A TRIBUTE TO "MOM"

An Editorial

This coming Sunday is "Mother's Day" so, many families across the country will be celebrating the occasion with a family get-to-gether to honor their respective "Moms" in their own customs and traditions.

Many of us that are grown up live long distances away from our parents and find it impossible to drop in and visit or entertain them. Thus on special occasions we send them a card and a gift, or perhaps even talk to them on the phone.

For Mother's Day, we think that one thing Mom would appreciate most of all would be a letter from her children with an account of everyday happenings, and a special invitation extended to come and visit a spell.

Mothers need to have the feeling that they are still wanted and needed by their family. Thus we could sit down with pen in hand, spend a few minutes in retrospect, and write a letter something like this:

Dear Mom,

Do you still remember teaching us to respect our parents and elders, using courtesy and politeness when ever we were addressed? Who was it that taught us to respect other toys, playthings, and belongings — and still not be selfish or greedy?

Who was it that helped us gather May Flowers make candy and goodies to put in our little May Baskets made out of wall paper samples — and then watched us distribute them to our neighbors, thus teaching us that it was "More Blessed To Give Than Receive?" Who stuck up for us when a substitute teacher punished us unjustly — and yet on the other hand, spanked us when we were naughty either in school or elsewhere? We weren't continually warned and threatened — we knew that if we misbehaved we would get spanked on the spot — and on the seat — even if it was in Church or Sunday School.

Who taught me to stand up and fight my own battles when a big bully threatened me and made life miserable for me on the way home from school? Yes, as I remember, you told me to pop him when he came running out to hit me — or else you would spank me when I came home bawling from my lumps and bruises. I found out that a bully with a bloody nose will run just as fast, if not faster, away from you — as he would towards you to hit you!

Who was it that after Dad was accidently killed in an auto accident, kept the family together and acted as both parents to us. Went on long hikes with us, encouraged us in our study of music, and was even game enough to let us teach you how to swim?

Who was it that let us bring our friends home to play cards or build model airplanes, and when we were through — raid the refrigerator — or help ourselves to the pie or cake in the cupboard? If I recall correctly, you used to bake 9 pies every Saturday morning — and by Monday morning, they would all be gone. Of course, my pals were growing boys, and even my sisters girl friends used to have pretty good appetites.

Who was it that made us study and do our homework before we could go out and play — or else have our friends in? Yes, we each had our own chores to do — and they had to be finished during the week-end — before we thought about our entertainment. But, I can't recall ever grumbling about being overworked either.

Of course I could go on for hours, time permitting, with memories running thru my mind, but instead, must return to the daily grind. So, "Happy Mother's Day" and whenever you decide to come up and visit us this summer let us know so we can make arrangements for your trip.

With Loads of Love,
Your only Son

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FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1919
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Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clark are the parents of a daughter, born Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher of Salamanca, are the parents of a daughter. Helen Patricia, born April 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Babcock, formerly Bessie Nobles, of Fulmer Valley, are the parents of a daughter, June Adelle, born Sunday, April 27th.

Ray Hammond has purchased the lot on Water Street formerly owned by William Corey.

Business was shut down on South Hill last Friday and Saturday due to the severe blizzard.

Miss Ada Dexter of Wellsville spent Easter with her sister, Mrs. H. G. Clark.

Clark Fulkerson who has been employed at the Farwell Barber Shop, has gone to Akron, Ohio to work.

Mrs. Phillip Barrett has returned to Fultonville after spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. P. Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Blowers of Perry, are visiting at the home of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. George Gleason for a few days.

Miss Sylvia Hardy of New York City, arrived here Thursday to take care of her father, R. Hardy who is very ill.

Mrs. Delphine Pease was the guest of relatives in Greenwood last week.

40 YEARS AGO

May 3, 1929
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Saturday, April 27th, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Slocum of this village, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with Open House.

Andover friends have received invitations to attend the graduation exercises at Buffalo General Hospital May 14th of a Class of Nurses of which Miss Rose Ellen Casey of this village is a member.

Mrs. Sophia Slocum of Davis Hill, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elias Harris of Yorks Corners and her sister, Mrs. Albert Robbins of North Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. U. V. Davis and son, Robert of Rochester, were week-end guests of their parents and also visited other relatives on Davis Hill.

