

Let's Give Some Thought to the Constitutional Issues!

An Editorial

For quite a few weeks now we have been keeping you readers posted on Constitutional Convention issues — as they appeared — were voted down — or voted in.

Now, the Convention is almost over with, and soon it will be up to you voters to either reject or accept the propositions at the voting booths.

The first public opinion questionnaire regarding Constitutional Convention issues has been tabulated by Senator Edward J. Speno of Nassau County, taking 10 of the most important issues, most of which will be included in the Constitution for referendum in November. The Senator received a total of over 2,000 replies, with a tabulation attached herewith. The area polled is the 4th Senatorial District of Nassau County.

Here is the Tabulation of the Questionnaire from Senator Edward J. Speno's Legislative Report:

QUESTION	YES	NO
1. Do you favor the lowering of the voting age to 18?	475	1301
2. Do you favor increasing the Legislative term from the present 2 years to 4 years?	1085	683
3. Do you think New York State funds should be used for non-public as well as public education?	682	1104
4. Do you think public funds should be used for the benefit of children whether they attend public or non-public schools with the aid going directly to the child?	1088	1088
5. Do you favor the appointment of judges rather than the election of them	478	1240
6. Should New York City and other large cities of the State have increased taxing authority?	452	1282
7. Should the lands of the state constituting the Forest Preserve be permanently kept as wild forest lands never to be leased, sold, removed or destroyed?	375	271
8. Should there be any constitutional limitation on the amount of real estate taxes that can be levied for the support of local school districts?	1117	1113
9. Should school districts be given direct authority to levy and collect school taxes?	102	1230
10. Should the Legislature be given the authority to tax personal property as another source of tax revenue for support of state government?	120	1505

As you can see from the results, the percentage either pro or con, ranged from less than a 2-1 majority, to over a 10-1 ratio against additional taxes in No. 10.

We have given these issues a great deal of consideration, and despite the fact that this survey was made in the "Down State" County of Nassau, we agree (or should we say concur) with the outcome of the answers to all 10 Questions — which are in the blackest print.

How do YOU feel about these ten issues?

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50 YEARS AGO

September 21, 1917
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Miss Ruth DeRemer is teaching school on Beach Hill this year. The first snow of the season was seen at Dundee Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Starr are the parents of a son, born Sunday, September 16th.

Wilbur O'Donnell, 7, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. O'Donnell died Sunday, September 16th. Internment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Messrs O. A. Potter, M. A. Bassett and Carl Clarke of Independence attended the State Fair at Syracuse the past week.

A. M. Mingus returned to his home on South Hill Sunday after a week's visit in Gold, Pa. His sister, Mrs. McCann of Andover, who has been visiting relatives in Gold and vicinity, returned home with him.

Mrs. Prentice Burdick and brother, Al Hinchey, have returned from Decatur, Michigan, after spending the past two weeks at the home of their brother, who was ill.

Miss Reva Clark of Andover, is teaching in the Putnam District this year.

Miss Mina Upthegrove and Lawrence Teribury, both of Andover were united in marriage Thursday, September 13th by Rev. H. D. Bacon.

Mrs. Catherine Walker, 94, died Saturday, September 15th at her residence on Barney St. A brother and two grandchildren survive. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Anne Cline Fulmer, 85, died Thursday, September 13th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Clarke. Her husband, three daughters and a sister survive. Burial was in Fulmer Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. M. Cannon has been visiting her daughters, Mrs. J. F. Walton and Mrs. J. R. Murray of Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kemp of Floating Lake, Michigan are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kemp and other relatives in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Baker returned Friday from a week's vacation with their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Wilbur of Cleveland, Ohio and relatives in Salamanca.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kemp entertained their children Friday evening for supper in honor of 1st Lt. Elmer Kemp, who is leaving for Washington, D. C.

40 YEARS AGO

September 22, 1927

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
 Miss Frances Brundage, Andover High School Grad, Class of 1926, has entered the Sisters Charities Hospital at Buffalo in training as a nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brundage accompanied their daughter to the city, remaining for the day.

A few of the specials this week are: Cider Vinegar, 30c gal.; 8 lbs. Cooking Onions, 25c; 10 lbs. Pure Cane Sugar, 63c; Double Blankets, \$1.95 to \$4.45; Red River Salmon, can 25c; 55 tablets, 2 for 9c; 3c pencils, 2 for 9c.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clarke and Hilda of Independence were weekend guests of Mrs. Ola Clarke of Friendship.

Mr. Fuller of Kalamazoo, Mich., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Linford Potter of Independence.

Mrs. Erma Burdick of Elm Valley is attending State Normal School at Cortland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cronk are now settled in their new home on South Hill.

Mrs. Henry Livermore visited her sister, Mrs. Edgar Place at Jewettville, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Marjory Williams is home from Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City for a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mabel Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Akin and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Donnell and children left Saturday by motor for Winterville, Fla. where they will pass the winter.

T. J. Regan went to Chicago, Ill. Tuesday to sit in on the Demp-

Convention Viewpoint

The Constitutional Convention is now in its final days of deliberation. The 186 Delegates have been working since April 4 rewriting our State's basic body of laws. While the new Constitution may not be as easy reading as a best-selling novel or this newspaper, it will be a far cry from the present wordy and often confusing document. It will be a clear, concise and positive document, spelling out new directions for New York State. Its goal will be to guide New York State into the 21st century with the least amount of difficulty and with as few growing pains as possible.

