

LET'S RETAIN THE RIGHT OF CHOICE!

An Editorial

The Proposed New Constitution has now appeared in the Andover News and you voters have had a week to look them over. For you that haven't seen them — they will appear every week in our Newspaper until election.

Undoubtedly, there will be many impassioned appeals to your sympathy or emotions by advocates of this document via the Radio and Television media to support this "Sleeping Genie" in his bottle before election.

However, we beg of you, don't make a hasty decision, as a result of any of these pleas — just read the cold, hard, words — and look at the facts and possibilities that underline some of the "carefully couched" propositions. Then visualize what some of these "bad-dies" could mean to you in Taxes — in order to get the "goodies" that are all wrapped up in the same package.

FIRST of all FOLKS — you haven't been given the choice to vote on each one separately — as you should — if you believe in a Democratic Form of Government and are given credit as having the intelligence to determine for yourself what YOU think is—good—or bad!

This is almost like giving you a choice of: "whether you want them to use a new rope — or an old rope — to hang you with." The end result is the same — you end up as a DEAD DUCK!

We wonder if you voters realize that a "Yes" vote would virtually foreclose us all from ever again casting a meaningful vote on the contracting of State debt, a right we've had since 1846 and which we've exercised on many occasions to defeat undesired statewide spending proposals.

Approval of this new charter would freeze in the Constitution a new formula for the payment of state aid to public schools based on school registration figures, rather than as presently on actual attendance. This not only would encourage absenteeism but would require taxpayers to pay for education not furnished!

It is true that there are some very good articles in the New Proposed Constitution but — to have to accept the Bad in order to get the Good, downright insults the self-respect and dignity of the voters!

Voters should remember, however, that there is an alternative method for amending the Constitution so that they can pick out the good articles and reject the bad ones. A method of presenting proposed changes separately — and enabling the people to exercise their "right of choice".

If the voters endorse this whole package of Constitutional Convention proposals in order to obtain those parts of which they approve — they will then be saddled with the provisions of which they disapprove. The undesirable provisions will be firmly fixed by law! They will be difficult to remove hereafter and no doubt impossible to correct, before their damage is done!

On the other hand, if the voters reject the package, they will avoid the undesirable features — and merely postpone the opportunity to enact the desired provisions.

If the proposed new Constitution is approved at this year's election, only three sections of one article would become effective on January 1, 1968. And, naturally, these are the ones that provide for the incurring of state debt without vote of the people and authorize state and local governments to give or loan money to any private person, association or corporation for economic and community development purposes.

All the other provisions of the proposed Constitution wouldn't become operative until January 1, 1969.

If the people reject the one package presentation at this year's election, desired changes in the present Constitution can be passed by the Legislature in 1968, receive second legislative endorsement in 1969, and be submitted separately to the voters at the 1969 election thus giving people the opportunity to exercise their "right of choice."

Why not vote "No" — and protect this "right of choice."

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50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 19, 1917

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The weatherman handed out sample packages of winter last Friday morning, the ground was covered with snow.

Mrs. William Burger is visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. E. Johnson of Candor for a few weeks.

Miss Gertrude Wells of Alfred was a week-end guest of her Aunt Mrs. Lelia Livermore.

Richard Forness of Salamanca was the guest of Louis Dean of South Hill Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dean of South Hill are the parents of a daughter, born Friday, Oct. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Burrows left Andover Sunday for their new home in Greenwich, Conn.

Miss Helen Corey came home from Sonvea Monday for a week's visit with her father Wm. Corey.

Misses Josephine, Regina and Mary Raufenbarth and Herbert Snyder spent a few days at Cuba lake the first of the week.

Mrs. Alice Warfield has sold her property on Hill Street and went to Salamanca Thursday to make her home permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams, Mrs. E. F. Stearns and Mrs. Edson Langworthy motored to Burdette this week, guests of Mrs. Williams' brother, M. F. Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder, Raymond Snyder, Miss Ila Brown and Miss Ruby Snyder motored to Ithaca Saturday and were guests of Leo Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lindsay.

Messrs. Tim Regan and James Mulcahy returned home Sunday after a delightful trip to New York City, going to Camp Dix enroute to see our boys.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 21, 1927

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Members of the Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, O.E.S., will observe their 25th anniversary on Monday, October 24th.

Dr. E. B. Scott arrived in Andover Tuesday and has been located in the Smith house on Main St., the former office and home of Dr. Storer.

Word has been received that D. H. Rogers died Oct. 6th at his home in California. His wife three sons and two daughters survive.

Mrs. C. M. Slade of Independence is visiting in New York City and vicinity for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer and children of Independence were week-end guests of his brother, Carroll Spicer and family at Hammonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burdick of Elm Valley, spent the week-end with their son, William in Rochester.

Fred Pierce and family and Leon Lewis and family of Tip Top left Monday by motor for California to spend the winter with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Corwin of Wellesville left Monday for Boston, Mass., where Mr. Corwin is attending the 23rd Annual Convention of the Massachusetts Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures.

Miss Marcella O'Hara of Wellsville and Roland Stevens of Andover, were united in marriage Monday, October 17th by Rev. P. C. Tracy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder and grandson, Jack Saunders went to New York City Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Sinclair.

D. K. Porter of Buffalo is greeting Andover friends this week.

Archie Bloss, F. E. Boyd, Fred Stebbins, Glenn Roger Burr Ruger and David Slocum left Wednesday for Batavia where they were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyd and hunted pheasants the opening day.

