

**An Ugly Phoenix rears it's Head Again! An Editorial**

In Egyptian religion, the Phoenix was a miraculous bird fabled to live for 500 years, to be consumed in fire by its own act, and to rise in youthful freshness from its own ashes.

During the recent public hearing on the Proposed Allegany County Budget while many questions were being asked by interested taxpayers, an Alfred Station Resident asked Benson Smith, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, if they were considering a County Sales Tax. Mr. Smith admitted that it was under consideration and was then asked when — to which he answered: "When the People are Ready for it".

As we recall, the Ugly Phoenix that publicly reared its head in the form of a County Sales Tax, was prematurely discovered and disclosed to our readers in June, 1962, by this paper. And, around a week later, the rest of the County Newspapers joined in with their protests against this insidious scheme to sneak a County Sales Tax thru before the public could have a chance to raise a protest against it.

A group of irate Citizens and Taxpayers hurriedly formed an organization called "COST" (Citizens Opposing the Sales Tax), and proposed that the tax be submitted to the people at election time for a referendum vote.

Within a couple of months, so many residents ir Allegany raised their voices in protest against the County Sales Tax that the proponents of this Tax withdrew their motions on the Four Sales Tax Resolutions and it was dropped.

At that time, James A. Young, Jr., Supervisor of the Town of West Almond who had seconded the original Sales Tax motion, stated: "My feelings have not changed. I still favor the sales tax but I do not believe this is the time to bring it before the Board".

Now, just four years later, this same Supervisor — representing a Town of a total population of only 293 (1960 Census), and where only around 40 voters went to the polls at the recent elections — strongly supported the inflated pay raises of several County Officials as well as the nearly \$5 Million Dollar County Budget. In fact, he even made the statement that he felt that the group of around 100 Citizens that protested at the County Budget Hearing last week were "Just a pressure group and didn't represent either Labor or Farm Organizations".

Four years ago, the protests of County Citizens were vindicated as County Departments continued to operate and function without revenue from a Sales Tax.

Now it is time again for the 71% of the Citizens that favor cutting Government spending to tell their Supervisors in no uncertain terms how they feel — o-



**50 YEARS AGO**

Nov. 17, 1916

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Prest of Bath entertained about 175 people at a Halloween Party at their home Saturday night.

Clara E. Hammond and William Warfield were united in marriage Wednesday, November 1st.

The first snow of the season, three inches, arrived Tuesday morning.

William Boyle is moving his family from Andover to Orange, New Jersey.

Myron Bloss is moving from his residence on Dyke Street to his farm on Greenwood Hill.

The Sugar Bowl is installing a new \$1,500 soda fountain, purchased of the American Soda Fountain Co., of Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Louise Foster of Whitesville spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Green.

Mrs. Ella Perry of Alfred is visiting at the home of Mrs. Mary Burdick of Elma Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Slocum and Mr. and Mrs. Chas Hoard motored to Elmira and spent the week-end guests of friends in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mings left Tuesday for Washington, D. C. to attend the session of the National Grange which convenes in that city this week.

**40 YEARS AGO**

Nov. 5, 1926

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C. S. Tassel of DeRuyter, N. Y., has purchased the R. H. Mings farm at Independence and known as the Wm. Greene farm, and has moved his family to the same.

Clifford Burdick is moving from the Bess farm south of the village, where he has been a tenant for several weeks, to the Langworthy Farm in Railroad Valley.

Mrs. John Lever was elected President of the Parent-Teacher Association at their meeting Monday evening, November 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox Miller of Greenwood are spending a few days with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lester York and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson of Elm Valley are on an extensive trip of Mauch Chunk and Philadelphia, Pa., and New York City.

Mrs. J. P. Cannon returned home from a visit with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Cannon at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass. She also visited friends in Boston and Quincy, Mass., for a few days while on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dawson left Thursday for a week's motor trip to the southern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Borden of Rochester and Mr. and Mrs. John Borden of Sodus Point were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens.

**30 YEARS AGO**

Nov. 6, 1936

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Local firemen were called out Friday evening to extinguish a fire in the home of Gordon Steadman on Greenwood Street. On Sunday evening the firemen were called to the home of Arling Briggs on Davis Hill, which was destroyed by fire.

Miss Eleanor DeRemer was appointed by the Prudential Com-

mission — we may wake up some morning to find that County Sales Tax has been sneaked thru — and we will be paying more — and more — every year — to support Public Officials "In the Style of THEIR CHOOSING — not OUR CHOOSING!"

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**GREENWOOD NEWS**

Grace Young, Reporter

Professor Robert Love, head of the Department of Health at the Ag-Tech College in Alfred, was speaker in the Andover-Greenwood Methodist Churches Sunday morning. Mr. Robert Harry, a student at Alfred from Lancaster will speak next Sunday.

District Superintendent, Dr. Gilbert Wieting of Olean has made arrangements for a Professor from Houghton to supply the Churches beginning December 4th until Conference. He plans to spend two days a week on the charge besides the Sunday Services. He will not need the parsonage, so Rev. and Mrs. Roger Williams will stay there this winter. It will be nice to have them remain with us.

