

VOTERS — YOUR INTEGRITY IS AT STAKE!!! An Editorial

Voters, didn't you vote down the re-apportionment plan the last time that you had a chance to vote on it? Now, in a special election, you are about to be asked: "Did you really mean what you said before?" In other words it appears to us as if your integrity as a voter is being questioned on about the same type of proposal.

This new proposal is just about the same as the old one with the County being divided up into the same five districts according to population — only instead of having 4 legislators from each district, the new plan would cut it down to 3 from each district. And, as far as that goes, why wouldn't 1 from each district do just as well — and save we Taxpayers another bundle of \$\$\$\$'s!!!

However, from the facts quoted by Leonard Briggs, Town of Andover Supervisor, there is no need of all of this additional expense to County Taxpayers for a separate Legislative system since the weighted voting system used by our Board of Supervisors as an interim measure has been accepted by many Counties and approved by the Courts.

Under the new plan, every Township would still have a Supervisor — only they wouldn't have anything to say about how things were to be run in the County since they couldn't hold both the Office or Supervisor and County Legislator.

This would mean then, that the 15 new jobs created as County Legislators would be 15 extra jobs that County Taxpayers would have to pay for!

Recently, we received a letter (more than likely a lot of you people did also) entitled: "Why Reapportionment?" And, it lists: "Nine honest answers to your questions about Reapportionment"

However, from our standpoint of view, there are at least nine honest answers that the Taxpayers should know about — that so far we haven't seen explained!

In Par. 8 it states that: "The county legislators will be paid on a per diem basis". But, it doesn't say whether they will also receive a salary as a County Legislature. Furthermore, it doesn't say how much it is estimated that this new plan will cost.

Is this going to be another "Albatross" hung around the Taxpayers neck like the poorly conceived and highly cost-wise underestimated Medicaid plan that was instituted in New York State.

Even if the plan were to be initiated without the Legislators receiving a regular salary — what would prevent them from voting themselves a nice fat salary after it was underway? After all, our Senators and Congressmen voted themselves a huge wage increase just a short time ago — and then have the nerve to try and blame labor or management for the increase in cost of living. Then too, who is going to run for such an elective office — unless they receive a handsome financial remuneration in return?

In par. 7, we are confused because the proponents of the new plan state that this cuts the present board of 29 men to a core of 15 who can still maintain the inexpensive "committee system" of government — yet in par. 8 it states that the Towns will still have their Supervisors. So in reality, it builds it up to a new "core" of 15 "political plums" to pluck the Taxpayers — doesn't it?

We ask why we Taxpayers should have to be put to the additional expense of adding 15 legislators to the County set-up when the weighted — voting plan that is now in effect conforms to the "one man/one vote" ruling of the Supreme Court? This way, despite the fact that the Supervisor may have only a fraction of a vote — at least his Township has a voice — and his constituents can feel truly represented!



36 YEARS AGO

February 23, 1919 J. H. Backus, Publisher

Edward Duryea, 73, died at his home in Andover, Mass., Saturday, Feb. 23, 1919. He was born in Andover, Mass., and was a prominent citizen of this town.

Mr. Duryea was a member of the Andover Board of Supervisors for many years and was also a member of the Andover Town Council.

He was a well-known and popular citizen and was highly respected by all who knew him. He was a devoted family man and was survived by his wife and several children.

Funeral services were held at the Andover Congregational Church on Sunday, Feb. 24, 1919. The Rev. Mr. [Name] officiated. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

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40 YEARS AGO

February 22, 1909 J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

A fire that completely gutted the Babcock Hall of physics and caused a loss to Alfred University of more than \$200,000, occurred early Tuesday morning.

George Gavin, 20, of Piquary Hill, died Wednesday evening, February 20th. His parents, three brothers and two sisters survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

Mrs. Clarinda Brundage, 88, died Tuesday, February 18th. A son and three daughters survive. Interment was in Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Matison of Elm Valley, are the parents of a daughter, Lois Jean, born February 18th.

The Philetus Brewster farm on Greenwood Hill, owned by Mrs. Joseph Eberle, was sold this week to Walter Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hines are the parents of a son, Francis, born last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clara [Name] daughter, Doris, of [Name] are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Clark of [Name] since.

30 YEARS AGO

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B. S. Brundage, 78, died Sunday, February 19th at his home on Center Street. Two sons and two sisters survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. [Name] daughter, Doris, of [Name] are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Clark of [Name] since.

Clifford Howland, who is work-

ing in Canada, was home to pass the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howland.

Mrs. Mary [Name] passed last week at the [Name] daughter, Mrs. Otis [Name] of Greenwood.

Miss Thelma [Name] was home Saturday and Sunday from Wallsville, where she is nursing at the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bullard of Friendship, were called to Andover this week by the illness of his sister, Miss Arvilla Bullard of Dyke Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higby went to Perry Friday to pass the week-end and to attend a birthday dinner in honor of his father, Edwin Higby of that place.

Mrs. E. P. Langworthy of Genoa, Ill., arrived in Andover Wednesday and accompanied her brother, LeRoy Brundage and other relatives to Perry to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Clarinda Brundage on Friday.

Mrs. C. L. Early returned the last of the week from Rochester, where she had been with her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Borden for three weeks.

Miss Mary O'Boyle was a week-end guest of Miss Helena Sullivan of Wallsville.

Clayton Bonnet returned home Wednesday, after passing several days at the home of F. L. Scott of Cuba.

Willard Hulce of Greenwood, passed the week-end with his grandmother, Mrs. Clara Scribner.

from Brea, Calif., where he has been since last fall.

Ray Parker was called to Leeds, North Dakota Monday by the sudden death of his mother, Mrs. Jennie Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pease and children of Stanparis, passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and William Pease, who accompanied them home Sunday for the day.

Miss Louise Rogers of West Greenwood, passed the week-end guest of Miss Rita Burns.

Mrs. Simon Reisman is visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Berbyiak at Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. William Childs were called to Hornell Sunday and Monday by the serious illness of his brother, Carl Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke were Saturday callers of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson of Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howland and daughter, Charity Ann, were in Buffalo Saturday to attend the wedding of her brother, Donald Lynch.

Mrs. A. D. Randall of Corning motored to Andover Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter, who had been passing the week at the Randall home in Corning.

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