

"FOR THE LACK OF A VOTE — THE ELECTION WAS LOST ! !"

An Editorial

Perhaps many of you readers — and voters, may think that the above Editorial Title is far-fetched — and may be ready to dismiss it from your minds but, before you do, think about it! Does the phrase have "sort of a familiar ring?" Could it be a metaphor from some well known bit of historical prose? How many of you remember the story of how a battle was lost — "all for the lack of a horse-shoe nail?"

Many times we have heard people say in the past: "my one vote doesn't matter so why should I vote." Do you realize that in the neighboring Community of Bolivar for two (2) successive elections that a contest for Mayor or Village Trustee has ended up in a tie vote — and has been decided by the toss of a coin? Not Once — but in 2 recent successive elections! And, if you doubt the veracity of this statement, just pick up the phone and ask Ed Mergler, the ex-District Attorney of Allegany County who called it to our attention recently — and find out for yourself!

Next Tuesday, March 18th, we have another Village Election coming up. This year we will have a full choice of two out of the four candidates for the two Trustees Seats that are up for election. Our great Country of America has flourished under the two-party system where we, the Citizens and Voters had a choice to make at the polls. If we didn't like what went on in our type of Democracy — we have been able to say so at election time by voting in new candidates. This year, on our own local "home front" we have a choice! Let's see if we can't get all local eligible voters out to the polls to cast their ballots for "the Candidates of their Choice".

As far as the voting machine is concerned — it is set up so that you voters can vote for ANY 2 candidates for Village Trustee — regardless of party affiliation or position on the ballot. None of these candidates are running against each other as it may appear on the ballot — instead, the two candidates for Trustee receiving the highest number of votes will be the winners. And, if any voter has any questions before voting — be sure and ask someone that is Trust worthy about it — before you vote.

In the past, it has been our policy not to back any one specific political party and their complete slate of officers, and we do not intend to do so this time.

However, we do feel it is our duty and obligation to the Taxpayers to state our views and opinions on the policies followed by Village Board Members. We took a loud and firm stand on the proposed sewer system when the former Officials tried to push it thru — and the Voters and Taxpayers expressed their feelings by voting it down by exactly a 6 to 1 majority. But, how do we know that some of these same people won't revive the issue — if they are elected?

We again expressed our views about the liberal handling and use of the Village Police car on "out of town jaunts" — which are apparently "not in the line of police duty", but nothing seems to have been done about this practice to-date. And, the Police Car continues to make its regular "food runs" to Wellsville — and is seen almost nightly by Andover and Wellsville residents.

Things like these make us feel that some things need to be changed — but the decision is up to you Voters and Taxpayers.

So, get out and vote — and say how you feel.

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

Believe it or not, there are only about two weeks left until the 1975-76 state budget must be adopted by the Legislature, according to law. The new budget year begins on April 1, and there are further complications in meeting that deadline this year. The religious holidays of Easter Week and Passover are early. The first night of Passover is March 26 and Good Friday is March 28th. All of this means, for all practical purposes, the Legislature will lose several days of deliberation and will probably return on Monday March 31 with our backs to the wall. If the budget is not passed by April 1, it seriously hampers the State's ability to pay its bills and meet its obligations. It also could affect payment of state workers. This situation last occurred in 1965, the last time the Democrats controlled the Legislature.

However, it is the hope of everyone that we will be able to complete work on the budget and come to a decision so that the state may start its year with money in the coffers. Nobody benefits when there is confusion and when the state begins its fiscal year without money. That is one reason many of us upstate are so interested in seeing Governor Carey come to some definitive conclusion on some of the pressing problems with the proposed budget as it stands today.

For instance, I am particularly disturbed with some \$500,000 in proposed cuts to programs at the State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell in Ithaca and the Experimental Station at Geneva. These cuts include \$400,000 to the SUNY Ag College at Cornell and the elimination of 17 positions and \$100,000 from the Geneva Experimental Station and the abolition of three positions dealing with agricultural research. This kind of indiscriminate cutting of services by our Governor will have a marked effect on our small family farms around the state. I read just the other day, for instance, that these small farms increased in 1974 by nearly 1,000 and this increase is expected to continue in years to come.

