

"FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW"

An Editorial

"For He's A Jolly Good Fellow Which Nobody Can Deny" is an old popular song which is still being sung at many gatherings and can apply to many businessmen in various types of enterprises.

However, as unpleasant and sad as it may be this does not and can not apply to a good weekly editor or writer, for, by the very nature of his work, he has to get around as much as possible, and regard everything he sees as possible news.

Besides keeping both eyes open, he must also keep both ears open with one constantly to the ground in order to call attention to the needs of the entire community and for the good of the public — for after all he is running a public service — publishing local news and happenings that would not be found elsewhere.

A good Editor must be above party politics, local disagreements, petty quarrels, impartial on religious matters, fair minded, just, and honest with the public and "call things as he sees them".

He has to carefully analyse all problems and reach a conclusion to what is best for the majority of the people in the community. In doing this he has to avoid all groups with special interests which do not necessarily conform with the interests of the entire populace.

He has to separate rumor from truth and then in many cases has to file it or tone it down so that it does not border on the immoral or sensational type. After all if something unfortunate happens to a family they have enough troubles without shouting it from the housetops in a newspaper even though it is true.

All Editors from the largest magazines to the smallest weekly newspaper will always find a small minority of readers who do not agree with him or else misinterpret what has been written. This is part of the business that has to be accepted even though in most cases it could be straightened out and wrong impressions corrected if the people involved would only stop in and ask about it instead of nursing a secret grudge for years and years.

Almost any Editorial is bound to offend some who have opposing opinions or who are out to do as much harm as within their power to any civic minded citizen that takes active part in trying to improve facilities in the community. No matter how much time, trouble, effort or cost an individual may make in serving the interest of the members of the community there are always those that sit along the sidelines doing nothing except to find fault, gripe, gossip, and even in some cases maliciously start rumors that are entirely unfounded and untrue.

Then too, almost every week someone with a guilty conscience will read something in the paper and think that its directed at them when actually we have not heard or do not know anything about their personal affairs.

Occasionally someone will be real brave and call us up on the phone to threaten, abuse or attempt to intimidate us over something that has been written and is all too true as far as they are concerned. Also, once in a great while we get an anonymous letter from someone who must be evidently so yellow and so much a coward that they don't sign what drivel, trash, nonsense or filth they send thru the mail.

Incidentally this reminds us that there are laws against using the phone system or U.S. Mails for purposes such as these, so of course, in performing our Civic duty, any such type of incidents are turned over by us to the police for investigation.

Naturally, we too are human, and by being so are susceptible to making mistakes or errors — and of course they are in plain sight in our showcase — The Newspaper.

If this should be the case, and the wrong impression conveyed about any of our readers, we would certainly appreciate having it called to our attention so we could rectify the misconception or error.

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50 YEARS AGO

February 4, 1921

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Miss Hazel Strickland and Edward J. Atwood, were united in marriage Tuesday, January 14th.

Word has been received in Andover that Jerome Remington, 90, former resident of Andover, died at Painted Post, A brother, and two daughters survive. Interment was in Independence Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch are the parents of a daughter, born Tuesday, January 22.

Henry Livingston has leased the ice business of O. E. Vars for the coming year.

Mrs. Jean Keogh of Wellsville was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Appier and family of South Hill Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Miss Anna Courtney was in Wellsville over the week-end.

Mrs. T. M. Clarkson visited her sister, Mrs. Louis Flobr at Canisteo the past week.

Mrs. Alice Rogers has returned from a visit at the home of her son, Ray, in Whitesville.

Milo Brown of Canisteo, is spending some weeks with his sister, Mrs. Emma Scribner, on Center Street.

Rev. H. B. Williams was in Independence Thursday to officiate at the funeral services for Jerome Remington.

Mrs. Earl Bassett and father, D. K. Porter left Thursday for Buffalo where they expect to make their future home.

Mrs. Henry Carr was called to Erie, Pa., Sunday by the death of a nephew, Clytus Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Forness.

Mrs. Ellen Walsh has gone to Akron, Ohio, where she will pass the remainder of the winter guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rogers and children of Cliftonville District, were guests at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rogers Sunday and Monday.

Charles Paine of Decatur, Ill., is visiting friends in Andover this week.

Mrs. Mary Wilson of Seneca Falls passed from Thursday until Sunday with her sister, Mrs. George Cummings and to assist in the care of her nephews, Jay and Wallace Cummings who are ill.

H. B. Yeomans will work the R. Hardy farm the coming year.

D. M. White of Bath was a guest of his sister, Miss Mary White, Tuesday.

40 YEARS AGO

January 30, 1931

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

John Stebbins, 80, died Thursday January 22nd at the home of his son, Charles Stebbins of Andover. Two sons and a sister survive. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellsville.

Harold Hardy has received an announcement of the graduation of his brother, Dr. Clarence Hardy from the Army Medical College at Washington, D. C. today (Friday).

Charles Cable was given a surprise party Thursday evening, January 22nd at their home, in honor of his birthday.

The George Beebe farm house on the Andover-Alfred Road, burned Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Smith are the parents of a son, born Sunday, January 25th.

