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Potato Growers Are Aroused to Action

More Than a Hundred Farmers Join in an Open Letter of Protest to United States Senator Wadsworth and the Food Administration.

Following up his recent article in the News by action, Tom Lynch has been busy the past week circulating an open letter among the Andover potato growers for their endorsement. The letter is stated so concisely and puts forth the facts in such a clear manner that we print it herewith.

AN OPEN LETTER

James W. Wadsworth, Jr.,
United States Senator,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:
We, the undersigned potato growers of Andover, Allegany County, and vicinity, respectfully call your attention to the fact that about December 1917, the local potato buyers here put upon the growers new grading chains, claiming that the same was done pursuant to an order of the U. S. Food Administration, which we believe is a great injustice to the growers, and against which we protest.

These new chains will sort out potatoes four or five inches long some varieties even longer. The average crop under ordinary conditions will yield about 60 per cent. Grade 1, 40 per cent. Grades 2 and 3, some years not that much, especially when frost kills the vines before maturity, in particular a season like 1915.

Taking into consideration the increased cost of production, potato machinery, fertilizer, spraying mixtures, Paris green, etc. (when available) etc., all about doubled in price, in some cases more, we cannot produce potatoes to-day short of \$2.50 per bushel or thereabouts. The present market price here is \$1.25 per bushel for Grade 1, 62 1/2¢ per cwt. for Grade 2, with no market price for Grade 3, which makes an average price of about \$1.00 per cwt. of potatoes, which is considerably less than half the cost of production. We raised potatoes the previous year at a big loss. Under these circumstances we are disheartened and discouraged unless conditions change we are compelled to look to the future with no encouragement. Such conditions are bound to bring about the ruin of potato growers, with the result that many will be forced out of business.

We therefore request that the old system of grading, which we consider was "very" fair, be restored, and if possible some be granted to us to enable us to obtain a fair price for our crop. We will appreciate anything that tends to bring us a fair and fair treatment.

Respectfully,
Signed at Andover, N. Y., this 2nd day of March 1918.

Later

Since March 2, 1918, the price here has changed. The market to-day is \$1.00 per cwt. for Grade 1, 50¢ per cwt. for Grade 2, and 48¢ per bushel for Grade 3, which makes an average price of 60¢ per bushel.

Dated at Andover, N. Y., March 5, 1918.

Geo. Alvord,
Geo. W. Barrett, John C. Baker, John F. Baker, Edward Barrett, Alfred S. Baker, Jess Burdick, Boyd & Rogers, Fleet Brew-T. N. Boyd, Henry Baker, Harry Baker, Chas. A. Bines, Jerry Burdick, Earl L. Battle, Walkes Boyd.

J. J. Cook, J. J. Cook, Bert Cook, Geo. Conley, Francis Casey, Frank Cronk, P. L. Cartwright, Dell Clair, W. D. Clark, Jas. A. J. L. Clair, B. R. Grandall, C. M. Grandall, H. G. Clark, J. Cochran, Wm. Conklin, E. R. Crandall, M. A. Crandall, Frank Clair, E. E. Clark, C. S. Clarke, Fred Cronk.

John Dean, James N. Dean, Robt. E. Dean, Jas. P. Dean, Dean, Frank Dean, John P. Dean, Wm. Dean, James Dun-C. F. Davis Jr., W. E. Donsmore, H. J. Dean, J. M. DeRemer Dougherty, Bart. Doran, John Doran, James Doran, L. E. Homer, Donaldson, P. A. Dean, W. W. Deming.

P. P. Edwards, C. L. Barley, Edd Barley,
Jacob Fischer, Martin Fischer, A. C. Frisbey,
John Guinn, Geo. H. Guinn, James Guinn, Floyd Green, M. E. Albert Green.

John Bros., Henry Hagan, Frank Halsey, L. A. Howland, Wm. Hill, M. W. Hyland, Pat. Hyland, Adelbert Hamm, J. M. Ham.

Thos. Joyce, Thos. Joyce, Henry C. Joyce, Wm. R. Jones,
Ed. K. Kane, Elmer Kapes, Harry Kemp, Ira S. Kemp,
T. Lynch, M. J. Lynch, Augustus Lynch, Wm. J. Lynch,
Peter F. Lynch, Edw. J. Tynch, James J. Lynch,
Lynch & Son, J. C. Lever, T. Joseph Lynch, G. C. Lewis, H. L. Moore.

W. Milligan, Robt. Mungus, Bernard Murray, Fred Mar-
tinson, John J. Mitchell, F. G. Mead, R. E. Mead, M.
Wm. J. McAndrew, Edw. McAndrew, Richard McAn-
drew, J. McAndrew, Jas. McAndrew, Geo. McAndrew,
E. Nye, J. D. Northrup, Chas. J. Nevel,
E. Orvis, W. Osborne.

Ed S. Potter, R. A. Pease, Will E. Pease, G. B. Proper, May-
or Floyd Pease, Wm. Pardon,
Frank Rufenbarth, J. E. Redmond, Ames L. Rogers, E. B.
C. A. Robinson, H. E. Robinson, F. S. Rogers, Jr.,
M. Smith, Fred Sloan, C. K. Slight, Floyd Scott, Lon Say-
n Strait, N. M. Straight, Carl Snyder, Glen W. Swarth, P.
R. E. Spicer.

