

Time To Separate



THE IMPORTANCE OF LEGAL NOTICES!

An Editorial

Do you read Legal Notices? If you can truthfully answer yes—all fine and good! You are accepting your responsibility in the Community, State and Nation by reading Legal News that is printed and directed to YOU—Mr. Citizen and Taxpayer.

If you don't read Legal Notices — you are overlooking a source of information that tells you what your elected or appointed public servants are going to spend your tax dollars for as well as the amount.

Did you know that Legal Notices of one form or another date way back into antiquity in civilization? Before the invention of the printing press and newspapers—Legal Notices used to be written by hand and then posted in the Public Square for the people to see.

Now you have the convenience of being able to read them in your favorite chair — at a time of your choosing — when you pick up your newspaper to read the news, your favorite column, the sports page — or what have you.

However, do you realize that there are those that do their utmost every year to try and do away with Legal Advertising — so that the Public won't be able to find out what is going on — where their tax dollars are going — or what they are being spent for?

At the present time there are several such types of laws that are being presented in the State Legislature. One of them is much like the law that was presented in February of 1963 which would allow County Boards of Supervisors to publish their own newspapers in the form of "daily register or record" as the official county newspaper.

Another one would reduce from six weeks to four weeks the length of time required to print tax notices of the sale of private property.

Your State Senator and Assemblyman are in the final month of law-making in Albany, coming to grips, person-to-person, with proposals for modifying laws and for promoting particular interests. Citizens are at a disadvantage in keeping up with the many bills that are being pushed by specific associations or lobbyists. Many bills get passed or pushed aside while you aren't looking, or while you are looking but not watching.

You should be watching and insisting that both the Senate and Assembly do not pass laws that will cut down on YOUR right to know how YOUR Tax Dollars are being spent all the way up through the line — From the Village level — Thru the Town — County — State and even the Federal Government.

You — THE TAXPAYER — are the ONLY per-

Albany Report

By Barker B. Conable, Jr. State Senator, 53rd District

The return on a questionnaire I sent out to some 750 persons in our Senatorial district a couple of weeks ago has been most gratifying, and also surprising in some respects.

Based on a return of about 20 per cent, the greatest support was for State University tuition, a cause celebre only a year ago. Legislators' offices were besieged by students and letters poured in from irate parents last year as the Legislature imposed a uniform tuition plan. But today, if our little survey is a true reflection, 84.8 per cent of the residents of our five counties believe tuition is fully justified.

On another question, I had supposed from the volume of mail that our district was overwhelmingly in favor of spending more tax money on schools, a view I share. But I was startled to find that just 59.5 per cent of those questionnaires were returned early held this opinion.

It is possible that the percentages may change as further returns come in. We have continued to mail the questionnaire to a cross-section of the district, probably to a total of more than a thousand. I am hopeful that the full return may approach 500.

Incidentally, there is no point now in asking for questionnaires in hopes of "loading" the returns in support of any particular point of view. To begin with, by the time you read this column, we will have wound up our mailing. And in the second place, we have avoided mass mailings to one area or group in an effort to avoid just such a top-heavy response.

Frankly, I have no intention of letting polls or surveys control my voting. But while many factors

do and should go into the process of making up the legislative mind, and while I believe any legislator should vote his conscience and conviction, public opinion deserves a part in the process. I hope to give you a full report later in the session, but meanwhile here are some tentative results.

Only 30 per cent favor off-track betting and 30.4 per cent a state lottery. But among those who selected one of our three suggested sources for more money for schools, 45.8 per cent picked new gambling taxes. The percentage for more state aid generally was 51.2 per cent. 22.4 per cent favored higher local school taxes. There was a heavy "write-in" for a sales tax.

We posed a couple of questions relating to proposed changes in the state liquor law, with a mixed response. Only 22.8 per cent thought prohibition should be resumed to sell packaged liquor price-fixing by the state.

12.7 per cent think government employees should have a right to strike.

