

Proposed Amendments To The Constitution

An Editorial

Four proposed amendments to the State Constitution will be on the ballot for decision by the voters of New York State at this coming November General Election.

In the order in which they will appear on the voting machine, they are as follows:

1. The first proposal authorizes state and local government loans for construction of hospital facilities.

2. The second proposed amendment increases the borrowing power of the Job Development Authority from \$50 million to \$150 million.

3. The third proposed amendment would revise and expand the Conservation Article of the State Constitution.

The 1st item on the ballot deserves the support of everyone who has ever been — or expects to be — a hospital patient, and that includes most people.

If a majority of voters say Yes to the amendment, it will become possible for hospitals throughout New York State in need of modernization to borrow money for this purpose from the State. As these will be loans, tax dollars are not involved. For most voluntary non-profit hospitals the cost for vitally needed renovations is beyond their resources. While funds for capital improvements have been available through the Federal Hill-Burton Act, money for renovations are not — and private donors are usually not attracted to such projects.

We therefore urge our readers to vote Yes to Proposed Amendment Number One on the ballot Election Day.

The purpose of the Job Development Authority Amendment is to increase the amount the State now guarantees of the debt of the JDA from \$50 million to \$150 million. It would also permit maturity dates of bond anticipation notes issued by the JDA within seven years (now 5).

Governor Rockefeller has indicated that the JDA has been responsible for adding 14,750 new jobs in the State and for saving an additional 5,900 more than would have been lost to other states. He also said that approximately \$8 million of the original \$50 million lending authority is still unused.

As long as there is still this \$8 million still available we hesitate to add another \$100 million until it is urgently needed. Furthermore, if funds aren't forthcoming as fast as we, and the politicians desire, perhaps it will be more of an incentive to cut expenditures and make it a more healthy climate to retain the business firms that are moving out.

Thus we say NO to this one at least for the present time.

The purpose of the "Conservation, The State Nature and Historical Preserve" amendment, more commonly known as the "conservation bill of rights," is to set forth the official State policy to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty and encourage the improvement and development of agricultural areas in the State.

The proposal among other things strikes against air and water pollution and for the first time in any State, gives constitutional recognition to the problem of noise pollution.

For the purpose of Conservation and improvement of agricultural areas in the State we will have to go along with a YES on this one!

The Amendment to include Aliens in Basis for Apportionment could be a tricky one to favor the big cities. At present, Senate and Assembly districts are apportioned on basis of the number of inhabitants, excluding aliens. It is true that aliens are subject to the same laws as citizens in regard to taxes and obligations for military service. However, they are not allowed to vote — so why give them representation — until they become CITIZENS?

To this Proposed Amendment No. 4 we say: NO!

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50 YEARS AGO

October 17, 1919

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Rev. Chas Collins, who has served the Andover Methodist Church for the past four years, has accepted a call to Franklinville and Rev. W. P. Trowbridge of Hornell will be Andover's new Methodist Minister.

Rev. J. J. Sheely, who has been the efficient Rector of Blessed Sacrament Church in Andover for the past fifteen years, has accepted the promotion to St. Joseph's Old Cathedral of Buffalo.

John Cochran, 81, died at his home on First Street Saturday, October 11th. Two sons, two daughters and two brothers survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Linford Potter of Independence are the parents of a daughter, Edith Eloise, born Friday, October 10th.

Flora Deming was installed as Noble Grand of Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303, Wednesday evening.

Merle Matteson of Olean visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matteson from Saturday until Monday.

About seventy friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teater, gave them a surprise party Thursday evening.

About fifty neighbors and friends of Charles Wilson of Independence, gathered at his home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Marguerite Gilson of Toledo, Ohio, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough this week.

Mrs. Andrew Smith of Almond is visiting at the home of her brothers, Heman and Edward Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Herrington of Canal Fulton, Ohio, are guests of their parents in Andover.

Heran Corwin returned to his home in Dubois Pa., Monday after a few days visit with Andover relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Heyd and son of Philadelphia, Pa., are guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. A. Jobson this week.

Mrs. Louise Corwin of Dowagiac Mich., is spending several days in Andover, being called here by the death of her father, John Cochran.

Marshall Earley of Ridgefield, Conn., is visiting his brothers, Edward and Attorney C. L. Earley this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Brundage and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams are in New York City this week to attend the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Andover welcomes home Seaman W. E. Gallagher, who after a service in the United States Navy since 1917, arrived in Andover Saturday. He made fifteen trips in the transport Susquehanna.

40 YEARS AGO

October 25, 1929

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Moses Wilcox, 75, died at the home of his brother, Edward Wilcox of Wellsville, Friday, October 18th. Two brothers survive. Interment was in Bess Hill Cemetery.

Miss Margaret Leah McColluin of Olean and Harry Gordon Pease of Andover, were united in marriage Saturday, October 19th at the home of the bride in Olean.

Mary Ellen Howland Updyke, 47, died at her home in Andover Wednesday, October 23rd. Two brothers survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Akin left Friday by motor for their winter home in Winter Haven, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pierce have rented the apartment over the Sugar Bowl and will move there in the near future.

