

**WANTED!! NEEDED!!
MORE COMMUNITY SPIRIT!!**

An Editorial

The joint Allegany-Steuben County Maple Festival and Honey Display to be held in Andover on April 7th and 8th is only a little more than a week away.

This ambitious project sponsored by the Andover Lions Club is something that can benefit the entire Community which includes all non-profit organizations and businessmen as well.

It is realized that the weather can be a big factor as far as the size of the crowd is concerned and could certainly dampen the spirits of the scheduled parade. However, an alternate plan and schedule is being taken into consideration and can be put into effect if needed. And, no matter what the weather is, it can't disrupt the indoor displays and entertainment that is scheduled for the entire two days.

This coming Saturday, March 31, a tree tapping ceremony is scheduled during the morning here in the Village and many of the maple trees between the sidewalk and curb in the vicinity of Elm Street to Greenwood Street will be tapped for the "show" and also to gather sap from, which will then be collected and "boiled off" in the evaporator in the "Sugar Shack" located on the Catholic Church grounds. This should give the program an "extra shot in the arm" in the form of added publicity.

Now what is needed is a spirit of co-operation among residents and business places to decorate the Village for the Festival. The windows in the Thorp Hardware on Greenwood Street are beautifully decorated with antique displays; the windows of the Vars Pharmacy on Main Street are very attractive and show that a lot of work has gone into this display; and, of course, the Citizens Bank Display is original since they have the colored painting on display which is being used as the Festival "theme" on the front page of the Maple Festival "Special Edition" of the Andover News which will be used as the Official Program & Souvenir Guide. This paper will be inserted in next week's regular issue of the Andover News for our subscribers and will be on sale separately during the Festival.

When the Firemen first started their annual "Fourth of July Celebration", they had very little co-operation at the beginning but, once it was a success, it has grown by "leaps and bounds".

The forth-coming Maple Festival can be built into a wonderful thing because it is promoting one of our local natural resources that is an annual "work of nature" that we don't have to worry about - future depletion! And, while we are helping promote the local Maple and Honey Industries, we are helping the entire Community Family - that are willing to help themselves and do a little work.

This is the first part of the "Spring Season". The birds and water fowl are returning North, buds are beginning to spring out on the trees, spring flowers are "springing up" - and the majority of the people are anxious to get out and "do something", or "see something" after being "closed in" all winter.

An annual "Maple Festival" is a natural for the "first event of spring-time". It has become a terrific success in Franklinville and is now a 3-day event; the Maple Festival in Coudersport, Pa., has been a big success over the past few years; and at Marathon, N. Y., a small Community of 1,047 population located North of Binghamton just off Route 81, the first year their attendance was 16,000 for the two day event, and last year (their 2nd year) they had 15,000 each day.

The Andover Lions Club is very fortunate to have the support of the School, Boy and Girl Scouts, the Churches and many of the local non-profit Organizations - and it is fully appreciated.

However, we do need more help in getting the Village decorated into a "show-case" display for our visitors. Won't you please help?

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50 YEARS AGO

March 23, 1923

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Mrs. Richard McAndrew, 78, died at the family home on Chestnut Street, Saturday, March 17. Her husband, six children, a sister and a brother survive. Funeral services were held Tuesday with Rev. Travy officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

At the Village Election Tuesday, E. J. Atwood was elected President; P. C. Lynch, Trustee; Grant Sherwood, Police Justice; A. D. Fuller, Treasurer and Valencia Slocum, Collector. The proposition to give the American Legion the proceeds from the sale of the timber on the old Maple Park was carried by 19 votes.

Twin babes, Doris and Dorr were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis of Wileysville, March 9.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Willis, March 11.

George Vickers has purchased the Hammond cottages at the Pond and is moving them up on the hill as an addition to his farm buildings there.

Mrs. Myra Gardner and daughter, Mary of Andover, visited at the homes of her brothers, Allison and Will Baker of Elm Valley over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burdick returned to their home in Elm Valley Tuesday from a visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. M. A. Green of Alfred is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence.

Thursday evening neighbors numbering thirty-four, enjoyed a community supper and social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Adams of Voorhees Hill.

Carroll Church has purchased of his father, W. H. Church, the farm of 125 acres, which he has worked the past two years on Voorhees Hill.

Messrs Howard Dean & Anthony Dougherty returned last week to their home. They have been working in Buffalo.

Mrs. Clifford Cleveland and children of Richburg, have been visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker the past few days.

Mrs. Frank Nobles passed several days the first of the week in Wellsville, called there by the illness of her brother, Mr. Ghostley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taft returned to their home in Jasper last Friday after a 10-days visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Cooper on Greenwood Street.

