

WHY PLANT TREES?

Guest Editorial



It might seem rather foolish to concern ourselves with planting trees when we scan the hill sides of this area and observe all the forests in existence at present. Surely with all these trees we can't ever run out of wood. This is the exact train of thought our ancestors had less than a century ago. We know different now. Thousands of acres of our forests have been cleared for farmland, worked for several years and then abandoned. The resulting ground cover on these once abundant forested hills is golden rod, thorn apple and brush. This is nature's first step in reforesting what man denuded. Gradually the thorn apple is replaced by aspen, red maple, fire cherry and the birches. After several decades nature possibly can replenish the plundered woodlands with the commercial species. To speed this up a bit, we replace this "pioneer stage" of the forest with more valuable coniferous (evergreen) trees. Within a decade or two after planting, young evergreen stands yield Christmas trees, and within 30 years produce pulpwood.

Aside from accelerating the natural process of reforestation, the planted forest filters the air of impurities, uses the carbon dioxide gas produced by man, produces oxygen, protects the steeper slopes from erosion, acts as cover and food for man and wildlife, acts as a barrier to sound and influences the weather to a degree.

Planting trees is not the end of the story, but only a beginning. If nothing is done to improve the plantation in the nature of weeding, thinning, pruning, etc., the stand degenerates into a stagnated hodge podge, similar to an unweeded garden only on a larger scale. In order to culture the desired crop, one must remove the undesirable species; and where the crop itself is too thick it must be thinned. As this man-made forest approaches maturity, it should be cut wisely, so as to insure the forest will continue.

This whole scheme of things which makes up the forest requires a great deal of understanding and knowledge to manage it successfully. For assistance in harvesting your woodlot, planting trees or any of the myriad of things relating to forest management contact the Forestry Staff with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 115 Liberty St. Bath, New York 14810 or Call 607-776-2165.



50 YEARS AGO

March 25, 1921

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P. Q. Lynch & Son have broken ground and started the foundation for a new brick block on Main St. When completed together with their present building it will be 135 ft. by 43 ft.

Peter Huyck of Frankfortville, has purchased the Wilcox Hotel and will take possession April 1st. He will run in addition to the hotel an up-to-date restaurant.

Mrs. Augusta Coats has purchased of Arthur J. Auckland the residence property on Rochambeau Ave.

Bert Campbell has purchased the C. E. Hays property on Fairview Street and will take possession April 1st.

At a meeting of Andover Rod & Gun Club held Thursday evening, the following officers were elected: E. F. Stearns, President; C. C. Backus, Vice President; E. C. Langworthy, Secretary and Treasurer; A. L. Jones, Grant Sherwood, F. C. Vars, and Jesse Hunt were appointed to have charge of receiving and placing of the season's trout.

Ray Hurlburt moved his household goods from Allentown last week and the family are now settled in the Horan house on South Hill.

Mrs. Margaret Garvin of Andover, is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Jim Dean and family of South Hill.

Ed McAndrew and family left South Hill Saturday to reside in their new home recently purchased in Andover.

Jesse Snyder has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bassett of Independence this week.

Mrs. Nell Forness and children of Erie, Pa., are guests of relatives in Andover and vicinity this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rogers and son and daughter, were guests of friends at Fort Plain, N. Y., Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Ella Jenkins left Friday for Elmira, where she will be the guest of her daughter Mrs. M. C. Houghtling for a few weeks.

Mrs. Hubbell of Cuba, spent a few days last week with her brother, John Davis.

Mrs. Estella Richardson returned home Saturday from three months stay at the home of her son, F. A. Richardson and family of Hornell.

Mrs. W. E. Baker has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Rennells of Coudersport, Pa., the past week.

F. S. Clarke returned Friday from St. Petersburg, Fla., where he has been passing the winter. Mrs. Clarke will remain in the South for a few weeks.

Mrs. Reginald Starr and three children returned to their home in Campbell, Thursday, after spending a few days visiting her mother, Mrs. Ida Baker.

40 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1931

The Burrows National Bank of Andover are celebrating their 25th anniversary this week.

A family dinner party was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke on Greenwood St., Thursday, March 17th in honor of the birthday of Mr. Updyke.

M. A. Crandall was 80 years old last Tuesday. A surprise supper was given him in honor of the day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke and Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steyer, Robert and Margaret and Mrs. Theron Jones and daughter, Eleanor of Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Joyce have purchased of E. J. Atwood, the property corner of Main and Third Streets now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Butler. They have also bought the house and lot across the street from their home on Greenwood Street, owned and occupied by Fred H. Book.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wahl of Elm Valley are the parents of a daughter, Hattie Marie, born Friday.



by Alex Rankin

The best thing that can probably be said about Governor Rockefeller's recent announcement that he is moving down to the tune of at least \$300 million on a record \$3.4 billion budget is that it will give him a chance to direct some of the cutting that the Legislature was bound to do anyway.

Thus what appears to be backing down is really a political advantage for the Governor.

The worst that can be said is that this is all part of the script, a game of asking for twice as much to get from the lawmakers what one really wants.

