

A WORD OF WARNING

An Editorial

With the advent of the recent cold snap and the receiving of the huge gas bills for last month's heat comes the inherent danger of fire and suffocation from defective stoves, furnaces and chimneys.

In the past few years we have seen several tragedies where a whole family was wiped out from these causes. In one of the recent ones that we can recall vividly, a mother and her three children lost their lives in a new home as a result of this deadly and sinister caller — Carbon Monoxide and Gas — **THE CAUSE** — chimney plugged up with ice as a result of a cold wave and formed by freezing of the exhaust gases from the gas fired furnace.

Whether you live in the country and burn wood, coal, or well gas or reside in the village and burn commercially distributed natural gas, the possibility and danger of defective exhaust systems is always present.

If we recognize the fact "That it could happen to us" and are aware of the danger, then we can be watchful for any symptoms that could indicate trouble with our chimneys or flues.

If any visitor or caller should remark that they smell gas or smoke upon entering our home it should be cause for an immediate investigation, for many times persons living in the house get used to the fumes and don't notice them and thus are unaware of the danger that exists. Other warnings are if you develop a headache after being in the house for a while or if you become nauseated for no apparent reason.

A quick visual check can be made by making sure that the stove or furnace is burning good and then going out doors to see if a good stream of smoke or steam vapor is coming out of your chimney. If any doubt still exists in your mind it would be very wise to call the Firemen or the Gas Company and have someone check on it.

Remember—the life you save—could be your own!

8 WAY TO RUIN A TOWN

An Editorial

Here's a set of commandments no one needs or wants, but outline a certain pattern for succeeding in failure. It's not original here, nor is it new. For any who exaggerate to these lengths, the following list may serve as a caution. Hardly any one person is cynical enough to qualify on all eight counts. If you fit 6 to 8 of the following you might enjoy moving to Siberia. If you agree with 3 to 5 we suggest you need more time out of the house and out with your neighbors. If you score from 0 to 2, there's a built-in remedy here, just reverse your stand in 1971 — your town can use you.

1. Attend no meeting of any kind. Criticize the way "they" are doing things.
2. Complain about the police department, fire department, chamber of commerce, and all other governmental and civic groups.
3. Keep convincing yourself that your attendance at school programs, service clubs, concerts, ball games, exhibits and benefit programs is not important — you'll never be missed.
4. Knock your village board or town and school boards — talk up the "kick backs" politicians in office must be getting.
5. Stay away from church. You might attend on Easter Sunday or during Christmas season just to reassure yourself that all who attend are hypocrites.
6. Remind others that your local newspaper is no good — that it misses more local news than the out of town papers get by accident.
7. Remember that all kids are delinquents, all businessmen are crooks, and that uncomplimentary remarks about the town are the order of the day.
8. Above all, always be skeptical, cynical and negative about anything that is designed for the community's progress and betterment — our motto should be: "if it's good, it can't happen here."

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50 YEARS AGO

January 23, 1921

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Bert Cook has purchased the farm owned by the late R. D. Beebe near Wellsville. Possession will be taken April 1st.

Mrs. Julia Mead, 67, died Monday, January 26. A daughter, two sons and a brother survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Mrs. Mayme D. Lewis, 46, died Tuesday, January 18th at her home on Greenwood Hill. Her husband, her mother and three brothers survive. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

George Vickers has purchased the Jesse Snyder farm on North Main Street.

Harold Hardy has accepted a position as manager of a 200 acre farm located at Cayuga Heights, near Ithaca. He begins his duties March 1st.

Fay E. Boyd was installed Noble Grand of Andover Lodge No. 788 I.O.O.F., Tuesday evening by District Deputy Grand Master J. J. Thurston and Staff, all of Friendship.

Mrs. Leona Davis is moving her household goods to Hornell where she will make her future home.

Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew are parents of a son, Vincent Lowell, born Sunday, January 18.

Mrs. Addie Green picked a bunch of pansies in full bloom from her pansy-bed last week.

Mrs. Ella Casey of South Hill was called to Oil City, Pa., last week by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Brown of that city.

About seventy-five friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Burdick gathered at their home at Tip Top Saturday evening as a surprise.

F. M. Lee accompanied his granddaughter, Miss Frances Williams of Andover, to New Rochelle, Friday, where she will enter school. She will pass the winter at the home of Prin. and Mrs. John Vincent.

Mrs. Nora Burdick of Alfred spent the week-end with her sister Mrs. E. R. Crandall of Independence.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Grenolds and Mrs. O. E. Vars returned Saturday evening from several days visit in Buffalo.

Miss Cicilly Donally of Detroit, Mich., is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett of Canisteo, are visiting at the homes of their daughters, Mrs. Hervey Thorne and Mrs. Floyd Scott.

Fay E. Boyd, W. C. Gleason, William Yoemans, Fred Stebbins and Lynn Trowbridge motored to Richburg Sunday to visit Lee Trowbridge.

Mrs. W. J. Potter of Independence is in Greenwood visiting her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Pease and family.

40 YEARS AGO

January 23, 1931

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Mrs. Charles Clark was a visitor at the home of her daughter Mrs. Fred Halsey several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell returned to Smithboro, Pa., Saturday. They have been spending a month with their daughter, Mrs. Wallace Briggs of Independence.

