

EDITORIALS

NEWSPAPER WEEK

This is National Newspaper Week.

Much has been said over a period of years echoing from the typewriters of big and little publications alike as to the merits of a free press. Much has been stated orally and in written form of the pitfalls open to a citizenry which finds itself shackled with out an open and free means of expression.

Let's clear the air right here in the event any of our readers have misgivings about a free press. It's not something that just comes naturally, nor it is a development that suggests simplicity and easiness. It is, rather, difficult to maintain, and it is something that requires work and effort 365 days out of the year.

That being the case, theoretically at least, there is doubt as to a publication being strictly free. In a sense, such an argument may carry some weight. Just so long as the human element plays a part in the machinery of originating and developing a publication there lies always the possibility of human weaknesses—submissiveness, temptation, power, half truths, and selfish motives.

By a substantial margin, the majority of our American press has and continues to elevate itself above these shortcomings. Again, however, it is not an automatic process.

We kinda like the way England's Lord Brougham put it when he declared "Education makes a people easy to lead but difficult to drive; easy to govern but impossible to enslave." We're quite certain that he intended his remark to cover more than the fields of education and newspapering.

Nonetheless, his remarks do imply very strongly the need for fairness, honesty, non-discrimination, accuracy and humanitarian principles. These are age-old tenets which brought forth the best in man. They are sound, tried and proven, and represent a successful goal in any man's business and in any language.

We think they apply to newspapering as well, and as such our goal is clairvoyant. As such, our newspaper's goal is your success in having a free press. Along with our contemporaries, we'll be working at it 365 days out of the year.

ALL ABOARD!

"There goes the noon train to Chicago!"

Or should we say, "There it went?"

We pause this week to sympathize with patrons of the noon B&O train to Chicago, and to offer condolences to local B and O officials, whose only thought is to offer the community consistently good train and rail transportation service.

Each September, despite efforts by all concerned to keep it from happening, the stop on the best train from Syracuse to Chicago is removed from the schedules.

Passengers are then faced with this 33 1-3 per cent reduction in train service until next April. Then, as quietly as it was removed, the stop for Syracuse on this particular train will be replaced.

We understand local rail, civic, and chamber of commerce officials have repeatedly tried to have this train stop here the year around. Unfortunately, it takes all of the effort of these civic-minded citizens can muster to get

CAN'T HAPPEN HERE?



Events of Yesterday

FIVE YEARS AGO

OCT. 1, 1948.

Ronald V. Kramer has resigned his position as purchasing agent for the Liberty Coach Co., at Bremen and will devote his entire time to his insurance business.

Jack Clark has obtained a lease on the Wolf building on Main street, recently vacated by the Stucky Furniture Store, and announces he will convert it into a recreation hall.

George Rodgers, MM3c on the U. S. S. Dyess (DD 880), who has spent a 20 days leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rodgers, left early Wednesday for the Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.

Irene Abts, accompanied by Miss Agnes Yarnall of Ft. Wayne, has gone to California for a vacation and may stay indefinitely. Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Hlatt of Denver, Colo., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huffy over the week end.

Mrs. Leonard Hilschman was removed to her home from the Goshen hospital where she underwent an appendectomy last week.

Mrs. Bert Whitehead was hostess to the Good Will home economics club at the Whitehead cottage on Dewart lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Franks of Wawasee, announce the birth of a daughter, Karen Lee, Sept. 25. Mrs. Franks was the former Martha Rose Hilschman of Syracuse.

Miss Shirley Kay Stephenson has returned to Bradford Junior College, Bradford, Mass., for her senior year.

The Junior Mothers Club met in the home of Mrs. Karl Stoeltzing. Mrs. Robert Craig lectured on "The Need of Home Nursing Courses in the High School." Mrs. Herbert Stummer and Mrs. Ernest Kelly were welcomed into the club.

It to stop in the summertime. We can only say that we, too, wish it would stop here the year around.

TEN YEARS AGO

OCT. 1, 1943

Miss Lillian Armbruster was married to Sgt. George Butt in a ceremony performed Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. W. Deyo, in the Methodist church.

Miss Mary Frances Culler became the bride of Pfc. Kenneth E. Willard Wednesday evening, Sept. 29 at the Methodist church. The vows were read by Rev. W. W. Deyo.

Republicans of the city met in convention at the grade school building Saturday night and selected the following ticket to appear on the ballot at the election Nov. 2: Trustee 1st ward, Fieldon Sharp; trustee 2nd ward, Floyd Brower; trustee 3rd ward, Wade Zerbe; town clerk-treasurer, Ernest O. Buchholz. A Leroy Miller presided at the meeting as chairman.

Mrs. Emily E. Gordy, 81, died Sunday in the home of her grandson, Earl Steward near Hastings, Mich.