One thing is obvious: The Legislature was about to run, away from him and make deep cuts in his budget.

All this is likely to create ever further confusion in the minds of the people who are being asked to pay for it — the taxpayer. Here is a reminder, in brief.

The current fiscal year ends March 31. Rocky's \$3.4 billion budget is for the fiscal year beginning April 1.

The current budget was originally \$7.2 billion. Several months ago the Governor said he was taking action to trim that back to about \$7 billion.

Now State Comptroller Arthur Levitt says, and Rocky agrees, that the state is in even worse trouble in the current budget year. Revenues will be from \$300 million (Levitt) to \$200 million (Rocky) short.

The Governor can do two things: 1. Cut state spending back to \$6.8 billion. But that is almost

impossible with only days left in the current fiscal year. The money is probably already obligated in the form of contracts and payrolls.

2. Issue short term bonds to cover the gap. Taxpayers will have to pay for these bonds in the new budget.

While the Governor is asking for a staggering \$1.1 billion in tax hikes, that is not the size of the spending gap between the current and proposed budget. It is really \$1.4 billion. The Governor will make up the remaining \$300 million with bonds — which the voters must approve in November.

Bonds are like pension benefits. They are great for politicians because they raise immediate cash and settle immediate labor problems with no immediate impact on the taxpayer, who is lulled into thinking he got something for nothing.

The fireworks have just begun. This session is almost certain to drag on through April and into May as the dickering and dealing for power, posture and position grows.

At this rate the state will not have a budget by April 1.

As in past years the key to the action is in the assembly, where Speaker Perry B. Duryea Jr., of Montauk, L. I., rules with a slim margin and a so-far dormant Conservative Party swing vote and many Republicans who have been reading their mail.

One other key factor is Duryea, possibly preening himself for the Governor's chair and not likely to roll over and play dead for the Governor.

March 13th

School resumed again Tuesday on Davis Hill after a week's vacation on account of the deep snow. Mail Carrier Church has not been able to cover his route in the South Hill section since the storm.

Mrs. Pearl Davis went to Nile Sunday to visit her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson.

Mrs. Vincent O'Connor and nephew James Driscoll were weekend guests of relatives in Corning.

E. E. Fenner of Alfred spent Saturday guest of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens of Water Street.

Mrs. Anna Sullivan of Elmira, and Mrs. W. J. Brown of Wellsville visited their niece, Mrs. Edward Cable and Mrs. LeRoy Brundage, Saturday and attended the funeral of Mrs. P. C. Lynch held at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown returned Sunday from Florida, where they have been passing the winter touring the state by motor bus.

Mrs. Maude Clarke is visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Whitford at Watontown, Pa., this week.

Mrs. W. S. Calhoun and nephew, Charles Hall, arrived home Thursday from Daytona Beach, Fla., where they have been passing the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Webster and babe returned Sunday to their home in Jeanette, Pa., after passing the week in Andover at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. W. Boyd. Mrs. Boyd accompanied them to Jeanette for a visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Elwood Burdick of Waverly were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Burdick of Railroad Valley. They were caught in the late snow storm and had to make the return trip in the bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Webster and babe returned Sunday to their home in Jeanette, Pa., after passing the week in Andover at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. W. Boyd. Mrs. Boyd accompanied them to Jeanette for a visit.

S. H. Foote, local agriculture instructor, Wednesday evening for the purpose of planning the organization of a Young Farmer's Club.

The Union Ticket won in Andover Village Election, Tuesday. George Carpenter was elected Major and Hazel Atwood and Charles Lynch, Trustees.

Sunshine was a welcome sight Thursday morning after a week of as rough weather as we have had all winter with high winds and sub-zero temperatures. Andover Central School was closed Tuesday and Wednesday because of impassable roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Loucks are parents of a daughter, Patricia Jean born Monday, March 17th.

A surprise visit by neighbors and friends of Mrs. Ruth Williams, celebrated her birthday Monday evening. A social evening with music and a thirteen supper was enjoyed.

Lloyd Mead of Elm Valley, went to Buffalo, Friday, to bring his daughter, Dorothy and Jean, North of Andover for the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Northrup drove the girls back to Buffalo Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Helen Dower of Buffalo was a guest of her sister, Mrs. and Mrs. James Lynch and family over the week-end.

Mrs. Edna Brooks left Thursday for Anniston, Ala., where her husband is stationed at an Army Camp.

W. S. Calder of Easton, Ct., has been spending the week visiting Andover relatives and visiting his mother, Mrs. M. C. Houghtling.

Mrs. Clara G. Jones of Wellsville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George and Edna Dower, who are the host of the week at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Elmer Dower of Andover, Ga.

Mrs. Florence Jones is spending with her daughter, Mrs. G. L. Jones of Wellsville, Saturday for a week-end.

Leon Burdick of Buffalo returned from Buffalo until Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick and family and Mrs. Vera Gordon of Railroad Valley, were other guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Earl VanOrder of Corning. Mrs. Norton remained for a visit.

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