Word was received here Sunday of the death of Mrs. Herbert McCaffery of South Canisteo.

Mrs. Jett Buldgett of Rochambeau Avenue, was given a surprise party Wednesday evening in honor of her birthday by a company of friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Leona Davis went to Hornell Wednesday for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor.

Mrs. Mercy Ghostley of Independence is spending the week at the home of Mrs. Roxie Bennett, who is spending the week in Cuba with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Henning.

John DeRemer and son, Leo, motored to Keuka College Sunday to visit their daughter and sister.



By the time this column is in print the war should be on in Albany — a state budget of about \$2.4 billion and a bundle of highly unpopular tax increases.

Rockefeller is going to argue that most of the \$1.3 billion increase over the current state budget was mandated by the state Legislature last year and so there is nothing that he can do about it — except push harder for revenue-sharing from Washington.

On the notion that I won't be sticking my neck out too far, here are the best guesses for tax hikes:

A 10 per cent surcharge on the state's personal income tax.

Jump the state sales tax a penny to four cents.

Hike the auto registration fee and liquor taxes, and possibly the gasoline tax.

Some legislators are already pushing for another hike in the cigarette tax.

The trouble is, and the basis for my predictions too, is that the state's biggest money makers are the personal income and sales taxes.

Unless legislators want to double and triple the cigarette, gasoline or liquor taxes, they just won't raise the money that the personal income or sales taxes will.

Legislators may have given some indication as to how serious they are about budget cutting when they tackled Rocky's \$203 million deficiency budget the other day.

The legislators hardly moved a

finger. They could find only \$9 million of items to cut.

And most of that was South Mall money, which they made alot of noise about. Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea announced the formation of a special committee to study the finances of the South Mall.

But it's a smoke screen, because the South Mall is being built with bond money. Cutting projects like that won't have any effect on the state budget, where state tax money is directly involved.

The Catholic lobby pulled a big surprise recently with their announcement, by Cardinal Cooke, that they are backing off from repeal of the Blaine amendment and will instead work for more state aid to private schools under present law.

It was a smart move if you favor such aid.

If the Blaine amendment repeal passes this year it will be on the ballot in November.

There are a lot of people who believe that the big reason the work of the 1967 state constitutional convention went down the drain at the polls was because it contained a repeal of the Blaine amendment. It stirred up a lot of angry words.

Catholic schools have a much better chance for getting money quietly from the legislature than by begging for a face to face confrontation with opponents and that would surely happen if the issue went on the statewide ballot.

Miss Eleanor DeRemer, who is a student there.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sweet of Wellsville are spending the week as guests of their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Sweet.

Miss Laura Williams of Alfred University, was a week-end guest of the Misses Cecelia and Gertrude O'Connell.

The Misses Helen and May Regan of Wellsville, were week-end guests at the home of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Regan.

Miss Elizabeth Cannon was home from Rochester for the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Cannon of Elm Street.

Miss Frances Brundage, R.N., has returned to Buffalo after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Brundage of Maple Street.

Miss Marion Cook returned Sunday from a week-end visit at the home of her uncle, E. G. Hall and family of Buffalo.

Mrs. Howard Green is in Greenwood caring for her mother, Mrs. Atwell, who is ill.

E. V. Stearns and family of Hornell are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hammond went to Hornell Saturday where they took a bus to New York City, after spending a two weeks vacation with relatives in Andover and vicinity.

30 YEARS AGO

January 23, 1941

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

A reception was held Wednesday evening at the Baptist Church parsonage for the new pastor of the church, Rev. and Mrs. Floyd L. Tebo.

C. C. Backus was installed Noble Grand of Andover Lodge No. 788 I.O.O.F., by District Deputy Grand Master Glenn F. Stuck and Staff of Belmont, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rowland are parents of a son, Michael Keith born Sunday, January 19.

Douglas Whiting has accepted a position at the American LaFrance Company Plant in Elmira as a Welder.

In celebration of the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ahrens, the Woodruff Cheasec Company employees and their families enjoyed a tureen dinner and social time at the Ahrens home Sunday.

Miss Barbara Bassett was at her home in Independence from Nieg-

aga Falls from Thursday until Saturday.

S. W. Clarke of Independence is attending a Farm Organization Conference in Albany this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell Seymour Jr., and sons of Westfield Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whitwell of Independence.

Mrs. Howard Dean of South Hill spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. John Daniber of Wellsville.

J. J. Oakes left Wednesday on a business trip to Wilmington, Delaware.

Sergeant Harold Kemp of Batavia visited his father, Ralph Kemp from Wednesday until Friday.

Mrs. James Lynch visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Dower in Buffalo from Saturday until Monday.

Carrol Burdick of Railroad Valley attended the New York State Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Exhibition held in Rochester, Friday.

Mrs. Frank Holmes spent from Thursday until Sunday in Belfast at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cartwright. Mr. Holmes passed Saturday night and Sunday with them.

Mrs. Oliver Kemp and son, Richard, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilkins at Holivar from Tuesday until Saturday.

Miss Gladys Fisher is spending the week at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fisher in Wellsville, while Mr. Fisher is attending a Wholesale Grocers' Convention in Chicago this week.

Mrs. E. C. Wightman returned to her home Tuesday from a month passed with her sister, Mrs. V. W. Bradbury at Kenmore.

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