



The Cheerleaders composed of members of the 4th of July Celebration Parade Committee pose after conducting a novel cheer during the half-time game between the Long-Johns, and the A.C.S. Faculty — L - R — Diane Ordiway, Doris Ann Jackson, Anita Cahill, Lyvonne Ryckman and Mel Mickie.

are destroyed. After all — they are not fighting on a College Campus!

Many good wishes to you and Mrs. Allen, and again I say thank you.

Most Sincerely,  
Clara Belle Graves  
Mrs. Mark Graves  
3/11/1970

Genesee, Penna  
"Wildlife Acres"  
R. F. D. No. 1  
Mar. 12, 1970

Andover News  
Andover, New York

Dear Editor:  
"DAM sick", that is the illness many of the Yorks Corners, Stone Farm, HISTORIC Shongo and Alma residents have. The illness struck like a contagious disease in January when the public was exposed to the shocking news concerning the dam.

Had a large bomb been dropped! — the tragedy could of been no worse, I am sure.

The many Cemeteries, the homes, the wildlife habitat and above all, the beautiful Genesee River would be meddled with and gone, all due to the heartless deals of our neighboring politicians and others.

Most of our honest made money goes back into their town, yet they wish and try to force such a DISASTER (a man made lake is a sin) upon us.

LET'S KEEP THE GENESSEE FLOWING!!! It cannot be the River of the past.

Thank you,  
Norman L. Ives  
Member: Genesee Headwaters Citizen's Ass'n, Inc.

R. D. 1 (Shongo, N. Y.)  
Genesee, Pa.  
March 14, 1970

Dear Mr. Allen,

I hope that you will find room in your very fine newspaper to print this letter.

I want to express my thanks to you for your stand on the proposed Stannards Dam, by printing this, perhaps the people within the reading scope of your paper will know that you have restored our faith in mankind! You can imagine how those of us at Shongo and Yorks Corners felt after setting through the farce they called the hearing on February 19. When you got up to "speak your piece" it was like a shot in the arm.

On Thursday, we heard from a most reliable source, that every person who stated at the hearing that they wanted further study of the dam was counted as a vote in favor of building it. I know that

some of these people were sincere in believing that they did not know enough about this project to vote yes or no. And since the hearing, many people have asked us where we got the information that day. They didn't even know there was an Engineer's Study in the library.

So, Mr. Allen, thank you for being one of those who didn't need another study to know that this project is wrong. We hope that you will always continue your fight against this dirty business of politics.

Sincerely,  
Fern Graves

### Thank You!

The Parade Committee wishes to thank all of those who helped to make our Basketball Game a success.

A special thanks to the faculty for playing against us and to Robert Baker for refereeing....

We hope all who attended had a good time.

We wish to also thank Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen for their support and publicity.

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### NOTICE

James Kessler, Supervising Principal of Andover Central School, urges you to write a letter urging the passage of the Educational Conference Board bill on State aid to education and ask them to increase the amount by 15%. Also in your letter request them to defeat the bill which would provide state aid to private and parochial schools. The letters should be sent to:

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Mr. Jesse Present  
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Route No. 1  
Genesee, Pa. 16923  
March 9, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Allen,  
You are our champions. I have this day mailed copies of your comments on the Stannards Dam Project to Rep. Hastings and Sen. Goodell. The Wellsville Daily Reporter used their power of the press to say little about this project until after the Feb. 19 hearing. What they did say was slanted in favor of views of local village politicians who aren't concerned that the taxpayers build a \$50,000,000 (ultimate cost) project so Wellsville can have \$50,000.00 worth of water.  
Sincerely,  
Sherman Graves

Mrs. Mark Graves  
Markhaven Rd. 1  
Genesee, Penna. 16923  
Shongo, N. Y.

Mr. Ralph Allen  
Andover, New York  
Dear Mr. Allen,

Mere words of mine can not possibly express my appreciation for your fine article in the Andover News March 7. Very nice to read what Assemblyman Frank Walkley wrote from Albany.

You made such a fine speech Feb. 19th at the Howe Library, you have given us hope and faith that this part of Allegany County will not be destroyed for a \$37-500,000 dam and recreation center.

Dr. F. Crawford was a very good friend of my husband. Mr. Graves worked for the State of New York for nearly 35 years, working under many Governors.

He retired in March 1942, because of ill health, for at that time he was President of Taxation and Finance, and he died June 1, 1942.

Later that month I moved back to the Graves Homestead which had been the boyhood home of Assemblyman Harold L. Peet, a

nephew of my husband, since this place was built by Edgar Peet after the cyclone.

Mr. Graves was born on a farm, Town of Willing, now owned by George Hall, that is also in the path of destruction.

I am one of nine widows living in Shongo, and we have four boys in the Service, three of which are in Vietnam, and I feel so sorry for these boys — if their homes

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