

THE "DEMANDS" OF THE PEOPLE ??? ?

(OR WHO IS KIDDING WHO!)

"We have been told a great deal that the steeply rising costs of government results from the demands of the people. That is, government would be much less costly were it not that the people are demanding that government do more and more and consequently government — a democratic government — must be responsive to the people. Thus goes this type of reasoning. But — is this, in truth, the reality?"

"Did the people demand Medicaid? Did the people demand the proposed new constitution that was put to them last November? And, did the people demand that they vote on it in toto — and not be given the opportunity to exercise a free choice with respect to each part?"

"A good insight into the will of the people may be obtained from the official county-by-county tallies of last November's voting on the proposition, proposed amendments and the question of the new constitution."

The proposed new state constitution was turned down by the voters! In every county of the State they rejected it — generally by substantial margins."

"The people in every county also rejected the proposed Blue Ridge state ski facility which was advocated as of substantial potential benefit to the economy. Of particular significance was the defeat of the proposal by the people of Essex County — who would have received the greatest economic benefit from it. They did not demand this extension of service by the State!

"On the proposal to expand the funding power of the State's Job Development Authority the vote was close, defeating it by a margin of only 3.2%. However, more than one out of every five voters did not express themselves either for or against this proposal. This result is all the more significant in the light of the purpose of the amendment, as stated on the ballot, 'to improve employment opportunities in any area of the state.'

"Illustrative of the voter's ability to make discriminating choices was the passage of the Transportation Bond Issue — in 35 out of the 57 upstate counties and in all five of the boroughs of New York City. Blank or void ballots on this one were minimal — totalling only slightly more than the 15 percent on the proposed new constitution."

"Thus the people do not demand more and more government. Rather, when given the opportunity, they make choices reflecting a sense of responsibility for the future well-being of the entire State, over-riding regional and other special interests."

"Those who run our government might well ponder this actual evidence of the people's preference — rather than ascribing to them 'demands' for increased government spending."

(The above was taken from the Jan.-Feb. issue of Monitor)

We have deplored the fact time and again that after the voters have voted some big State money spending project down — sooner or later our own duly elected representatives will figure out how to pass a law so that they accomplish the same result! Even after the voters have voiced their disapproval!

And, dear Voters — do you know why they do this — and still get away with it? Because they wait until after election — and then figure that the voters will forget about it before the next election!

And, do you know something else? They usually get away with it too! Just look at how our own Supervisor voted for the County Sales Tax! As well as many more of them! This despite the fact that they had promised not to take any further action after it was tabled until it was passed by surrounding Counties!

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50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 8, 1918

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Rose Belle Mason McKay, 38, died at her home here Wednesday, February 6th. Six children survive.

Elmer J. Brown, 57, died Sunday, February 3rd. Four brothers survive. Burial was in Independence.

Wilson A. Howland, 68, a lifelong resident of Elm Valley, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jay Burdick Tuesday, February 5th. Three sons, three daughters and two brothers survive. Burial was in Elm Valley Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Howe are the parents of a son, born Saturday, February 2nd.

Tuesday morning the thermometer on the Andover State Bank reported 28 below zero at 5:30 A. M. Then it reformed and steadily went up until within 24 hours it had raised 60 degrees.

Mrs. Linford Potter of Independence has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Comstock at Andover for a few days.

Mrs. Leon Beach and Carlton of Wellsville visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence from Wednesday until Saturday.

Mrs. Leon Wahl and Mrs. Belle Doran of Elm Valley spent the week-end at the home of Uriah Stratton at Andover.

Mrs. Charles Baker of Andover visited her daughter, Mrs. Frank Holmes and family on South Hill the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith went to Syracuse Monday, delegates from Allegany County to the State Convention which is held in that city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Porter returned to their home at Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday after several weeks passed at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey, Charles Brown is passing a few weeks at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. R. Bassett.

Charles Calhoun has gone to Depew to work in the Andover Silk Mills at that place for two weeks.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1928

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mr. and Mrs. James Shimwell are the parents of a son, James Walter born Sunday, February 5th.

Work has begun on the ice harvest at the Andover Ponds this week.

Potatoes are being shipped from Andover this week at \$1.00 per bushel.

William Loughhead entered Alfred University this week.

Ed Baker of Kansas was a guest of his niece, Mrs. W. E. Baker of Tip Top, recently.

Thirty-five friends and neighbors gave Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hand a surprise visit Tuesday evening at their home in Elm Valley. The occasion being the birthday of Mr. Hand.

Mary T. Dean R.N. of South Hill, died Tuesday, February 7th at Our Lady of Victory Hospital in Lackawanna. Her mother, three brothers and two sisters survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

John Beil died at his home in East Valley Wednesday, February 8th following a week's illness.

Several friends and relatives of Mrs. F. A. Williams surprised her Tuesday afternoon on the occasion of her birthday at their home in Railroad Valley.

E. D. Baker, Earl Richardson, Porter Richardson and Claude Eldridge are in Rochester this week in attendance at the Retail Hardware Dealers' Association Annual Convention in session in that city.

