

WHY VOTE ON PRIMARY DAY? An Editorial

The County Legislator is a new office this year. Up to now, the Town Supervisor always represented the Town in the County Government.

The five-district plan for County Government in Allegany County provides for a separation of the two offices, and although the New York State Legislature has now gone on record as allowing one man to hold both offices, this can not be accomplished in Allegany County due to its present Local Law.

The District Plan provides Five Districts in the County, and the twenty-nine Townships have been placed in these districts on a basis of population. Each District is to have three Legislators, elected by the individual District.

There are seven Townships in District #5 as follows: Andover, Amity, West Almond, Ward, Almond and Burns. And, there are seven Republican Candidates for the three Legislators to be nominated on the Republican ticket.

The three Legislators nominated will be candidates in the General Election in November. These three Candidates will be from three different Townships leaving four Townships in the District that will not qualify a Candidate for office in the General Election and thus will have no personal representation in our County Government.

In the entire County, with three Legislators in each of the five Districts, thirteen Towns will have representation in County Government and sixteen will have no personal representation.

The change in the County Government was made by mandate from the Supreme Court of the United States. However, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees EQUAL PROTECTION AND REPRESENTATION TO ALL CITIZENS, as does the Constitution of the State of New York. Equal Protection and Equal Representation means non-discrimination to all citizens.

The plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Allegany County, voted on by only eighteen percent of the qualified voters in a special election on March 4, 1969, was approved by the electorate of Allegany County in this election.

The voters of the Town of Andover voted against this County Plan — four to one —, and voted the largest percentage of any Township in the County.

This Five-District plan does not discriminate on an individual basis; it sets up a plan whereby SIXTEEN whole Townships are discriminated against, in which a minimum of twenty-five percent of the citizens of the twenty-nine Townships, and a maximum of thirty-eight percent of these same Townships will not have "Equal Protection and Equal Representation in County Government".

This is not Democracy! Whatever representation is given to the Towns without a representative — will be by "remote control" — which may amount to practically NOTHING!

The District Plan of Representation applies at present, only to the election of Legislators. All business in this Board of Legislators will be on a County — Town basis. Budgets, Taxation, and Highway expenditures will be done on a Town basis. Every Town should be represented in the Legislature to participate in the expenditure of Six Million Dollars, which is the cost of County Government.

This Primary Election for County Legislator may well determine whether Andover will be represented in Belmont for the next four years.

Thus, it behooves every eligible Republican Voter to get out and vote so that YOU will have a voice in the new County Government!

You VOTERS showed up the rest of the County at the special election in March. Now let's show them up again — and make sure that we at least have a representative in the new County Government!



50 YEARS AGO

June 6, 1919

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Mr. and Mrs. Milford Sweet of Elm Valley, are the parents of a son born last week.

Miss Cleo Bell Cook and Alfred Bess, Jr., both of Greenwood, were united in marriage June 2nd.

Henry Horan has purchased the Abram Slocum property on Second Street and will move the house on his vacant lot on Chestnut Street.

Miss Margaret Leo of Meadville, Pa., is a guest of her brother, John DeRemer and family for a few days.

Postmaster W. F. O'Connell returned Thursday from New York City where he had been in attendance at the State Meeting of the K.O.T.M. as delegate from the Western New York District.

The Village has new signs to be erected at all roads coming into Andover telling of the speed regulations to automobilists.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead of Olean passed Saturday and Sunday guests of her aunt, Mrs. Billings Hall.

J. P. Smith left Thursday evening for Chicago on a business trip for the Standard Oil Company.

Frank Scribner of Oregon, was the guest of his cousin, S. S. Scribner and family several days last week.

Mrs. Mary J. Willard of Belmont is visiting at the home of her brother, N. M. Lanphear of Railroad Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Babcock of Fulmer Valley passed Memorial Day with Mrs. Babcock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles.

Mrs. Fay Bloss and daughter, Marion of South Bend, Ind., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bloss. Mr. Bloss is expected later for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deming returned home Tuesday evening from a southern trip, guests of her son and family, Prof. and Mrs. L. E. Cook of Raleigh, N. C. They made the trip by boat from Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett returned home Sunday after spending a few days in Buffalo, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers.

R. J. Boshier and daughter, Mrs. Anna Case and daughter, Mildred of Munsey, Ind., are visiting relatives in Andover.

Mrs. Eliza Doran, who has been spending several days guest of relatives and friends in Elmira, returned home Sunday.

Misses Edith Cassidy and Mary Graham of Brocklyn are spending a few days with their aunt, Mrs. Gallagher.

Mrs. James Pardon of New York City arrived in Andover Monday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Ella, William and Daniel Mulachy are in Allegany visiting their sister, Mrs. Frank Ryan this week.

40 YEARS AGO

June 7, 1929

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Lightning killed three cows for Joseph Matteson, a horse for Merle Matteson and tore a hole in the farm house of Earl Nye, all of Crittenden District, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Nichols went to Randolph May 13, where he has taken a position as carpenter.

William Beil has purchased the Will Hess Farm and moved his family there Saturday.