Mrs. Mae Williams was given a party by neighbors and friends on Thursday, January 22nd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick of Railroad Valley. Mrs. Williams will make her home in Andover on First Street.

Mail Carrier Church delivered the Mail on South Hill Route by horse and cutter last week due to the deep snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McCaffery of Greenwood are the parents of a son, born Monday January 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seeley of Olean spent Monday and Tuesday with their parents, John Waters and family of Barney Mills.

Floyd Vars was called to West- erty, R. L. Saturday by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Walter J.



Albany observers, used to the spectacular from Governor Rockefeller and his spending, found new cause for wonder when the new budget came out.

It's worth \$3.4 billion, in itself a record, but it has a total of \$1.1 billion in tax hikes, the largest single tax hike package in the history of the state.

And even that didn't close the budget gap. Rocky is going to ask the voters to approve a \$4 billion bond issue in November, and from it he is going to take \$200 million to balance his budget.

If the voters turn down the bond issue, well, no one knows just what would happen. Spending would have to be cut back by \$300 million. But the Legislature won't be in session. The Governor has already trimmed the present budget back by \$300 million over the past weeks just to make ends meet.

The tax hikes cover just about every tax the state has:

An across-the-board per cent hike in the personal income tax, a one cent hike in the sales tax, doubling of the cost of auto license plates, gasoline taxes up a penny, bank taxes up two percent, and the list goes on.

And local governments, and schools will be the first to scream, along with the harried taxpayer. Local governments and schools — will get no new money in this

budget, and that included parochial schools.

Without new money, local schools and governments can't be expected to make up the loss — they have grown to count on more money every year — by hitting local and state taxpayers even harder.

And meanwhile these same taxpayers will be hit by the state tax

Somebody is going to suggest the state legislature can solve the situation by passing a some heavy surcharge on Rockefeller's budget. That is wishful thinking.

During the past 10 years the most any session of the legislature has been able to cut out of a state budget is a few hundred million dollars.

And taxpayers should remember that the 1970 session of the legislature was largely responsible for the increases they face today. Last year they voted mandated increases in all kinds of state aid and did little about cutting back welfare costs, the big items in the state budget.

Now we expect them to undo their work?

Most of them were voted back into office last November, so don't be surprised if some of them say they have a mandate from the people to go on spending money as if it was going out of style.

Grenalds of West city.

Mrs. Jane Updyke is spending this week with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Witter.

Miss Luella Edwards of Whitesville spent from Wednesday until Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nobles.

Miss Ruth Parker spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker from her school duties at Bolivar.

Mrs. M. S. Bennion and daughter, Mary and Miss Ruth Bennion of Attica, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cable Monday and Tuesday and attended the Bennion-Cable wedding.

Hiram Bayam spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayam in Wellsville.

Mrs. Agnes Coats of Olean spent from Friday until Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church.

Mrs. Joseph Lynch of Grand Rapids, Michigan, spent from Thursday until Sunday with her mother, Mrs. F. C. Lynch.

Miss Ella Barrett of Buffalo spent from Saturday until Monday with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce.

Miss Katherine Lynch entertained 14 schoolmates Sunday at a birthday supper in honor of her tenth birthday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch.

Miss Mary Margaret Cable of Andover and Kenneth J. Bennion of Buffalo, were united in marriage Tuesday, January 27th at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

30 YEARS AGO

January 30, 1941

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Jett Blodgett, 81, died Saturday, January 25th. His wife, five daughters and a step-son survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

George W. Calhoun, 84, died Tuesday, January 22nd at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Floyd Cartwright of Hartsville. Two daughters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Mrs. Sara Murray of West Greenwood, was given a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of her 90th birthday at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Gordon Pease.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wahl were called to Binghamton Sunday by the death of Mrs. Wahl's father, Elmer Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Padden are parents of twin boys, born Monday, January 27th.

Miss Mary Catherine Murray of Greenwood Hill and James McCaffery of Roxville, were united in marriage Wednesday, January 29

at the Blessed Sacrament Church by Rev. Charles Keller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsey of Davis Hill, the parents of a daughter, were here Friday, January 24th.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stearns of Hartsville was destroyed by fire Monday night.

Mrs. James Lynch entertained Wednesday evening in honor of the 18th birthday of her daughter, Miss Irene Marie. There were eighteen guests at a 7 o'clock dinner.

The deep gas well on the M. A. Bassett farm in Independence came in salt water, Saturday.

Edward Clancy of Bennetts Creek spent the past week with friends in West Greenwood.

Daniel Mullen, Jr., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rhoades and family of Elkland, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsey have taken the Frank Davis farm on Davis Hill, to work the coming season, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ordway, who have moved to Bolivar.

Alan Tuttle has been home for a few days this week from his work at the Bell Aircraft Corporation at Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch and James, went to Buffalo Tuesday, returning Wednesday evening.

James Lynch remained and will resume his studies at the University of Buffalo.

Wade Theetge returned home Wednesday after passing a month in the sunny climate of California.

Miss Edna Joyce of Independence spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vincent.

Vivian Sweet is spending the week with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hober of Watertown. Porter Richardson is driving the school bus during Mr. Sweet's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burgett of East Amhurst, L. I. were guests at the homes of his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Higby, from Friday until Monday.

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