Miss Hattie Eggleston returned Saturday from New York City where she had been the guest of friends for a week.

Mrs. Ellen Casey was a guest Monday and Tuesday at the home of her son, John Casey and family at Hornell.

W. S. Calhoun, R. O. Snyder, John Karachas and Charles Smith were in Buffalo on business Monday.

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

Sometime this week, probably Thursday or Friday, a joint legislative committee will begin hearing testimony on a subject bound to touch millions of people in the state.

The subject is the State University of New York — that massive, multi-billion dollar institution of public higher education spread out across the state and supported by taxpayers.

The immediate point of investigation will be the illegal use of marijuana and LSD among the 128,000 students, a scandal kicked off by the massive arrests two weeks ago at the State University at Stony Brook, L. I.

But there is a good chance the investigation will spread into the larger area of the state university system itself; how it is run, how fast it is growing, who really runs it and the caliber of education students are getting.

This week the joint legislative committee on crime, headed by Senator John H. Hughes of Syracuse, is scheduled to hear testimony from Stony Brook administrators and student leaders.

In the coming weeks it will spread to State University campuses at Plattsburgh, Cortland, Oswego, Morrisville, Potsdam, Canton, Brockport, Buffalo, Fredonia, New Platz, Old Westbury, Oneonta and every other university location.

It is going to create a blaze of publicity.

Because of this, it is well to keep in mind that all state Senators and Assemblymen will be up for reelection in November, and there is no better way to get one's name in front of the public than through legislative hearings and investigations.

So some of what goes on will probably have to be taken with a grain of salt.

The investigation was touched off by Senator Leon E. Giuffreda of Long Island. He said he went to Stony Brook officials and told them he had learned of drug problems there. Officials promised to look into it. They never did, he said.

He said Stony Brook officials promised to cooperate with local police. But, he said, when local police wanted to pose as students to investigate reports of marijuana and LSD parties, the university refused. The police did it anyway. The result was the raid.

Giuffreda and other legislators are upset because, they said, State University officials seem to be saying that drug use is a personal problem, and not something they can do anything about.

Giuffreda claims his investigation shows a complete lack of administration control over students.

People who aren't even students, in one case the brother-in-law, sister and their two children of a student were living in a State University dorm "like it was a hotel", he said, free of charge.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 11, 1938

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Mrs. Sara R. Cannon, 59, died Saturday, February 5th. A daughter, a son and two brothers survive. Interment was in Gates of Heaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Alice M. Randolph, 85, died Friday, January 28th. A daughter survives. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Rogers are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday, February 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mickle are the parents of a daughter born Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gavin are the parents of a son born Friday, February 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huffcut are the parents of a daughter, Ruth Anne, born Friday, February 4th.

A. W. Corwin of Wellsville, county sealer of weights and measures and an active fireman, received notification last week of his appointment to the legislative committee of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

Kenneth Vars has enrolled in the Bowman Technical Institute at Lancaster, Pa. He will take the complete jewelers' course.

Wild Geese have been reported as seen flying North this week.

James H. McCormick, 70, died Friday, February 4th. Four sons, five daughters, a brother and a sister survive. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery Rexville.

Miss Margaret Dougherty of Towanda, Pa., spent from Thursday until Sunday with her mother, Mrs. P. J. Dougherty.

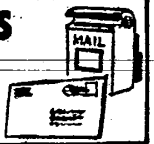
Miss Roberta Church entertained over the week-end Miss Beatrice Sly of Kenmore, Miss Violet Keene of Rochester and Miss Jean Seager of Hamburg, students of Genesee Normal.

Ernest Trowbridge of Greenwood was a Tuesday guest of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Hargan and family of Bradford Pa., were called here by the death of her father, James McCormick.

Heavy snow should be swept from the branches of evergreens and shrubs, especially those in foundation plantings around the house. Snow may break or bend the branches out of shape.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Punta Gorda, Fla

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Dear Mr. Allen:

Guess it is about time I wrote and tell about some of our traveling.

On Dec. 27th we loaded our travel trailer up with water, gas, electricity and groceries and took off for the Everglades National Park, 225 mi., intending to stay there for a week then go on to Key West for another week.

A few days after we got to the Everglades we all got the "flu" as well as most of the other campers. After a week we came back home and it took us another week to get well.

The 24th of Jan. we took off again for St. Petersburg. Located in a trailer park for two days. Called on the Howard Gowdys from Wellsville, Mrs. Backus and Mrs. Lever from Andover, Mr. and Mrs. C. DeMays from Rochester and then Irving Wakefields from the Almond Rd.

Friday we went on to Brooksville for a 2-day Fan Travel Trailer Rally. Sunday went on to Clearmont where 50 crosses 27 — Monday went up in the Citrus Tower.

Came on South on 27 to Lake Wales for the night.

Called on the Harry Gigees and Wadlo Clare.

Tuesday came on home and found there was a frost here the 25th which damaged our squash, beans, and tomatoes.

Guess we will stay at home for the next few weeks and enjoy the sunshine.

Yours
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