

# TO THE VOTERS of the Town of Andover, Allegany Co.

On Tuesday, March 4th, there will be held an election in the County of Allegany, an election which will be a referendum on the proposed reapportionment by the Board of Supervisors in Belmont.

On Tuesday, November 5th, 1968 there was a referendum held on a plan of reapportionment which was defeated by the electorate, the vote being 3626 Yes, 6007 No, and 7758 abstaining from voting. The plan to be voted on March 4th varies from the one defeated in November in that, although in each case, the County was divided into FIVE Districts of approximately the same population, the number of Legislators per District in November was 4 to a District or 20 in all, while the referendum coming up on March 4th, calls for three Legislators to a District or 15 in all. The Towns will continue to be organized as of today, except that the Supervisor of a Town can not be a County Legislator. In the referendum plan on March 4th there is a provision which did not exist in the November 5th plan, of having the Supervisors in the Towns in each District meet every three months with the Legislators in the District. These meetings are discussion meetings only, and there can be nothing legally binding.

What is responsible for this change in County Government? The Supreme Court of the United States in 1962 decided in the case of Baker vs. Carr, that the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, provided that the States, "shall not deny to any person within its jurisdiction equal protection of the laws", which included the right to vote. The right of protection was stated by the Court to mean that all Legislators for the various State Governments shall represent an equal number of the electorate, or equal protection meant, "one-man one vote". This principal of deciding every question of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" on a popu-

lation basis, means that in Rural New York all questions of Government shall be on a New York Metropolitan basis, for when New York State reapportioned a few years ago, both Houses of the Legislature, the Assembly and the Senate, were constituted on a one-man one-vote basis, and the picture is as follows:

The land area of N.Y.S. is 47,939 Square Miles. The land area of Metropolitan New York is 1791 Square Miles, which is 4.1% of total New York. The population of New York State (1960 census) was 16,782,304. The population of Metropolitan New York is 10,602,137, which is 63.2% of the total population of New York.

When the reapportionment in New York went in effect, on a population basis in both houses, our State Legislators were from Metropolitan New York, with majority of 63.2% against 36.8% from the rest of the State. The hundreds of mandates issued by the State Legislature on Western New York and which have very little application to the people of Western New York, have made our Counties, Towns, Villages and even our Cities, to assume expensive rolls which are not necessary.

The apportionment principle applied to Counties, means "Abolish the Board of Supervisors, Create a new Legislative body in its place. Divide the County into new Legislative Districts, with mathematically equal populations, without regard to Town Lines, in a great many cases, and elect Legislators from these Districts". The proponents of this proposal of County Government is to break up relations between the Towns and the Counties, and establish a Super-Government somewhere between the Towns and the State Governments.

The plan on which you are asked to vote on March 4th is as follows: Allegany County is to be divided into FIVE Districts, the Dis-

tricts being constituted as follows:  
No. 1 District: Town of Center-ville, Hume, Granger-Grove, Rushford, Canesadea, Allen, Birdsall, Belfast, Angelica.

10 Towns — 3 Legislators — 7 Towns without representation.

No. 2 District: Towns of New Hudson, Cuba, Friendship, Genesee, Clarks-ville.

5 Towns — 3 Legislators — 2 Towns without representation.

No. 3 District: Towns of Wirt, Scio, Bolivar, Alma, Willing, Independence.

6 Towns — 3 Legislators — 3 Towns without representation.

No. 4 District: Towns: Wellsville 3 Legislators from 1 Town

No. 5 District: Towns — Burns, Almond, West Almond, Amity, Alfred, Ward and Andover.

7 Towns — 3 Legislators — 4 Towns without representation.

The new County Government proposed will consist of 15 Legislators from 13 Towns, 16 Towns will be without Direct Representation. Their representation will be the 3 Legislators in each District, which representation will be INDIRECT, and could be on a basis of "Remote Control".

The Reapportionment Plan to be considered can be called a "Perfect Paradox". A paradox describes a situation which requires improvements, and after the improvements are made, is considerably worse than when you started. The situation originally was that "individuals" were not allowed to vote, and then were deprived of the protection of the law. We intend to improve the situation by allowing the residents of every Town to Vote, but eliminate them in the processes of County Government by not allowing them to have direct representation. Sixteen Townships with a minimum of 10,500, will not be represented in Belmont, only on paper. Sixteen Towns will lose their Identity.

