

WHY EDITORIALS?

Editorial writing is an interesting game. Sometimes it demands hours of preparation; sometimes the words roll out of the typewriter with little effort. Which editorial gets the results. It is difficult to say.

And here is the problem. How is an editor to evaluate what he has written, in terms of the reaction of his readers? When there is no response does this mean that the editorial is a failure?

Readers may be interested in what motivates an editor to write.

Editorials are not to satisfy the ego of the writer. Even though he may get a glow out of a compliment when someone agrees with him, he knows that there is someone else who is unhappy about his opinion.

Editorials are not to be agreed with. If everyone slaps you on the back you must have come up with a platitude which might as well have been left unsaid.

Editorials are not to preach. They are written to mature minds with the ability to think on their own. Who is the editor to set himself up as superior to his readers — to tell them what they should do and should not do? He is expressing only one man's opinion.

Then what are editorials for?

They are to stimulate thought.

They are to encourage people to crystalize their own ideas and ideals.

Many times the person who disagrees with an editorial is encouraged to think through his own beliefs and form an opinion he would not otherwise have bothered to arrive at. He is forced to defend his own convictions and thus gets on one side of the fence instead of riding the middle.

Editorials clarify opinion and inform. The editor may be wrong about an issue in most people's eyes, but most readers will grant him the right to his own opinion, and by understanding his, they can better understand their own.

So the editor doesn't expect to be slapped on the back for everything he writes; he can expect to make people think, he may persuade some. If he can only make people see the other side of the elephant, he has accomplished something.

If he gains the confidence of his readers to the point where he influences their thoughts and actions then his responsibility indeed is great. And woe be to the editor who uses his power for other than the greatest good to the greatest number.

A Few Grains of Economic Truth

An Editorial

1. Nothing in our material world is FREE; nothing comes from nowhere or goes nowhere. Everything in modern economic life has a source, a destination and a cost. The cost may be cash, work, sweat, blood, or tears.

2. Governments produce nothing. People produce everything. Everything that Government gives to the people, it first takes from the people.

3. The only sound money that Government can spend is money taxed or borrowed from the people's earnings. Other money spent is printing press money, savings and insurance.

A. In our system of society all job security comes from customers. No customers, no sales commissions, no payrolls, no stores, no plants.

B. Plants must plan properly, employees must work properly, salesmen must sell properly — if one of the three fails the others all lose. Job security and profit security, then (are a mutual undertaking).

C. As costs rise, prices rise, unless productivity rise matches that of cost. If productivity doesn't rise we have the same situation that follows the Government printing of unsound money — INFLATION!

Thus if you are looking for "Something for Nothing", it just isn't there!



50 YEARS AGO

April 15, 1921

J. H. Backus, Publisher

E. Ellsworth Clarke, 52, died Monday, April 11th. His wife, two daughters, a son, a sister and a brother survive. Interment was in Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Briggs of Independence were Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. King in Olean.

The Elm Valley Store is opened with Mr. Richardson as the proprietor.

John Kilbane, 85, a resident of Andover, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dennis McCarthy of Wellsville, Tuesday, April 12. Seven sons and four daughters survive. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

Mrs. Perry Breeze of Wellsville was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ray Collins Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clarke and children of Rochester, were called to Andover this week by the death of his uncle, E. E. Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sept and Edward, have gone to Cuba where Mr. Scott has contracted to build roads. They expect to be in Cuba the greater part of the summer.

Miss Carolyn Hincer passed the week-end in Elmira with her sister, Mrs. Edward Freeland.

Miss Bessie Stocum returned home Sunday after spending a few days guest of friends in Hornell.

Mrs. Martha Orvis returned Friday from Canaseraga where she was called by the death of her son-in-law, Mr. Swain.

Mrs. George Truman of Alfred was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Green from Thursday until Saturday.

Mrs. Herbert W. Walton and daughter of Minoa, N. Y., are spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Earley of Rochambeau Ave.

A. Eugene Smith of Olean is spending his vacation with his father, Mr. and Mrs. Orange Smith and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wahl were in Hartsville Wednesday to attend the observance of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher of Hornell are parents of a daughter, born Tuesday, April 12th.

40 YEARS AGO

April 10, 1931

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A \$25,000.00 fire destroyed the Burrows Block and Burrows National Bank building, corner of Main and Center Streets early Monday morning.

Claude Robbins and family are moving to Coudersport, Pa., this week.

Mrs. Gene Butler is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Elwyn Cook at Endicott.

John Boyd of Spruce Pine, N. C., is spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker.

Mrs. Eugene Nobles and daughter, Patricia, are in Canisteo this week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloss.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Burdick are parents of a son, Frank Murrell born April 2nd.

Mrs. Margaret Dean of South Hill, was a week-end guest at the O'Leary home in Andover.

Mrs. Hattie Crandall, Eugene Hill, Jane, William and Robert Rowley of Alfred are guests for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall of Andover are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Floyd Clarke of Independence.

Mrs. Maud Clarke has returned to her home in Independence from a visit at the A. W. Whitford home in Watertown, Pa.

Miss Marjory Swartz of Rochester is visiting her sister, Miss Marion Swartz and aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp this week.

Miss Anna O'Leary passed Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Dean on South Hill.

Miss Kathleen Howland was in Hornell from Thursday until Sun-



by Alex Rabbia

The State's legislators have returned to Albany following their Easter vacation.

