

"FOR THE LACK OF A VOTE — THE ELECTION WAS LOST!"

An Editorial

Perhaps many of you readers — and voters, may think that the above Editorial Title is far-fetched — and may be ready to dismiss it from your minds but, before you do, think about it! Does the phrase have "sort of a familiar ring"? Could it be a metaphor from some well known bit of historical prose? How many of you remember the story of how a battle was lost — "all for the lack of a horse-shoe nail"?

Many times we have heard people say in the past: "my one vote doesn't matter so why should I vote". Do you realize that in the neighboring Community of Bolivar for two (2) successive elections that a contest for Mayor or Village Trustee has ended up in a tie vote — and has been decided by the toss of a coin? Not Once — but in 2 recent successive elections! And, if you doubt the veracity of this statement, just pick up the phone and ask Ed Mergler, the ex-District Attorney of Allegany County who called it to our attention recently — and find out for yourself!

Next Tuesday, March 20th, we have an important Village Election coming up. For the first time in around 30 years, according to our memory, we have more than two complete slates of Candidates to select from. Our great Country of America has flourished under the two-party system where we, the Citizens and Voters, had a choice to make at the polls. If we didn't like what went on in our type of Democracy — we have been able to say so at election time by voting in new candidates. This year, on our own local "home front", we have a choice! Let's see if we can't get all local eligible voters out to the polls to cast their ballots for "the Candidates of their Choice".

As far as the voting machine is concerned — it is set up so that you can vote for one (1) of the 2 candidates for Mayor. For Village Trustee — you can vote for any two (2) of the 5 candidates on the ballot regardless of party affiliation. None of these candidates are running against each other as it may appear on the ballot — instead, the two candidates for Trustee receiving the highest number of votes will be the winners. And, if any voter has any question before voting be sure and ask someone that is Trustworthy about it before you vote.

In the past, it has been our policy not to back any one specific political party and their complete slate of officers, and we do not intend to do so this time.

However, we do feel it is our duty and obligation to the Taxpayers to state our views and opinions on the policies followed by Village Board Members. We took a loud and firm stand on the proposed sewer system when the current Officials tried to push it thru — and the Voters and Taxpayers expressed their feelings by voting it down by exactly a 6 to 1 majority. But, how do we know that these same people won't revive the issue — if they are re-elected?

We again expressed our views about the liberal handling and use of the Village Police car on "out of town jaunts" — which are apparently "not in the line of police duty" but were told that: "they aren't going to run this lad out of town". And, the Police Car continues to make its regular "food runs" to Wellsville — and is seen almost nightly by Andover and Wellsville residents! We even disagreed about ordering bills paid without reading them itemized — but it was done when disc brakes were put on the old police car — and Village Board Members denied to us that it had been done!

Things like these make us feel that it is time for a change — but the decision is up to you Voters and Taxpayers.

So, get out and vote — and say how you feel.

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50 YEARS AGO

March 9, 1923

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Mrs. Lida Livermore, 64, died at her home in Independence, Friday, March 2. Her husband, a daughter, three sisters and two brothers survive. Funeral services were held Monday with the Rev. W. L. Greene officiating. Interment was in Independence.

Miss Emma Parshall died Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman of Greenwood. One sister, Mrs. Clarinda Brundage of Andover survives. Burial was in Hornell Rural Cemetery.

Ed Greenan of Sunny Side, is now located on the Ed Horan farm on South Hill.

Mr. Matterson has been moving from Hallsport to the Smith farm near Andover.

Paul Fanton of Stannards helped at the home of his brother, Flody Fanton, last week, while the family was recovering from the grippe.

Miss Nellie Page of Andover, visited her father, Claude Page of Elm Valley, the last of the week.

Everett Clarke was a guest of Charles and Merrel McCormick from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. H. M. Foulke of Hornell was in Andover greeting her many friends, Wednesday.

A. M. Gilbert of Philadelphia, was a week-end guest at the home of his brother, T. J. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nichols and son, Leon, were guests of relatives in Olean over the week-end.

Miss Lysle Lloyd of Buffalo, is in Andover for an extended visit at the home of her father, William Lloyd on Main Street.

Mrs. Cynthia Scott has returned to her home in Andover after several weeks visit with relatives at Alfred Station.

Mrs. Anna Moquin has returned to her home in Woodhull after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Robert Brundage.

Miss Doris Langworthy, daughter of Lynn Langworthy of Alfred Station, has been passing the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Beebe.

Mrs. Bessie Herrick, who was called to Andover by the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. Annette Barney, returned to New York City, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy returned to their home in Auburn, Wednesday, after having been called to Andover by the death of her mother, Mrs. D. E. Livermore.

40 YEARS AGO

March 17, 1933

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A flock of more than 50 wild Geese were seen flying over Andover Tuesday, going North. Also a large flock of Redwing Blackbirds were reported having been seen in Canisteo.

Raymond Kemp of Phillipsburg, New Jersey is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kemp.

Mrs. P. J. Dougherty was in Friendship Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. B. Doran and family.

Carroll Tucker and Miss Ella A. Baker motored down from Rochester and passed the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pease and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Pease were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rogers on Greenwood Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilkinson of Cuba were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns and family, Tuesday and Mr. Wilkerson also attended the American Legion County Meeting held in Andover, Monday evening.

