

KEEP CATV PRIVATE

Guest Editorial

It is very likely that in the near future Irondequoit residents will be solicited to install cable television in their homes. The scramble for this lucrative business is reaching a high pitch as the cable television companies jockey for favorable licensing position with governments. Rochester city officials are currently locked in a licensing hassle that underlines the exciting potential of this TV service.

County officials are showing a decided interest in the eventual outcome and are expressing belief that the service should be considered more as a public utility, rather than a consumer product. The intent is to build up a strong case to have CATV closely regulated by government — the county government.

Cable television is home entertainment and we do not think that it should be considered a public utility. More, it should not be incorporated into any kind of authority or bureaucracy. TV is not an essential product such as water or electricity. The very fact that it is an information media demands that it should not be subject to any type of government influence in its programming, for this would violate our basic right of freedom of the press.

If the public, or the consumer if you will, is to realize full benefit from CATV, it must be operated as a business enterprise and be exposed to competition.

Politicians will be very reluctant to let this service get out of their hands since they have come to view it primarily as a source of tax money.

One method of reaching the home with CATV is to use existing facilities of the Rochester Telephone Corporation. The RTC are willing to lease their facilities to the CATV companies but rightfully want to exercise some control so that they too will benefit from this profitable enterprise. In many areas of the country existing telephone facilities are not used, as the signal can be beamed into accepting receivers set at special wave lengths. Thus, there is the physical possibility of more than one cable television company servicing a given area.

A competitive situation is advantageous to the user. The programming will have to be turned to the desires of the customer, and this includes all phases of programming: entertainment, news, educational. Further a competitive situation will mean service to the consumer on a comparative costs basis.

Licensing should be at the town level and not county, region or state. The licensing, for example, of different cable television companies in different towns would avail the public to competitive situations subject to consumer judgment.

Revenue to our government treasuries will be plentiful, even with privately-operated CATV. First the local government will receive the yearly licensing fees. This should relieve the tax burden for the town and provide local control of the quality of CATV service. Tax money fed back to the locality by the county is apt to be unreliable, as we have seen with the county sales tax. Also, with local control, town benefit would be proportional to town users.

Monroe County would benefit through the Monroe County Sales Tax. CATV as a consumer product, would be subject to this taxation.

Town government should watch the development of CATV systems diligently, for once the pattern has been established it will be next to impossible to make alterations or retractions. The money involved in Cable TV challenges the imagination as one part of the new electronic era which will change all aspects of our life.

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50 YEARS AGO

January 14, 1921

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Adelbert P. Wood, 63, a former resident of Independence, died at his home in Wellsville Tuesday, January 12. His wife, a son, brother and a sister survive. Burial was in Andover.

At a special joint meeting of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, held last week, J. E. Theisge was installed as Master of Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M., and Valencia Stocum was installed as Worthy Matron of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, O.E.S.

Twin boys arrived Thursday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Perry of Barney St.

T. N. Boyd brought two half-opened dandelions into the News Office Monday which he picked beside the walk coming down from his home.

Miss Mary Casey of the Clinic Hospital in Olean, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ella Casey and family of South Hill.

Mrs. Bernard Murray and son of Greenwood Hill, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAndrew of South Hill from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. C. A. Wilbur returned to her home in Cleveland, Ohio, on Thursday, after a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Baker of Tip Top.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker of Tip Top spent their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary in Alfred Monday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Martin.

Messrs M. A. Crandall, E. R. Crandall and Carl Clarke of Independence, are attending a Holstein meeting and sale at Rochester this week.

Mrs. Nina Palmer of Almond, is a guest of Miss Alice Clarke this week.

Mrs. Mildred Rogers of Greenwood is visiting Andover friends this week.

Roy Parker returned Tuesday from Leeds, N. D., where he had been for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ralph Rogers of Buffalo is spending a few days guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rogers.

Messrs Harold and Jesse Kemp returned to Depew Sunday to resume work after a two weeks vacation.

J. S. Phillips of Albany, was in Andover Tuesday to attend the annual meeting of the directors of the Burrows National Bank.

Mrs. Sylvia Mourhess went to Huntington, Pa., Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. Hazlett before going to "Washington," D. C., for a visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mourhess.

Mrs. Stella Sorocool and Stanford of Hornell, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence.

40 YEARS AGO

January 3, 1931

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James Snyder, 80, died Monday, January 6th. A granddaughter, two brothers and a sister survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

James Pardon, 69, a former resident of Andover, died in New York City during the holiday season. Two children and three sisters survive.

Mrs. H. S. Thorne is substituting in our school for Mrs. Schwarzenbach, who is ill.

Mrs. Howard Dean and daughter of South Hill, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Wellsville.

Saturday, December 27, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Their neighbors in Independence met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer and spent a very pleasant evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clarke of Independence are spending a week in Galeton, Pa.

Mrs. Will Dodge of Andover visited her daughter, Mrs. Otto Nye in Independence a few days last week.



by Alex Rankin

Republican Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges has apparently thrown snake eyes in his plan to open the state to every type of gambling known to man.

Brydges, of Niagara Falls, announced as the Legislature opened for its 1971 session that he was introducing a measure to allow gambling casinos to open up all over the state in order to raise more revenue for the state.

To no one's real surprise, the plan appears to be dead.

At first, Republican Assembly Speaker Perry B. Belmont, Jr., of Niagara, L. L. Givens, to be named, in support of the plan was "worthy of every consideration."

But the next day Brydges and a committee should be expected to study it. In Albany, the "committee" means the same as "forget it."

And a little later Darius had a

Mrs. E. R. Crandall and Hilda and Edna, were guests of Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence, at its regular meeting last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marie Spicer and son of Hornell were guests Friday until Sunday at the home of his brother, R. E. Spicer and family of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Davis visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Carson Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavaso Woodward of Woodward Hollow, Greenwood, are the parents of twin girls born Monday, January 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones are parents of a son, Rowland Alton born Saturday, January 3.

Mrs. Pearl Davis spent the week-end with Mrs. Glenn Amesbury on Davis Hill.

Miss Mary O'Boyle returned to Jamestown Sunday to resume her school duties.

Miss Eloise Caple of Hornell and Miss Marjory Nevol, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caple.

Misses Katherine and Margaret Folsing returned to Elmira Sunday after spending the holiday vacation visiting Andover relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hammond of New York City are passing two weeks with his mother, Mrs. Ida Hammond and other relatives.

Miss Ruth Robinson left Sunday for her duties as instructor in the Orange, N. J., school after a vacation visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Robinson.

Mrs. Bertha Pingrey accompanied her son, Donald to North Troy Friday, where he is teaching.

Mrs. L. P. Crandall and daughter, Anita Hart, left Sunday for her former home in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trowbridge and family of Syracuse and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge and family of Hornell, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge.

30 YEARS AGO

January 9, 1941

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

William McGee attended a professors conference held at Syracuse Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Guy Wood was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Raymond Smith of Altoona, Pa., during the holiday vacation.

Miss Mary O'Leary of Elizabeth, New Jersey passed the holiday vacation with her father, James O'Leary.

Miss Harriet Williams of New York City, Ralph Williams of Baldwin, L. I., and Miss Barbara Tripp of Ozone Park, are passing the holidays at the home of Mrs. Mabel Williams.

Howard Hann of Mt. Carmel, Pa. spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hann.

Miss Florence Mulholland of Andover and James E. Crawford of Jacksonville, Florida, were united

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