



AND THE BUSINESS DISCUSSION GOES ON — AFTER THE MEETING! L to R — Fred Winch, Jr., Extension Forrester from Cornell University, Ithaca; Merritt Vossler, Syrup Producer from Wellsville; Lester Hess, Syrup Producer from Andover; Charles Hebblethwaite, County Agricultural Agent, Belmont; and Thomas Bennett, Syrup Producer from Dalton, N. Y. News Photo

Andover Hosts Maple Producers

Maple Syrup Producers from Allegany and Steuben Counties met at the Masonic Hall here in Andover, on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1973 for an all day conference with around 100 producers in attendance.

The "Hottest Issue" that was brought up for a lengthy discussion was the newly mandated State License Procedure with the accompanying \$20 Fee required. The new law requires State inspection of all operations producing Maple Syrup and Maple Products for sale with a stiff penalty for non-compliance.

Allegany County Legislator Robert McNinch, a syrup producer himself and in attendance, told the group that the County Legislature had passed a written proposal to amend the new law, and that it had been sent in to Albany (A copy of the entire text of this Resolution No. 18 - 73 appears on the same page as this News Story).

Opponents of the law pointed out that a large volume of Maple Syrup is exported into the U. S. by Canadian producers, and the law makes no stipulation concerning standards which should be met by the imported syrup.

Syrup producer Merritt Vossler from Wellsville, County Director of the Western New York Maple Syrup Producers, advised the group to delay any applications prior to a public hearing in Albany that is expected to be held in Feb. concerning the Amendment of the hastily passed legislation.

Fred Winch, Jr., Extension Forrester from Cornell University, Ithaca, was one of the speakers at the meeting who provided background information on the controversial legislation. Professor Winch also showed slides of several modern Syrup Producing installations using the most up-to-date equipment as well as the latest types of syrup packaging.

Resolution No. 18 - 73 MEMORIALIZING NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND ARTICLE 20-C OF THE AGRICULTURE & MARKETS LAW

Offered by Legislator Robert H. McNinch

WHEREAS, Allegany County for many years has been a major source for the production of maple syrup in western New York, and

WHEREAS, the production of maple syrup involves a substantial amount of careful labor and is confined to a relatively short production season extending from early Spring until the maple trees develop buds, and

WHEREAS, the 1972 legislature enacted legislation primarily directed at food processors, such as cider makers, grape crushers, coffee

grinders, delicatessens and sausage makers, but it has been interpreted to include maple syrup producers, and

WHEREAS, this legislation known as Article 20-C of the Agriculture & Markets Law and effective January 1, 1973, requires maple syrup producers to make annual application for licenses and provides for the keeping of records, the payment of an annual \$20.00 license fee, provision and a penalty for each day's operation without a license, and

WHEREAS, many maple syrup producers are farmers who produce maple syrup as a supplement to their farming business, and

WHEREAS, many retired persons engage in maple syrup production to supplement their income, and

WHEREAS, maple syrup production is a business providing, at most, meager profits involving hard outdoor labor during cold weather, and

WHEREAS, maple syrup is not an industry which invites many of the health risks inherent in other food processing due to the fact that the product is collected in cold weather, produced after lengthy boiling at high temperature and the product securely enclosed in sealed containers while at high temperature, and

WHEREAS, many people will abandon maple syrup production rather than seek involvement in complicated and expensive licensing and record keeping subject to inspection by the State, and

WHEREAS, many farmers engage in maple syrup production will abandon their sugar bushes and sell the tree to the lumbering industry which will have an adverse effect upon the balance of nature and ecology; and the area will lose flood protection by reason of the loss of trees subjecting the land to erosion, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Allegany County Board of Legislators does hereby respectfully memorialize the Legislature of the State of New York to amend Article 20-C of the Agriculture & Markets Law by exempting the production of maple syrup therefrom, or as a minimum, reducing the governmental red tape.
2. That the Clerk of this Board be and she hereby is authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Rockefeller, to the Honorable Frank E. Walkley, Commissioner of Agriculture & Markets; and to Senator Present and Assemblyman Emery urging them to introduce and support the enactment of legislation to accomplish the above.

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Allegany County Highlands Assn. To Meet Thursday

There will be a General Membership Meeting followed by a Board of Directors Meeting of the Allegany County Highlands Association, Inc. Thursday evening, January 18, 1973 at the Legislative Chambers, The Court House, Belmont, New York.

Membership meeting is to approve by-laws, elect additional board members and to discuss publications and membership drive plans. Board of Directors are to elect officers and formally approve membership drive and publications plans.

Invite your friends and acquaintances who would want to support our Vacation Bureau.

I. What is Allegany County Highlands Association, Inc.?

A private organization of citizens and groups, encouraged and supported financially by the County government, interested in helping Allegany County grow and in helping direct that growth in a way that is desirable for the County's residents and businesses.

II. An organization desirous of helping visitors to the County and of making known the natural and scenic beauties of the County.

An organization that hopes to encourage tourists and recreation that is desirable.

An organization that lets YOU have a voice in the County's future growth.

Why should individuals, businesses and organizations join the Allegany County Highlands Association, Inc.?

