin

Many state legislators are in Florida, Puerto Rico and other such places this week. They are on vacation.

The question is, who needs it more — the legislators or the people who elected them?

Republican Senate Majority Earl W. Brydges of Niagara Falls has a framed quotation on the cabinet behind the big leather chair in his office. It was made by an otherwise obscure Surrogates Court judge in an equally obscure case. It says:

"No man's life, freedom or property is safe while the Legislature is in session."

Before these gentlemen went on vacation they agreed upon a budget.

It was done largely with mirrors. It was done with the kind of tricks bank embezzlers usually use.

Miss Florence Cocoman returned Friday evening from two weeks in Buffalo. Her sister, Miss Mae Cocoman accompanied her home.

Wallace Clark of Independence is spending his Easter vacation on a trip to Washington, D. C., Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

30 YEARS AGO April 22, 1938

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Mr. and Mrs. Truman Dodge are the parents of a daughter, born Friday, April 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Loucks are the parents of a son, Thomas Ray, born Thursday, April 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bulard observed their 50th wedding anniversary at the family home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Spencer of Friendship Tuesday, April 19th.

William J. Bines, 58, died Sunday, April 17th. Funeral services were held Tuesday with Rev. W. L. Greene officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Guinn of Port Jervis, are the parents of a son, James Robert, born Friday, April 15th.

Clair Church was home from Elkland to spend Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Church.

Newton Clark and family of South Hill were Thursday callers of Mrs. Everett Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Teribury of W. Greenwood are the parents of a son, Frederick Leroy, born Sunday, April 17th.

Mrs. Emily King is spending a few weeks at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keough of Slate Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke and son, Francis of Independence attended the wedding of their son, Wallace to Miss Myrle Bennett at Callicoon, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crandall of Almond are spending the Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oakes returned home Monday from a visit with relatives in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Leo O'Conner and two sons of Hornell, were Sunday guests of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kibler of Rochester, passed Monday and Tuesday at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rager.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge and daughters, Marion and Marjory of Fulton, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mead of East Valley and other relatives from Saturday until Tuesday.

Word has been received, by Andover friends of the marriage of Miss Kathryn O'Donnell, daughter of the late Dr. O'Donnell, to Philip A. Benson of Santa Monica, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Holsley and little sons of Elm Valley, were called to Vermont the first of the week by the illness of her father.

Roughly, it works this way: The state, like a bank, has so much cash in the vaults. The state, like a bank, has so much cash coming in all the time.

But the state, if enough money is not coming in to cover expenses, must find ways to pay these bills, balance the books at the end of the fiscal year — March 31.

The accepted way is to raise taxes. A less accepted way is to sell bonds.

Still another way is to juggle the books. Gov. Rockefeller did it several times in past years.

Once, for example, he ordered taxes to be paid ahead of schedule. Taxes due after March 31 were ordered paid before March 31.

This made the budget for the year ending March 31 balance. It did not bring in more money. Taxes had to be raised the following year to make up the difference.

There is another solution: cut spending. This however, is unheard of in Albany.

The budget agreed upon by the legislators before they went on vacation cuts spending by \$6 million — peanuts because it was chopped out of a \$5.5 billion budget.

Legislators tried to use mirrors to make it look bigger.

First they announced they had cut the budget by \$502 million. They stopped talking about that figure when reporters refused to use it in their stories.

The \$5.5 billion represents hard cash spending for a 12-month period. Taxes are based on that amount.

But Gov. Rockefeller's appropriation budget is about \$7 billion. That represents spending, for example, for highways that take longer than one year to build.

The legislators said they had cut \$502 million in appropriations from the governor's budget. They failed to mention in press releases that the governor's total appropriation budget is \$7 billion, not \$5.5 billion.

Then they said they had really cut \$141 million in hard cash spending from the budget.

More mirrors went up. They did cut that much out. But before the week was over they had added other things themselves.

The result was a budget only \$6 million short of the one proposed by Rockefeller.

Rockefeller had proposed about \$494 million in tax hikes to pay for about half of the \$800 million increase in this year's budget over last year's. The rest he proposed to get by selling bonds.

But this is an election year. The legislators did away with most of the tax hikes. They replaced them with the kind of gimmicks Rockefeller has used in the past.

For example, they proposed delaying state aid payments to local governments and school districts.

Payments due just prior to March 31 would not be made. They would be made after March 31, 1969. That would balance the 1967-68 budget.

Virtually every observer agrees that while at most there will be a penny increase in whiskey and gasoline taxes this year, there will be a whopping tax hike of some sort next year to make up this ledger-shuffling.

But next year isn't an election year.

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