

# APATHY — Or — MISUNDERSTANDING? ?

An Editorial

Apparently, the results of the recent "Andover Village Cable TV Preference Poll" are going to be used by Village Board Members in making their decision as to whether they will allow a proposed purchaser of the Addison Cable TV System to raise their rates \$2 per month after they have purchased said system and have the proposed 11 channels hooked-up to Andover subscribers.

We, at the Andover News, were asked by Village Authorities if we would print the coupon as a public service (free of charge) so they could see how people felt about the subject.

However, we were not aware that the unofficial poll which was not mandatory, would be used mainly for such a decision that would effect every member on the Addison TV Cable — and possibly in the future — members of the 3-Way TV System.

Results tabulated at the Village Board Meeting Monday night showed that 92 subscribers of approximately 260 on the Addison Cable expressed their opinion, or around 35%. Of this 35 percent; around 26 percent indicated they would change to the 3-way if the rates were raised as indicated; around 72% indicated they would go for the raise; and 2% wanted no change, or raise.

How about the silent majority of around 65%? Was it because of APATHY — Or — MISUNDERSTANDING — that they didn't express an opinion? Did their silence mean consent? Or were they unaware that they might wake up in the morning to find that their cable system that they had subscribed to — had been sold, and that as soon as the new system was hooked up that they would be paying \$5.50 per month to start with?

If the vote of this "Silent Majority" of 65% follows the pattern of those that voted — this is a Democratic process — and the Majority rules. Or, if it was thru apathy, then they shouldn't be considered!

However, if it was thru misunderstanding, could it be considered fair for around 168 local Taxpayers to have to ante up the proposed 63% raise in their TV rates?

As far as the 3-Way Cable Subscribers are concerned, only around 13% of those voting showed a preference for the proposed new system, and they would pick up 4 times as many members as they lost.

We have been assured by Mayor Mulholland that the rights of the 3-Way Cable Subscribers will be protected by any franchise that may be negotiated so that the "status-quo" of this established cable system will not be disturbed — but who can foresee what the future may bring?

At the Village Board Meeting Monday evening, the representative of the proposed new system flatly stated that he expected that the 3-Way System would have to move their position on Village poles — at their expense — if it interfered with their proposed right-of-way. He also stated that it was strictly a business proposition, that they intended to make a profit, and that they would energetically seek new subscribers thru advertising and house-to-house canvass. He also stated that he could not promise that they wouldn't ask for a rate increase in the future. And, when asked what they would do if they were denied a rate increase by the Village Board — there was no answer forth-coming.

We know that from appearances, several Board Members are in favor of the proposed system as well as quite a few TV Subscribers, as they want to watch sports events that appear on the 2 New York channels — BUT HOW ABOUT THE "SILENT MAJORITY"?

WHAT IS THEIR STAND? For, if they don't speak up immediately — they will have to "forever hold their peace"!

FROM OUR FILES

## 50 YEARS AGO

September 10, 1920

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Michael Lynch, Jr., 59, died Saturday, Sept. 4th in Vincennes, Indiana. His wife, three daughters, a son, three brothers and four sisters survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

Mrs. Eliza J. Stillman, 73, died at her home on Dyke Street Monday, Sept. 6th. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Miss Mary Taylor began teaching the Pingree Hill school Tuesday.

School has again begun in Elm Valley with Will Hann of Andover as teacher.

Miss Mary Dean, who is to teach in the Dean District this coming year, began her work Tuesday. Mrs. LaFrone Clark is to teach in the South Hill District.

Fred Bundy is in Andover, called here by the illness of his sister, Miss Flora Bundy.

Mrs. Mary Burdick of Elm Valley, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Orange Smith.

J. D. Cheesman is in Elkhart, Indiana visiting at the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chees-

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harder and son, Richard, have returned from an extended visit to Brownwood, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richardson returned to their home in Hornell Saturday after passing a week at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lawrence and sons of Shiloh, New Jersey, spent Wednesday and Thursday at the home of C. S. Clarke and family.

Miss Julia Raufenbarth returned to Lynbrook, N. Y., Tuesday to resume her school duties.

Mrs. Addie Coleman returned Friday from Wellsville where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Miss Camilla Joyce of Buffalo spent the week-end with relatives and friends in Andover.

Miss Ruth DeRemer has returned to her school duties at Collins, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baker and daughter of Sidney, N. Y., have been visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ida Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Starr and two sons of Risingville, were week-end visitors in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker and daughter Esther, motored to Silver Springs, Monday. Miss Esther remained to take up her school duties.

## 40 YEARS AGO

September 12, 1930

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Miss Mary O'Boyce is teaching in Jamestown this year.

Miss Glenora Baker is attending business school in Hornell.

Misses Virgil Slaght, Luella Edwards and Doris Church left Monday to attend school at Geneseo Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Guinn of Port Jervis and Mr. and Mrs. James Guinn of Elmira, were week-end guests of their mother, Mrs. James Guinn.

