

**What Will YOU Be Voting On? An Editorial**

Next week everyone of you qualified Voters will have the opportunity to cast your ballot on some mighty important Amendments.

In recent years, less than 1% of those voting at a general election have bothered to vote on the proposals and amendments! This neglect has placed the final decision of vital State Issues in the hands of a minority of voters.

You, as a voter, can help remedy this situation by making up your mind how you want to vote on these amendments ahead of time and then taking those written decisions into the voting booth with you.

We are NOT telling you how to vote on them — but, as a Public Service, will explain and make comments after studying the information supplied us by the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey of N. Y. State, Inc., as well as from other impartial sources.

**Proposition Number One — Outdoor Recreation Development Bond Act:**

Would authorize the State to borrow \$200 million for development and acquisition of lands for outdoor recreation. We feel that this large amount of money might be wasteful and should be cut down to perhaps \$20 million for a 10-year, long range program. This would give the public an opportunity to review the progress made and suggest changes that should be made. So, it's NO to this one!

**Amendment Number One — Job Development Authority Bonds:**

Would permit the State to guarantee up to \$75 million of bonds issued by the J.D.A. instead of the present \$50 million limit. Why make this increase — when there is an uncommitted capacity of \$98,820,000 still available that hasn't been used. Again it's NO to this, as we can't see the reason for it!

**Amendment Number Two — Extends J.D.A. Loans to Additional Areas:**

Would permit J.D.A. to loan money to improve employment opportunities in any area of the State. Improving the unemployment situation using private borrowed capital to attract new industries makes sense to us, so, we recommend a "Yes" vote to this.

**Amendment Number Three — Increase City, Town, and Village debt for government housing etc.**

This is asking the voters if they really meant it when they voted this down twice before. We say, a big NO vote again!

**Amendment Number Four — Mental Health or Mental Retardment:**

Would permit gift or loan of state money and credit for aid, care and support of mentally ill, emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded. We would feel better towards this if it were to encompass only the ones that actually needed this financial help so, give this a rather hesitant "Yes" vote.

**Amendment Number Five — Pensions of Widows of Retired Teachers:**

Would permit Legislature to adjust pensions of widows of retired teachers. We go along with a "Yes" vote on this.

**Amendment Number Six — Residence Requirement for Voters:**

Would reduce residence requirements for voting eligibility. We question whether 3 months residence in the State would give a voter time enough to be able to vote intelligently on proposed candidates — so say "No" to this.

**Amendment Number Seven — State Lotteries:**

'Nuff Said! A great big NO! When it comes to the point that Education has to be supported from the proceeds from an unpredictable gamble where over half of the money is used for administrative costs — it seems to us that it will bring about a big decline in the morals and intelligence of our social civilization.

**Amendment Number Eight — Absentee Registration of Voters:**

Would change personal registration requirements for those whose duties, occupation, or business, takes them outside their county of residence. This right now applies to voters to be out of the State — so why not out of the County? A "Yes" vote for this.

**Amendment Number Nine — Buffalo Fiscal Independence:**

Would authorize a referendum in the City of Buffalo to permit the Buffalo School District to levy and collect and to incur debt on their own. We recommend a "Yes" vote on this — let the Buffalo voters decide what they want to do, since they will be paying for it.

**Amendment Number Ten — Continued Service of Retired Court of Appeals Judges:**

Would permit designation of retired judges of Court of Appeals to continue on bench. While this might sound O.K. on the surface, we think that the present retirement at the age of 70 should stand. We recognize that some men might be intellectually qualified to serve many more years — but how about the ones that are a little senile? Replacement by younger men seems preferable in something as important as this. So, it's "No" to this one.

**Amendment Number Eleven — Continued Service of Retired Supreme Court Justices:**

Would permit designation of certain retired Supreme Court Justices as temporary or additional justices of the appellate division. We say "No" to this for the same reasons as Amendment Number 10.



**50 YEARS AGO**

Nov. 3, 1916

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Miss Bernice Meare and John F. Nobles were united in marriage Saturday, October 28th by Rev. Char. Collins.

F. L. Bloss has purchased the interest of L. I. Bloss in the firm of Bloss Bros. Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Kauffman have moved from Elm Valley to Riverside after spending the summer with their daughter, Mrs. H. M. Smith.

Mrs. Franceil Scott of Hornell is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. O. Tucker.

Dr. and Mrs. Phillip E. Brundage and little daughter of Grantwood, N. J., were guests at the home of W. D. Diffin the first of the week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Steuart of Arkport was visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Witter from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Thelma Cook of Hornell was the guest of Miss Shirley Crandall from Monday until Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warfield have returned from a visit with relatives in Nelson and Elkland, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Evans of Franklinville are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilder.

Mrs. J. C. Nichols returned Saturday from a few weeks visit at Denver, Colo.

Will Farley left Saturday on a business trip to New York City and Trenton, N. J.

**40 YEARS AGO**

Oct. 22, 1926

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Miss Anna Gallagher and Max A. Richardson were united in marriage Monday, October 18th by Rev. P. C. Tracy. They were attended by Miss Kathryn Gallagher and D. H. Mulcahy.

Emma Church was installed as Noble Grand of Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 305 Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Freeland and A. L. Parker of Elmira from Thursday until Monday.

Mrs. Leah Dugan of New York City spent from Saturday until Thursday visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gleason.

