

## SEWER BE DARNED!

### An Editorial

Rather than run the risk of being called a Plagiarist (a literary thief) we will use a few rather jaded phrases — or maybe even coin a new one or so as we make a few comments on the proposed sewer system and approaching sewer referendum.

First, and uppermost in our mind and thoughts, is the cold, bald fact that we need a sewer system here in Andover. And, secondly, we would like to see one installed.

However, and here is where the jaded phrase comes in — which is fast becoming passe in today's world, "Can WE Afford It?" When saying WE it is in the broad sense of the word meaning all of the Citizens of Andover to include all of the retirees and people on fixed incomes.

Can we morally, and with a clear conscience, indebt the Village for a sewer system that we will be paying for the rest of our natural lives (40 years or more) as well as indebt our future Citizens of Tomorrow — for a project that we DO NOT KNOW WHAT IT WILL COST US?

This isn't just for the home owners — this is for every resident that rents a house, apartment — or what have you! Because if you rent — your landlord is going to add what it costs him for your place — right on to your rent — and don't ever think for one minute that he won't!

We attended the hearing at the School on Friday night and after listening to the questions asked — and the answers given — it appears to us as if we are being asked to vote on spending an estimated 1,560,000 dollars without knowing how much we will be re-imbursed from Federal or State funds. This means that we have no idea of what it might cost us — and continue to cost us as long as we live!

This perturbed us so much that we called reliable sources in Belmont and Friendship to ask some pertinent questions. In Belmont, the people were told before the sewer system was put in that it would cost them around \$9 per quarter — with the total cost to be around a Million Dollars. Actually it cost in the vicinity of 1,209,084 — and the MINIMUM charge for sewer rent is \$9 per month. And, instead of hiring 1/2 a man to operate the sewer plant — they are paying one man \$7,500 a year and the second man \$5,200 a year in salaries — and don't forget to add 30% above that in fringe benefits. Also, instead of costing \$5 per foot per installation, it actually cost \$350 for short installations — and \$1,500 for the Hotel!

We then called "Dick" Lentola, the Mayor of Friendship, and talked to him for around an hour with him giving us permission to quote him on the advice, statements, and suggestions that he made.

Mayor Lentola said: "Don't commit your Village to spend any money until you have signed statements of how much State and Federal aid YOU WILL RECEIVE — so that you know how much it is going to cost each and every Taxpayer." He also offered to come over here and explain what to expect from the Contractors and from the State and what methods they used to get the most aid and financial assistance. And, judging from his account, he and the Village Board Members fought a winning battle in both counts so they ended up paying for only about 1/3 of the total cost. But, here again, they are having to pay a man in the vicinity of \$7,000 per year (plus benefits) and have been told that they will have to hire a helper for him. And, as we understood it, it will cost in the vicinity of \$70,000 per year to pay for the operation and cost of the project. Thus, for the estimated units to be hooked up it will cost around \$160 per year — or around \$70 per year for every man, woman or child.

In view of these experiences — we can not suggest a yes vote — until we know what it will cost us here in Andover!

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## Mrs. Carl Weihoneig

Mrs. Carl (Genevieve) Weihoneig of Main Street, Whitesville, died in the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, Sunday, November 14, 1971, following a lengthy illness. Born July 25, 1926, in the Town of Independence, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle (Zereta Clarke) Matteson, who survive.

Mrs. Weihoneig was a member of the WSCS, Home Extension Service and the United Methodist Church of Whitesville.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by two sons, Tobey and Todd, both at home; daughter, Sue Ann, a student at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell; two sisters, Mrs. Truman (Marian) Burrell of Wellsville and Mrs. Harold (Wanda) Golden of Carlisle, Pa.

Funeral and committal services were held today (Wednesday) at 1:30 p. m., at the United Methodist Church in Whitesville, with the Rev. Lee Chamberlain, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Whitesville Rural Cemetery.



Gary Bixby's address has been changed to:

Sgt. Gary L. Bixby  
Duke University Medical Center  
Room 3324  
Durham N. C. 27706

Mrs. Donna Westbrook, a medical patient in the Genesee Hospital, Rochester, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Jesse Shaw is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Donald Thorp of East Ave., a surgical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned home Sunday.

Anthony Hawkins, a patient in the Bethesda Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Judy Snell is a patient in the Bethesda Hospital.

Mrs. Edna Hulse is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Cheri Halsey is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Miss Jean Davis, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. William Cole is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Russell Livergood, a patient in the Bethesda Hospital has been discharged.

## 47 Enjoy Golden Age Dinner-Meeting

There were 47 including guests that attended the Golden Age meeting which was held at the Grang Hall, Monday, Nov. 15th. Those have Birthdays and Anniversaries were honored at this time. Those having birthdays were Grace Spicer, Christine McNeil, Carl Tassell, Agnes Taylor, Floye Lever, Mida O'Dell. Anniversaries were: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick. Cake was furnished by the committee and ice cream by Farmers' Market at Wellsville.

Following the dinner they were entertained by Mrs. Reid Mattison on the piano and daughter, Yvonne on the flute. Yvonne also sang a song. Poems were also read by Mrs. David Glover and Mrs. Tomm which were very appropriate for the Thanksgiving Season. This was followed by three duets on the piano by Lori and Denise Tomm, a hymn "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again" and a closing duet "The Waltz" by the Tomm sisters.

The next meeting will be Mon. Dec. 6th. This will be a Christmas Party and the last meeting for 1971. Members with the last names beginning with "E", "F" and "G" will be on the committee. Many thanks to all who furnished entertainment on Monday, the 15th.

## Change In Telephone Number

Francis E. Cable's telephone number has been changed to 478-8702.

