

## WHAT TWO VOICES CAN DO!

An Editorial

How often in today's busy world do you hear citizens say: "what good does it do to attend a public hearing of some governing body that is going to make a decision that will affect many of the residents in that area?" And, after expressing themselves thusly, fail to show up at the public hearing, wait until the resolution or law is passed — and then make a lot of noise if they think they are adversely affected! Sounds familiar — doesn't it?

We have always advocated and supported the right of the public to be heard at all public hearings as well as have their ideas, thoughts and expressed beliefs be considered when final action is taken on the subject matter at hand. And, on many occasions, we have "sounded off loud and clear" on subjects that we have felt very strongly about. Sometimes we have felt that we won, sometimes we lost — and other times it was a "mexican stand-off". But, no matter what the outcome was, we "gave it our best" and when it was over, "girded our loins for the next battle".

In the Dec. 24th, 1974 Edition of the News the Town Board of Andover had a Legal Notice of a Public Hearing published concerning a proposed Ordinance for the Town of Andover which in effect is a form of "Zoning" and if passed, would qualify Town Residents for flood insurance. And, since we live within the Village limits where this is already in effect and has been for years, we were not directly affected. We did ask questions about it, heard it discussed along Main Street — and waited to hear the outcome from the persons that it would affect the most.

According to the records, two residents of the Town of Andover appeared at the hearing, were heard, presented their views — and were listened to — resulting in the postponement of the hearing and the publication of the entire Building Ordinance and the re-scheduling of another Public Hearing.

We congratulate the two citizens that "put their money where their mouth was" as the modern expression goes — and have already told them both so in person. We also wish to express our admiration for the Town Board Members for taking into consideration the beliefs of these two residents and taking the action that they have on the matter.

As far as the matter of "Zoning" itself is concerned — at least in rural areas — we are opposed to it since it takes certain rights of the property owner away from him — and places it under the control of a few politicians. And, while any governing body that is in power when laws, rules, or ordinances are passed and know what and how they want to have them enforced — how can they possibly foresee how someone else might want to interpret them or enforce them?

Then too, who knows how much of a tax burden the administration of the permits and the cost of a building inspector could develop into? Future politicians might not want to follow current thinking — and the poor Taxpayers would be saddled with paying for some grandiose plan.

Lets' just take the recent State Election as an example. The newly elected Governor and Lt. Governor campaigned on a platform of reduced spending and lowering of taxes — and what is the first thing that they both do? The Governor asks for nearly \$100 Million to spend on the — Albany Mall (sometimes called the — Taj Mahal); and the Lt. Governor is seeking funds to TRIPLE her former staff so that she may have 3 offices instead of 1, three-times as many Employees costing 3 times as much money — actually amounting to way over \$1 Million Dollars! Then, add to that a huge proposed gasoline tax that will make we "Up-Statens" help pay New York City residents bus or subway fare — so what do promises amount to?

As far as the local proposed Town Building Ordinance (or Zoning) is concerned — it is up to you Town Residents outside of the Village and what you want! — Just be thankful that you have a Town Board that will listen to you, and get down to the next Public Hearing and state your opinion — whether FOR or AGAINST!

## News From Albany

by Assemblyman James L. Emery

## (AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS COULD SUFFER UNDER CAREY PLAN)

Albany — Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) has warned that some 23 school districts in the 136th Assembly District could lose considerable sums of state aid under proposals advanced by Governor Carey.

In his "State of the State" message, the Governor suggested that state aid to school districts should be tied to enrollment rather than to attendance. Emery explained that this would mean aid to well attended schools could decline and be given to school districts which have a large number of students on paper but have poor attendance and educational performance records.

"This, of course," would adversely affect schools with declining enrollments," Emery said. "Thus the effect on the counties I represent would be enormous. There are 23 school districts who show declining enrollments in our mainly rural area. These include 14 of 15 in Allegany County; seven of eight in Livingston County; and two in the portion of Ontario County within the boundaries of the 136th District."

The Assistant Minority Leader of the Assembly continued: "Here, once again, we have an example of 'big city thinking' on the part of our Democratic Governor. There's no question that New York City schools would benefit greatly from such an idea, since there are hundreds — perhaps even thousands — of students listed on the rolls of New York City schools who never attend classes, and there's little or no way to correct this situation."

"It certainly would be a travesty, however, if these schools received more state aid for students who are never there at the expense of our smaller, rural schools who are losing enrollment because of a generally declining population, but where students do attend classes."