They will find that their problems with the state budget are still with them.

Legislators from the big cities are pushing for a restoration of the 21 per cent of the state income tax proceeds, which was given the big cities last year, but which was cut back to 18 per cent as part of the \$760 million surgical job done by Republicans on Rocky's record \$3.4 billion budget.

The problem is that in order to restore this money, a new tax hike would be needed.

Legislators, who have just been through a taxpayer rebellion back home, are likely to think twice about hiking yet another tax.

Some reports say such a tax hike could pass with the support of Democratic city legislators.

True — but in order for such a tax hike to be voted on, it has to get out on the floor of the Assembly and Senate in the first place.

That means any such additional tax would have the specific approval of Republican Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges and Republican Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr.

Duryea and one of his top cabinet members, Willis Stephens, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, have already gone on record praising the budget they passed in such a manner that it would be an about face for them to come up with another tax hike at the last minute.

Despite the cries of the big city mayors, it doesn't seem to be, at this point, in the cards.

Recently this column took the state Conservative Party to task for not doing something about the state budget. The party talks alot about conservative fiscal policies, and has the power in the Legislature to do something about it — but so far hasn't.

The column went on to state that the party had "traded their power for a few jobs and some mom, apple pie and flag bills".

Now one of the leaders of the Conservative Party in the Legislature, Assemblyman Rosemary Gunning, has taken issue with those comments. She says that through her party's efforts the 1969 and 1970 budgets were "substantially" reduced.

The definition of the word sub-

stantial is the key. I would say the work of the 1971 Legislature, cutting \$760 million out of a \$1.1 billion spending hike proposal is "substantial." I would not say cutting \$100 or \$200 million out of a budget is "substantial."

Mrs. Gunning says the Legislative Review Commission was established at the insistence of the Conservative Party. It was not. It was established for years, the brainchild of Sen. John H. Hughes of Syracuse. He will be surprised to learn that Mrs. Gunning is taking credit for the commission.

Mrs. Gunning says that Duryea wanted to reduce the budget as much as possible. "But every budget bill must be assented to by the Senate and Governor also."

And also, Mrs. Gunning, the Senate and the governor must give a little to the Assembly — and probably alot, if a group had enough votes to prevent passage of the budget in one house and took a hard line.

Mrs. Gunning says, "There must be a state budget —"

But the question is not whether or not there is a budget, but how big it will be. She says "just voting against it does not solve state payrolls, contractual payments and other commitments."

No? Well, Mrs. Gunning, a conservative estimate would be that this year some 6,000 state employees are going to be laid off — the layoffs have already begun — because of the budget cuts this year. I would say that is how you solve state payrolls.

The state had a contract — a "commitment" — to give cities 21 per cent of the personal income tax too. But they are only going to get 18 per cent.

Conservatives scream about mandates. But there is only one way to solve that problem: Do some unmandating. The Legislature did so this year.

Mrs. Gunning says educational cuts were resorted in 1970 "because of the insistence of local taxpayers fearing increased local taxes."

I suggest, Mrs. Gunning that local governments will NOT raise local taxes. Why? Because they also have good reason to fear local taxpayers. Cities faced with the reduction in their promised share of the personal income tax are not talking about raising local taxes. The are talking about cutting back on other expenditures.

day visiting her aunt, Mrs. Harold Griswold.

Jack Saunders is passing the Easter vacation in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lever and family spent the Easter week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graves of Ashville. Mr. Lever returned to Andover Sunday and Mrs. Lever and children remained for a vacation.

Miss Marilyn DeRemer who is teaching at Springwater, N. Y. is home for the Easter vacation at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Greene motored to Buffalo to pass Easter with their daughter, Miss Roes, a student nurse at the Buffalo General Hospital.

30 YEARS AGO

April 10, 1941

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At the annual meeting of Andover Fire Department held Friday evening, Oliver Kemp was re-elected President and George Weresley Chief.

Miss Mary Dean of South Hill, spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Lulu Byrnes of Wellsville.

Miss Elnora Dean of Ohio arrived home Sunday to spend her Easter vacation with her brother, Louis Dean of South Hill.

Mrs. Anna Benjamin motored to Canisteo Monday. Her sister, Mrs. Cora Finch returned home with her to spend a few days with her brother, Leland at the Livermore

home on South Hill.

Dr. and Mrs. Benj R. Crandall of Alfred spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence.

Miss Helen Langworthy and Miss Barbara Bassett of Niagara Falls, passed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bassett of Independence. Charles Spicer and Donald Lewis has been home from Alfred University for their Spring vacation this week.

The Community Club of Elm Valley, held a warm sugar party at the schoolhouse Wednesday with Mrs. Leon Wahl hostess.

Miss Edna Rogers of Hornell spent Saturday and Sunday with her father, William Rogers, who is ill.

Miss Ida Mae Howland left Monday for Boston, Mass., where she will take the State Board Nurses examination.

Miss Ruth Stocum and Mrs. Harry Lynton passed Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Borwick at Ebenezer.

Mrs. Ellen Cobb of Wellsville, spent several days last week at the home of her sister and mother, Mrs. Mary Driscoll and Mrs. Ellen Casey.

Miss Edna Smith, R.N. of Hornell, passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pease and children of Stannards spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pease.

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