Mrs. James Wallace is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Flay Pease.

Will Pingrey and son, Carl of Bemus Point, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kaple.

Miss Agnes Fisher of East Whales, N. Y., was a guest of her sister, Miss Grace Fisher from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kaple passed Friday and Saturday guests of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cannon were business visitors in Buffalo Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Robert Morris and two sons of Wellsville, passed the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Ellen Casey.

Burton Seely and Lloyd Gee were in Friendship Friday and Saturday in attendance at the Y. M.C.A. conference.

Mrs. George Wereley is passing the week at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wereley of West Almond.

Mrs. Nellie Brundage arrived in Andover Friday from Los Angeles, Calif., and is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wood.

Miss Flora Warren was in N[illegible] over the week-end at the ho[illegible] her brother, Rev. Hurley W[illegible]en and family.

Miss Edna Kaple and Miss Emily Muno returned to Buffalo Monday after passing the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hann.

30 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1939
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Andover friends were deeply grieved this week to learn of the sudden death of Albert E. Webster at his home in Jackson Heights, L. I. Mr. Webster was a former Pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Andover.

Fred Short of Wellsville has opened a Service Station in Andover near the intersection of Main Street and Route 17. Gerald Hyland is manager in charge.

Last Friday evening the Woodruff employees enjoyed a warm sugar social at the home of Miss Marian Cook.

Andover friends were pleased to learn that Orville Mesler, who is taking a course in watch making at the Morrisville Technical School, has been elected secretary of the New York State Student Watchmaker's Guild.

Charles Clark and son of Alfred have purchased the Park Rogers farm on Pingrey Hill and taken possession of the same.

John Elster of Pingrey Hill moved Norman Baker from the Rosebush farm to Hartsville Center Saturday.

The West Greenwood ball team held a meeting Monday night and elected Van Coombs, Manager; Nelson Brewster, Assistant Manager and Edward Mullen, Secretary-Treasurer.

William Cooney of Rochester was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Appier and also visited other relatives in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Higby left for New York City last Friday where they were visitors at the home of her brother, Mr. and Ms. Earl Burgett of Union, N.J. Mrs. H. C. Burgett of Perry, who had been visiting her son in Union, accompanied them home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGrath and the Misses Anna and Catherine Hinck returned Saturday to their home in New York City after a two weeks visit at the home of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greenan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter and son, Bobby, passed [illegible] week-end at the home of [illegible] brother, Edgar Rychman in E[illegible] and also with her mother, [illegible] Laurence [illegible]

Mrs. [illegible] Diff[illegible] gone to the home of her [illegible]er, Mr. and Mrs. Edward [illegible] on Beach Hill for the summer.

ALBANY open line

by Alex Rankin

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[illegible] ator Edward Speno of Staten Island. Such speeches, he said in a voice quivering with wide-eyed sincerity mixed with admonishment, were not in good taste in view of the "delicate" negotiations now taking place.

Sydney Schanberg, Bureau Chief of the New York Times in Albany, a top reporter with unusual insight, put it this way Sunday night after the negotiations had blown up for more times than anyone can now remember:

"Have you ever tried putting a blanket down on a beach when the wind is blowing? That's what this is like. You put a stone on one corner and then go to the other corner and put one down, turn around and find the first corner has come loose, flapping madly. You go back and put that one down, but then the other one comes undone."

And so it goes. One side of the issue is called into a room and shown a bill. After an hour of talking and making changes, they agree to it. They leave the room. Thirty minutes later they are called back into the room and shown something entirely different. Meanwhile the other side is shown [illegible] and were backed up by many of their Republicans from upstate, who up until that time had been content to sit on the sidelines watching, feeling that to do otherwise would open them to charges of meddling in what was a New York City problem.

The New York City Republicans brought with them a strong argument.

They told Duryea and the upstaters they could not get re-elected in 1970 if they had to run on an issue that favored their more liberal opponents.

The issue, at the risk of over simplification, is one of more control at the street level of New York City schools as against strong and local control. This is the blanket everyone is trying to stretch out on the beach. There are at least two dozen specific issues under this broad issue. One or two will do here. Should the central board have the power to veto line items in the budget of the local board? Local boards would be elected, but should the parents of those children bussed into the district be allowed to vote?