County Government is different than any other branch of Government in the State. While State Legislation covers the entire State, County Government Resolutions deal with the individual Townships, to a great extent. The

County Board of Supervisors, at present, establish a Budget; some of this budget is spent on a County basis, which is spent on the County as a whole; there is a large amount of this budget which is spent on individual Towns. The Highway Department has a budget of over one and three Quarters Million Dollars and the Board of Supervisors controls every cent by specifying by resolution where this money is spent. In the 28 Townships, there are over 300 miles of County Roads, over 500 Bridges, over twenty feet long, hundreds of Rights of Way for the Construction of New Roads, and other projects which are located in individual Towns. The 16 Towns without representation will pay their proportion of the taxes, and will have absolutely no say as to where the Highway funds are spent. THIS IS TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION.

The system of Reapportionment above is the District system. There is another plan of reapportionment called the "Weighted Voting Plan."

The plan of one-man one-vote is regulated by giving each Supervisor, voting power based upon the population which represents. For example, if 40 people represents one vote, a Town of 400 population would have 10 votes; the Town with 2000 population, would have 50 votes, etc. All Townships would keep their representation as at present; the Township Supervisor would be a County Supervisor as at present. Every Town will participate in County Government, although its voting power will vary in each Town. The basic principle of Taxation without Representation, will not be practiced.

The weighted Voting principle was originally advocated as a temporary system, until a permanent system could be established. This system has finally emerged as a permanent system of Government, and the following Counties of New York State are reapportioned on its basis:

Counties under Weighed Voting: Essex, Madison, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Seneca, Sullivan, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Fulton, Hamilton, Livingston and Ontario

— 13 Counties under Multiple District Plan: (As proposed by Allegany Co.) Schenectady — 1

Counties under Single District Plan: (Each District 1 Legislator) all Townships sliced up into parts to make Districts approximately equal, or in case of the small Townships, two, three or four, other whole or in parts, to make a district: Albany, Broome, Clinton, Erie, Genesee, Herkimer, Lewis, Monroe, Nassau, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Orange, Otsego, Suffolk, Tompkins, Franklin — 17

Counties with a mixture of single and multiple districts, Cattaraugus, Dutchess, Greene, Steuben, and Ulster — 5

Total Apportioned 36 Counties: Counties not apportioned 21.

Vote down the multiple District Plan submitted. Ask the Board of Supervisors for the Weighted Voting Plan. The last Three Counties to accept weighted voting plans, were allowed to establish the PLAN WITHOUT A REFERENDUM. The statement made by some advocates of the District plan that the JUDGE would come in and advocate a plan which would not be to your liking is absurd. Allegany Co. has a TEMPORARY WEIGHTED PLAN IN USE. With a few changes it can be established as a Permanent Plan.

LEONARD S. BRIGGS, Supervisor

**Legion Auxiliary Notice**  
The regular meeting of Lynch-Burgett American Legion No. 397, Auxiliary, will meet Monday evening, March 3rd at 8 p. m. at the Legion Home.  
Lunch Committee: Helen Boyd and Camilla Harris.

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## Supervisors' Compensation Table For 1968

