

PART OF OUR FREEDOMS AT STAKE!

An Editorial

Did YOU realize that part of our "Freedoms" are at stake when the public hearing will be held at the Andover Town Hall on a proposed Town of Andover Building Ordinance that could qualify Town residents for Flood Insurance?

This building ordinance is in reality a form of zoning and would restrict property owners from building any structures on their own property without permission of a designated Building Inspector or Board of Review at a fee designated by a current board.

In return for "giving away" your freedom to do what you want to on your own property as well as having to pay for a building permit, submit plans for any such building and comply with any rules and regulations that might then be in effect — it would be possible for you to be eligible to buy flood insurance in the specially designated "flood plain" (providing the Town was so designated as being accepted under the plan).

First, it would seem logical to find out how many people in the Town of Andover actually live in this so called "flood plain", and secondly, how many of this group actually want to take out flood insurance. (We have talked to several people that would appear to be included in this category that have stated they would not take out flood insurance even if it were available.)

Then perhaps it would be wise to check up on the information that we were given — namely, that 90 to 95% of the cost of such flood insurance would be underwritten by the Federal Government. For, if this is so, we, the Taxpayers, would be paying for this 90-95% of the cost of flood insurance that the small minority of the public would desire.

Why do we make a statement like this? Because the Federal Government is not a private industry earning money — and the only funds derived by the Federal Government is the money it takes away from we Taxpayers in Income Tax and other Direct and Indirect Taxes. Besides this, we the Taxpayers have to pay for the collection of these Taxes and the return of it for any Federal Projects. In other words, for every \$1 that is collected from us, we are lucky if even half of it (50c) is even available to be returned to us in Federal Grants.

Just for example here in New York State, Governor Carey is asking for an extra 10c a gallon tax on gasoline that would really be an extreme hardship for all of us living in a rural area where we have to drive an auto back and forth to work as well as for our essential errands. And where would this money go that would be collected from us? The Governor has already promised that the bulk of this might be needed to underwrite the cost of keeping subway and bus fare in New York City at 35c — and so the people using these services wouldn't be paying their portion of this additional tax. How does that grab you?

As we understand this Flood Insurance Program, the Villages and Towns that qualify for the plan have to agree to keep the stream beds and creek banks in good shape and repair as designated by Federal Inspectors under the Corps of Engineers and other Agencies — at the expense of each individual Town or Village. And, if this is true, it would mean that all the Taxpayers that do not want flood insurance would be paying for it in three ways: 1. Loss of freedom of their own property. 2. Indirectly paying for 90-95% of flood insurance. 3. Paying for stream maintenance.

As far as we are concerned, we feel that the proper stream maintenance is a reasonable and just cost that should be shared by all local Taxpayers — and if this is taken care of properly, no one would need flood insurance and we wouldn't have to give up any "Freedoms".

For the protection of your own Freedoms and your own \$\$\$\$, why not attend the Town Meeting and state your feelings on the matter so that the Town Board will be able to make a Truly Representative decision!



50 YEARS AGO

February 6, 1925

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Nathaniel Perkins of Hornell, died at his home Sunday, February 1, 1925 of pneumonia at the age of 58. He was born in the town of Wellsville. Survivors include his wife, Clara; one son, Ernest of Philadelphia, Pa.; five sisters, Mrs. Owen D. Mangus, Mrs. William Briggs, Mrs. Eldyn Benjamin and Miss Nettie Perkins, all of Wellsville and Mrs. J. Arthur Crittenden of Whitesville; and two brothers, Burdett of Wellsville and Alonzo of Millport, Pa. Burial was in Alder.

Mrs. Marion Partridge of Skeanateles Falls, wrote her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rice, telling of the severe snow storm, which was the heaviest snow storm there since 1895.

Miss Flora Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lind of Kane, Pa., and Dr. Henry G. Stornor of Andover, were united in marriage January 29, 1925. Fay Boyd of Andover, acted as best man.