The school districts in the area which could be affected by the Carey proposal include:

**Allegany County:** Alfred-Almond, Belmont, Andover, Angelica, Belfast, Bolivar, Canaseraga, Cuba, Friendship, Fillmore, Whitesville, Rushford, Wellsville and Richburg  
**Livingston County:** Caledonia, Mumford, Genesee, Livona, Mount Morris, Dansville, Dalton-Nunda, York.

**Ontario County:** City of Canandaigua and East Bloomfield.

Genesee — The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) announced his schedule for the week beginning January 25, 1975 as follows:

Friday, January 24 — Assemblyman Emery will be attending the Retail Merchants Council Luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce Building in Rochester, New York.

Thursday, January 30 — Assemblyman Emery will speak at the National Prayer Breakfast to be held in the United Methodist Church in Canandaigua, New York at 7:15 a. m., sponsored by the Kiwanis Club Spiritual Aims Committee.

## FROM OUR FILES

## 50 YEARS AGO

January 16, 1925

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Much interest is being manifested regarding the forthcoming total eclipse of the sun which is scheduled to occur Saturday morning, January 24, 1925, at Andover at about 9:08 A. M. and the total eclipse will last one minute and forty seconds.

Tuesday was most assuredly bankers day in Andover. On this

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Ask

Senator

BUCKLEY

Opinion polls have demonstrated that the American public has very little confidence in Congress. Why the poor showing?

C. E.—Johnson City

For the past forty years or so Congress has deluged the American people with promises that the federal government has the knowledge and ability to take care of every one of their needs. The result has been a massive transfer of responsibilities from state and local government to Washington, creating a rising demand on an already overburdened federal bureaucracy. As the gap between promise and delivery widens, people develop what I think is an understandable skepticism towards their elected officials. To reverse this erosion of confidence in government, I believe that we in Congress should take the first step by returning many of these responsibilities to the state and local level, and by giving up the habit of promising what we can't deliver.

I've noticed that people, including myself, are now driving as much as they did before the oil embargo. Do you see any future shortages?

J. S.—Lockport

Fortunately, we are now able to import the gasoline we need to meet the deficit in domestic production. But I hope that Americans will not revert to the wasteful habits of the past. To the extent we do, America will continue to be vulnerable to cut-offs of foreign supplies. If we are going to work our way out of this unhealthy dependence on foreign sources, we must develop a national willingness to conserve not only gasoline, but all other forms of energy.

The Brookings Institution has recently reported that we are going to be spending more and more on defense and less on domestic needs. How will you correct this budgetary imbalance?

D. K.—Manhattan

I am afraid that this is not a budgetary imbalance, but rather a budgetary myth. As a percentage of our Gross National Product, we are now spending less on our defense needs than at any time since before the Korean War. Our recent success in thwarting Soviet intentions in the Middle East was a reflection of our ability to face up to a serious military challenge. However, if we continue to cut back our military spending, especially in research and development, we may fall seriously behind the Soviets, thereby planting the seeds of world instability.

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by Alex Rankin

Who is going to wield the gavel over the New York State when the lieutenant governor has to leave the rostrum to adjust her girdle?

The debate over that issue last week brought the Senate to a new low.

The lieutenant governor, Mary Ann Krupsak, is a Democrat. The majority leader of the Senate, Warren Anderson of Binghamton, is a Republican.

Not satisfied apparently with the enormous powers he has to veto legislation from Democratic Gov. Carey or the Democratic-Controlled Assembly, Anderson got down to the petty level of attempting to take away Krupsak's right to appoint someone — presumably a Democrat — to take her place on the rostrum when she is not there.

A question in power is not involved because if a Democrat takes her place, bills cannot be passed because the Democrats still lack a majority vote.

As David Shaffer, an Associated

Press writer put it so aptly, during the debate over this issue the Senators "said things about their fierce territorial instincts, about their preference for form over function, about their ability to lose themselves in arcane disputes totally unconnected with the world around them."

Unfortunately for the people who elected the Senators and sent them to Albany to represent them, that characterizes all too much of what passes for legislative debate during the session in Albany.

One day soon Krupsak will leave the rostrum and hand the gavel to a Democrat and then everyone will be treated to the amusing spectacle of grown men acting like children fighting over toys.

The senators don't deserve better, but the people who sent them there do.

On the other side of the capitol the Republican staff of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee says the state will have a budget surplus of \$150 million.

Don't hold your breath waiting for a tax cut. On July 16, during the campaign, Carey accused Republicans of hiding a \$250 million budget surplus. Today, 180 degrees later, he doesn't have any figures but he says the deficit is "massive" and possibly "enormous".

What happened? Carey insiders are now saying that during the campaign they were told by Senate Democrats that there was a surplus, and apparently believed them. Budget surplus cries have been a favorite of Democratic senators for years.

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