SPECIAL COMMITTEE WORK, ETC. REGULAR AND SPECIAL SESSIONS

SUPERVISORS		No.	Pay	No.	Mileage	Expense	No.	Days	Pay	No.	Mileage	Total
Bennett, Thomas	10	200.00	480	48.00	6.50	18	720.00	900	90.00			1,064.50
Briggs, Leonard	85	1,700.00	3271	327.10	194.35	20	800.00	760	76.00			3,097.45
Brooks, James	1	20.00	28	2.80		2	80.00	20	2.00			104.80
Davies, Oswald						2	80.00	80	8.00			88.00
Dunlap, Alton	1	20.00	44	4.40		2	80.00	88	8.80			113.20
Embser, Richard	3	60.00	40	4.00		1	40.00	20	2.00			106.00
Feeman, Wayne, Jr.	51	1,020.00	1154	115.40	9.65	18	720.00	360	36.00			1,901.05
Fenner, G. Richard	27	540.00	866	86.60		18	720.00	540	54.00			1,400.60
Gallmann, Walter	2	40.00	37	3.70		2	80.00	50	5.00			128.70
Gilbert, Ezra	31	620.00	1900	190.00	4.00	17	680.00	1105	110.50			1,604.50
Glasspoole, LaVergne	21	420.00	660	66.00	3.00	19	760.00	570	57.00			1,306.00
Guilford, Mina	9	180.00	206	20.60		18	720.00	386	38.60			960.20
Hale, Harland	64	1,280.00	1674	167.40	12.75	19	760.00	684	68.40			2,288.55
Hasper, John	52	1,040.00	1167	116.70	118.50	18	720.00	360	36.00			2,031.20
Knox, Fred						2	80.00	96	9.60			89.60
Kopler, Raymond	84	1,680.00	3854	385.40	138.75	20	800.00	880	88.00			3,092.15
Kreidler, Leland	2	40.00	48	4.80		1	40.00	60	6.00			90.80
Lackey, Carl	87	1,740.00	4427	442.70	180.05	20	800.00	800	80.00			3,242.75
Lacy, Hugh	8	160.00	336	33.60		19	760.00	432	43.20			996.80
MacMichael, Harold	27	540.00	1118	111.80	12.65	20	800.00	800	80.00			1,544.45
McKerrow, Angus	73	1,460.00	4138	413.80	30.40	20	800.00	1200	120.00			2,824.20
McNinch, Robert	75	1,500.00	869	86.90	39.00	20	800.00					2,425.90
Monroe, Ernest	5	100.00	246	24.60	4.00	3	420.00	48	4.80			253.40
Mulligan, Paul	29	580.00	478	47.80	3.00	19	760.00	304	30.40			1,421.20
Pomeroy, Sherwood	9	180.00	412	41.20	3.00	16	640.00	640	64.00			928.20
Shaner, Clarence	33	660.00	916	91.60	40.85	20	800.00	378	37.80			1,630.25
Sisson, Paul	57	1,140.00	838	83.80	49.50	20	800.00	280	28.00			2,101.30
Smith, Benson	46	920.00	1338	133.80	64.60	20	2,400.00	680	68.00			3,586.40
Smith, Hilda	9	180.00	124	12.40		16	640.00	176	17.60			850.00
Spicer, Floyd	12	240.00	362	36.20		18	720.00	510	51.00			1,047.20
Starr, Raymond	4	80.00	144	14.40	1.75	2	80.00	36	3.60			179.75
Taber, Lee						2	80.00	56	5.60			85.60
Taylor, Paul	21	420.00	874	87.40	2.00	17	680.00	748	74.80			1,264.20
Thomson, Howard	27	540.00	1096	109.60	2.00	18	720.00	216	21.60			1,393.20
Toporas, Anthony	36	720.00	1246	124.60		20	800.00	640	64.00			1,708.50
Voss, Harold	21	420.00	1020	102.00	12.00	2	80.00	92	9.20			623.20
Wagner, Berbert	10	200.00	286	28.60		18	720.00	540	54.00			1,002.60
Walters, Lawrence	32	640.00	1528	152.80		19	760.00	950	95.00			1,647.80
Watson, Leonard	67	1,340.00	1008	100.80	4.55	18	720.00	216	21.60			2,186.95
Wiedemann, Vern	13	260.00	780	78.00	8.00	18	720.00	936	93.60			1,158.60
Young, James Jr.	3	60.00	75	7.50	1.50							69.00

I hereby certify that the Board of Supervisors of Allegany County was in session 22 days during 1968. The above constitutes a correct statement of all compensation paid to each member during 1968 for services rendered from December 20, 1967 to December 9, 1968 inclusive. Compensation for December 18 and 27, 1968 will be included in 1969. The above compensation for Beason L. Smith includes \$1,600.00 salary as Chairman of the Board pursuant to Resolution No. 1-68 adopted January 8, 1968.

FRANCES S. BARNES, Clerk  
Allegany County Board of Supervisors

# NOTICE

By Order of the State of New York Department of Health the present refuse disposal area on Route 17, presently operated by the Village and Town of Andover,

**Will Be Closed  
FEBRUARY 27, 1969**

**Effective February 28, 1969**

All Residents of the Town and Village of Andover may use the Wellsville Sanitary Landfill, AT NO CHARGE, located on the Duffy Hollow Road, West of Elm Valley. The cost of this sanitary landfill operation will be shared by the Village and Town of Wellsville and the Village and Town of Andover.

**The Landfill Is Open  
8 A. M. Until 5 P. M.  
Monday Through Saturday**

LEONARD S. BRIGGS  
Supervisor

PAUL E. KILBANE  
Mayor