



"Can you blame the poor little 'Allegany County Taxpayer' for being indignant when the Coach tells him that they are going to 'trim a little fat' off him — instead of the big old fat 'County Spending' Cat"?

AND WHAT ARE THE SUPERVISORS DOING While The Coach Is Giving Orders? An Editorial

Yes sir! It looks as if all it takes is a powerful coach to stand behind the sidelines to call the plays — and the rest of the "Supervisor Team" cheers with a Rah! Rah! Ray! or a Go! Go! Go! — Get Sheared! (with a brush cut that is).

In case some of you readers didn't catch the signals for the last big play — Monday afternoon, the Allegany County Supervisors appointed Ray Shear as Welfare Commissioner for a 5 year term. This action was taken — despite the fact that it was not on the Agenda — since Board Members had been notified last week by Manley C. Ackerman, Clerk of the Board, of a special meeting on Dec. 21 for discussing this subject.

However, in an unexpected move Monday afternoon, C. Richard Fenner of Alfred, Chairman of the Powerful Ways and Means Committee, offered the resolution for the above appointment under a new state law making the job appointive rather than elective.

It would appear as if this might make many Taxpayers wonder if any deal (or deals) were made in order to "shot-gun" a "play" like this thru in the manner that it was accomplished. (It certainly adds a little more credibility to the rumor that one of the Supervisors is making a play for the Highway Commissioner Job when Ferd Shear retires — doesn't it?)

This also makes us wonder what our Supervisor — as well as the Town of Wellsville — is thinking of when he (or they) fail to let their home town Newspapers and Voters know what is going on behind the scenes in the County Government.

Who are the members of the Ways and Means Committee? Why did they take action on the Welfare Post at Monday's meeting — instead of waiting until the scheduled special meeting on Dec. 21st which was called for this special purpose?

Could it have been that they were afraid that the Taxpayers would attend that Special Meeting and perhaps voice their feelings on the subject — or even possibly oppose such a move?

How much longer are the Supervisors going to keep Mr. Benson Smith as Chairman of the Board and allow him to sway opinion by making statements about State Mandated salaries — when he has to admit on questioning that "he is not certain as to the figures he quoted".?

How much longer are you voters going to keep your Supervisors in office — when they don't make any visible effort to halt the fast-rising County Budget?

Yes, even Andover's Supervisor apparently went along with "the powers to be" when he sprang to the defense of the proposed pay boosts by Quoting Statistics as a result of a survey and stated at the recent Budget Hearing that: "pay boosts would only make a difference of around \$20 per Thousand assessed valuation to each Taxpayer."

Doesn't that sound as if he approves? What do you Taxpayers think?



50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 15, 1916

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John Dodge was elected Master of the Andover Grange Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nevol of Elmira spent last week with relatives in Elm Valley. They were called here by the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Harriet Burdick.

Miss Edith Brainard was the guest of Mrs. O. Preston of Hornell Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Ida H. Baker is at Campbell for a two weeks visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Reginald Starr.

Raymond Snyder and Ligouri Lynch were in Toledo, Ohio from Thursday until Monday to attend a convention of the agents in the U. S. of the Overland Motor Company.

Misses Hope Strait, Ruth Mings and Hazel Baker were among those who attended Pomona Grange at Scio Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. C. J. Berkwater returned

to her home in Kane, Pa., Friday after a two weeks visit at the home of her son, P. C. Berkwater.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 3, 1926

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Miss Jane Crandall of Alfred is visiting Miss Mary Etta Spicer of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clarke and son Edward of Syracuse are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewster and family.

Miss Kathryn McCormick of Rexville is visiting her sister, Mr and Mr. Thomas O'Hargan.

Mrs. Gertrude Leonard and children of Olean visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Osborn of Elm Valley the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jackson of Elm Valley were pleasantly surprised by a company of friends Saturday evening, the occasion being their 20th wedding anniversary.

E. F. Stearns returned home from Buffalo Sunday, where he had been in attendance at the Older Boys' Conference at Elmwood Music Hall. Out of a delegate of 100 from Allegany County 98 were present.

Prof. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson of Rutherford, N. J., spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 4, 1936

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Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter left Tuesday for Corning to pass the Thanksgiving week-end with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Randall.

Mrs. Gertrude McCormick, 66, died Tuesday, Dec. 1st at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carl Logan of Hornell. Her husband five daughters, four sons and three brothers survive. Interment was in Rexville.

A group of relatives gave Robert Bullard a surprise birthday gathering Sunday, Nov. 29th in honor of his 80th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walsh and daughter, Aileen were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Dagon of Hornell.

Mrs. A. L. Jones passed the week-end with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones of Wellsville.

Ralph Williams of Scottsville passed his Thanksgiving vacation with his mother, Mrs. Mable Williams.

Jack Regan, Edward Brewster and Norbert Lynch, students at St. Bonaventure, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Regan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewster and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch.

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