The WSCS meets this Thursday afternoon in the Church Hall. Mrs. Jeanne Cornell will present the program and Mrs. Geraldine Lamphier and Mrs. Janet Jackson are hostesses.

The Community is invited to attend a combined Thanksgiving Service at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday, November 23. Elder Richard Wariner will be the speaker.

Sunday evening District President, Vivian Bryant of Rochester, was the speaker at the RLDS Church, talking on Stewardship. He filled in for Missionary Robert McLean who was sick. A family dinner was served at the Church after the Morning Service Sunday. It is also planned to serve dinner at the church next Sunday. Elder Ronald Krahl of Wheeling will be the speaker and a Special Service is scheduled at 2 o'clock for Confirmation. Rodney Burley will speak at 8 o'clock.

The Music Department of the Greenwood Central School will present a program at the school Friday night, November 18, at 8 o'clock. The Band will play and Mrs. Joan Eike reports that the program will feature a newly created Mixed Chorus with 30 students from Grades 9 - 12.

George Angello, Business Teacher at G.C.S. is Chairman for the area Girl Scout Finance Drive for the Steuben-Allegany Council. Girl Scouts are soliciting the homes.

Election Board, Jacqueline Murphy, Eloise Holt, Lana Rogers, and Genevieve Williamson recorded 310 votes and 5 absentees at Tuesday's Election. Mrs. Gert-

mittee of the American Band of Commissioners from Foreign Missions in Plenary Session October 28 to serve a three year term as teacher of practical arts in the American School at Merzifon, Turkey.

Supervisor E. A. Mullen has purchased the garage on West Center Street from the James Dougherty estate.

Mrs. Anne McDonough was awarded the first prize and the blue ribbon on her white bread and second prize on her sugar cookies at the products show held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Genesee, Pa.

Mrs. Jane Updyke of Independence went to Andover Tuesday to pass the winter with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Witter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kaple motored to Towanda, Pa., Saturday, guests of Mr. Church's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nobles.

rude Stephens was the Republican Poll watcher. Dinner was delivered at Noon for the ladies from the Rexville Altar and Rosary Society Turkey Dinner. Besides the State and Federal candidates, two local candidates were on the ballot. Ed Mullen, Town Highway Superintendent in place of Albert Lamphier and James Murphy, Assessor in place of Ransom Guild both resigned. They were unopposed. The returns were taken to Bath Wednesday by Town Clerk, Marjorie York.

Mrs. Marion Dixon, daughters Marie and Margery and Mrs. Ethel Cook attended the November meeting of the County Legion Auxiliary at Bath Thursday night.

Francis Acker spent Sunday at Savona with his daughter, Rev. and Mrs. David Knickerbocker and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Freeman and daughter of Buffalo spent the week-end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cornell and sons.

Walter Redmond of Geneseo State University College was home Monday night to vote on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hussey of the Faculty of Roberts Wesleyan College, North Chili, were home Tuesday night to vote.

Mr. and Mrs. Halrand Knight of Jacksonville, N. Y., were guests of her sister, Miss Grace Young Monday night and Tuesday started for their winter home at Trilby, Florida.

Mrs. Janette Cornell, Mrs. Blanche Wallace and Mrs. Irene Chaffee attended the dinner of the Catholic Church at the Community Hall in Rexville Election Day.

Town Board Supervisor James Shaut, Justices Douglas Cornell, Stanley Murray and Councilman Neil McCormick, met at the Fire Hall from 10 - 12 Thursday morning for a hearing of the Budget. Only one citizen, Orville Matthews appeared. Town Clerk, Marjorie York assisted Welfare Officer B. E. Burger distribute Surplus Food. The Board met at the Town Clerk's Office in the evening to complete the Budget with Marion Streeter, Councilman present. This year's Budget is \$31,501.44 as compared to \$20,577.44 last year. New State Laws on the Dump and Road Signs plus raise in salaries added to the Budget.

Arthur Silsby II, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Nolan of the Christian Hollow Road, recently received an Army Commendation Medal at Defense Language Institute West Coast Branch, Presidio of Monterey, California for distinguishing himself by exceptional meritorious service April 1965 to June 1966 while assigned to the 3rd Battalion Airborne 187th Infantry 101st Airborne Division at Fort Knox, Ky. He is a Persian Language Student.

Pvt. Benjamin Smith of Fort Dix, N. J., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Louise Smith and grandfather, B. E. Burger.

Mrs. Clair Kernan and her aunt Mrs. Gordon Wood of Jasper drove to Fall River, Mass., Friday to spend the week-end with her daughter and family, RIM and Mrs. Robert Bianco and daughter

Mrs. Pearl Bassett entertained for dinner Wednesday Noon, her daughter, Mrs. Fred Mitchell and son, Dean and Navy Medic and Mrs. Charles Burley and son of Florida. Charles was home while his mother, Mrs. Leon Burley was a surgical patient at the Bethesda Hospital.

G.C.S. Soccer Team played an 0 - 0 double overtime tie with Belfast of Allegany County Friday afternoon at Angelica to gain a share of the Class D Regional Section V Soccer Championship. The team beat Canaseraga 3 - 2 at Hornell Wednesday afternoon to win the right to play for the title. Congratulations to the boys, they have had a good backing in the cheering section.

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