

IT HITS HOME IN ANDOVER

FEDERAL I. O. U.:
\$1,000,000,000

By David Lynch and Ralph Allen
(Special to the Andover News)
ALBANY — New York State is holding a federal I. O. U. for \$1 billion dollars!

And the quiet community of Andover is shaping up as the first community to drive the issue home for the taxpayers.

What started out as another routine sewer project might slowly boil over into a statewide issue, if Andover voters hit the brakes and refuse to vote in favor of the sewer project.

Somewhere, between the widespread attention over the federal issues of recent months, the price freeze, Phase II, and the other issues of the day emanating from Washington, D. C., there lies a fact that this state has been short-changed again. And there hasn't been much said about it.

This time it's over a noble issue, the anti-pollution program. And Andover, New York, is one of the scenes of the battle.

Five years ago the Empire State embarked on the largest effort ever undertaken anywhere in the world to end water pollution. This was to have been a happy marriage between the federal, state and local governments.

As it was envisioned by the Feds, the state would put up 30 percent of all costs of building sewage treatment plants. According to Federal law, this state developed a water classification plan for all areas of the state.

The Federal government approved the plan and the Federal government was to finance the second 30 percent of all costs, with the remaining costs to be paid by local governments in the Pure Waters Program.

In line with the plan, this state developed a timetable to have treatment plants constructed or under construction by March 1, 1972, plants capable of providing secondary treatment to all sewer areas in the state and tertiary treatment in certain areas.

This great plan now totals \$4.2 billion.

But when it came time for the Federal government to ante up, the Empire State got only 10 percent — not 30 percent — of the federal commitment. In effect, Andover is being asked to vote on a "blind issue" and shoulder a tab the Feds in fact owe Andover!

Thus, the state has had to pre-finance the water clean-up. Congress has only appropriated sufficient funds to cover an average of 10 percent of the construction costs of these projects in New York State.

In recent days, we have heard of dynamic, new, innovative programs in regards to Pure Waters, most notably the Muskie program.

The highly touted plans would have us believe that they are the cure-all for all pure waters problems. But researchers in Albany come up with the hard truth that the Muskie program which calls for no pollution discharge into waters by 1985, would cost \$1 trillion. Not million. Not billion. But trillion!

Andover would do well not to be taken in by this latest gimmick (it's got to be a gimmick if cost estimates total \$1 trillion) and many voters are of the opinion that the federal government should pay off its last I. O. U. before asking for another.

The \$1 billion owed this state was duly committed. It's owed us. And we want it. Now!

Altar Society To Hold Christmas Party Dec. 9th

The annual Christmas Tureen Supper and Party of the Altar Society and Women of the Blessed Sacrament Church, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9th at 6:30 p. m. Each person is to bring a tureen and a dollar gift for exchange. All women of the parish are invited.

TO BE — OR NOT TO BE!

To Be — or NOT To Be. That is the Question — that will be answered next Wednesday by YOU VOTERS at the polls when you vote yes or no on the Sewer Referendum,

The question is: "are we to be pulled down into the morass of rising taxes, inflationary costs, and sucked down into the 'debts of despair' with the 'millstone' of the sewer project around our necks — with no Federal or State Aid available now? Or, will we be left free of this staggering unnecessary debt for the time being so we can direct our struggles to 'sink or swim' in this #1 'Land of Taaxas'?"

Just because the Pure Waters Act of (1966 was it?) expires this coming spring, why should we "join the mad rush of the other Lemmings" to stick our head "in a noose" or go "rushing over a cliff to land in a 'sea of despair'" when we find that the "pork barrel is empty" and the promises of the "glittering gold" from the Feds — all the way down to the State and local level of politicians — turns out to be nothing but Iron Pyrites (commonly known as "fools gold")?

Don't you think that if this "anti-pollution" program is as important as we are led to believe — that it will be extended for another period? And, that after viewing the debacle here in New York State with we Taxpayers holding onto an I.O.U. from the Federal Government to the tune of 1.1 Billion Dollars while "Rocky" attempts to dig deeper into our pockets to pay for the "posh offices" in the Albany Mall, Villages, Towns and Cities will demand firm commitments of financial aid of a more generous nature to build sewer systems?

Every where we look and dig a little deeper into the surrounding Villages that have been "suckered into" a recent sewer project — we find more and more discrepancies in the estimates that we have been given here in Andover!

From the Widow living alone in Friendship that was sent a sewer bill for \$43 for the 1st three months — before she was even hooked onto the sewer — and had to pay it, to the resident in North Hornell who laughed outright at us when we quoted the estimate of \$4-\$5 per foot for house hook-ons and informed us that they actually had to pay \$10 per foot for the Contractor and \$5 per joint for the sewer pipe. Let's see now — that figures up to 3 times as much doesn't it?

And, even then — that's not the end of it! What will it do to our School Taxes? Had you even considered that? Do you know what the Belmont Central School had to pay in the line of sewer bill for the period from July 1 - to Sept. 30 when they didn't have their regular school for 2 months — or even a summer playground program? The bill for the 3 month period was \$1,674! Projecting that into 9 full months of regular School Classes it will more than likely run from \$8,000 to \$10,000 annually. And, with Belmont's rates lower than those in Friendship, what could it cost us here in Andover in extra School Taxes?

Then too, every other Village in this area that has put in Sewer Systems have water meters to measure the water they use. And, this is the way the State recommends how to determine sewer usage and sewer bills. Furthermore, despite the fact that people were told at the public hearing that water meters were not necessary, later on it was admitted to us that it might be necessary to install water meters before the project was completed. Let's see now — around 400-plus units at an average cost of \$100 per unit (cost of materials, meter, & labor) would run over \$40,000 wouldn't it?