A large crowd of relatives and friends called on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hitchcock and family of Pingry Hill Sunday for a general good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dennis of Hornell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dean of South Hill,



by Alex Rankin

Listen to what youth has to say, Acting State Commissioner of Education Ewald B. Nyquist said recently in his annual open letter to all teachers in the state.

He did not mean pandering, or being over sympathetic.

"There is the danger of being so open-minded that one's brains fall out," he said, "but to be psychologically hard of hearing and tone deaf to the sounds and heat of the New Generation is to court disaster. The young have something to teach us and we must listen."

How does this affect the practicing teacher?

"For one thing," said Nyquist, "much of what the school has traditionally done is now being labeled as irrelevant."

Today's student wants to know more, he said, they want fresh ideas which they can examine for themselves before they determine which to accept and which to reject. Freedom is the exercise of responsible choice.

"Each teacher needs to be as knowledgeable about the changes taking place in our society as his most sophisticated student and to be able to adapt his entire philosophy of teaching to this new age of inquiry, of questioning established institutions and dogma, and even abandoning those that do not serve the needs of modern society," he said.

This will challenge every teacher, to try new approaches in order to make education something that will stimulate every young person in our schools to fulfill himself, said the acting commissioner.

"School must be a place to prepare young people to take their place in society, not a place where we isolate them from the main currents of our life," he said.

Nyquist strongly urged in his letter that teachers and administrators bring students into the decision-making process in the areas of curriculum making, school policies, teaching methods and school governance. He said student activity need only be feared by those who have lost faith in the young.

"There are no easy answers,"

Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Frances Perkins returned to her home in Hallsport, Tuesday, after spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Amesbury of Davis Hill.

Mrs. Addie Crawford of East Valley, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Teribury of West Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Whitford of Darlington, Pa., are guests of their mother, Mrs. Maud Clarke of Independence this week.

Mrs. Helen Clarke of Whitesville, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke of Independence.

A. A. Porter has started the erection of a gasoline station on his property corner of Main and Chestnut Streets.

Mr. and Mrs. James Guinn, Sr. and son, James of Salamanca motored to Port Jervis and passed the week-end with their son and brother, Raymond Guinn and family.

Mrs. H. H. Williams has been the guest of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Buffalo this past week.

Frank Crandall of Elmira passed the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Clara Crandall.

Misses Elizabeth Cannon and Elizabeth Perkins of Rochester and Edward R. Cannon of Cornell University, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Mee of Rochester spent the week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

30 YEARS AGO

October 13, 1939

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Attorney R. J. Sootheran has joined in partnership with Attorney C. L. Earley.

said Nyquist, "but you were not looking for well-cushioned comforts when you chose teaching as a career. I suggest large dollop of sympathy — placing yourself in the position of the youngsters you face across the rows of desks. Think as they do, share their dreams and hopes for a better world tomorrow, and you will find that you have confidence between the old and the young."

Nassau County State Senator John D. Caemmerer says he is going to push a bill that will go a long way toward ending one of the horrors of modern America — the drunken driver.

Caemmerer, chairman of the Senate Motor Vehicles Committee, said the committee is working on the technical language of a bill that would make it illegal for a person with more than .15 of one percent of alcohol in his blood to drive a car.

But the committee is studying something else that will go even further to keep drunken drivers off the highways. Under present law, tests for alcohol in the blood may be introduced as evidence at a trial.

Under a law the committee is studying, the only question the jury would have to answer would be whether the test was accurate.

Ask any state trooper what frustrates him the most and this is the kind of answer you might get — I have seen it many times — or drunken driving.

The trooper is called to the scene of a bloody, horrible accident on some highway. They spend half the night cleaning up the mess, making reports, visiting the hospitals. And alcoholic tests confirm their suspicion that the driver or drivers were drunk.

And there is a trial. But the jury is made of the defendant's neighbors. The defendant is acquitted. These circumstances aren't the plot for a novel. They were testified to in detail by state officials at a recent hearing held by Caemmerer's committee.

A bill leaving only one question up to the jury would go a long way towards solving the problem.

Berneta Wercley was installed Noble Grand of Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303 Wednesday evening by District Deputy President Nellie Harvey and staff of Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reisman are the parents of a daughter born Wednesday, October 4th.

Rev. E. J. Cory, Andover's Methodist Minister for the past four years, has accepted a call to the Belfast-Oramel Churches and Rev. Helena L. Champlin, formerly of Konona, has accepted the call to Andover.

Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Crandall of Alfred, spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schretum and family of Bradford, Pa., have been passing a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Billings of Independence.

H. W. Jackson of Elm Valley was in attendance at a milk producers meeting in Albany Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Robert Common are spending the week in Buffalo, where Dr. Common is attending a meeting of the dental association.

Mrs. Carolyn Hunt in company with Mrs. E. J. Reimann of Angelica, is spending the week in New York City attending OES Grand Lodge. Mrs. Carrie Slade is also attending as a delegate from Andover Chapter.

Mrs. John Karcane and daughter, Fotney, left Monday for New York City where they will pass the week at the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Folsing of South Bethlehem, N. Y., are visiting at the home of his brother, Michael Folsing.

Mrs. William Howden of Petrolia, passed the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Pearl Meder.