Casher and Mrs. J. E. Cannon were Buffalo visitors Tuesday and Wednesday.

Herman Widger left Sunday to resume his studies at Tri State College at Angola, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Baker of Howard, spent a couple of days last week at the home of E. E. Orvis of Water Street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge passed the week-end guest of Mr. Trowbridge's brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trowbridge of Greenwood.

Mrs. George Orton of Savona visited friends in Andover over the week-end and attended the Mothers & Daughters Banquet at the Baptist Church, Friday evening.

Mrs. Clarinda Brundage, who has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Langworthy, for some months, is now at the home of her son, Roy Brundage of this village.

40 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1933

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

The social event of the week in Andover was the Firemen's Dinner celebrating the burning of the last certificate of indebtedness of the Andover-Hook & Ladder Company, held at the I.O.O.F. Hall, Wednesday evening. 124 dinners were served to the firemen and their guests by the ladies of the Rebekah Lodge.

Mrs. Mary H. Driscoll, 73, died Sunday, March 26. A son, two daughters, a sister and three



by Alex Rankin

Republican Assemblyman Clark C. Wemple of Schenectady has introduced a bill that should have the backing of every citizen in the state, an important piece of legislation.

His bill is nothing more than a so-called "sunshine law," that would prohibit public officials at every level from conducting business in private, behind closed doors.

It would put an end to the practice carried on by many school boards, town and village boards, and other groups of elected officials of meeting in so-called "executive session" to make decisions, then appearing at open sessions to ratify those decisions.

If this sounds like some controversial, radical idea, consider the fact that such "sunshine" behavior is already the law in 38 other states of the union.

Wemple's bill is not as tough as Florida's law in that the former would allow executive sessions for such items as personnel matters - the hiring and firing of teachers, for example - or matters involving real estate where speculators could drive up the price of land for say, a new school, if they knew where it was to be located before an offer was made to the owner.

Wemple's bill seems so fundamentally right and logical that it would be difficult for anyone to oppose it.

But every single state Senator and Assemblyman will have to be put directly on the spot over the next two years to get it passed.

That was the experience in Florida.

Because public officials prefer to discuss the business of the people they are supposed to represent in private - unless the publicity might otherwise serve their aims.

If that were not the case, then every single meeting of every Assembly or Senate committee would be open to the public today.

Right now they are not open unless a majority of the members of a committee wants to let the public in.

Privacy may be a good thing for private business and industry. It's a part of free enterprise competition. But it is not a good thing for conducting public business, the spending of tax dollars.

Every citizen, every reporter, ought to ask every legislator he or she meets to take a stand on the Wemple bill.

In Albany the most often heard criticism of ideas like the Wemple bill is that lawmakers would be reluctant to say things in public that they might say in private while hashing out legislation.

That argument says a lot about the depths of which the legislative process has sunk.

It says that a town or state legislator or school board member is reluctant to have people know how he really feels about an issue, that expediency rather than honesty is the rule. It says a legislator can vote for a bill behind closed doors and then vote against it in public and no one will be the wiser.

Mrs. Jennie Baker and daughter, Mrs. Jessamine Holden of Ithaca, were guests of Andover relatives and friends this week.

Mrs. Granger Chamberlain visited her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tolburt of Angelica, from Tuesday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Borden and daughter, Lois of Rochester, passed the week-end with her parents, Attorney and Mrs. C. L. Earley.

30 YEARS AGO

March 25, 1943

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Mr. and Mrs. William Van Etten of Andover, are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday, March 20.

The Misses Anna Hardy and Jean Rogers of Andover, were among the class of 89 students to receive their caps at the Capping Ceremonies of the Edward J. Myer Memorial Hospital in Buffalo, Saturday.

Mrs. Sophia T. Slocum, 71, a life-long resident of Andover, died Saturday morning, March 20. A sister, Mrs. Malvina Robbins of North Bingham survives. Funeral services were held Monday with the Rev. Walter L. Greene officiating. Interment was in the Slocum Cemetery on Davis Hill.

Miss Helen Litterer of Coopers Plains, N. Y., and Aviation Cadet W. Paul Alderson of Andover, were united in marriage Saturday, March 13 at Houston, Texas.

The Servicemen's pictures published in this week's issue of the Andover News are of Corporal Donald J. Emery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emery and Private First Class William L. Dugan, son of Mrs. Kenneth Green, both of Andover.

Jack Regan, a candidate in the Officers' Training School at Camp Davis, N. C., is spending a ten-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. T. K. Regan.

Miss Betty Jo Ludden of Andover and Leslie T. Forrest of Tip-top, England, were united in marriage, Friday, March 12 at Media, Pa.

Mrs. Emma Gleason has purchased the Mrs. Rose Matison house on Main Street, which she will

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