

## ANOTHER TYPE OF CENSORSHIP — An Editorial

Readers — Citizens — and Taxpayers — perhaps you are tired of the word **Censorship**, but here is an up-to-date example that is going to hit every one of YOU in your **POCKETBOOK!**

DO YOU REALIZE THAT THIS IS THE 1st TIME IN OVER 40 YEARS THAT THE PROPOSED ANNUAL VILLAGE BUDGET HASN'T BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET?

WHY? We were told that the Village Board was informed by their legal counsel that it wasn't required by law — so it is being done under the guise of saving the Taxpayers money.

BUT — is this the real reason? Or is it because they don't want the Taxpayers to be able to read what the money is going to be spent for in the proposed 28% TAX HIKE? Perhaps they are trying to slap the Editors (and Newspapers) wrist for taking them to task for not having attended to the re-writing of the Village Ordinances that has been on the agenda for the past year.

At any rate, do YOU know what it cost to have the Proposed Village Budget printed last year? According to our records, the 312 line budget was printed at a set legal fee for \$59.28. (This legal fee is set by the State and is based on the circulation of the Newspaper publishing it.)

Is the Taxpayers "RIGHT TO KNOW" worth being subjugated for a saving of this paltry amount — when many times that amount could be saved for labor in the Water and Street Department?

(There are now 3 men working in these 2 departments — where previously there was 1 full time man, and the rest was part-time.) Has our water department or streets changed so much in the past 20 years that this is a warranted raise in expense?

Let's take a look at what few figures have been released as news on the forthcoming budget — and then compare these with previous years.

The proposed amounts by departments are as follows:

**General** — \$42,087.17. Last year it was \$37,176.93! A raise of \$4,910.24!

**Water** — \$11,625. Last year it was \$10,425.00 — A raise of \$1,200.00!

**Electric** — \$58,840.00. Last year it was \$54,335.00 — A raise of \$4,505.00!

The proposed tax rate is \$16 per \$1,000 assessed valuation as against \$12.50 last year — or a TAX HIKE of 28%!

According to the Wellsville Daily Reporter, Mayor Paul Kilbane explained the increase was due to emergency expenses incurred during 1966 which had not been planned in that year's budget. These included the paving and curbing of Elm St., drainage repair on Barney, the shared cost of the new ambulance, and the purchase of a police car. A new Village dump truck was also purchased, but this had been included in last year's BUDGET.

What was the item in last year's budget under "Permanent Improvement" — \$5,000 for? Wasn't that for the paving of Elm St. and 1/2 the cost of the curbing? (Don't forget that the taxpayer residents were assessed for 1/2 of the cost of the curbing in front of their property!)

The drainage on Barney St. has been deplorable for years — and thus should have been taken care of long before!

Then the other item in last year's budget was "Reserve for Truck or Police Car" — \$2,000. If this was for the truck — and the same amount left in the budget this year to pay for the Police Car — that wouldn't be any raise would it? Wouldn't that cover the cost of the Police Car?

We say that if you TAXPAYERS are really interested in finding out what this 28% raise in taxes is going to be spent for — the only way that we know of finding out — is to come down to the budget hearing next Tuesday, April 11 in the Village Office at 8 p. m. See you there?

## Charles J. Nevel Sr.

Funeral and committal services for Charles J. Nevel, Sr., of Andover, were conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home by the Rev. Gerald Wicker. Mr. Nevel died Saturday, April 1, 1967 in the Jones Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

A native of Sweden, he was born May 20, 1888. He was engaged in farming.

Mr. Nevel was a member of the Andover Methodist Church, and had held membership for more than 50 years in both the Andover Grange and Andover Lodge No. 558 Free and Accepted Masons. He was also a member of the Royal Arch Masons of Wellsville.

Surviving are his widow, Grace; a daughter, Mrs. Dennis Woodbridge of Buffalo; a son, Charles Jr., of Andover; and seven grandchildren.

A Masonic Prayer Service was conducted Sunday night.

Burial was in Valleybrook Cemetery, Andover.

## Library News

The following Memorial Books have been added to the Andover Free Library:

"Inside South America", by John Gunther, given in memory of Mrs. Mayme Joyce by the Andover Investment Club.

"Coin Investors Manual", given in memory of William Gorsuch by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joyce.

"Wheels for a Nation", by Frank Donovan, given in memory of Mr. Riley Green, father of Mrs. Rosemary Wightman, by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Herald Ford, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Carr.

"Farewell to Steam", by David Plowden, given in memory of William Alderson by Mr. and Mrs. Craig Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O. Snyder.

Other books that have been added to the library are:

"The Garden of the Finzi Continis", by Giorgio Bassani

"The New Man", by Charles Percy Snow

"Big Woods", by William Paul

"The Market Square", by Mrs. Reed

"The Magic of Shirley Jackson", by Shirley Jackson

"There We Were Again!", by Frederique Fledge

"From Bush to City" (a look at the new Africa), by Marc Bernheim



Mrs. Gary Hoagland, a medical patient, ill with pneumonia, in the Jones Memorial Hospital, expects to return to her home today (Thursday).

Mrs. Dolores Clarke is a patient in the Bethesda Hospital.

Clark Bridge, a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned to his home Friday.

Donald Emery, a surgical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned to his home Friday.

Charles Burgess, a medical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, returned to his home Friday.

Charles Scott, a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital expects to return to his home today (Thursday).

Mrs. Airla Ryan, a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, has returned to her home.

## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McCormick (Mabel Halsey) are the parents of a son, born Saturday, April 1, 1967 at the St. James Mercy Hospital.

At the close of 1966, prices paid by New York dairy farmers were about eight per cent higher than a year earlier.



Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell

Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell, granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Akin of Andover, and a resident of DeLand, Florida, has published a book recently on her early Allegany County ancestors, entitled "A History of the Joseph Bledsoe Family of Allegany County, New York."

Joseph Bledsoe is the author's great-great-great grandfather. His ancestors came from England to America and settled in Virginia. Joseph was born December 1776 in Orange County, Virginia. He served in the War of 1812 and after the battle at Fort Niagara was imprisoned by the British and taken to Montreal, Canada. At the close of the war he was released and returned to the U.S. On his way back south he stopped with an Army buddy in Allegany County, N. Y., where he met a young widow, Betsey Teater Clark, and a few months later they married.

Betsey Teater too came from an early family whose ancestors were Palatines and settled around 1715 along the east bank of the Hudson River. Her grandfather, Johannes Dieter Tietzer, also spelled Teater and Teater, served in the Revolutionary War from Dutchess Co., N. Y.

Betsey Teater was married first to Harry Clark. They had three sons: Asa, John and Henry. Some of their descendants still live in Allegany County of whom one is Harold C. Barney, Sr., of Whitesville.

After a few years of marriage the Bledsoe family moved from Cambridge, Steuben Co., to Independence, Alleg. Co. where they lived out their lives. Joseph and Betsey had a family of five children: Betsey who married Horace C. Jones; Charity or Christy who married a Coats; William who married Phidella Andrews; Joseph J. who married Cynthia M. Westcott; and Permelia who married William G. Truesdell.

Joseph J. Bledsoe and his wife, Cynthia M. Westcott had a family of ten children, five of whom grew to adulthood.

The Westcott line begins in the country with the emigration from England of Stukely Westcott who, his wife, and several of their children, sailed for America on 24 June 1635. In 1636 Stukely was made a Freeman of Salem, Mass. Because of his religious beliefs and strong friendship with Rev. Williams, Stukely moved to Rhode Island and was one of the 13 original proprietors of the Providence Plantations. One of Cynthia M. Westcott's ancestors, George Westcott, Jr., fought in the Revolutionary War from Warwick, Rhode Island, which established a second DAR eligibility for the writer. She, her mother, Eliza Akin Brownell, also of DeLand and her sister, Mrs. James E. Martin, of Honolulu, Hawaii, are members of the Catharine Schuyler Chapter of the DAR at Wellsville.

Through her research the author discovered that Cynthia's father, Ehek Westcott, served in the War of 1812 from Madison County, N. Y. He is buried at Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

During her extensive research Mrs. Brownell has collected many old vital records, wills, deeds, archival records from Washington census and cemetery records, and

## April Plan Set For Village Budget Hearing

At a meeting of the Andover Village Board held Tuesday, April 4, at 8 p. m. in the Village Office, a plan was set for the public hearing on the 1967 budget.

Taxpayers are faced with an increase of \$20.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, or a rate of \$16 set against \$12.50 for the past year.

Mayor Paul Kilbane explained expenses incurred during 1966 the increase was due to emergency, which had not been planned in that year's budget. These included the paving and curbing of Elm Street, drainage repair on Barney, the shared cost of the new ambulance service, and the purchase of a police car. A new village dump truck was also purchased, but this had been included in last year's budget. The \$16 per \$1,000 assessed valuation is the rate paid in 1965.

Merle Dibble was appointed deputy mayor; Charles Ruger in charge of streets and the dump; Robert Baker, heads the police committee; James Mulholland water department; Dibble, superintendent of electric utilities; R. J. Sootheran, village attorney and Roscoe Mulconery, historian.

The "Andover News" was named the official newspaper and the local office of the Citizens National Bank as official depository. Meetings will be held the second Tuesday in each month at 8 p. m.

## Local Rod & Gun Club To Receive Shipment Of Trout Friday, April 7th

The Andover Rod & Gun Club will receive Trout to be stocked in Dyke's Creek. The Trout will arrive in Andover Friday, April 7th at 11 A. M. in front of the Post Office.

The help of any interested persons would be appreciated in the distribution of the Trout.

## Scout News

The Troop Committee of the Boy Scouts will meet Monday, April 10th at the Town Home at 8 p. m. The Troop Charter will be completed at this time.

## OLS News

The regular meeting of the OLS Chapter at 242 W. Main St. will be held Monday evening, April 10th at 8 p. m.

The Official Visitation of Grand Officers will be held at the Anglican Central School in Andover. All members are cordially invited at 8 p. m. Tuesday, April 11th to attend.

A vast correspondence Mrs. Brownell has built up a three drawer cabinet file. She is now compiling data to publish a book on one of her Akin ancestors which is a family who came from Scotland to America in the 1600's and settled at Dartmouth, Mass.

Many members of her family have lived in the Independence, Andover areas and Mrs. Brownell is specializing on information about the early people particularly of the community of Andover. She is collecting biographical data on these early families and at present has 10 three-ringed notebooks filling rapidly as well as census records of Andover from 1850 through 1880. Her filing card information includes over 2000 cards on the people of this township.

Mrs. Brownell has been a resident of DeLand since 1935. Graduating from Stetson University at DeLand in 1940 she has done graduate work and has an MA degree from Stetson in 1954; also an MS in Library Science from Catholic University in Washington, D. C. in 1959. Besides her hobby of genealogy Mrs. Brownell is a club woman and is interested in photography and travel.