

WHAT GOOD DID A CHANGE ACCOMPLISH?

Last year a big "Hue & Cry" developed over the moderate increase in the Annual School Budget, rumors were coined, developed, and spread like "wild-fire", with the slogan of "its time for a change" being passed from mouth to willing ear. Friends and relatives were lined up and led to the polls in one of the largest turn-outs for an Annual School Meeting in Andover History.

The School Budget was voted down by a mere 19 votes and three new Trustees were elected on the promise of economy with "Board Control."

Now, this year, after the "New Board" developed and approved "their" Budget and presented it — it was voted down by a vote of 164 to 64! Didn't the Board have enough faith and confidence in their own Budget to line up public support so it would pass?

What has been accomplished? What is the significance of the over-whelming defeat of the Budget? Are the voters THIS dissatisfied with the present Board? Could it be their policies that are being questioned? Is it their generous dealings in agreement to such a large increase for teachers salaries during their labor negotiations? (The \$950 raise per teacher across the board amounts to an 11% increase at the lower end of the Teachers pay scale, tapering down to less than 5% at the top end of the scale). It would appear that this discriminates against the experienced teachers with long tenure while enriching the newer teachers at a much higher per centage rate at the expense of their fellow teachers.

This isn't just for this Year! The Taxpayers are already committed to an equal raise for the following year (1979-1980). What will this do to the Tax Rate next year?

According to State Mandates, once labor negotiations have been completed, neither the Board nor the Public can reduce or lower any wage scale. The only way that budget cuts can be made in this area is by elimination of unnecessary positions or those having the least impact on student education.

Last year, the Board presented several obvious approaches which would be still effective this year one of which included the cutting of the Nurse-Teacher position down to School Nurse. This would save Taxpayers around \$12,000 annually and would only change one health class a day to some other department at no extra cost. In fact, there is no State Mandate that even calls for a School Nurse according to our source of information. In other areas that are not vital to Student Education and could be considered are the reading co-ordinator and Teacher Aides.

As far as the \$8,000 for the Feasibility Study for a new Gym is concerned, it was admitted by Board Members at the Annual Meeting Tuesday night, that the money had been already allocated for the Architects fees — since the firm is already working on it and thus it can't be dropped from the Budget.

This only leaves two other areas for major cuts which are the Student Athletic Program, and Student Transportation.

Last year, after the first Budget was voted down, Board Members gave the Taxpayers an opportunity to vote on these proposed cuts — with the final result being that the original budget was adopted.

What do the Taxpayers really want this year? Do they really want the Budget cut — or was the Budget rejection just a protest vote against the current Board? Would they approve the proposed Budget if it were to be presented again? Do they want services reduced? What do they really want?

To us, it would seem as if the main objective should be to furnish the best Educational Program we can AFFORD — and cut out the personalities!

Maple Twig Notice

The Maple Twig will meet May 9th, 1 PM at the home of Linda Smith, 17 Elm Street. Please bring a prospective member!

You need a ride to the Auxiliary Awards Luncheon, May 10th, contact Linda Smith 478-8530.

Pan to attend the Auxiliary Tea, May 12th, 1 - 3 PM at the Hospital Board Room.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Campers and Hikers Association is entering its 30th year; and

WHEREAS, family camping encourages the conservation of our natural beauty and wise use of our resources for better outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, family camping stimulates public interest in and enjoyment of our great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the National Campers and Hikers Association is conducting its National Family Camping Month during May;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph A. Allen, Mayor of the Village of Andover, do hereby proclaim May 1978 as

FAMILY CAMPING MONTH and request all citizens to observe this occasion by extending every courtesy and cordial welcome to visitors and guests as they come to enjoy camping in our area.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this Great Seal of the Village of Andover:

Done in the Village of Andover this 1 day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy eight.

RALPH A. ALLEN
Mayor

Congressman

Jim Emery To Visit Andover

Congressman "Jim" Emery plans to visit Andover, Friday, May 12, 1978 and will hold a "Listen-In" type of interview at the "grass roots level" with local citizens that have a problem at the State level or who wish to express their opinions to our local "Congressman".

"Jim's" schedule is listed: Friday, May 12, 1978, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM — visiting the local Andover Medical Center; 10:00 to 11:00 AM, holding his "Listen-In" interviews at the Andover Village Office with access to a private room for confidential problems if desired; conference with Alfred Almond Students and lunch at Cosco's Inn in Almond from 11:30 to 1:00 PM.

In his Conference in Almond with about 50 Students of former Mayor "Mike" Brace, he will be discussing the topic: "Reasons to get involved in the Political Arena".



Charles Jenison, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Thursday.

Francis "Ike" Mahoney was admitted to The Jones Memorial Hospital, Saturday.

Mrs. Edna Perry, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Saturday.

Stella Russin was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital, Saturday.

Mrs. Lulu Emery, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Monday.

Mrs. John J. Baker was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital Monday, as a medical patient.

Mrs. John Graves was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital Monday.

Melinda Baker was admitted to St. James Mercy Hospital, Tuesday. Carl Densmore Jr. was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. Adelaide Ordiway was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital, Tuesday.

Ed Dean, a patient in St. James Mercy Hospital, was discharged Wednesday.

Mrs. Richard Baker, a patient in Jones Memorial was discharged Wednesday.

Burtron D. Billings

Burtron D. Billings of Wellsville RD 1, died at his home Wednesday, May 3, 1978.

He was born in the Town of Independence Feb. 18, 1923, the son of Alfred Billings and Ella Mae Teater Billings. He was a farmer.