A brief outline of the annual report of the work done in Allegany County by Sealer of Weights and Measures, A. W. Corwin, shows that the number of scales tested was 1,174 and that 172 of these were condemned; linear measures, 128 tested and 9 were condemned; capacity measures, 954 tested and 65 condemned; gasoline pumps, 229 tested and 51 condemned; weights, 2,702 tested and 86 condemned; the number of places visited, 714 and the distances traveled 5,178.

Mrs. William Taylor of Greenwood, died February 2, 1925 at the age of 62. She is survived by her husband; one daughter, three sons and two sisters. Burial was in Bennetts.

Mrs. Raymond Snyder entertained at bridge, Monday evening.

After all, the heavy snow storm was not all to the bad it must have given some families an opportunity to get acquainted with each other. The Hornell-Wellsville Bus which has not been over its route since the snow storm we understand is doing duty between Hornell and Canisteo where the street car service has been interrupted since the generators blew up in the Hornell Electric Light Plant.

Highway Commissioner Earl Howland and his men have been busy this week with the tractor and scraper opening up the State Highway. The auto traffic between Andover and the outside world was resumed Wednesday morning when Ray McGill's gasoline truck made the trip to Wellsville and returned.

Mrs. William Woodruff entertained at bridge Thursday afternoon.

Harry Kemp had the misfortune to lose one of his valuable team horses last week.

Miss Helen Folsing entertained the Young People's branch of the Kings Daughters, Monday evening.

The late Daniel H. Kemp of Wellsville, whose funeral was held there Monday, was born in Andover eighty years ago. He was a cousin of C. E. Hann of Andover.

A flock of wild geese was northward bound and the sight of a robin are some of the sure signs that the "backbone of winter is broken". Mrs. William Francisco reported seeing them in Belmont.

The South Hill people have not seen their mail man. Mr. Church, since the big snow storm. He was able to do a small part of his route. P. A. Dougherty, with a team and road gang, were over South Hill Wednesday and Davis Hill men went out and helped break the roads so the mail man make his first trip Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cornell of Greenwood are parents of a daughter, born January 30, 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bankes of East Greenwood are parents of a daughter, born Saturday, January 31, 1925.

Mrs. Raymond Snyder was in Hornell on business, Wednesday.

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

"THE ROUTINE BEGINS"

With the 1975 session nearly a month old, the weekly routine familiar to many of us who have been around Albany for several years is beginning to take shape. Some of the furor of the governmental transition has begun to wear off, and Assembly members — both new and old — are settled into their new offices.

Under the new leadership of the Assembly, there are now 28 standing committees, and all of them meet on Tuesday with a few on Wednesday morning. This means that some members, who have been assigned to as many as four committees, really have tight schedules on committee days. After, with committees open to the public (a practice started last year), the meetings may tend to run longer than in the past. The word is, however, that a large number of bills are already being reported out of committees for floor action and the Assembly calendar should begin to reflect this in the next several weeks.

On Monday, January 20th, we passed five bills out of 10 listed on the calendar, which isn't bad for starters. Some people wonder why more isn't done during the first several weeks of the session, but it must be realized that bills cannot be placed on the calendar until they have been considered by the committees, which just began meeting. Each week the number of bills on the calendar will grow, and the workload will continue to increase.

My mail has reflected a great deal of dissatisfaction with the Governor's proposal for a 10 cent per gallon increase in the State gas tax, and much of it was critical of the fact that, once again, upstate New Yorkers would suffer at the expense of New York City. A comment by the Governor at a recent press conference in Albany seemed to substantiate this view. According to the New York Times, he said that the State would "uphold its commitment" to keep transit fare in New York City at the present level through this year (35 cents for subways and buses). "This state gasoline tax, if adopted, could be used in part for transit subsidy," he said according to the Times.

Between the gloomy economic news out of Washington and Al-

Miss Emma Folsing attended a Teachers' Conference at Painted Post last week.