Miss Ada Williams returned to her home in Franklinville Monday after spending a week with Mrs. B. A. Clair.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder and grandson, Jack Saunders were guests of Dundee friends from Friday until Tuesday.

Miss Mary O'Donnell who has been passing the summer with her sister, Mrs. Eliza Derac, returned Monday to her home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Mary McPetridge is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Walter Wells of Syracuse this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cheesman, Kenneth Alvord and Miss Thelma Alvord were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Searles of Seneca Falls.

**30 YEARS AGO**

Oct. 23, 1936

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Miss Minnie Clair was honored Tuesday evening, October 19th at a surprise testimonial greeting in honor of being organist of the Baptist Church for fifty years. Over 100 attended the gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huffman are the parents of a son, born Sunday October 18th.

Harland Coats has purchased the Feed Mill from E. A. Muller and will take possession Nov. 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. James Baker are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born Wednesday, October 14.

Hazel Burgett was installed as Noble Grand of Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303 Wednesday evening by D.D.P. Mrs. Belle Updyke and Staff of Whitesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green of East Valley are the parents of a son born Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kibler of Rochester spent Monday and Tuesday



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**Constitutional Convention**

Does the State Constitution concern itself with Education? If it does, are the provisions adequate, or should they be reduced or increased? In light of the very large amounts of state and local revenues expended in this area the questions become some of the most important which will confront the Constitutional Convention.

The Constitution directs the Legislature to "provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free common schools, wherein all the children of this state may be educated." It also continues the Board of Regents as head of the educational system.

Proposals have been made that the Board of Regents be abolished and that the Commissioner of Education be elected by the people or appointed by the Governor.

When proposals for such amendments were introduced into the Legislature recently, no action was taken on them, so the matter will be put before the 1967 Convention.

Other educational matters which may well be considered include such things as separate voting requirements for school district elections and the detailed constitutional limits on local taxing and borrowing powers, but perhaps the knottiest problem is that of church and state relationships. Our State Constitution is much more specific than the National Constitution making it illegal for State and local governments to use their property, credit, or public money, directly or indirectly in aid or maintenance of any school "wholly or in part under the control or direction of any religious denomination, or in which any denominational tenet or doctrine is taught." A clause added by subsequent amendment makes an exception for transportation.

The proposals for change and the arguments supporting the status quo are too numerous and detailed to describe in an article of this length. Numerous individuals or organizations are spending a great deal of thought, time, and money in drawing up proposals and distributing them to Delegate candidates. Many arguments for change would not abolish the concept of separation of church and state as a fundamental doctrine, but would emphasize the needs of children and the question of equality of opportunity. Emotions as well as logic become involved, and it will take real statesmanship on the part of delegates to find a solution which is constructive, meets our needs, and is acceptable.

The final question in this series of articles is "what part do the people play in the whole process?" First, there is the election of delegates on November 8. The Con-

stitution provides for a selection of 18 delegates. Fifteen of these are elected at large, and there is one lever in each line in column 5 of the voting machine by which a voter can vote for the whole Republican slate, the whole Democratic slate, and the like. The names on these slates are not on the machine, but if the voter demands it, he will be furnished these lists when he votes and can vote for any 15 he wants, including persons not on the lists at all. At best, this will be cumbersome and time-consuming. Tribute should be paid at this point to the League of Women Voters who worked valiantly, but unsuccessfully, to have this ballot be entirely separate, and hence make real choices possible.

Each voter also makes separate choices of three delegates from his own Senatorial District, in our case the 57th. The names of these nominees of the three parties appear individually on the party lines, with a lever for each name. Each voter can pull any three of the levers as he chooses. He may wish to vote for all three Republicans, Democrats, or Liberals, or he may wish to split his ticket and vote for candidates of more than one party. The machine is set to allow him to do this, even when one name he wishes to vote for may be directly below another name which he favors.

Citizens will have at least two other responsibilities. One is to inform their delegates at the Convention how they feel on various matters that come before the Convention. The other is to vote on the proposals made by the Convention when submitted to the voters. The Convention itself will determine whether its conclusions will be submitted as a single document or in separate Articles.

This series should end as it began, with emphasis on the great importance of the Convention on the life and destiny of this state and the necessity of selecting delegates those candidates who are the best qualified to perform this function. This decision will be made by the voters on Election Day, November 8.

**1967 Registrations Extended To Nov. 15th**

The Motor Vehicle Department of the Allegany County Clerk's office has been advised the deadline for receipt of 1967 registrations has been extended to midnight, Nov. 15, according to Helen S. Ackerman, county clerk.

The original deadline for receipt of registration applications at the county office, located in Belmont Courthouse was October 31.

However, late Registrants will need a FS Form from their insurance co., to get their new license.

**For Our Readers Convenience On Amendments Vote**

Readers may mark their voting preference for the Proposition and the eleven Amendments on this list, then clip it out and use it at the polls on Election Day as a reminder. This can save time and confusion in the voting booth, and help ensure that your vote will be an accurate reflection of your opinion.

	Yes	No
Proposition No. 1	—	—
Amendment No. 1	—	—
Amendment No. 2	—	—
Amendment No. 3	—	—
Amendment No. 4	—	—
Amendment No. 5	—	—
Amendment No. 6	—	—
Amendment No. 7	—	—
Amendment No. 8	—	—
Amendment No. 9	—	—
Amendment No. 10	—	—
Amendment No. 11	—	—

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