L. Teasdale,
Wm. Williams, James Works, John Will, S. W. Woodworth,
Wheaton, Edward Walsh, A. M. Wood, Josiah Whitcomb.

A similar letter was sent to the Food Administration at the same time. Every name signed above is genuine and that of an Andover potato grower. We do not mean you who raise a few potatoes in the garden or who raise a few thousand bushels in the big woods that combined yield of would not be...

SATURDAY WILL BE W. S. S. DAY

Andover People are Generously Responding to the Call From the Government to Help by Buying War-Saving Stamps.

Saturday, Mar. 9th, will be War-Savings and Thrift Stamp day among the merchants and professional men of Andover. The following business men will give a Thrift Stamp to every customer who purchases in cash \$2.00 worth of goods that day:

- Baker Bros.
- B. S. Brundage Drug Co.
- F. L. Bloss
- Geo. Beebe
- C. E. Brown
- J. E. Cannon Co.
- James P. Cannon Co.
- G. Caruso—shoe repairing
- Dr. John Common—dental work
- J. D. Cheesman & Co.
- M. A. Fowler
- John Horton—barber
- F. M. Farwell—barber
- Henry Livermore
- Floyd Scott
- John Lever—livery
- Horan Hardware Co.
- W. F. O'Connell
- M. & R. Raufenbarth—millinery
- E. Trainor
- C. W. Williams (feed excepted)
- H. H. Williams
- F. C. Vars
- O. E. Vars
- Rice Music Store
- John Karcanes
- T. R. Bassett
- Dr. W. G. Grenolds
- Dr. C. W. O'Donnell
- Dr. E. J. Loughlin

Ten Thrift Societies have been organized in Andover with a membership of over two hundred to begin with. Within the next two weeks every man, woman and child will be given an opportunity to buy at least a 25 cent Thrift Stamp and as much more as circumstances will permit.

There will be committees of work in every organization and society who will call on you.

Thrift and War Stamps can be purchased any time at the Post Office, the Burows National Bank Andover State Bank, News Printing House or any of the business places mentioned in this week's issue of the News.

Mr. J. H. Pausan and Miss Kathryn Gallagher have been doing excellent work at the Silk Mill. They will have a quantity of stamps on hand at the mill and expect every employee to be regular in their purchases of stamps.

The Board of Education has purchased \$25 worth of stamps, and under the leadership of Prof. L. G. Sterner, they will be placed in the hands of all teachers in the town including the district schools and they will be expected to sell their apportionment each time. One district school teacher has already sold \$50 worth of Thrift Stamps among her pupils.

THIS WEEK'S STANDING

Andover is Creeping up to the Side of the Big Boys in the W. S. S.

For the week ending Feb. 23rd, 1918 the following is the standing of the twelve leading towns in the County of Allegany together with the value of War-Savings and Thrift Stamps sold by each.

Cuba	\$5,725.58
Wellsville	4,223.23
Amity	3,904.64
Andover	1,965.98
Friendship	1,331.98
Bolivar	1,269.15
Angelica	1,020.68
Burns	932.61
Beaumont	793.80
Fillmore	576.75
Alfred	391.48
Independents	505.49

ONE CAR FOR EACH THIRTEEN INHABITANTS

We Now Have 2,846 Autos and Received \$10,687.74 Last Year as Our Share From the State to Help Build Highways.

Albany, March 4.—With a car for every 13 of its residents Allegany County now has 2,846 automobiles registered with Secretary of State Francis M. Hugo, a gain of 781 in the last twelve months during which New York State increased its motor vehicles by 93,701, attaining a total of 411,567 with a revenue of \$4,284,114 or \$1,626,072.25 more than the previous year. All records in motor vehicle registration were broken in 1917. The total receipts of the automobile bureau show a gain of better than 61 per cent. over 1916.

Out of the 411,567 cars registered in Mr. Hugo's office last year, 125,101, or about 30 per cent. are owned and operated in Greater New York, the state receiving a revenue of \$1,324,416.50 from the registration of these cars alone, while 74,493 of the 133,685 licensed chauffeurs ply their trade in the metropolis. The last twelve months saw over 27,000 more entering the business. The licensing of chauffeurs brought in a revenue of \$214,929 last year.

The commercial car, demonstrating its economy and general flexibility to present day demands, has largely increased its numbers in this state the past year. Where there were 35,103 commercial cars in 1916 with 17,404 in Greater New York alone, there are now 55,402 with 25,078 in the big city. Allegany County has kept pace with the motor vehicle development of the state in general, increasing its pleasure cars from 1,985 in 1916 to 2,634 in 1917, its commercials from 54 to 131; its chauffeurs from 213 to 259. It now has 173 motorcycles.