Mrs. Leo Snyder returned home Saturday evening from a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Alice Smith returned to her school duties at Genesee after passing the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Stornor arrived in Andover Sunday evening and are housekeeping in the Presbyterian Manse on East Avenue.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Thomas M. Lynch Post American Legion, will hold a Valentine Card Party at the Firemen's Hall, February 16th at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served and admissions 50c.

40 YEARS AGO

February 1, 1935

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Floyd Goble who drilled the big well for the Bradford Quadrangle on the Wing Farm in Greenwood, made the statement that this is the largest gas well that has been brought in anywhere in the Eastern Hemisphere. Mr. Goble claims the well will gush 75 million cubic feet of gas a day. This, out does the famous Meeker well in the Texas field by nearly 25 million feet.

A variety shower and housewarming party was held Tuesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howland at their home on East Greenwood Street. Cards were enjoyed and a dinner supper was served to the company who left many fine gifts for the newlyweds. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dougherty of South Hill, were among

many, it would appear that we all have a great deal to be concerned about. It was, therefore, not surprising to find many eyebrows raised last week when the new Lieutenant Governor announced that her office budget for the year would exceed a million dollars. When former Governor Wilson was Lieutenant Governor, the office budget, at its peak, was \$250,000. The new Lieutenant Governor, however, has said she intends to increase the functions of her office, although she has not spelled out how she intends to do this. It was interesting to note that she recently hired a former campaign aide in Rochester as a "director of community relations for Western New York". This new director's salary will be \$40,000.

Governor Carey will present his 1975-76 budget to the legislature this week-end. The deadline, by law, is February 1. We will then begin the long and tedious task of reviewing the document, item by item, along with the recommendations of our expert staff and means staff. The budget must pass the legislature before the new fiscal year begins on April 1. This, of course, will be the first budget of the new Administration, but it is also recognized that much of the document is a carry-over from the old administration since recommendations of state agencies and departments were submitted long before the end of 1974. The Governor has called for austerity, and has already given us some clues as to what to expect in the coming year. It will be interesting to see what is reflected in this budget and what we as a legislature will do about it.

The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) announced his schedule for this week beginning February 7, 1975.

Friday, January 7 — Assemblyman Emery will be attending a Legislative Dinner to be sponsored by the Rochester Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to be held at 6:30 p. m. in the Historic Landmark Building on Spring Street in Rochester, New York.

Saturday, February 8 — Assemblyman Emery will be attending a Retirement Party for Kenneth Gilbert, Dansville Police Department at 6:30 p. m., for cocktails and 7:30 p. m., dinner at the Powers Inn, Dansville, New York.

Thursday, February 13 — Assemblyman Emery will be attending a "Salute to the Vice President" Party to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria.

those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dean of South Hill, attended the funeral of Mr. Fitzgerald in Wellsville, Wednesday.

Two girls were born January 20, 1935 to Mrs. Inez Ester at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cass Kenyon.

Mrs. William Woodruff entertained the L. L. Bridge Club at her home Tuesday evening. Prizes were awarded to Misses Helen and Emma Folsing.

Dr. Robert Common was a Buffalo visitor, Sunday.

In spite of the cold weather and many ill with the prevalent gripe a good attendance of members of Edward Seaman W.R.C., enjoyed their January Birthday Party held at the Legion Hall, last Friday afternoon. Both the social hour and the fine supper were reported a success. Mrs. Sara Guinn and Mrs. Grace Howland were birthday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Mulconery and son, Donald, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neefe at Coudersport, Pa., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean and Mrs. Mary Buring attended the Presidential Birthday Party in Wellsville, Wednesday evening.

Miss Doris Church who is teaching at Campbell Creek, was home for the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rager were in Rochester Saturday attending the Auto Show.

Miss Alice Fischer and Frank Fischer attended the funeral of Mrs. John Fischer in Wellsville, Pa., Tuesday.

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