

"NOTHING FOR NOTHING"**An Editorial**

The realization that the New York State Lottery is a miserable failure is no surprise to those who opposed it from its very conception. To the forces that "hoodwinked" enough of the public to ram the referendum through last Fall, it is a bitter pill to digest. To the state administration that finds itself saddled with this "white elephant", it has become one of the most fantastic fiscal headaches ever devised — When will it end? — soon we hope!

The illogical lottery has only proven, once again, that you will never be able to get "something for nothing" in this world of ours. The business of governmental gambling will never work, and even though such a scheme is tacked to the shirt-tail of education as, hopefully, its saving grace, it can never take the place of sound fiscal administration and legislative responsibility at both the state and local levels.

Proponents of the lottery have had a quick lesson in the gambling "facts of life". They've learned that the "natural urge to gamble" hasn't led vast numbers of our citizens to the ticket windows — it never will! The lottery was pathetically oversold and, to quote Senate Majority Leader Earl Brydges, the results are "underwhelming". To be exact, they were 21% of what had been hoped for on the first try. It now looks as though rather than increase, that percentage — pitiful as it is — will shrink even further with each new lottery.

Are we stuck with this "fiscal flop"? No, far from it. There is a way out and a logical one. The State Constitutional Convention has before it a proposition introduced by Gordon A. Howe of Monroe County, that calls for a periodic voter referendum on the question, "Should the state lottery be continued"? In our view this measure is the best means of putting New York State back on a firm fiscal footing. It is our belief that given another opportunity the people of this state will be ready to "cancel" the "blank check" they issued in the Fall of 1966.

We urge the adoption of Mr. Howe's proposition (#334) and suggest that you, the public, do likewise through direct contact with your Constitutional Convention delegates.

Statement By Senator Brydges
(Senate Majority Leader)

I agree with the contention that the June sale of lottery tickets would have been more auspicious if there had been additional outlets and more promotion. At this point, it might be fair to characterize the whole program as underwhelming.

Many citizens of New York State, including a sizable number of legislators, went along with the lottery against other instincts and judgments because of the fact that a majority of the voters had indicated their support of the scheme and also because it was supposed to produce potential funds to further state and local educational efforts. We were told time and again that we would merely be channeling the people's natural "urge" to gamble into legitimate, legal and worthwhile channels.

If, in fact, the lottery can only be made successful by virtue of that is the word — or an intensive, hard-sell promotional campaign, then I believe we should take a long hard look at the whole idea. Obviously the program has been oversold if it can be made successful only by encouraging non-gamblers to take a maiden plunge.

In short, if the state lottery is not a natural success, the 1968 Legislature should consider repealing the program and accept the challenge to finance education by more traditional and less flamboyant methods.

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**50 YEARS AGO**

September 14, 1917

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Miss Helen I. Myers of Andover and George Steuart of Rochester, were united in marriage Tuesday, September 4th.

Lee Trowbridge and Grant Sherwood are in Belmont this week serving at a term of Supreme Court as Trial Jurors.

Miss Bertha Livermore has been engaged as teacher in the Primary Department of the Whitesville Grade School for the coming year.

Wellsville Barbers have raised the price of haircuts to 35c.

Miss Erma Clarke is teaching in Alfred Grade School and Miss Reva Clarke near Canisteo.

Miss Florence, Elsie Baker and Archie Leslie Bloss were united in marriage Sunday, September 9 by Rev. A. S. Wahl.

The Frost Tuesday night was a bad one and some will have to cut their corn before haying is done.

South Hill Carrier, Jesse Baker is enjoying his annual vacation. Robert Church of Andover is acting as substitute.

John Dean and daughter, Mary went to Allegany last week, where Miss Mary entered St. Elizabeth Academy as a pupil for the coming year.

Miss Mary O'Leary of Andover spent a few days last week at the home of John and P. A. Dean.

Misses Cecile Hoard and Shirle Crandall are attending business school in Houtell.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Regan are enjoying a short vacation in Salamanca and Niagara Falls.

Miss Neddie Walsh has entered the Hornell Business College for basic course.

Misses Reta Stearns and Mira Duffin returned Monday from a ten day visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis of Seneca Falls.

Miss Eda Teasdale, Mrs. Jesse Hunt and Miss Reba Burrows went to Genesee Tuesday, where Miss Reba entered the State Normal School.

Mr. and Mrs. William Emerson are the parents of a daughter, born Friday.

D. and Mr. W. J. Grenett left Wednesday for W. to look Maine. They expect to return back to Andover with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vane on their return trip of a two month vacation in Maine.

40 YEARS AGO

September 16, 1927

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Ed and Candall returned to their home in Independence Friday from Rhode Island, where he had been attending the Seventh Day Baptist Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gregg of Independence attended the State Fair at Syracuse this week.

Mrs. Electa Hinchey Hann, 74 died Thursday, September 8. In her home in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellsville.

Miss Loretta Quigg completed her Nurses Training School at Lenox Hill in New York City last week and is spending a few days vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg.

William P. Halladay, 30, died Thursday, September 8th. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bassett of Fort Wayne, Ind., are visiting his mother, Mrs. Esther Bassett and Milford of Independence.

Eugene Crandall returned to his home in Alfred Wednesday after spending the summer vacation at the Carl Clarke home in Independence.

Oliver Clark of Greenwood commenced her work as teacher in District No. 7, Tuesday, September 6th.

The Marsh School opened Tuesday, September 6th with Miss Madeline McDonald as teacher.

Mrs. Mae Kenyon of Alfred spent from Thursday until Sunday at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kenyon of Tin T. n.