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 15, 1937

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Mr. and Mrs. Roland Carpenter are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday, October 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Burdick of

Convention Viewpoint

Last week we described the functions and duties of the executive and legislative branches of government as they would function under the proposed new New York State Constitution. This week, we turn our attention to the branch most Andover residents usually hope to avoid — the Judiciary.

The Judiciary article is the fifth article in the proposed Constitution. It establishes a unified statewide court system, consisting of the court of appeals, the supreme court and its appellate divisions, the court on the judiciary, the court of claims, the surrogate's court, the family court, the civil and criminal courts of the city of New York and the district court system. It also includes county, town, city and village courts now existing until they may be superseded and abolished by the adoption of the district court system in any county outside the city of New York.

The proposed constitution is very specific about the local justice courts and provides for a mandatory referendum in every county of the state, except those comprising New York City — and those counties in which a district court presently exists, on the question of whether a district court system should be established.

The article includes provisions relating to the qualifications, manner of selection, assignment, compensation, terms of office and retirement of judges. The proposed constitution also recognizes the possibility of needing more judges in the future. We here in Andover are well aware from local news reports about the many overcrowded court calendars. The proposed constitution authorizes the court of appeals to create additional judges by certifying their need. In addition, there is continued power to create additional judges by statute.

Article seven governs the conduct of public officers and employees. It sets forth the oath of office to be taken by members of the legislature and all others that will be sworn into office. It bars any other test of belief, oath or declaration, as well as ownership of property, as a qualification for public office or employment.

It states that civil service appointments and promotions shall be on the basis of merit and fitness, to be determined, as far as practicable, by competitive examinations. The article defines the preferences granted to certain veterans of the armed forces of the United States.

It moves to aid senior citizens by stating that pensions paid by the state or any local government to officers and employees thereof shall not be subject to state income taxes.

The article requires that laborers, workmen or mechanics, in the employ of a contractor or subcontractor engaged in the performance of public work shall be paid no less than the rate of wages prevailing in the same trade in the locality of public work.

Railroad Valley, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday October 12th with an Open House at their home.

Robert Lynch of New York City passed from Saturday until Tuesday at the home of Michael Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Granger Chamberlain left Saturday for Ischua before leaving to make their home in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Harry Smith is attending the O.E.S. Grand Chapter in New York City this week.

Mrs. Mina Gordon is visiting her daughter at Petrolia this week.

Mrs. C. S. Rennells of Tip Top spent the week-end with relatives in Coudersport, Pa.

Farnham Pope of Alfred passed the weekend with his parents, Supt. and Mrs. W. G. Pope.

Mrs. Edward J. Cory is spending the week in Rochester with her son, Rev. Reginald E. Cory and Mrs. Cory.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Borden and daughter, Lois of Rochester passed the week-end with her parents, Atty. and Mrs. C. I. Farley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bullard are visiting relatives and friends in Friendship this week.

Boost Your Home Town!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor:

Last weeks Hi Herald carried an item which I and some others read with disbelief and shock. Andover Central School is lowering its standards of scholastic achievement!

These are the days of almost violent competition, when students must wake up and respect the highest possible goals if they are to harbor the slightest hope of advanced educational opportunities. Now, in the face of all this, Andover school officials are saying, in essence, "Take it easy kids. What's the sweat? Passing is good enough, and, to make it even easier for you, we'll let you pass at 65 in the lower grades so you'll be used to underachieving by the time you get into high school."

Just imagine 15% more than 50% — that's all the spelling, social studies, English grammar and math that's necessary. And no honor roll! Nothing to say to the kid who may still have a spark of ambition, that he has done a good job. Only a letter home if there are complaints to be made.

Isn't this like giving the inch-high headline to the juvenile delinquent and not printing the item that says so-and-so made the Dean's list?

For years Andover has been one of the few schools where report cards were issued every five weeks. Really a wonderful opportunity for interested parents, teachers, and students to keep tabs on things before they got too far afield.

We can all understand, I'm sure that with more teachers receiving higher salaries than ever, naturally this practice must be abandoned. All these well-paid people want to work fewer hours too.

So we'll get report cards every 10 weeks. City Hall says so and there's no argument. That's another beauty of A.C.S. — never an argument — But we can and do keep expressing opinions. Especially if our name is

Mrs. Charles G. Lynch

Punta Gorda, Fla.
R 3

Dear Allen:

Sunday the 24th we enjoyed going to an Indian Church with other campers.

Sunday night a large bear came about 10 P. M. to visit our garbage can. Got a flash picture of him. Don't know how good it may look as I may be of been shaking as I was about 12 feet from him.

Monday night we stopped at Lake Sinclair in Georgia, where friends were made with many campers. They agree that campers are the most friendly people and trailering is the life. Most of the campers had spent their summer in Northern States, and were "marking time" for Florida to cool off.

The last night was spent in Winter Haven, Fla., visiting with Gretchen's brother and the Harry Giggers.

We agree it is nice to be back in Harbour Heights and feel it's now our home.

Yours,

The 3 Burdicks

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To The Editors:

Dear Ralph and Jean,

To start off with you probably don't remember me so I will say I am Slim Lehman's daughter. Since I got married and moved to West Virginia my mother sends me the Andover News every week. I enjoy keeping up with all of the news and my old friends.

We only get to Andover 3 or 4 times a year and I really miss it. West Virginia is nice, but it will never compare with Ye Old Andover.

I enjoy hearing from all of my friends and I really enjoy the paper. Keep the paper rolling for an old fan.

Very truly yours,

Mary Lou (Lehman) Bennett

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