The new document will contain fewer than the present 20 Articles and will be arranged in an order easily understandable to any Andover citizen interested in his State's government. It will run approximately 25,000 words instead of the present 48,000. It specifies articles will cover such items as a Bills of Rights and Suffrage, Conservation, the Executive Branch of the State Government, the Legislature, Local Government, the Judiciary, and the Education to name some of the most important sections.

This column will, beginning next week, describe each major section of the proposed Constitution

sey-Tunney fight. Howard Leahy has returned to New York City, where he is a student at Fordham College.

Misses Ruth Parker and Mabel Wagner have returned to Alfred University for their Senior Year.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pingrey and son, Carl of Bemus Point, passed the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kaple.

Carl Hann and Miss Eva Rennells left this week for Fredonia Normal, where they will enter the Music Department for a course of study.

30 YEARS AGO

September 17, 1937

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
 Thursday night Allegany County Commander J. J. Herman of Wellsville installed the newly elected officers of Thomas M. Lynch Post No. 397 into their respective offices. James McDonald was installed as Commander. On Tuesday afternoon the Legion Auxiliary officers were elected for the ensuing year with Mrs. Bertha Hardy as President.

Miss Lillian Weinbauer of Shinglehouse, Pa., formerly of Andover and Charles Daniel Dean of Andover, were united in marriage last Wednesday by Rev. Charles Keller.

Miss Margaret Mullen of Greer, wood Hill and Shirley Evans of Freemont, were united in marriage Thursday, August 26th by Rev. R. E. Dronsfield of Andover.

Mrs. Laura Holbert of Almond is spending this week at the home of her brother, Fred Slocum of Davis Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsey of Florence, Pa., were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey of Davis Hill.

Miss Roberta Church left Sunday to enter Genesee Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp and Miss Marian Swartz were guests of his aunt, Mrs. Mary Kemp in Buffalo Saturday and Sunday.

Esther Tassell of Independence left Sunday for South Lancaster, Mass., where she will attend Atlantic Union College, taking the pre-nursing course.

Edward Donnelly of Detroit Michigan is visiting his aunt, Mrs. I. H. Gilfillan.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson of Hornell were guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pease and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke attended the Syracuse Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

Fay E. Boyd, R. O. Snyder, William Lang and Claire Backus attended the Eighth District Meeting of the 40-8 held at Ellery Center on Chautauqua Lake, Sunday.

Roger Baker and Francis Cable of Buffalo spent Friday and Saturday with relatives and friends in Andover. Mrs. Francis Casey returned home with them, where she is visiting Mrs. Margaret Cable.



Sunday, Sept. 17, 1967

Dear Red and Jeanne:

I received the missing issues you sent and thank you a million! I also noted in the issue of 7th of Sept. my letter was printed. Bully for you! And Thanks!

This past week I had my yearly check-up and the doctor found a little condition that has to be operated on and so I expect this week I will go into one of the hospitals here and have it taken care of. I sure hate being cut on but am glad we have doctors and hospitals!

You might put a note in the paper about this for I'd like to hear from my Andover friends. Cards and letters sure cheer you up when you are feeling low. So if my good friend Margaret P. Wood doesn't hear from me for a few weeks she will understand why—that is if this makes the news. And even more than cards and letters I'd like a few prayers winging to the Man up there. I always, feel they help.

Well, until ye southern correspondent is able to type again, fare thee well.

As ever,

Daphne

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that will be presented to the voters for approval on Election Day, November 7.

Although the new Constitution will be short and clear, brevity and clarity were not the only goals of the Delegates. They were a most welcome byproduct. The importance of the new Constitution will be its setting of aims and goals for the State. For example, in one section, the Constitution will pledge the State to the eradication of pollution in our elements — water and air. With this mandate in the Constitution, the Governor, the Executive Branch, and the Legislature will be required and enabled to act on these critical problems, using all possible resources available to them.

It will be, as Convention President Anthony J. Travia has noted, "a road map for the State as it moves into the future." The analogy is apt, for we can all appreciate the difficulty a driver would have if he tried to drive from Buffalo or New York to Andover using a map drawn up in 1938 — the last year we had a Constitutional Convention in New York.

Next Week — the first of a series of columns outlining the major provisions in the proposed Constitution.

Regional Meeting On Seeds, Fertilizer, Lime And Farm Chemicals

1968 Field Crop information to dealers in seeds, fertilizer, lime and farm chemicals will be given at the Wellsville Hotel on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1967, starting at 10:00 A. M.

Dealers, agency representatives, agricultural teachers and farm finance representatives in all southwestern New York counties are invited to attend this all day session of instruction.

Subjects including how much corn, new chemical weed control, high moisture corn, best way to fertilize for high yields of corn will be covered during the morning session. After a business man's lunch at the Wellsville Hotel, the group will take up subjects of controlling insects with chemicals new small grain varieties for 1968, new varieties of alfalfa and new ideas in seeding alfalfa.

Preliminary edition of "1968 Cornell Recommendations for Field Crops" will be released to those attending.

Arrangements for the upcoming session are made by C. W. Hobbethwaite and H. N. Evans, Cooperative Extension Agents for Allegany County.