

NOW IS THE TIME!

A Guest Editorial

Now is the time for every adult citizen of Andover to become involved. We are facing an economic crisis in our school that could affect the lives of every citizen, large and small.

Our forefathers fought and gave their all to see that their children and children's children could have an education. Now we are faced with the fact that the "now" generation may have to settle for a LOT less. These children are the ones that will be running our country, teaching our grandchildren, and deciding the fate of our country and the world in a very few short years. We just can't afford to sell out our children's education now.

On the other hand, senior citizens, businessmen and ordinary homeowners are being faced with DOUBLE and TRIPLE property taxes in the VERY near future. The fact that this kind of taxation cannot be absorbed by the average citizen could result in financial disaster, to those involved and to the community as a whole. You can't get blood out of a turnip.

If you think YOU are "involved", why don't you come over to the school on Tuesday night, November 18th, at 8:00 P. M., when the School Board is having an Open Public Meeting. You'll get some cold hard facts and maybe some suggestions as to what we can do about them before it is too late. The School Board is in earnest about this meeting and needs our support all the way. So, let's not sit on our hands. Let's show these "kids" of ours that we can protest too, when the reasons are right; and let's show them the right way to do it.

This coming week is AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK; observe it this year — at your school!

Mrs. James Bliss
President Andover PTA

ARE YOU GOING TO MEET THE CHALLENGE?

An Editorial

Are YOU going to meet the challenge next Tuesday night and attend the Public School Meeting? Are YOU interested in finding out what the "Master Plan" under the present "State Aid Formula" will cost you in Taxes This coming Year? The Following Year? And the Year after that?

Or — are you going to "sit on your hands" and idly watch — Tom, Dick, and Mary — try to help fight your battle as well as theirs, and then "Howl like a Churn-Dog" if their voices aren't loud enough to have the present "State-Aid Formula" changed?

How many of you have attended a School Board Meeting in the last year? Two Years? How many of you know who all the Members of the School Board are now? How many of you realize that we have a completely new School Board within the last few years? That they are vitally interested in what is going to happen to our School in the future? That they are like many of you Taxpayers — they too have children in School!

We have been in contact with Albany and were told that nearly 200 School Districts voted down School Budgets this past year. The Politicians are well aware that we are on the verge of a "Tax Revolt".

The operating expense on a "per Student basis" ranges across New York State from a low of \$567 in one small rural area — all the way up to \$1,426 in the Metropolitan area on Long Island.

We have information from Albany that leads us to believe that we have a "good case" to ask for more State Aid, since our cost "per pupil" is only \$800, well below the State average.

The State Board of Regents asked the Legislature yesterday to return the money that was taken from the State Education budget this year. This bears out the information we received from Albany.

NOW — It is up to YOU Citizens and Taxpayers. Attend the meeting and see what you can do to keep SCHOOL TAXES from doubling — and tripling!

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50 YEARS AGO

October 31, 1919

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C. W. Williams, 41, died Saturday, October 25th. His wife, four children and four sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Philena Crandall Remington, 83, died at her home on Pleasant Avenue, Sunday, October 26. Her husband survives. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

John Karcanes of Andover and Miss Penelope Rozakis of Urbana, Ohio, were united in marriage Thursday, October 23rd in Urbana and returned to Andover Friday, where they will make their home.

Harry Kemp has purchased the Wescott property on Barney St. and will remodel it into a residence.

L. S. Baker of Kansas, visited his niece, Mrs. W. E. Baker of Tip Top from Friday until Monday.

F. A. Langworthy has returned to his home in Plainfield, N. J., after an extended visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. E. Langworthy.

B. J. Baker has returned to Syracuse after a 10-day vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Baker of Tip Top.

Misses Amey Van Horn and Helen Hill of Alfred, were weekend guests of Miss Eloise Clarke.

Estice Stephens of Shinglehouse, Pa., visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gleason this week.

Wm. Pardon and Henry Baker were in Buffalo on business from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Beckwith of Alfred were guests at the home of F. S. Potter over the week-end.

Mrs. Jennie Owen returned Saturday from two weeks passed with her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Smith of Altoona, Pa.

A. R. Brill of Kingston, N. Y., was visiting his family and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pease from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Swink returned the first of the week from a visit at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Germain Swink of Portland, Ore.

Rev. J. J. Sheehy left Andover Wednesday for his new field of labor at the Old Cathedral of Buffalo.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bess returned the first of the week from a five day visit at Castile, N. Y.

Robert Meissner of Rochester has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Barrett for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers of Buffalo are guests of relatives and friends this week.

40 YEARS AGO

November 8, 1929

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Miss Edith Gee of Andover and Roland Laven of Wellsville were united in marriage Saturday, November 2nd by Rev. Richard Lentz.

Martha Updyke Brown, 81, died Friday, November 1. Two sons and a brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

A company of twenty-five enjoyed a masquerade party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Baker on Rochambeau Ave., Saturday night.