Mrs. John Williamson returned home Tuesday after spending several days with relatives in South Dansville.

The Misses Ellen and Mary Horan of Nazareth College, Rochester, passed the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Horan.

Miss Ellen Driscoll, R.N., of Buffalo, visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Driscoll and sister and husband,



by Alex Rankin

With the session in Albany more than two months old, the Legislature has left the impression, at least, of having done almost nothing.

Even the governor has yet to file all of the major program bills he promised in his January message to the Legislature.

The Senators and Assemblymen have been on a three-day session week for all this time, and, except for the no-fault auto insurance bill, have been passing minor legislation. Legislative leaders are quick to reply that their forces have been putting in full weeks, attending committee meetings, hearings and conferences, when they are not in the chambers.

Republican Assemblyman John W. Beckman of Chautauqua County has introduced a package of bills aimed at meeting the spring flood crisis expected along the shores of Lake Erie and Ontario.

The threat of flooding and erosion is the result of record high water levels in the Great Lakes Basin.

Two of Beckman's bills would provide tax abatement and rebates for victims of flooding.

Local taxing districts would be allowed to allow abatements of up to 100 per cent the first year, up to 50 per cent the second year, and 25 per cent the third year. The local taxing units would be paid the loss from state funds.

Another bill would do the same thing with respect to sales taxes.

state and local, in the flooded areas. Another measure would reimburse local governments for the cost of rebuilding roads.

Still another Beckman measure would allow the State Department of Environmental Conservation to go to work immediately to construct bulkheads, jetties, landfills and dikes in anticipation of flooding this spring.

The Beckman measures are given good chance of passage, in light of similar legislation quickly enacted this year to provide relief for persons hurt by Hurricane Agnes in the Southern Tier and Central New York last year.

All manner of legislators, high and low, are busy denying what has turned out to be one of the biggest stories of the session so far — at least in terms of the amount of talk it has produced around capitol corridors.

A 20-year-old nurse at an Albany hospital has accused four Assemblymen of molesting her when they appeared to take a free cardiovascular examination. The nurse refused to reveal her name or the names of the four legislators, saying she feared the \$100,000 in state funds that run the program would be jeopardized. Republican Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr., learning the four were reported to be Democrats, turned the matter over to Democratic Assembly Minority Leader Stanley Steingut, who said the matter had been blown out of proportion, that only "horseplay" had been involved.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent O'Connor over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Proper went to Buffalo Wednesday, where they will spend several days at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King.

Mrs. Pector of Wellsville, passing the week at the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Pelton on Baker Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burrows were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Burrows' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Donigan of Friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Monhan of Burns, were Sunday guests of their sister, Miss Mira Difin.

Mrs. Mable Amesbury was a guest Tuesday at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green and family.

Mrs. Edward Cable and son, Francis, were in Genesee, Pa. Monday to attend the funerals of Alfred McGinnis and his son, John McGinnis.

Miss Naomi Stickler of the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, passed from Wednesday until Sunday at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McGill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cheesman entertained Mr. and Mrs. Geil Reynolds and Miss Marie Leo at Sunday dinner in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence, were in Andover Saturday calling on M. A. Crandall and other friends.

30 YEARS AGO

March 11, 1943

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

The Servicemens Pictures published in the Andover News this week are of Vincent L. McAndrew, Seaman Second Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew of the Vandermark near Scio and Private Joseph Manroe, son of Mrs. Joseph Manroe of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Cartwright are parents of a son, born Tuesday March 9.

Private Donald Emery of Atlantic City, New Jersey, passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emery, who with Mrs. Florence Slocum, motored to Olean with him, Monday.

Seaman Second Class Ronald Kemp of Newport, R. I., has returned after a few days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Mark Kemp.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hann was surprised on her birthday Saturday, March 6th when a family supper was held in her honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hann.

The Andover Purple Panthers Allegany County C Champions, were defeated by the quintet from Campbell, Steuben County winners, last Saturday night by a score of 29 to 32.

Second Lieutenant and Mrs. Francis Clarke of Independence, started for Oklahoma, Saturday. They are driving through to the camp where he will be stationed.

Mrs. Christina Atwell of Greenwood, is spending a few days guest at the home of her son, Earl Atwell, of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tracy spent from Thursday until Sunday with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tracy of Elmira.

Mrs. Edward Walsh visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Bunt at the home of Miss Evelyn Cornelius and also Mr. and Mrs. James Dagon and family of Hornell, two days last week.

Mrs. Florence Slocum of Wellsville, passed the week-end at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emery.

Victor Oakes spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oakes before reporting for active duty at Fort Niagara, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin West of Eldred, Pa., spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Whitney.

Mrs. Merle Linza and daughter, Lois Anne, are visiting at the home of her father, Raymond Goodridge for a few days.

Mrs. G. W. Wenz left Saturday for Jamestown to pass four weeks at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hultquist.

Michael Folsing left Friday for Toledo, Ohio, where he is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burns.

Mrs. E. V. Greene of Railroad Valley, was an overnight guest at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Emerson of Alfred, Saturday.

Mrs. W. L. Greene passed Monday with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clemens of Wellsville.

G. L. Borden of Binghamton passed the week-end at the home of Mrs. Florence Earley.