Miss Alice Young, 69, of West Union, died May 28th at the home of Mrs. Luella Benton of Greenwood Street, Andover. Miss Young was the last member of her family. Interment was in West Union Cemetery.

Elm Valley school closed Friday with a picnic at Frank Mead's, which was much enjoyed by the children, parents and friends present. Miss Folsing has been engaged to teach again the coming school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scott, son and daughter of Caneades, were week-end guests at the Bert Duell home in Elm Valley.



by Alex Rankin

The Citizens Public Expenditure Survey is sounding the trumpets of alarm again.

"Sit on the sidelines at your own peril," warns the Survey, an independent organization which surveys and reports on state spending in Albany.

The Survey notes that Governor Rockefeller and the state Legislature this year "moved to slow the rise in state aid to education."

But, they said, pressure groups and lobbyists are already on the move to have the cuts restored.

"Unless informed taxpayers throughout the state act now, the school spenders will hike your local school tax bill, convince your legislators that the public does not want school spending reductions, set the stage for an increase in state school aid in 1970 and force you to pay repeated rounds of state and local tax increases to finance continued skyrocketing school expenditures," said the Survey.

The Survey says there are four things taxpayers can now do:

1. Defeat school budgets which contain excessive spending. "Taxpayers in 46 school districts have already defeated school budgets,"

they said, "handing school spenders more budget defeats than were recorded in the entire 1967-68 period."

2. Elect assembly advocates

of the governor and assembly members who will support the state school aid program.

3. Write your legislators and urge them to oppose any school aid cuts.

The Survey notes that in the last 10 years, public school enrollment has gone up 21 per cent and the cost of bringing up 26 per cent, total public school spending in the state has gone up 122 per cent. State aid to schools has gone up 230 per cent in the last 10 years and the expenditure per pupil has gone up 113 per cent.

The Survey quotes the State Education Department on school spending.

"It should be noted that higher than average expenditures in a particular school or district do not automatically guarantee higher than average academic achievement," said the department in a 1967 report.

Miss Florence A. Bardick of Olean, is enjoying a two weeks vacation at the home of her father, Curtis Bardick.

Mrs. Harry Green and Mrs. Nettie Green of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall.

Mrs. Mary Phillips is visiting Mrs. Ida Densmore for a few days.

Charles Caple and mother, Mrs. Floyd Hann, motored to Buffalo Saturday where accompanied by Misses Edna Caple and Emily Hunroe, they started for Dowagiac, Mich., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cochrane for ten days.

Mrs. Nettie Chase of Whitesville was the guest of Mrs. Clara Crandall, while attending the Baptist Association this week.

William J. Richardson, President of the Citizens National Bank and a resident of Wellsville for 32 years, died at his home Thursday.

Mrs. John Stearns of Port Allegany, was a guest last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stearns.

Mrs. C. A. Robinson left Monday evening for Rutherford, N. J., to visit at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson and to attend the commencement exercises where Rodney Robinson will receive his Master's Degree.

T. J. Gilbert, former foreman of the Andover News Office, greeted friends in Andover from Sunday until Friday.

30 YEARS AGO

June 9, 1939

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward McAndrew celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their home Friday, June 2nd.

Conrad F. Church received his Bachelor of Science degree in commerce and business administration May 30th from the University of Alabama.

Mrs. Margaret Dunne died Monday, June 5th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Flynn on Greenwood Hill. A daughter, a son and four brothers survive. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Rexville.

Edward Brewster, Norbert Lynch and Jack Regan all received their Bachelor of Arts degrees from St. Bonaventure College, Tuesday, June 6th.

Malcolm F. Brundage received his Bachelor of Science from Ithaca College last week.

Twenty-one little friends of Miss Rosemary Mead helped her celebrate her eighth birthday Saturday.

George Karcenas caught a brown trout Thursday evening that measured 22 inches in length and weighed 2 pounds and 2 ounces.

Mrs. H. P. Bunday was pleasantly entertained on her 95th birthday last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith.

Miss Doris Baker, teacher of the Pixley Hill School, closed her school for the year with a picnic Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Clarke of Independence, drove to Rochester Friday guests of Howard Clarke, returning home Saturday night.

Miss Erma Dodge of Norton Summit was an overnight guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Rudick of Elm Valley one night last week.

Douglas Whiting received his electrical engineering diploma at the Agricultural School graduating exercises in Alfred, Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Joyce who has been working in Hornell is passing a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Joyce on Joyce Hill.

Mrs. Peter Lynch of Cleveland, Ohio, is spending the month with relatives in Andover.

John Dean of Buffalo is greeting his many Andover friends this week.

Mrs. Lillian Sutton is spending a few days with relatives in Alfred.

Frank Yager of Cory, Pa., visited at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Carpenter over the week-end.

Mrs. Harry Kemp visited L. M. Jordan and daughter, Mildred of Cuba last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. James Feeley of Detroit, Mich., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Anne McDonough.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyland returned last week from three weeks stay with their daughters, the Misses Virginia and Veronica Hyland of New York City and also attended the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trowbridge of Groton, were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loran Trowbridge, Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers of Cleveland, Ohio, were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett. Mrs. Rogers remained for the week.

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