W. E. Pease has moved his family from the farm home on Greenwood Hill to the property he recently purchased of the Thompson estate on Chestnut Street.

George Fuller of Kalamazoo, Mich., spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. L. A. Pötter of Independence.

Mrs. James Feeley and son, Edward of Detroit, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonough.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tucker of Rochester were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lever visited in Buffalo and Rochester from Sunday until Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Doran, were weekend guests of friends in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pingrey



by Alex Rankin

New York State Police are grumbling under the weight of the fiscal cut-backs passed by the state Legislature and Governor Rockefeller.

And the governor, as usual, has his paid publicity men grinding out information to show that the troopers don't have anything to gripe about and — more importantly — troopers are fighting crime as well as and better than they were a year ago.

In a recent interview, John J. McGuire, deputy superintendent of State Police, appeared to be splitting hairs. He said there has been no serious impairment under the new budget restrictions, but added that the pinch was in fact being felt.

How serious is serious? Rocky's public relations says that in fact the total state police strength as of this date is 3,827.

But the fact is that the figure is only the AUTHORIZED strength of the State Police.

State Police are authorized to add 31 troopers and 41 plainclothesmen to their roster. The fact is that because of the budget restrictions, they have not been added.

There are also the normal vacancies caused by retirement, resignations and death. There are 77 jobs in this category and as of now they have not been filled.

State troopers have also been forced to cut out firearms training for troopers and also refresher training courses have been snip-

ped. State Police officials said they couldn't do these things because they couldn't afford to take the men off the road.

And the State Police Benevolent Association has been charging that the cut-backs also mean the promotions aren't being made.

The teachers in Vestal, near Binghamton, who went out on a three-day strike recently are paying the price — about \$72,000 in salaries and \$2,800 in fines.

And the militant State Teachers Association which has been urging local teacher groups to get tough this year — isn't going to help pay the bills, it appears.

Mrs. Catherine O. Barrett of Syracuse, president of the STA would not say whether the organization would help the Vestal local pay the fines and the salary losses.

All she would do was make a statement to the effect that the fine, levied by a judge because the teachers violated a court order when they struck, was too steep.

There are many state Legislators who think the fines as they are now aren't enough. They provide a slap on the wrist, said one recently, when what is needed is a punch in the nose.

The judge who imposed the fine noted that the Vestal teachers union collected some \$7,500 in dues in 1968, meaning his fine of \$2,000 on the union itself is roughly one fourth of its yearly collections. The remaining \$800 is in fines against the four officials of the union.

of Bemus Point were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kaple.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett were called to Olean Monday by the death of Benjamin Wilbur.

Miss Doris Baker came home from Geneseo to pass the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Proper accompanied Mr. and Mrs. George Martin of Alfred to Lake Waneta Wednesday to pass the remainder of the week at the Martin cottage.

Mrs. Ellen Dougherty was in Hornell last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Harold Griswold and her new grandson, Robert Harold.

Dolores Hyland spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will O'Dell of West Greenwood.

Elton Coombs of Garwood is staying with his brother, Van of West Greenwood and working in the condensory at Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Burdick, daughter, Florence and Miss Alice Nobles passed Sunday in Rochester.

30 YEARS AGO

October 27, 1939

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The Andover American Legion Band held their annual business meeting Friday evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Lloyd W. Robinson, President; C. C. Backus, manager and treasurer; Francis Vickers, secretary; James Mulholland, director and Oliver Kemp, assistant director.

Victor and Ronald Hoagland and families were called to Canadice the last of the week by the illness and death of their father, Edgar Hoagland, who died Friday night, October 20th.

About forty friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott, surprised them Sunday evening in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary, at their home east of Andover.

Mrs. Gertrude Goodridge, 56, died at her home in Elm Valley Monday. Her husband, four daughter, two sons, a brother and a sister survive. Interment was in

Neighbors and friends of Mrs. Jesse Robbins gave her a surprise visit Tuesday night in honor of

her birthday.

Director S. W. Clarke of Independence and H. W. Jackson of Elm Valley, attended a milk hearing in New York City from Tuesday to Thursday.

Mrs. Leon Vernoy of Middletown, N. Y., was the guest of her son, Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clarke of Independence from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum and Fred Slocum were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slocum of Trumansburg and motored to Newfield, the birthplace of their father, David Slocum.

Mrs. Christine Atwell of Greenwood is passing the week at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atwell of Elm Valley.

Mrs. Harold Emery in company with Mrs. Nellie Armstrong of Alfred, attended the Eighth District Fall Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary held at Lockport Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wentz left Sunday for their winter home in Florida.

Mrs. Elsie Hoffman of Elmira, passed the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Grace Wagner.

Mrs. John Quigg spent from Friday until Monday at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Murphy of Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Evans of Buffalo were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lever over the week-end.

Miss Agnes Fisher is visiting friends in New York City and attending the World's Fair this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Callaghan spent from Friday until Sunday with Mrs. Edna Hall and other relatives in Rochester.