With this in mind, it would seem to be a foolish time to cut any services which the state might make available to aid these small family farms. If cuts are allowed to go through, it would seriously hamper existing efforts to shift research priorities to more fully serve the upstate areas in the field of cattle management. This relates directly to small herd management. It also could have serious consequences, I am told, to the highly popular county cooperative extension programs carried on through Cornell Cooperative extension is the family farm's most effective avenue to increased knowledge on new agricultural techniques and farm management practices.

I would hope that these matters would be taken into consideration by the Assembly Agriculture Committee, under Assemblyman Dan Walsh, while they are holding hearings around the state. Their final hearing is being held in Albany this week (March 14), and I know they are aware of the problems these proposed budget cuts create. I hope they urge the Governor to reconsider his stand on the matter.

Last week was another very discouraging one for upstaters in the Legislature. In a matter of 24 hours some \$157 million of the taxpayers' money went sailing down to the New York City area because of action taken in these chambers. Unfortunately, none of it will do us in the rural areas of our state one bit of good, and I both voted against the two proposals involved and urged their defeat. One was a further effort to save the floundering Urban Development Corporation by giving it \$90 million to save bankruptcy proceedings and allow it to complete many half-started housing projects. I attempted to amend that bill to require the State Comptroller to audit the books of the UDC once a year to prevent what has happened in the past which



50 YEARS AGO

March 13, 1925

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The Village is worth over a quarter million dollars. Profit from the water alone would pay all village indebtedness in three years. The balance on hand is — \$1,016.42.

Mrs. Catherine Rorke Burdick died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Dorgan of Friendship, March 3, 1925. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, March 17, 1840. Two daughters, Mrs. Dorgan and Mrs. A. C. Hickox, both of Friendship survive. She is the grandmother of Mrs. Frank Burrows, formerly of this village.

John T. Dugan of Belmont, died at his home March 4, 1925. He was a son of Jerry and Ellen Shannahan Dugan. On August 15, 1891 he married Rose Durnell, who survives with one daughter, Mrs. Teresa Dunbar of Rochester; one son, Arthur of Belvidere; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Beebe of Elm Valley and Mrs. Nora Higgins of Warsaw.

Mrs. Leo Snyder entertained a bride at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch welcomed a little daughter, Martina Jean, March 5, 1925 at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Baker welcomed a son, March 7, 1925.

Guy Wood has purchased the remains of the Masonic Temple, which burned recently on the corner of Main and Elm Street. Workmen are picking up and cleaning and clearing the brick. Rumor has it that a new garage will be erected on the site. Guy also has an advertisement for bricks. Repair your chimney while you can buy cleaned brick as a bargain.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will serve a Roast Beef Supper at the Church, March 19 from 5:30 on.

John, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Howland had the little finger of his hand accidentally pinched in a door last week tearing off the nail.

A regular quarterly meeting of the Allegany County Dentist Association was held at Hotel Swink Saturday afternoon. The program consisted of an informal discussion of "shop talk" in which all participated enthusiastically. A fine banquet was enjoyed by the following members — O. E. Jones of Wellsville; W. F. Spragar and E. V. Sheeran also of Wellsville; F. W. Warner of Angelica; A. A. Juskin of Wellsville; J. F. Gorton of Belmont; M. B. Cottrell R. J. Conway of Hornell; W. W. Coon of Alfred; L. M. Chaplin of Bolivar; F. S. Burlingham of Friendship; H. L. Whipple of Cuba and John Common of Andover.

The Erie Railroad Company are

has put us in this mess to begin with. Certainly the proposal made sense, but Democrats found several excuses why they didn't think it was necessary, and it was defeated on a party-line vote.

