

THE PRICE OF OPINION

An Editorial

We learned at a very young age that any newspaper worth the price of the paper it was printed on was a newspaper which had opinions of its own, and was a paper which made these opinions known to the public through its editorials.

Any newspaper which publishes the views of its editor, through the use of editorials, would quickly tell you that the weekly or daily routine would be made easier if its opinions were left unsaid.

We know from years gone by, that by expressing our opinions, ideas, and thoughts through the use of an editorial, and by speaking out in print we do not always win friends and influence people. Many times our views are among the minority, and quite frequently we find ourselves on the other side of the fence from our friends and business associates.

But then, we didn't enter this profession with the thought of winning a popularity contest. We feel there is a responsibility vested in us to set the stage for an open forum about our community.

We have been told, among other things that it takes guts, that nobody in their right mind would go against the grain of the majority, stick their neck out in print, and then stay around to be subjected to the repressions which are sure to follow. Regardless of our mental evaluation by others, that is exactly what happens every time an editorial is published.

Sometimes the volume is turned to its highest and many times your family, which had no hand in the writing, becomes subjected to the little people who thrive on ridicule.

We constantly run into the person who waits for his supporters to surround him, or until he is half beered-up to take exception to something we write. But when he is alone or sober, he is ready to forget the whole deal. These people fail to realize they have an editorial column of their own right here in the newspaper. It is the letters to the editor column. It is always open, with a standing invitation to our readers to use it.

Hardly a week goes by that we don't have someone or some group suggesting editorial comment for our use. When asked why they don't write a letter to the editor, 99 per cent of the answers boil down to this: "We can't afford to get people mad at us, we're in business, or we have to live with these people."

Let us say this: agreement on every subject is not vital for intelligent discussion. Rather, conflict of opinion on an issue often brings forth truth, understanding, and action towards a better community — if those involved have the maturity to remain objective.

The editorials in The Andover News remain our ideas. They are our thoughts. We do not expect agreement on everything we write. But when you see it in print, it is there as a market - place for thought and discussion. But you can bank on one thing — when you read it in an editorial — that's the way we feel.

And, don't forget readers — your Hometown Weekly Newspaper is more vitally interested in what goes on locally — than any other newspaper in the world!

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS BASIC TO ALL YOUR AMERICAN FREEDOMS! Only as your Newspaper is free to print the facts, can you be free to know them. Only as you know the facts, can you act wisely in the best interests of your Community, as you see them. In America, there is plenty of room for opinions. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH!

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50 YEARS AGO

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Lotus Jordan has purchased the Gilder property on Main Street, now occupied by the Horton Barber Shop and former Bell Telephone Exchange, and will erect on the site, a large double brick store.

Andover Free Library has finished the installation of electric lights throughout.

Mrs. Will Church is on the mail route now, as substitute for Mr. Church, who will have a two week vacation.

Mrs. Lina Holden and daughter of Bradford, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clarke of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown and daughter, Helen of Lewisville, who have been visiting Mrs. L. C. Lave of Independence, started for Illinois, Monday.

Mrs. James Livermore of Canisteo, spent from Friday until Sunday with Mrs. S. G. Crandall of Independence.

Mrs. Melvin Coow and Eugenia of Rochester, spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. E. R. Crandall of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Collins and son of Hornell, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence.

Mrs. Nina Palmer of Almond, is visiting at the home of W. R. Crandall of Independence.

Miss Alice Pardon of East Valley, went to Buffalo last Saturday, where she has accepted a position in the Buick office and began her duties Monday.

A shower was given Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cornell at the home of her father Wesley Osborn of Elm Valley, Friday evening. They expect to leave Thursday for Elgin, Ill., where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Vars have gone to Rhode Island for a few weeks visit with relatives.

Mrs. Lawrence Hunt is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bloss this week.

Miss Mary O'Leary is home from Washington, D. C., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher of Salamanca are guests this week at the homes of Mrs. E. Gallagher and Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lynch.

Mrs. Henry Livermore was in Nile last week to attend a reception given in honor of her mother, Mrs. Martha Davidson's 80th birthday.

Miss Ruth Watson of Olean is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson and family this week.