On Feb 24, 1959, at Alfred Station he married Diane Iddings who survives.

In addition he is survived by a daughter Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Stebbins of Whitesville; four sons Brian, Richard, James and Timothy, all at home; one stepson, Keith Eangelder of Penn Yan, three brothers, Archie, Ronald and Roy, all of Wellsville; two sisters Mrs. Lester Hunt of Wellsville and Mrs. Leon Hunt of Whitesville; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Friday 1:00 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Wildmar Funeral Home in Whitesville where funeral and committal services will take place Saturday at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Jon Olosky pastor of the United Methodist Church of Whitesville, officiating. Burial will be in Hallsport Cemetery.

Andover Firemen To Flush Hydrants

Members of the Andover Fire Department are planning on flushing local Village Fire Hydrants as a Public Service to the Village starting at 10 PM on Friday, May 19, 1978.

In many locations the hydrants haven't been flushed or tested in several years and it is imperative that these are flushed and tested at regular intervals if we expect good fire protection.

This past Sunday, Firemen hosed down and cleaned the bigger part of Main Street by using water from their pumper and plan on completing the project this coming Sunday.

With the Village having the Streets swept up and the Firemen hosing down the Streets afterwards, it sure make a big improvement around the "Old Home Town" when the wind blows — Dust Bowl!

"Go-To-Church Sunday" To Be Held May 7

The Andover Senior Citizens of "Golden Agers", voted to have a "go-to-church Sunday" on Sunday, May 7. They will go to church as one body on Sunday morning, at the United Methodist Church at 11 o'clock. They will be given special recognition during the worship service by Mrs. Bessie McCarty, a senior member of the church and also by the minister, Rev. A. Howard Gabriel. Special music will be rendered by the Choir, George Milligan, who has been selected by the United States wind instrument band as one of a hundred to give concerts in Europe this summer, will give two special trumpet solos. The minister will give a special message for the occasion. May is designated as Senior Citizens Month.

The United Methodist Church Board Meeting will be held Sunday evening, May 7th at 6:30 P.M. in the Social Hall. George Brown will preside.

Glaucoma Clinic

A Free Glaucoma Clinic sponsored by the Andover Lions Club, will be held on Wednesday, May 10 from 7 - 9 PM at the Andover Central School. Dr. K. VanDine will be in charge, assisted by members of the Andover Lions Club. Persons in need of transportation may call 478-8494.

School Notice

Kindergarten Registration and orientation in the Andover Central School will be held on Tuesday, May 16, and Thursday, May 18, from 9:30 - 1:30 PM. Material and Notices are being sent by mail. Anyone who plans to enter a child in Kindergarten and who does not receive the necessary forms should call 478-8491 or 478-8494 before May 15th.

Andover Central School Holds Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Voters of Andover Central School District No. 1 was called to order at 8:00 P.M. in the ACS Gymnasium by Chairman, Ed Van Stine with the following Board Members present: Conner Stephens, Mary K. Slade, Richard Godown, Paul McCormick and Virginia Milligan.

Mr. Van Stine stated that the budget would be presented the same as last year. Mr. Van Stine described the pages and by whom each would be presented. The chairman suggested that we waive the reading of last year's Annual Meeting Minutes. Glenn Bronson made the motion that this be done and William Walker seconded the motion. All in favor by unanimous ayes.

The Tax Collector's Report was read by the Clerk of the Board.

Amount of Taxes Levied \$312,044.04
Total Taxes Collected \$278,693.75
Total Taxes Returned \$ 33,350.29

Motion was made to accept this report by Fred Kelley — seconded by Wendell Bennett. Carried by unanimous ayes.

Conner Stephens read a letter from Gordon M. Ombuch, Commissioner of Education pertaining to decisions on budget and electing Board Members.

Board member Richard Godown presented page 1 of the budget. Questions were asked regarding costs of trips. Conner Stephens read part of the greeting from the President of the National School Boards Association and a short report of the meeting that he attended with Mr. Jordan.

Questions were asked regarding the number of custodial persons employed by the school.

Questions were asked regarding Secretarial position rate of pay. Paul McCormick presented page 2.

Questions were asked regarding architects Fee for Feasibility of New Gym.

Requested from the floor that a future Annual Meetings the Clerk have the Minutes available for reference.

Discussion was held regarding BOCES Guidance.

Mary K. Slade presented page 3 of the budget.

Virginia Milligan presented the BOCES descriptive page.

Conner Stephens presented the next areas of increase for the 1978-9 budget and the estimated Revenues for 1978-79.

The meeting was recessed until 11:00 A.M., May 3, 1978 by the Chairman Mr. Van Stine.

VIRGINIA MILLIGAN, Clerk

Blood Bank

On April 26, there was a Blood Bank held by the Rochester Regional Blood Bank held at the Andover Central School. 33 pints of blood were donated, and 11 of the 33 were Junior and Senior High School students. The Chairman of the Clinic was Mrs. Virginia Milligan.

Many nurses from the area assisted the Clinic. Cookies were donated by many willing residents. Andover is one of the very few communities who generously donate cookies for the Blood Bank Caravan.

Helping in many ways, such as set-up and clean-up, were local Red Cross Youth Council members. A special thanks to all those who donated.

Notice Of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Village Board of the Village of Andover is conducting a public hearing on the 8th day of May, 1978, at 8:00 P.M., Daylight Saving Time on that date at the Village Office, 4 Main Street, Andover, New York, for purposes of determining community's desire to complete an application for HUD Funding for water distribution and supply as well as a home improvement assistance plan for Senior Citizens.

JOAN C. DIBBLE, Clerk