The biggest question right now seems to be "Why are Village Board Members pushing this Sewer Project so hard when they admit they know there are no Federal or State Funds available?" Aren't they going to have to pay the same rates that we would have to? And, if this is so, what do they expect to gain?

If you don't believe in signing a "blank check" for our local politicians — and if you don't believe in "buying a pig in a poke" — without knowing how much it is actually going to cost YOU, be sure that you register

An Editorial

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bixby that their son, Gary, has been promoted to the rank of S/Sgt. His address is: S/Sgt. Gary L. Bixby, Room 3324, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N. C. 27706.

Sp. 4 Gary L. Havens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Havens, 225 Stevens, St. Wellsville, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Halsey, has been named Battalion Soldier of the Month for November.

The soldier is a member of the 48th Assault Helicopter Company, 223rd Combat Aviation Battalion, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96349.

In a letter to Specialist Havens' parents, Lt. Col. C. F. McGillucy, commander, said, "In competition with several hundred outstanding soldiers of this command, his selection was based on his military knowledge, soldierly appearance and initiative. His outstanding performance and devotion to duty makes him an important asset to this command. I am pleased to have your son assigned to this command."

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Edna Hulse, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Sunday.

Douglas Whiting was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital, Sunday as a medical patient.

Lawrence Corwin, a surgical patient in the Rochester General Hospital, returned to his home Friday.

Milford Bassett, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Leo Joyce a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Mrs. Arthur Mills, a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, has been discharged.

Margaret Foster, Mrs. Lois Logan and Denise Maples are patients in the Bethesda Hospital due to injuries received in an auto accident.

Everett Fantom was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital today (Wednesday) suffering from injuries sustained at work.

Notice To Harborers Or Owners Of Dogs

Dog Licenses are due on or before January 1st, 1972. They may be obtained at the Town Clerks' Office.

The law requires that dogs be licensed by January 1. Failure to obtain a license subjects the owner to a penalty of \$10.00 and costs and the dog is liable to seizure.

The Commissioner of Health has issued an order requiring all dogs six months of age or over in the County to be vaccinated to prevent rabies. Therefore an applicant for a dog license must present to the Clerk a certificate certified by a duly licensed veterinarian showing that the dog has been so vaccinated.

To be acceptable, the certificate presented must show that modified live virus vaccine was used within four years immediately preceding the application date, or that killed vaccine of brain tissue or brain tissue origin was used within the year immediately preceding the application date.

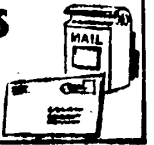
If your application is mailed to the Clerk, the vaccination certificate must accompany your application and check.

GLADYS FOX
Town Clerk

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. David Hardy (Linda Sokoloski) of Andover, are the parents of a son born Wednesday, November 24, 1971 at the Bethesda Hospital.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Mr. Allen,

As you know, Mr. Kessler was a recent visitor in our Health Classes at A.C.S. He was nice enough to "inform" us about the proposed sewage system. We spent 45 minutes listening to his opinion of it.

Since then I have heard of more facts concerning this which don't coincide with all that was presented in school. Issues concerning state aid and proposed costs.

I've heard that you, Mr. Allen, have asked for equal time to present to us facts, concerning the sewage system, in your possession. And I have been told that you have been refused so that we "children" would not be drawn into a controversy.

Mr. Allen, since our freshman year we students have been reminded time and again, to act like mature and responsible young adults. But how can we when we are being held back by certain concerned "adults"?

So a few of the students will be able to vote on this proposal and it will effect the rest of us who can't.

I feel we should be allowed to hear all the facts, since only part have been presented to us.

To those who have refused us the right to hear the whole story, I ask, "why not let us stand on our own two feet and be allowed to determine the worth of such a proposal? You can't keep us in the kindergarten forever!"

Sincerely,
A Concerned Student

Golden Age Club To Hold Christmas Party Dec. 6th

The Golden Age Club will meet at the Grange Hall, Monday Dec. 6th. Birthdays and Anniversaries will be honored at this time. Also this will be their Christmas Party. Gifts of not over \$1.00 will be exchanged at this time. This will be the last meeting this year.

Names beginning with "E" and "G" will be on the committee. Members are please asked to bring own table service and a dish to pass.

To Be Honored On 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carney of Andover, will be honored on their 50th Wedding Anniversary by an Open House at the Canisteo Grange Hall, Sunday, December 5th from 1 to 4 p. m.

4-H News

The November meeting of the Elm Valley Harvesters 4-H Club was held on Nov 16th at the James Haugh home. There were 11 members present at the meeting.

A short business meeting was held. There will be a Christmas Party at the next meeting, which will be held at the Daniel Perkins home.

Brenda Haugh had a birthday today. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Haugh.

James Perkins News Reporter

Legion Auxiliary Notice

The December meeting of the Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397, American Legion Auxiliary will be held Monday, December 6, at 8 p. m. at the Legion Home, downstairs.

Masonic Notice

The regular communications of Andover Lodge No. 558, F. & A. M., will be held Monday evening, December 6th at 8 p. m., at which time the Third Degree will be conferred.

— and then vote NO on the referendum. You can be SURE that the proponents in favor of it will be at the polls to vote. And remember, that bad laws are passed — and poor politicians are elected — by Honest Citizens that don't take the trouble to vote!