40 YEARS AGO

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Mrs. Phoebe Alberta Crandall, 82, died Saturday, July 26th at her home on W. Center Street. A daughter and a brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

The Allegany Mutual Telephone Company has entered into a contract with Victor Houshold of Cananda, N. Y., to take over the superintendency of the repairs and construction of the local system, and he will move his family here about the first of August.

Four thousand fingerling brown trout were distributed in our streams by Andover fishermen Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Northrup are the parents of a son, Debbel Keith, born Saturday, July 26th.

Postmaster Common states that 18,975 day-old chicks have been shipped this year through the Andover Postoffice.

Miss Anna O'Leary of Andover, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Margaret Dean of South Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Whitford



By Alex Rankin

Essentially this column had been a question for a joint state-legislative committee looking into the status of campus.

This week we have a question for the newly created Temporary State Commission to Study and Investigate the Status of Campus and Violence on College Campuses.

Two college students, Ray Green of Saratoga Springs and Charles Stewart of Olean, Olean, recently visited the reporter in connection with a campus report they are working on.

They can tell from the amount of research they have done of the need to shed a lot of light on the "campus" and the "open house" which makes the majority who wait up the vast majority of the campus population join with the radical minority in acts which have in the past led to violence.

There is in this state a law which, generally, says candidates who run for office must, on pain of committing a misdemeanor, file campaign expense accounts — where they got the money and how they spent it once they got it. They must do it both before and after the election.

Stas and Joel report that a detailed check of the offices of the Secretary of State in Albany, where such expense accounts must be lawfully filed, shows that during the past three years many of the state legislators failed to file any report at all.

Others filed them, but said they didn't spend anything — not one bill — board or radio, television or

of Darlington, Pa., are guests of her mother, Mrs. Maude Clarke of Independence.

Mrs. Addie Green of Keosville, N. Y., is visiting her son, W. E. Greene of Independence.

Mrs. E. E. Crandall, Maxson, Eugene and Hilda, returned to Alfred Sunday after spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence.

Mrs. Vincent Axford and Janet of Knoxville, Tenn., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Maude Clarke of Independence.

Dean Horan and wife of Schenectady, arrived in town Saturday to pass his vacation with his father, Henry Horan and other relatives.

Miss Jessamine Baker of Ithaca, who came to attend the funeral of her uncle, C. T. Livermore of Arkopf, passed the week-end in Andover with her mother, Mrs. Jennie Baker. Miss Glenora Baker, returned with her sister to Ithaca for a week's visit.

Herbert Burdick and daughters, Louise and Marjorie of Cold Water, N. Y., were guests of relatives in town Thursday and Friday.

Audrey and Lawrence Gee of Wellsville, are spending the week at the home of Mrs. Frank Noblet.

Mrs. Emily Swain of Canastota, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Martha Orvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King of Buffalo, were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Prober.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Theagre returned to their home in Keamsboro Sunday after a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Theagre and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers.

Miss Lottie Williams is visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. John McIntosh at Savona.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lang are attending the World's Fair in New York City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Estel Stevens and family have returned from a two week stay at Cananda Lake.

Mrs. Ed Green and Mrs. William Pease are attending the Home Bureau's Campers Vacation being held this week at Spring Lake, from Wednesday until Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Clair Greene of Washington, D. C., are spending the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Greene, before going to Washington, N. J., where he will open an office for private practice, August 1st.

Gilbert Barrett and son, Junior, have returned to New York City after passing several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barrett on Corwin Hill.

Miss Mary Pardon who has been visiting relatives and friends in Andover the past two weeks, returned to her home in Albany, Monday.

Miss Gertrude Joyce R.N., of Buffalo, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Joyce.

Ray E. Mori and Bert Rowland attended the Buffalo - Schenectady baseball game in Buffalo Saturday evening.

Miss Williams is attending summer school at Columbia University, New York City.

Miss Nancy Jane Snyder is passing the week-end at Camp Wellsville at Bradford, N. Y.

Mrs. D. J. Ayler and Miss Nora Ayler are spending the week-end at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Leary, Sr. and Mrs. Earl Baker.

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