

NEEDED — MORE INTEREST FROM VOTERS !!!

An Editorial

Village Election day on March 10th passed by — hardly without notice. There were only two candidates, and one party represented with a total of 47 votes cast. Two of your neighbors were placed in positions of responsibility to their — and our — community. We welcome those willing to accept the work of democracy at the "grass roots" level, since this is the most immediate and most responsive level of administration — and the one that we can exercise the most control over.

Now that you've voted, don't leave your village board to operate unattended and unnoticed. Don't wait for the sensational or controversial before you start to pay attention. Running a village is both a leading and learning process. Part of the learning will come from the interest and direction of the voters. Your village board needs your participation by attention and opinion as much as it needs to learn its community and make decisions.

For all of you people that didn't vote — and remember — you had YOUR chance. If you didn't like the way that things were being handled in the past — all you had to do was put up a candidate — and get out and work hard enough to get him elected.

In fact, all it would have taken was a small minority of 41 write-in votes cast — and one of the candidates would have been defeated. And likewise, 48 write-ins would have defeated the other candidate.

Thus, it would appear, that despite the fact that a few people want to sit back and criticize almost everything that is done — no one wants to take any responsibility or do any work to make any changes — or offer up anything constructive.

Every meeting is open to the public, as it should be. Everyone can benefit by attending a meeting. It's important enough to have every organization, no matter what its nature, to select representatives to sit in on local board meetings, taking turns so that each citizens would witness local government in deliberation at least once a year. It's a more valuable investment of time or money in the future or your town than dedicating yourself to bowling week after week, lounging in front of the "boob-tube" — or what have you!

Every village suffers from the failure of its citizenry to pay attention and give attention to local government. No news is not always good news. Paying no attention to board news and board meetings is willful neglect, setting the roots for trouble, and at least, forming a background of misunderstanding and failure.

Keep in step with your local board, become knowledgeable about what they face, what they say and what they do. Be as ready as they when problems arise, and you, your community and your local board will ride out such problems with more ease and less conflict. The figure of the voter who pays no attention, then fires darts at the first situation he doesn't understand, is all too familiar.

The proposed Village Budget has been printed in this week's issue of the News. Board Members have spent many, many hours trying to figure out how to cut corners to keep the budget as low as possible — and still take care of the things that are necessary to be carried out efficiently.

Due to rising costs, necessary improvements, and long-range planning, there will be a slight raise in the tax rate.

The budget has been printed for your convenience and information. Notice of a Public Hearing on the Budget has been printed. There has been nothing hidden and it is all there in black and white for you to study. And, if you don't understand items that appear in the budget — you, as a Taxpayer, have the right to ask about it.

We are satisfied that the Village Board has done everything possible to keep expenditures down to a minimum. If you are not satisfied — attend the hearing, ask your questions — voice your opinions.

Or — hold your peace until next election — and do something about it at the polls.



50 YEARS AGO

April 2, 1920

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Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Trowbridge are parents of a daughter, Miriam Esther, born Monday, March 29. Clara Hulse of Whitesville and Jay Schribner of Andover, were united in marriage Sunday, March 28.

Wellington M. Briggs, 72, died Thursday, March 25 at his home on Rochambeau Ave. His wife, two daughters, a son, a sister and two brothers survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Ed Lynch has purchased the Walsh farm near Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker of Belfast, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Appier and Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAndrew of South Hill.

Miss Julia Raufenbarth is home from Lynbrook, New Jersey for the Easter vacation.

Jerome Remington, of Painted Post, has been visiting Andover relatives and friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker and Sarah Bettinger are enjoying a week's visit in New York City.

Mrs. Lee Pomeroy of Port Jervis, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scott for a few days.

E. P. Rogers arrived home from Texas Saturday. Mr. Rogers is enthusiastic regarding the prospects of the Andover - Texas Oil Co.

Miss Hetta Nobles passed the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles and attended Teachers' Conference in Andover Monday.

Mrs. P. J. Dougherty and Mrs. James Guinn were guests of their sister, Mrs. B. Doran and family of Friendship for several days last week.

Miss Katherine Folsing of Montour Falls, is in Andover to pass the Easter Vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Folsing.

Mrs. Etta Stebbins returned to her home in Binghamton the last of the week after spending several weeks visiting relatives in Andover.

Mrs. P. Mulcahy went to Allegheny Thursday to visit at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan.

Mrs. Sylvia Mourhess left Tuesday for Washington, D. C., where she will be a guest at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mourhess.

40 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1930

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Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Brown arrived home in Andover Saturday after passing the winter in California, Arizona, Texas and Louisiana.

F. S. Stole has sold his general merchandise store in Elm Valley to Frank Smith of Whitesville, who will take possession April 15.

Mrs. Emma J. Baldwin, 72, died Saturday at the home of her son, Clayton Baldwin. Two daughters, two sons and a brother survive. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Whitesville.

Miss Gertrude Cheesman was given a neighborhood surprise visit and birthday party Wednesday evening at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Joyce of South Hill are parents of a daughter, born March 17.

Mrs. Will Dodge of Andover, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Otto Nye of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bassett and son of Reading, Pa., are guests of his mother, Mrs. Esther Bassett of Independence.

