

Reapportionment Plan In Retrospect

The following is a "Letter to the Editor" that we received the day before election (Tues. March 4th) and naturally was too late to print before election. However, we feel it should be made a matter of record since it indicates to us the mis-conception that perhaps most of the voters had that voted for this plan.



To The Editor:

It seems advisable at this time to clear up some misconceptions. It is important that every eligible voter cast his ballot on Wednesday on the Reapportionment Plan for Allegany County. If the proposed plan is defeated we will have lost our right of franchise on the issue and Judge Stiller will mandate our plan. It should be safe to assume that his decision will not be for 'weighted voting' (as has been advocated) as the legality of such method, except for interim stop gaps, is still questionable.

Inasmuch as the Legislature will administer the business of the County now being done by the Board of Supervisors the method and amount of Legislators' remuneration will continue to be fixed by it. If there are to be changes they will be made after there is a

public hearing on the budget, in which this is included.

Commencing January first each Supervisor will be Chairman of his Town Board and handle the affairs of the Town only, not the County. The three Legislators of each District will confer with each Town Board in their District at the office of each Town Board. There will not be a planned convergence of all of the members of the 29 Town Boards at a session of the Legislature.

Many interested persons have spent long hours in solving the delineation of Districts to conform to the 'one man-one vote' order. In every case where more than five Districts were mapped it was found that one or more towns would be split into more than one District. Ironically, these towns were usually Andover, Angelica and Belfast.

It is felt that to have less than fifteen Legislators would force abandonment of the economical committee system now being used. This number allows the election of active men of the business world who can bring their talents to the people on a part-time basis. To have less, five for example, would entail the election of full-time Legislators at high salaries and their excessive temptations of the Commissioner system.

Let us be masters of our fate and vote YES for the Reapportionment Plan as submitted.

Alexander Litchard

Now here is an excerpt from the MEMORANDUM handed down by: NORMAN A. STILLER, Justice of Supreme Court in the case of Robert E. Follett, 52 Hill Street Wellsville, N. Y., Plaintiff vs. The Board of Supervisors of the Coun-

ty of Allegany and the State of New York. Defendants: In the 4th paragraph (and we quote verbatim) —

"There may come a time when this County MAY be compelled to take steps to enforce a plan of its own IF the Court is convinced that the people of the various municipalities comprising the County of Allegany insist upon representation by their smaller units of government as such on the basis that each town is entitled to representation as HERETOFORE and because of SUCH FEELING defeats this plan."

Now readers, we leave it up to your intelligence and ability to read. Does this direct quotation sound the same as in the 2nd paragraph of the "Letter to the Editor" where it says: "If the proposed plan is defeated we will have lost our right for franchise on the issue and Judge Stiller will mandate our plan."? Furthermore — nowhere in the entire memorandum is there ANY reference whatsoever for or against the "weighted voting" plan!!!

Furthermore, as a matter of record, according to a list published Feb. 5, 1969, which is available to local residents, the "Weighted Voting" plan has already been accepted by the courts for 13 Counties and is now in operation in these Counties.

However, the "Multiple District" plan (which corresponds to the one just voted in here in Allegany County) is in effect in only 1 other County in the State which is Schenectady with 5 Townships and the City!

Now, doesn't it look to you as if the Voters of Allegany County were really taken in?

Mike Gath presents an engraved plaque for meritorious service to Craig Snyder for his many years of dedicated efforts for the Lynch-Burgett Post. Photo by Wittie

Appreciation

I wish to express my appreciation to my friends and neighbors for the visitations, cards, flowers and other acts of kindness. Also a special thanks to Dr. Blaisdell and the nurses at the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Leona Slocum

Tax Notice

All unpaid County and Town Taxes will be returned to the County Treasurer, Belmont, New York, April 1st.

Reta Foster, Collector
RETA E. FOSTER, Collector

Appreciation

We wish to express our deep gratitude for the many personal calls and concern of our friends and neighbors, also, the sincere expressions of sympathy of our Church and Pastor, Rev. Floyd Aldrich, at the time of our recent bereavement for our 17 year old grandson, Ronald Updyke of Branchport, who was instantly killed in an auto accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Post

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