

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 repercussions 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

July 22, 1921
 J. H. Backus, Publisher
 Mrs. Angeline Brundage of Hornell, has purchased a home at Alfred and moved thereto. Mrs. Brundage was formerly Miss Angeline Barney of Andover, where she was a pupil in High School.
 Miss Elizabeth Hyde of Wellsville has been spending a week with Evelyn Clarke of Independence.
 Rev. W. D. Burdick is assisting Rev. W. L. Greene of Independence in holding meetings each night this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence entertained Mr. and Mrs. Peterson of Akron, Ohio and Mrs. R. Fish and Mrs. D. G. Spicer of Wheeler, Monday evening.
 Melton Clarke of Independence is spending a week with Charles Hann at North Bingham.

Miss Florence Baker spent from Monday until Sunday in Hornell guest of her sister, Miss Ruth Baker.
 Mrs. Adelia Jenkins is in Elmira for an extended visit with relatives.
 Mrs. and Mrs. J. P. Smith and family are enjoying a motor trip to Warren, Pa., and other points of interest in that vicinity.

Francis Phillips of Albany, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Cannon.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stafford of Buffalo are passing the week at Silver Lake.

Joseph P. Cassidy returned to New York City Friday after spending the week with his aunt, Mr. E. Gallagher.
 Mrs. Ella Traster of Grand Rapids, Mich., is passing the summer at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Vickers.

Mrs. Clarinda Brundage is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Langworthy in Railroad Valley.
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blackman of Arcade were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles. Miss Sara Jane Nobles returned with them for a visit.

Miss Helen M. Baker, sister of Erwin D. and Arling R. Baker is now on a trip to Alaska. She will visit her brothers on her return trip to New York City the last of August.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Wood of Hornell were weekend guests of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Deming.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nichols and son, Leon left Andover Monday to attend the funeral of her cousin, Miss Mildred Tanner at Ontario Center, New York.
 Mrs. Roger Lynch and children of Montour Falls spent Saturday and Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Folsing.

40 YEARS AGO
 July 24, 1931
 J. H. Backus and Son, Publishers
 Frank Cole has purchased the barn on the Sheridan Austin place and is moving it to his home on Rough and Ready.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Richardson of Manch Chunk, Pa. are guests at the home of his son, Leo Richardson of Elm Valley.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Waters and family spent the weekend at Keuka Lake.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Porter were weekend guests in Buffalo.

Miss Ella Daitley of Salamanca is visiting friends in Andover for a few days.
 Henry and George Carr and Herman Forness of Salamanca went to Waterloo Tuesday guests of relatives for the remainder of the week.
 Mrs. Pat Hyland is spending the week in Belmont with her sister who is ill.

Misses Mildred and Hazel Wickwire are visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Button at Belfast this week.
 Hiram Byam spent the weekend in Wellsville with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byam and son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Byam.
 Mrs. Jay Bunt who has been caring for her sister, Mrs. T. N. Clarkson at Canisteo for several weeks returned home Saturday.

The Misses Helen and Alice Pope, Helen Vickers, Florence Parker, Leah and Dorothy Oakes are spending the week at the Camp Fire Girls camp at Howard on Damon Lake.



By ALEX RANKIN

We continue to review some of the actions Governor Rockefeller took on bills passed by the Legislature. The annual attempt by the state Legislature to impose some sort of control over the state education commissioner in terms of his everyday rulings and decisions has failed again.

The bill, vetoed by Governor Rockefeller, would have eliminated the present section of the law which says that the decisions of the commissioner of education "shall be final and conclusive, and not subject to question or review in any place or court whatever."

The bill would also have allowed everyone appealing a decision of the commissioner the right to a full public hearing.

The governor refused to sign the bill, and refused to comment on his decision except to say he was doing it because of technical defects in the language of the bill. He said that "without reaching the merits of whether it might be appropriate to

provide a new standard of judicial review for educational and other decisions of the commissioner of education, such as the substantial evidence test which is applied to other administrative decisions."

The governor signed another bill making it easier for municipalities to tackle the solid waste disposal problem.

The law enables the Environmental Facilities Corporation to finance the acquisition of solid waste disposal equipment for local governments through lease-purchase agreements and long term, low interest bonds.

Under the lease-purchase system, a municipality would lease the equipment from the corporation, with the money counting toward the eventual purchase of the equipment.