The county has also benefited greatly from a full year's division of motor vehicle receipts. In 1916 the county received \$2,401.24 in comparison with which it received \$10,687.74 last year, a gain available for the maintenance and repair of the roads. The county's place with state and nation from an automobile standpoint is seen from figures which show that the state now has a car for every 23 of its residents and the United States for every 24 of its inhabitants.

WSS ODD FELLOWS VISIT WELLSVILLE

Andover Lodge No. 786, Visit Sister Lodge and Work First Degree

Between thirty and forty Andover Odd Fellows, accompanied by their ladies, visited Wellsville Lodge upon invitation Wednesday evening and conferred the First Degree, the ladies being entertained at the "movies" while the work was being performed.

After lodge, a fine luncheon was served the visiting brethren and ladies in their dining hall, and a very enjoyable dancing party enjoyed for several hours.

Wellsville Lodge No. 291 did themselves proud in the matter of entertaining their Andover guests. Everything worked nicely and all expressed themselves as having one of the finest times this winter. The trip was made with automobiles. The spectacular effect was great as the twelve cars left town in procession. The machines were all owned by Andover Odd Fellows.

WSS RECEPTION

The members of the Baptist Church will hold a reception for their pastor, Rev. M. N. Longe, pastor and family, at the parsonage, Wednesday evening, March 13th, from 8 to 10:30 o'clock.

The Annual Report of Village Treasurer

Following Are the Monies Received and Paid Out by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Andover During the Year Ending February 28, 1918.

HIGHWAY FUND		
Receipts		
Balance on hand March 1, 1917	\$ 980.78	
Received from collector	3,678.33	
Chas. E. Baker, dirt sold	1.00	
C. C. Green, dirt sold	1.75	
Total		\$4,661.86
Disbursements		
1917		
Mar. 7. Alice Clark, interest on paving bonds	\$ 12.21	
P. Mulcahy, interest on paving bonds	13.50	
J. A. Hunt, interest on paving bonds	22.50	
Mary E. Hartrun, interest on paving bonds	21.69	
Mable R. Bundy, interest on paving bonds	44.19	
J. C. Green, interest on paving bonds	11.25	
Sarah Daines, interest on paving bonds	18.00	
Sophia Brundage, interest on paving bonds	22.50	
Baker Brothers, hardware supplies	73.94	
Chas. A. Rogers, labor	15.60	
T. J. Walden, labor	5.50	
Mark Kamp, labor	2.10	
Henry Carr, labor	2.80	
Emp. Gas & Fuel Co., street lights	19.25	
Apr. 4. Emp. Gas & Fuel Co., street lights	19.25	
Chas. A. Rogers, labor	26.80	
Frank Witter, labor	1.00	
D. C. Cartwright, labor	2.20	
Henry Carr	4.20	
J. C. Lever, team work	10.80	
Vickers & Burns	1.00	
Mrs. Harry Joyce, right of way	25.00	
Mrs. S. C. Parker, right of way	25.00	
Mrs. Sophia Slocum, right of way	25.00	
May 2. Tim Rogers, labor	33.00	
Harry Kemp, team work	18.00	
Wilson Jenkins, labor	13.75	
Horton Day, labor	8.00	
Frank Witter, labor	3.75	
Henry Carr, labor	75	
J. C. Lever, team work	37.00	
D. Cartwright, labor	5.00	
Emp. Gas & Fuel Co., street lights	19.25	
Treasurer Allegany County, Upkeep State Highway	212.61	
June 6. D. J. McGinty, labor	3.75	
Wilson Jenkins, labor	1.00	
M. Cannon, labor	8.50	
E. F. Stearns, labor	19.00	
D. K. Porter, labor	4.62	
Ed. Carpenter, labor	70.20	
J. C. Lever, team labor	57.25	
S. T. McCormick, labor	70	
D. Cartwright, labor	48.25	
Emp. Gas & Fuel Co., street lights	19.25	
W. S. Clark, repairs	4.25	
July 6. Joe Monroe, labor	10.00	
Emp. Gas & Fuel Co., street lights	19.25	
D. J. McGinty, labor	38.00	
Jett Blodgett, labor	5.00	
M. Cannon, labor	6.25	
E. F. Stearns, labor	26.37	
D. Cartwright, labor	26.37	
Ed. Carpenter, labor	48.90	
Lyle Hunt, team labor	23.37	
Harry Kemp, team labor	30.75	
E. F. Goodridge, old casing	11.50	
John C. Lever, team labor	10.25	
Baker Bros., supplies	28.41	
Aug. 1. Thos. Riley, labor	2.50	
M. Cannon, labor	3.25	
Ed. Carpenter, labor	62.90	
D. Cartwright, labor	46.62	
Emp. Gas & Fuel Co., street lights	19.25	
Jett Blodgett, labor	6.00	
J. C. Lever, team work	6.00	
D. J. McGinty, labor	7.50	
E. F. Stearns	12.50	
Lyle Hunt, team labor	60.50	
D. Cartwright, labor	27.38	

Mother Cook's

GOOD AS ANY
BETTER THAN MOST

Rich, fine flavor, full 10% ea
TOMATO SOUP
10c can, three for a quarter

C. W. WILLIAMS