Miss Katherine Folting is in Elmira where she has contracted to teach the coming year.

Mrs. Betsy Clarke of Alfred

Convention Viewpoint

The Constitutional Convention, now in its last weeks' is going through a legislative process unfamiliar to most of us in Andover. The Delegates are voting on new sections of the proposed Constitution at the "third reading". This term is not used in our local County or Town government and many local residents are confused by it.

The Constitutional Convention deemed by political observers to be one of the most important legislative gatherings in our State's history, took great care to adopt rules that would allow the greatest public disclosure of its actions. Each proposed idea — whether it be a completely new concept for State government or a slight change in the present Constitution — must go through three separate readings by the Convention before it is incorporated in the final document which is to be presented to the voters in November. This process has allowed the residents of Andover to be con-

stantly aware of the actions of the Convention and given every opportunity to express themselves on the issues.

The first reading took place when a Delegate introduced a proposal on the floor of the Convention early this spring, and it was then sent to an appropriate committee. From committee, if it was reported out to the full convention, it was given a "second reading" and debated at length, after which a vote was taken by the entire body expressing its wishes on the principles embodied in the proposal. If advanced to third reading, the "idea" or proposal was then sent to the Style and Arrangement Committee to be as the rules provide, "edit, arrange, revise, simplify, consolidate and to take any other action it deems necessary to harmonize and conform such proposition with other provisions of the Constitution". Then the proposition in its new form is sent to third reading by the Committee and debated and voted upon by the Delegates for the second and final time. Finally the entire Constitution, as it will be presented to the voters for approval this November is certified by the President of the Convention, Anthony J. Travia, and transmitted to New York's Secretary of State to be put into the State's election machinery.

This column will, in the six weeks between the Convention's adjournment on or about September 26 and Election Day on November 7, outline and explain all major changes in the proposed Constitution. There will also be printed, as required by law, copies of the Constitution and full explanations. These materials will be available in plenty of time for all voters to have an opportunity to study them. These materials along with a limited number of available speakers, can be obtained by writing: New York State Constitutional Convention Public Information Office, Room 4-G, State Capitol, Albany, New York.

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Next week the first ideas of what the new Constitution will be like.

Rev. E. E. Dransfield, pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Victor, New York.

Carroll Cartwright, R.D. 1, received word that he is the first prize winner of \$300 in the Wayne Chick Growing Derby, a National Contest conducted by the manufacturers of Wayne Feeds.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Vickers are the parents of a daughter, Jacqueline Jean, born Friday September 3rd.

Among those of our young people who have returned to their schools as teachers are Ralph Williams to Scottsville; Miss Ethel Haynes to Allentown; Miss Mary O'Boyle to Medina; Miss Doris Church to Alfred Station and Miss Aileen Walsh to Whitesville.

The OES circle picnic was enjoyed by a good delegation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Greene of Tip Top Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atwell and two children returned Wednesday from a ten day trip to Michigan and Canada, including a day at the Toronto Fair.

School was resumed on Davis Hill Tuesday with an attendance of 20 pupils and Miss Genevieve Clarke as teacher.

Miss Lenora Dean of South Hill motored to Cleveland, Ohio Tuesday to resume her work on the Cleveland School Faculty.

Miss Mary O'Leary and Miss Virginia Hyland left Sunday by motor for their respective homes in New York City and Elizabeth, New Jersey, after a visit with Andover relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoard and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruer and son have returned from a trip to Washington, D. C., by the way of the Susquehanna Trail. They also visited Harrisburg, Gettysburg, Baltimore and other points of interest.

Mrs. Edward Walsh and daughter, Aileen, and Mrs. Jay Bunt enjoyed a motor trip to Sunset Bay and other places from Thursday until Saturday.

Station has been visiting Mrs. Ila Clarke and Miss Alice Clarke this week.

E. Roger Crandall and family left Friday for a few days visit with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Murry of Hornell who have been guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McAndrew, have returned to their home.

Miss Ruth DeRemer is at Fairview, Montara, where she is teaching the sixth grade. Miss DeRemer made the trip in her Ford car.

Miss Esther Tassell of Rochester, is spending the week at her home in Independence before beginning her nurses' training course.

The 15th Annual Picnic of the Voorhees Hill Old Timers will be held at the Pine Grove on the Carroll Church farm Sunday, September 17th.

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Walton has returned from summer school at Syracuse University, where she passed the State Examination for teachers in French.

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Widmer Cup Races To Be Held September 17th

The second annual Widmer Cup Bicycle Race, a 56 mile "round Canandaigua Lake" competition, has been scheduled at Naples, N. Y., for Sunday, September 17, at 1:00 p. m.

Sanctioned by the Amateur Bicycle League of America, and promoted by the Century Road Club of America, the race will test the riding skills and stamina of more than 70 U. S. and Canadian competitors for approximately 2½ hours up and down steep vineyard country hills and broad stretches of valley roads.

Prizes in excess of \$700 will be awarded to winners in several categories including 10 "finish" places, an "old-timer" recognition, "king of the mountain", and a special premium and trophy in the City of Canandaigua as well as Rustville, N. Y. Sponsored by Widmer's Wine Cellars, the contest will start and finish in the small Upstate hamlet 50 miles south of Rochester.

In addition to the many gift certificate prizes, cyclists will be vying for the huge Widmer Silver Trophy Cup. A year ago, first prize was taken by a Canadian School teacher from Toronto. This year again, all racers will be "fueled with grape juice" from the fall harvest here in the Finger Lakes vineyard country. The race is an important part of the Upstate New York racing calendar and offers competitors B.A. R. points included in National Championship ratings.

Don't Drive After Drinking