The other \$67 million we sent down the Hudson to New York City comes as a particular annoyance to those of us upstate. It will go to subsidize the subways and commuter railroads in and around the City. We've gone through this before, and it seems that upstaters are always bailing out the City's transit problems. Once again we were told this would help save the 35 cent subway fare. Then just a day after passage, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Authority said he'll need more money or the fare will go up in April. So I'm sure we'll be asked to shell out more before the season is over. And, of course, while we're doing this (even though I voted against it) the Governor is still insisting he needs nearly \$200,000,000 in new taxes in his proposed budget including the 10 cent per gallon tax increases. That won't affect those in the heart of New York City much, but it will certainly do a job on our pocketbooks with our main source of mass transportation... — the car.

repairing the roads at the "Midway" by filling in the low places with cinders. Agent Alderson informed The News that they plan to make the section of Andover as good as the other side streets in Andover.

The Box Social held at Elm Valley was well attended by the pupils of Andover High School. The following were in attendance: Ellen Casey, Betty Gorter, Fanny Perry, Mary MacFetridge, Margaret Livermore, Edna Smith, Anna Lynch, Louise Folsing, Arthur Downer, Lenford Horton, Frenchie Higgins and George Dean.

Robert Church is on the sick list. Last week Mr. DeRemer, Jr., substituted on his Mail Route on South Hill.

Potatoes are selling at 40 cents a bushel.

Ernest Theetge is home from his work at Perry this week.

Emmett Dawson of Depew spent Sunday at the home of his mother, who returned to Depew with him for a few days visit.

Mrs. Hattie Eggleston has returned from several weeks at Correy and is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lever on Dyke Street.

Mrs. Harland Robinson arrived in Andover, Friday from Mid West, Wyoming to pass several weeks with Andover relatives. Mr. Robinson plans to motor through later.

Mrs. Mattie Lewis of Canisteo.

Mrs. Sara Jamison of Andover, Mrs. Van Coombs and daughter, Reta were guests at the Taylor home, Wednesday.

Talk about your early vegetables, pansies and etc — Mrs. S. P. Taylor has accomplished the best "early bird" story yet. She brought a fine bunch of freshly grown wine plant to The News Editor, Wednesday evening. It was plenty large enough for use in one of those delicious pie-plant pies. She has our thanks.

There will be a Box Social at the M. E. Church Parlors Friday evening. The ladies will prepare lunch boxes to be auctioned off and the men are to bid on them. A musical program is planned.

40 YEARS AGO

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Helen Louise 7 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Halsey, died March 7, 1935 at her home on Baker Street. She is one of the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Halsey and had been ill with whooping cough — followed by pneumonia. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Rowland A. Smith died March 4 at the Masonic Home in Utica. He was born in Alfred. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William Traster of this village. An unusual coincidence is that Mr. Traster's mother and his wife's father's death occurred the same day. Burial was in Hope Cemetery in Hornell.

Mrs. Ellen Traster died March 4th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Vickers. She was born May 18, 1862 in Canisteo the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grover and is survived by one daughter and one son William, both of Andover; three grandchildren, William, Francis and Helen Vickers all of Andover; and one sister, Mrs. Samuel Cross of Canisteo. Burial was in Hope Cemetery, Hornell.

Andover Rebekahs observed Past Noble Grands Night Wednesday evening with a 6:30 dinner. The following ladies who have served as Noble Grands were honored: Mrs. George Beebe, Mrs. William Rice, Mrs. Dan Witter, Mrs. Henry Carr, Mrs. Archie Kemp, Mrs. Jennie Hammond, Mrs. Harold Hardy, Mrs. Grace Greene, Mrs. Earl Howland, Mrs. Lyle Mulconery, Mrs. Charles Hammond and Mrs. J. Harvey Backus. After the meeting a fine program was presented.

Guy Wood was in Rochester the first of the week to consult a specialist in regards to a peculiar Malady from which he has been suffering for some weeks. The diagnosis and four prominent Rochester Doctors all agreed that Mr. Wood has been suffering from lead poisoning. The only explanation that could be found for the origin of the poisoning is the burning of old battery cases in the stove at the corner garage. The batteries were burned to clean out the

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