## 'Lions International' Club Organized in Andover

### Rural Carriers Aid In Farm Survey

Rural mail carriers out of the Andover Post Office are distributing questionnaires to farmers for the December 1971 Rural Carrier Livestock Survey. Postmaster Rita E. Burns, said today.

The survey seeks information on cattle and milk cows, hens and pullets and hogs on New York farms. Identical surveys are being conducted in all States at this time. The results provide the basis for State and National estimates of cattle, hogs and chicken inventory, as well as calf and pig crop. It should be emphasized that each farmers report is held in strict confidence.

In New York, rural mail carriers are distributing about 20,000 questionnaires and return envelopes, leaving them in mail boxes of a sample of farmers. Completed questionnaires are to be mailed in the return envelope provided by the Federal State of New York Crop Reporting Service at Albany for summarization. The return envelopes are pre-addressed and require no postage. Since time for summarizing the survey is limited we urge all farmers to reply promptly.

### New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Burdick (Rose Larson) of Andover, R.D., are the parents of a daughter, Julie Ann born Tuesday, November 16, 1971 at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burdick are the paternal grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Reid Reynolds of No. Tonawanda are the maternal grandparents; Mrs. Flossie White of Hornell is the paternal great-grandmother and Mrs. Don Wyan of No. Tonawanda is the maternal great-grandmother.

### Lehmans To Tell Of Their Faith

A story of faith answered prayer and miracles will be told when the Harold Lehman family of Wellsville is featured by the Andover Prayer Fellowship on Sunday evening, November 21 at 7:30, at the Andover Presbyterian Church. Boredom, a complaint of so many, is unknown in the Lehman household. Their farm on Wellsville's South Hill is home for Harold, Beulah, their own nine and two adopted children, a multitude of other children and their mothers who were rescued from New York City Streets. These were "adopted" by the Lehmans without means of support other than their faith that God would provide. At the present there are twenty people in the Lehman home.

Harold works at the Air Preheater Company during the day and, with the other family members, also attends to the farm work. Pe'lah manages the home with expert efficiency, keeping things on an even keel. She also finds time to give as a member of the Wellsville Board of Education.

In relating their experiences, the Lehmans will tell how faith has played a big part in their decisions to take on seemingly impossible projects, and how their faith has been answered and rewarded. They "adopted" children from New York will tell how they survived gang wars and dope and how their future has been brightened by Christian concern.

### Word Of Life Singers To Appear Saturday

The Southern Tier Youth for Christ will present the "Word of Life Singers" Saturday evening, November 20th at 7:44 p. m. at the Library Auditorium in Wellsville.

The evening entertainment is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

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The Andover Lions Club was officially organized last Thursday night, Nov. 11, at the Andover Grange Hall with 24 members signing up at the meeting.

Following the Organizational meeting, an election of officers was held with Wendell Vars acting as Chairman with the following Officers elected: Ralph "Red" Allen, President; George Brown, Secretary; and Gary Allen, Treasurer. Jack Eberle was named Project Chairman; and Merle Dibble was appointed as Chairman of the Charter Night Committee, and selected Charles Howland, Walter Strouse, Jr., Neil Potter and Wendell R. Vars as members of this important committee.

Officials present at the first meeting were Benjamin Baker of Angelica, Zone Chairman; Joseph Bruzee of Geneva, District Chairman; and Jack Collins of Elm Valley, District Deputy Governor.

"Red" Allen was chairman of the organizational committee, and was assisted by Donald Thorp, Sr., Merle Dibble, Jack Eberle and Gary Allen.

A Lions Club can be formed in any community with a minimum of twenty members devoted to "the betterment of the community and humanity".

The Lions Club is known internationally for their endeavors with Sight Conservation and work for the Blind including Glaucoma Clinics and the furnishing of eye glasses for needy children. The slogan of this International Club is derived from the name LIONS — L—liberty; I—intelligence; O—our; N—nations; S—Safety.

The following is a list of current members already signed up: Don Thorp, Sr.; Merle Dibble, "Red" Allen, Jack Eberle, Gary Allen, "Spud" Glover, "Jim" Mulholland, Harold Rice, Encl Glover, "Russ" Crittendon, Leon McNeill, Jack Baker, Carol Burdick, George Brown, "Jim" Joyce, Charles Joyce, Charles Howland, Walter Strouse, Paul Bevers, Wendell Vars, Larry Corwin, Lee Meyn, John Strouse, and Ronald Taylor. At least eight other local residents have shown an active interest in the club and have received application blanks to join before the Club is Officially Chartered.

In addition to the "Lions International" Club program of eye conservation, each local Club raises money to be spent on local projects for the betterment of the community. During the Attica prison riot, the Attica Lions Club spent over \$5,000 completely depicting their treasury furnishing hot food, blankets, etc. to help feed and shelter law enforcement officers that were on the scene. Within a short time, Lions Clubs from throughout the state had sent money to the Attica Club to help out in this emergency. It was also pointed out that the Wellsville Lions Club has helped out worthy causes here in Andover in the past such as the "Little League", the Bartz-Reil-Conde Foundation etc.

### Andover Rod & Gun Club To Nominate Officers

The Andover Rod & Gun Club will hold nominations for next year's Club Officers on Friday, 19 Nov. 71 at the regular scheduled meeting of the Club. All members are urged to attend.

Now is your chance to get done what you want done. Nominate and elect those you want to run your Club in your name.

So-o-o-o — No Attendance — No Nominations — No Elections — No Officers — NO CLUB!

### OES Notice

The regular meeting of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, Order of Eastern Star, will be held on Monday, November 22, at 8 P. M. in the Masonic Temple.

Refreshments will be served directly after the meeting.

White Elephant will be provided by Glenora Pelton.