At the Pickwick Theatre here last Friday and Saturday nights a total of \$35,097.50 was subscribed for the third war loan drive. Noble C. Blocker is community chairman for the drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Miller of Seattle, Wash., spent a few days last week with Mrs. Millie Snobarger.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strieby of Chicago, spent last week end here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strieby.

Letters were printed in the Journal this week from Pvt. Eugene R. Gordon, Camp Shelby, Miss.; Pfc. Verlo Laughlin, somewhere in Sicily; M. Sgt. C. J. Richhart, somewhere in Sicily; Corp. Owen D. Avery in California; Alden Edw. Snarely, SF2c, somewhere in the southwest Pacific; and Pfc. John P. Hughes, at Camp Butler, N. C.

Sgt. Gerald Kline has arrived safely overseas. Orval Snobarger arrived in North Africa, and Cpl. Marion Darr arrived safely overseas.

25 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 27, 1928

Mrs. E. S. Miller has returned to her home in Eau Galle, Wis., after a seven weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Dan Klink.

Dr. Phillip Bowser of Goshen, is here visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. J. H. Bowser while recuperating from his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Byers of Peabody, Kansas, are visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. Andrew Edmonds, Mrs. Minerva Eagles and Mrs. Emma Thibodeaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Miller and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thornburg and family took a motor trip Sunday into Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vail and son Raymond visited with friends at Huntington, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Mock and Bill Kelly attended the Kendallville Fair, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bushong and family spent Sunday with friends in Elkhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stetler and son John spent Sunday in the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Snyder in Mishawaka.

Sylvester Coy has purchased the Wolf property on Portland street and expects to move there soon.

A STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

STATEMENT Required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Acts of March 3, 1933, and July 2, 1946 (Title 39, United States Code, Section 233 Showing the Ownership, Management, and Circulation of Syracuse-Wawasee Journal, published weekly at Syracuse, Indiana, for October 2, 1936.

1. The names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:
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KENNETH C. WELLS, Editor, Publisher and Owner. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of Oct., 1936. (Seal) R. Leon Connolly, Notary Public. My commission expires 11-1-56.

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Gun-lore

(Ed. Note: Mr. Mattie Jones has obligingly offered to write a series of articles relating to field sports, and more especially the use and care of guns. A particular emphasis will be placed on safety in the handling of guns. Realizing the lure a gun has for a boy, and vice versa, we thought it timely during this season and perhaps educational to present this series of articles. Removal of fear from the parents, implementation of safety for the youth will be the keynote of the articles.)

(By MATTIE JONES.)

Many men and nearly all boys want a gun. Why?

The tradition of the centuries is embodied in the love of the American sportsman for his shot gun and rifle. Hunting and defense instinct goes all the way back to the stone age man when he hunted and defended himself with a club or a rock. This method was improved upon through the ages in various devices to hurl a missile at a target until finally fire arms appeared on the scene. Although crude, they compare to our modern day firearms. But instinct did not change some of our senses such as smell.

Observe your dog. He raises his muzzle, sniffs the air, tenses his muscles, his hair raises, and he is ready for battle in the event intruders are in his area. This is an exemplification of the defense instinct. This same type of defense instinct was also evident in the habits and nature of the cave man.

This instinct is in a large sense the beginning of the development of the modern day fire arms with all its intrigue and romance. Our history and literature is full of its romance. We find it in the movie, television, and radio. Beginning with the first settlers that landed on our shores, they brought fire arms for protection and to secure their food. Their gun was as important as their axe. Their fire arms played an important part in securing our independence and the founding and protection of this nation.

Our forefathers placed such a high value on fire arms that they wrote in the Constitution a provision that the right of the people to own and bear arms should never be infringed. This is a privilege we should foster and protect.

Then there is the romance of the Trail Blazers, and the early pioneers in their fight against wild animals and dangerous hardships as they pushed the frontiers ever westward. For

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every foot of their trek, they depended on their fire arms. Guns preceded the plows.

The exploits of these hardy men and their courage should be remembered. Their acts should inspire us with the will to defend our country and our freedom. An unarmed people is easily subdued.

Cherish the gun, and keep the powder dry!

Oakwood Park

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook and son Jerry and Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. Ida Hart returned Sunday to their home in Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Cook had spent three weeks vacation here but Mrs. Hart and Jerry spent the summer in the Cook cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Burgener of Fort Wayne, were in their cottage over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Anderson and children of Milwaukee, mov-

ed into the Rev. Mast cottage for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stecher and the latter's mother of Fort Wayne, were in their cottage for a few days.

Painted To Beauty

Painting was an art before clothing passed beyond the protection stage. It is, perhaps, one of the few items in human history that has its origins steeped in appearance instead of utility.

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