In his message with the bill, Rockefeller said the corporation will be able to save money through the mass purchase of trucks, compactors, sweepers and washers for lease to local governments.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles and family attended the 1930 Star Club picnic held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Laidlow at Belmont Sunday.

Mrs. Maude Prest of Bath and Miss Clara Comstock of Hornell were from Thursday until Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Oakes and family.

Mrs. Nellie Barrett of Buffalo is visiting relatives in Andover this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bennett of Binghamton and Mrs. Roxie Bennett were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Horton returned to their home at Buffalo Sunday after a 2 weeks vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Teasdale passed the weekend at Keuka Lake at the cottage of Mrs. Carrie Cook.
 Mr. and Mrs. John E. Boyd, Jr. left Monday for their home in Spruce Pine, N.C. They will spend a day in Washington, D.C. with relatives enroute.

Miss Eva Rennells was home from Buffalo where she is attending summer school, for the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rennells.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bloss and daughter, Marion, left Monday for their home at South Bend, Ind., after a week's visit at the home of his mother Mrs. Belle Bloss and brother Archie Bloss.

30 YEARS AGO
 July 17, 1941
 Claire C. Backus, Publisher
 Mrs. Minnie Diffin, 77, died Saturday July 12th at the home of her sons J. Archie and Paul Diffin at Florence, Ariz. Two sons and a daughter survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Goodridge are parents of a daughter, Carolyn Lee, born Tuesday, July 15th.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris are parents of a son born Tuesday, July 15th.

John T. Clair, 59, died Wednesday, July 9th. A sister and a brother survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.
 Charles Burdick of Elm Valley is passing the week with relatives in Rochester and Hilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phelps have returned to their home in Rochester after passing a week with relatives in Elm Valley.
 Miss Esther Tassell graduated from Union Springs, Mass., and has been passing a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tassell of Independence, returning to Massachusetts for some special work in nursing.

The Mullen family reunion was held at the farm of Mrs. Ada Mullen in Hartsville, July 13th with 75 present.
 Beverly Tarbury, West Greenwood, is passing a few days with her sister, Mrs. Carl Ludwig and family of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles in company with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooderman of Alfred are spending

from Thursday until Tuesday of next week in New York City.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lever and Mr. and Mrs. George Sackett are enjoying a vacation trip in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dougherty and son, Charles of Nowata, Okla., Mrs. P. J. Riley of Wayside, Kan., and George Dougherty of Caney, Kan., are guests this week of their mother, Mrs. P. J. Dougherty.

Mary Cocoman and son, John of Buffalo were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cannon from Friday until Monday. They were also dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Baker.

Mrs. Guy S. Wood left Wednesday for Altoona, Pa. where she will be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Raymond Smith.

Mrs. Nora Bassett of Independence spent several days last week with Mrs. Belle Bloss and other Andover relatives.

Miss Margaret Helen Dower of Buffalo is spending her vacation at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snedeker returned home Friday from a week's vacation passed at Conesus Lake.
 Levi Dodge of Petrolia spent Sunday at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nye.

Mrs. Grace Howland and Mrs. Le Roy Brundage returned last Tuesday from a week's motor trip visiting relatives and friends in Mass., Rhode Island and vicinity.

Leon J. Taylor

Leon J. Taylor of 104 Miller St. died Wednesday, July 28, in Jones Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Born Sept. 6, 1913 in Caneadea, he was the son of Elmer and Lugenia Bartlett Taylor. A former resident of Franklinville and Rushford, he had lived in Wellsville since 1945.

Mr. Taylor was employed as a guard at the Air Preheater Co. He was a member of the First Trinity Lutheran Church and was a veteran of World War II.

In addition to his widow, the former Helen Newman, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Judith) Brainard of Andover, Miss Patricia Taylor and Mrs. Paul (Deborah) Vowler, both of Wellsville, and one granddaughter. He is also survived by four brothers, Charles of Harrison Valley, Pa., Ralph of Scottsdale, Pa., Vernon of North Charleston, S.C. and Glen of Friendship; two sisters, Mrs. Oliver (Marty) Butler of Little Valley and Mrs. Lottie Butler of Jamestown and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Elmer Krumm, were held in the First Trinity Lutheran Church in Wellsville, Saturday, July 31. Burial was held in Rushford Cemetery.