To be of service and assistance to visitors. The Association will establish Visitor Centers throughout the County and distribute literature, brochures and travelers' information to tell people where our attractions are and where to obtain help they may be seeking.

To participate in a key element of the County's future growth. Tourists and recreation will become increasingly important in our County. If local citizens don't become involved in these industries in the County, outsiders will! THEY ALREADY HAVE!! As a major element of our economic growth, tourists and recreation will have more and more impact on all phases of our life.

For Recreation & Tourist Oriented Businesses: Group promotional efforts, such as advertising. The Association will help finance advertising of attractions for the whole County and all interested private activities. The utility companies, newspapers (even Buffalo and Rochester), the radio and TV have indi-

covered possibilities of promotional coverage of the area if the area is dynamic and can provide suitable attractions. Statewide and even national coverage can be obtained; some of it FREE.

Organization of major attraction events that bring in visitors and business. A maple syrup festival, a winter carnival, snowmobile events, a flood festival are examples of events already under consideration within the County. These activities would either receive the support of the Association or perhaps be sponsored by it. Pooling of our resources can give us tremendous potential. IF we ALL join!

Referral systems may be organized. To refer inquiries to interested businesses such as motels, hotels, restaurants, real estate agencies, service stations, camp grounds, winter sports facilities, wild-life preserves, archery facilities. Outside inquiries usually come to a center organization; those who help and participate in that organization normally benefit from those inquiries.

Development of new attractions. Group resources can far outstrip individual efforts and more than likely may entice outside help. New attractions can bring added business to all. Other than our natural and scenic open spaces, we have few major attractions in this County. We need new attractions to attract visitors, and if we don't develop them, it is almost certain that outside influences will — and

for their own profit, not our. Only through our own efforts can we assure a course of development in consonance with our own interests and desires.

For Public-Spirited Organizations:

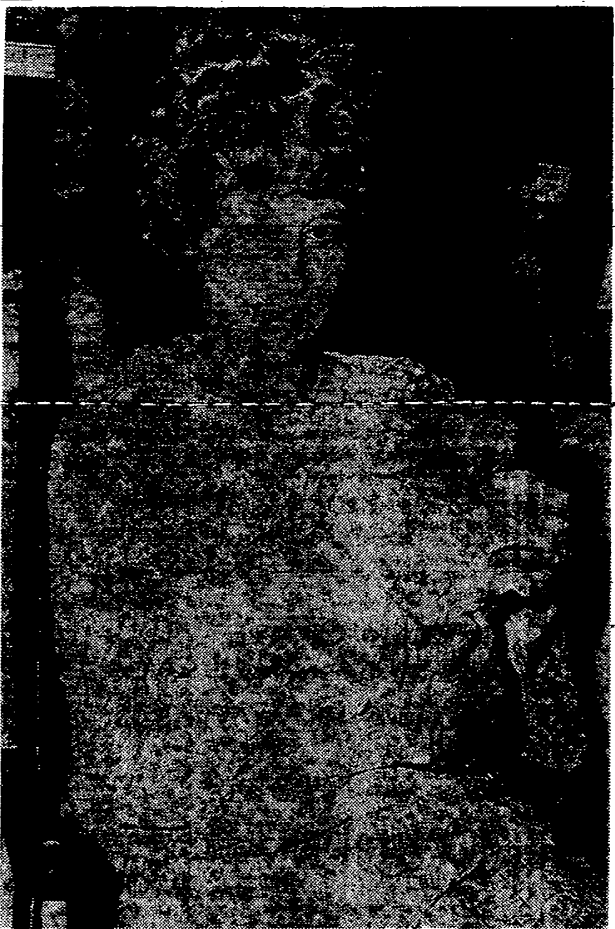
Having a voice in determining that growth is consistent with our needs and desires. This is the time to help and lead — in a positive way — and not later in a negative role when it's too late.

The Expressway will bring many more visitors to our area, and leadership NOW is needed to accommodate them — to our County's advantage. Our communities will grow or decline — not stand still — and change in either direction often depends more on local energies and organizational leadership than any other factor. YOUR CHANCE IS NOW!!!

How Important Are Tourists Here?

New York State leads the nation in volume of tourist dollars collected — over \$3.7 billion annually. Much of that goes to New York City, but more and more is coming upstate, and the completion of the Southern Tier Expressway will encourage more people to come our way.

Many will stop here (six hours from N. Y. C.) if they know what we have. The Association already has Dep't. of Transportation interest in erecting information signs and facilities along or near the Expressway to promote Allegany County. Now we need something to promote.



Miss Patricia Lee Smidt arrived January 3, 1973 and was the New Year's Baby of Aurora, Nebr.

Miss Patricia's mother is the former Irene Eberle. Her father is Gordon Smidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smidt of Hastings, Nebr. Patricia's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eberle of Andover, New York and her maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Perry of Andover, New York. They were on hand for the little Miss' arrival.

KEENEYE'S TIPS ON SHOOTING. Crows provide good hunting during the summer months and insure a higher duck population in waterfowl nesting areas. A crow will kill each year about 110 ducklings and eggs. Distributed as a public service by National Rifle Association.