81.8 per cent favor repeal of the railroad "full crew" law.

78.9 per cent believe some kind of restriction is needed on the sale of fireworks.

58.8 per cent favor real estate tax relief for older persons on small fixed incomes.

68.1 per cent favor tax relief for towns hit by state land purchasing.

39.8 per cent believe Regents Scholarships should be good outside the state.

67.1 per cent want the minimum drinking age raised from 18 to 21.

Ed Note—We hope, that if any of these were received by local citizens, they will fill them out and return them so that a true cross-section picture can be obtained.

Too often only those persons with an axe to grind will see to it that their cause is pushed while the people "again" will sit on their hands and do nothing except talk.

Remember — "Bad Laws" are often made by "Good Politicians"

son that is the MOST INTERESTED in what your Tax Dollars are being spent for. Let your elected representatives know how you feel about it — before it is too late!

CONTESTED ELECTION IS A GOOD THING!

An Editorial

A contested election is the backbone of this great Democracy of ours. When we reach the point of indifference where we allow a mere handful of people select a slate of Officers, it would seem as if Democracy is fast ebbing away.

Thus we are glad to see that the Voters of Andover will at least be able to have a choice in electing 2 out of the 3 candidates for Village Trustee in the coming Village Election.

BE SURE and GET OUT and VOTE — for the CANDIDATE of YOUR CHOICE!

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS BASIC TO ALL YOUR AMERICAN FREEDOMS! Only as your Newspaper is free to print the facts, can you be free to know them. Only as you know the facts, can you act wisely in the best interests of your Community, as you see them. In America, there is plenty of room for opinions. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH!

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who are laboring under the false impression that they are voting for what the majority of their constituents desire.

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

20 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Mary Smith has sold her property on Main Street to Edward White and has purchased the Michael Casey house on Dyke Street.

Ernie Witter has purchased the Baker Brothers residence property on Rockabeau Avenue.

Mrs. William Snyder and Mrs. William Sprick of Andover are among the staff of patients at the Wellsville Hospital.

Frank Dean is moving from the Shields farm to the Dean Homestead farm near Andover Village.

Miss Lena Gray was home from Perry to pass the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Green.

Mrs. Thomas Horsfall of Wellsville was a recent guest of her sister Mrs. Jett Blodgett.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 29, 1924

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Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard, 83, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Richardson of Elm Valley Tuesday night, February 26th.

William Woodruff and family moved this week into their new bungalow on Dyke Street.

The Vars Ice House, the Condensory Ice House and Pranger Bros. have completed the ice harvest at Andover Ponds which with the cold weather of the past six weeks has produced an unusually good supply of ice.

An abundance of snow in this locality, but traffic is again moving, thou not strictly on the highway. Our mail man will make his trip a couple of days this past week—South Hill Cor.

Sheridan Witter of Buffalo spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Witter.

W. F. O'Connell and J. Harvey Backus attended a meeting of the Democratic County Committee held in Belmont Tuesday afternoon.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 23, 1934

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Raymond McGill has purchased the Porter Service Station located on Liberty Highway (Route 17) near the Main Street intersection.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gray left Andover Saturday for Dansville where she will enter the King's Daughters Home.

Miss Marion Coats of Andover and James Corretta of Hornell were married February 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mead of Elmira are the parents of a son, born February 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Robbins are the parents of a son, born February 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clark, Mr.

Mrs. C. M. Crandall and Mrs. Carl Tassell attended Farm and Home Week at Thaca the past week.

Miss Ruby Robinson of Orange, N. J. is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rogers were called to North Bingham this week by the illness of her father, Albert Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes were Sunday guests of his brother Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Holmes of Hornell.

A woman called the county agent and asked how long her rooster had to be with her 20 hens before the hens' eggs would be fertile.

The agent, planning to look up the answer, said "Just a minute." The woman replied, "Thank you" and hung up the phone.

Boost Your Home Town!