Mrs. L. E. Davis of South Hill is a visitor at the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. U. V. Davis of Rochester, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Padden, Jr., of West Greenwood, are parents of a daughter, Sara Petta, born Thursday, March 20.

Edward Dean returned to his home on South Hill, the last of the week, after spending a few

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

For the past week abortion law reform has been the big topic in the Capitol in Albany.

Last Wednesday, March 18, the Senate passed an abortion reform bill that would, if the Assembly passed it and it is signed by the Governor into law, make it one of the most liberal in the nation.

It merely says any woman may have an abortion for any reason if it is performed by a licensed doctor.

The bill is now in the Assembly where it is scheduled to be voted on soon, but before the Assembly Codes Committee let the bill out it was amended.

Under the present law abortion can be performed only if the life of the mother is in danger. Under the Assembly amendment an abortion could be performed for any reason up to 24 weeks after the beginning of pregnancy. But, after that time only to save the life of the mother. Present law makes that distinction.

Abortion in the penal law is a Class B felony if the abortion is after 24 weeks. Class E if it is before 24 weeks say the experts is the dividing line. A fetus before that time is not quick or viable because its systems are not well enough developed for it to

live outside the mother.

The debate in the Senate over the original bill lasted almost 6 hours. One of the longest on record and by a slim margin one of the best, except for one or two shouts of murder from opponents.

The debate was reasoned an informative but it has also touched off the opposition who were apparently asleep when the bill passed. Only now are those strongly opposed to abortion reform putting strong pressure on Assemblymen. Apparently they had no idea the bill would pass the Senate.

Lulled perhaps by the actions of Senate Republican Majority Leader Earl Brydges of Niagara Falls, who let the bill come to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

Brydges is a strong opponent of abortion reform and has been for years. He had in the past refused to let it out of committee. This year he did and the insiders apparently figured he was only doing so because he knew it would be defeated anyway.

They didn't take Brydges at his word when he said he would vote against the bill but would not lobby against it, or do anything personally in his leadership position to block it by parliamentary maneuver.

days visiting relatives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gregg of Corning Sunday. His sister, Mrs. O. G. Whitcomb returned home with them for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. T. G. Burdick of Railroad Valley was a recent guest of her sons, Dr. Elwood Burdick and Glenn Burdick of Waverly.

Mrs. Mabel Stephens of Canisteo passed Thursday and Friday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kaple.

Mrs. H. C. Burgett of Perry, is spending the week visiting at the homes of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higby and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett.

Mrs. Austin Mee of Rochester, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith a few days last week.

Mrs. Miranda Atkins, who has been assisting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clark, is passing a week at her home in Whitesville.

Among the teachers of Andover Central School, who leave this week for their Easter vacation are Paul E. Holmes to Buffalo; Wm. H. Maloy to Clyde; Miss Grace Larkin to Whitesville; Miss Regina Barrett to Waterville and Miss Mary Wood to Red Creek.

30 YEARS AGO

March 23, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Hayden Rogers, 55, died Friday, March 22. His wife, a daughter, a son and a brother survive. Interment was in Whitesville.

Miss Virgil Slaght of Andover and Marion Streeter of Greenwood were united in marriage Thursday, March 21.

Mr. and Mrs. John Straight, former Andover residents, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Monday at their home in Hornell with Open House.

Mrs. Ezra Slocum, 75, died Wednesday, March 27 at her home in Andover. Her husband, a son, a daughter, one brother and two sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Green of Tip Top, were pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when a party of friends came to help them celebrate their wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Voorhees have moved from Elm Valley to the house recently purchased by them from Charles Fisher on Dyke Street.

Miss Barbara Bassett of Niagara Falls passed the week-end with her mother, Mrs. M. A. Bassett of Independence. Her mother accompanied her home for a week's

visit. John Lewis of Buffalo spent from Friday until Sunday at his home in Independence.

Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence spent from Thursday until Sunday with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vincent of Andover.

Mrs. Metta Hawks of Independence is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Van-Schack on Voorhees Hill.

Mrs. Christina Atwell of Elm Valley, is spending a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Smith of Whitesville.

E. R. Langworthy of Newport, R. I., is spending a few days at the home of his mother and brother, Mrs. Agnes Langworthy and E. C. Langworthy and other relatives in the vicinity.

Mrs. Melvina Robbins of North Bingham is passing several days with her daughter, Mrs. Hayden Rogers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Norton of Angelica, are passing a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rennells of Tip Top.

Miss Mary Greenan of Wells-ville, is spending her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greenan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bixby and family of Towanda, Pa., passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bixby.

Dr. J. Robert Common attended a centennial dinner commemorating the 150 anniversary of the dental association at the Hotel Buffalo, in Buffalo, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith and daughter, Anna Mae, of Bradford, Pa., were Monday guests of their father and grandfather, Henry Horan.

PROCLAMATION

By The Governor

Governor Rockefeller has proclaimed April 5 - 11 as "Chamber of Commerce Week" in recognition of the activities of New York's Chambers of Commerce which he said "contribute importantly toward our State's economic well-being."

"They provide expanded employment opportunities, enhance our standard of living, and foster an economic climate that continues to attract new industry to our State," the Governor said. "It is fitting that the people of New York State recognize the important role which our businessmen through their local Chambers of Commerce and the affiliated Empire State Chamber of Commerce, perform in keeping New York State a national business leader."

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