Mrs. Harold Moland and daughter, Evelyn, who have been passing the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Burdick of Hartsville, have returned to their home in Andover.

Cecil McCormick left Friday for Buffalo to attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis and Leo Davis of Davis Hill, visited Mr. and Mrs. U. V. Davis of Rochester from Friday until Sunday and attended the horse show at Rochester Park.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Clarke are spending a few days with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke, Stephen Clarke and M. A. Clarke of Independence, attended the State Fair in Syracuse Wednesday and Thursday.

Danny Quigg and wife of Brooklyn, who had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg

ALBANY

by Alex

Off-track betting around the state took another step forward the other day with the appointment by Gov. Rockefeller of Kent H. Brown of Albany as chairman of the state's off-track betting commission.

Brown has been counsel to the Public Service Commission since 1954. The job pays \$36,000. The commission was set up to oversee off-track betting operations that communities in the state elect to set up, such as the one being built in New York City.

Municipalities and school districts in the state have been slow in filing their required codes of ethics with State Comptroller Arthur Levitt. They have until Dec. 31 to do so.

While the State Legislature required filing of the ethics codes, it left great latitude in what the codes can say. A sampling of those turned in so far shows they run from several pages to the five-paragraph code submitted by the Greece Central School District.

In another matter, Levitt recently revealed that so far nearly two-thirds of the 55 school districts eligible have taken advantage of a law passed by this year's Legislature allowing them to raise more money by excluding retirement and social security funds from their operating budgets — thus removing them from real property tax limits. The money is

for a week, returned home Saturday.

Miss Marylyn DeRemer spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer, he returned to Springwater, N. Y., where she will be an instructor in English and History in the Springwater High School.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hann were week-end guests at Fredonia and also visited their son, Prof. Carl Hann at Hamburg.

Mrs. Margaret Austin of Horseheads, is passing the week with her mother, Mrs. Mary Huffman.

Miss Rosellen Casey, R.N., of the Buffalo General Hospital, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ellen Casey for a few weeks and also her brothers in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Green and children of Whitesville, spent from Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles.

Mrs. William Pardon returned to her home in Albany Monday after spending some time with her sister Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce.

Sheridan Witter of Buffalo returned home Sunday after spending a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Witter.

President A. D. Fuller of the State Bank and wife, left Saturday for Atlantic City and Philadelphia, Pa.

## 30 YEARS AGO

September 5, 1940

Clair C. Backus, Publisher

The Andover American Legion Band was awarded first prize of \$25 at the big Willkie Parade in Wellsville Tuesday evening.

At the regular meeting of the Legion Auxiliary held Tuesday evening, Mrs. Genevieve Backus, Past County Chairman, installed Roxie Shaff, president of Andover Unit.

A party of friends gave Mrs. Patrick Hyland a surprise party in honor of her birthday, Monday evening at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. U. V. Davis and son of Boston, Mass., have been guests of his brother, Leo and family of Davis Hill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoagland and family of Davis Hill, were guests of his sister, Mrs. Francisco and family at East Rochester, Sunday and Monday.

Norman Drew was home from Geneva for a few days, returning Monday to his work in N. Y. A.

Miss Betty Green accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Greene of Independence to War-

the "capital" section of the state. The school district of less than 125 pupils, with the aid of a state grant, will be the first to have a school building with a playground and a modern kitchen.

The PSC says it has a staff of 90 full-time bus inspectors. "Any vehicle found by them to be unfit for use in any respect are removed from the highways until necessary repairs have been made and found satisfactory in a reinspection," said the PSC.

The commission said 10,662 buses were removed from the road in 1969. They said they made 84,300 inspections last year and denied safety certifications in 11,031 cases until repairs were made. Another 369 were kept off the road for longer periods because they failed the reinspection test.

saw Wednesday, where Miss Green is entering the Warsaw Hospital to study for a nurse.

Nelson Brewster of West Greenwood, is attending the World's Fair in New York City this week.

Miss Roberta Church of Andover opened her school Tuesday morning in Fulmer Valley District No. 2 with an enrollment of 16 students.

Miss Leah Oakes and Harry Hopping of New York City, passed the week-end with Miss Oakes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oakes.

Norman Tracy who has been staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tracy for the past three months, has been transferred to Elmira.

Mrs. Oliver Baker and son, John attended the World's Fair in New York City this past week and visited their daughter and sister, Miss Josephine Baker in Brooklyn.

Franklin Cannon of New York City, who has just returned from a month's trip to California, is the guest at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cannon this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon M. Wood and daughter, Ann, left Sunday for a trip west to visit relatives in Iowa, Minn., North Dakota and Canada.

Miss Anne Yennie left Sunday for New York City where she has a position for the coming year in the music school of the College of the Sacred Heart.

Miss Doris Baker began her work as teacher in Shonogh this week.

Miss Geraldine Perry returned to Buffalo Friday after passing a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick of Tip Top.

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