

TAXPAYERS, DID YOU REALLY MEAN NO !!!

An Editorial

Does that question seem strange, or perhaps odd? No, not really, when you associate it with a previous election in 1971 when you Voters were asked to vote on the Transportation Bond Issue then. At that "point in time" you were asked if you were in favor of the Transportation Bond Issue on the ballot — and you said NO!

Now, just two years later, in effect you are being asked: "did you really mean it when you said NO before"? This time the stakes are a little higher (like 1 Billion) with more money for you Taxpayers to have to pay back in the future. "Of course the "pot" has been sweetened up a bit more for New York City Voters with the promise of "no raise in bus or train fares" — for two years! (Then what? Another Bond Issue?)

Let's look at the figures in Proposition No. 1. The highway funds would be allocated as follows: \$250 million for New York City, \$400 million Metropolitan NYC area, and only \$750 million for the rest of the entire State. Let's see now — at \$5 million dollars, a mile for a 4-lane divided highway — that would build around 150 miles of super-highway. Divided up all over New York State, that wouldn't even be a drop in the bucket for us — would it?

The mass transit funds (bus and rail facilities) would be divided as follows: \$1.1 billion for New York City, another \$600 million for the Metropolitan area, and only \$400 million for the entire remainder of the State. How far would that go for our whole Southern Tier Area after the priorities were siphoned off for: Albany (the Capitol), Buffalo (the biggest), Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Rome, Binghamton, etc.? And the Senior Citizens all across the State are being promised cheap Transportation around their Communities? How? By the time the above priorities were taken care of there wouldn't even be enough money left to buy a bicycle per community — for a "share a ride" project for the Senior Citizens — would there?

And, what would the cost be? According to the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey, the interest payments alone for the \$3.5 billion Transportation Bond Issue would cost at least \$2.4 Billion, or, at least 41%. They ask if this amount couldn't be better used for "vital services, such as education, social services, health, mental health, crime prevention, etc.?"

We can't possibly see where this huge expenditure is worth "mortgaging our future" for practically nothing in return and recommend a resounding "NO" vote for this proposition!

As for Amendments No. 1 thru No. 10. No. 1. This would extend from Jan. 1 1973 to Jan. 1 1983 the present exclusion from constitutional debt limits of local governments of indebtedness incurred in constructing sewer systems. We say YES to this one as long as residents of Villages are given the chance to vote on their own proposals. No. 2. Waiver of Grand Jury Indictment. We feel that every person charged with a felony should have the benefit of a grand jury review since, in some cases, the evidence against a person may not be sufficient to produce an indictment. Thus we say NO. No. 3. Increased lending power to the Job Development Authority. We say NO to this one as it easily could attract marginal industries that must rely on subsidization to continue in operation — and this we can do without! — No. 4. Increased jurisdiction for district courts and longer terms for their judges. We say NO on this since tho this change could relieve the burden on the county courts — it might place added burden on district courts. — No. 5. Independent Correction Commission Chairman. We say NO, since it would create more cost to Taxpayers and under the present set-up coordination for the visitation, inspection and investigation powers of the commission is needed. — No. 6. Revised jurisdiction of Family Court. The Association of Supreme Court Justices of N. Y. State, and justices of the Supreme Court and Family Court whose opinions have been solicited feel that the changes are desirable — so we go along with them and say YES. To No. 7, 8, 9, and 10 — We say NO as certain privileged persons or groups will benefit from all of these — and we feel that this is discrimination against the majority of we Taxpayers.

Whether you agree or disagree with us — at least get out and VOTE!



50 YEARS AGO

October 26, 1923

J. H. Backus, Publisher

John Faisant, 45, superintendent of the Andover Silk Mills, died in the St. James Mercy Hospital Oct. 21. His widow, three daughters, a son, his father, two sisters and three brothers survive. Interment was at Jersey City.

Mrs. Homer Donaldson, 58, died at her home in Greenwood Oct. 19. She is survived by her husband. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

W. E. Densmore of Fulmer Valley had his arm broken Wednesday while returning from Whitesville. As he alighted from his wagon, his horses jumped and the force threw Mr. Densmore to the ground and the heavy wheel passed over and broke the bones in his arm.

The rainfall Wednesday fell short of filling the bill where the scarcity of water is so acute in our farming area.

S. S. Norton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Weaver of Birdsall Louis McHenry of Olean and Glenn Wilcox of Almond, were recent visitors at the home of Clifford Burdick and family of Davis Hill.

Mrs. Anna Common returned to Andover, Monday, after visiting relatives in Angelica.

Mrs. Ellen Casey and daughter Anna, were business visitors in Wellsville, Monday.

Miss Alice Clarke, Mrs. Maude Clarke were in Alfred Station Friday guests of Mrs. Betsey Clarke.

Mrs. Ralph Wickshire of Rockville and daughter are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Milligan.

Mrs. James Cheesman, Mrs. F. S. Clarke and Mrs. Addie Coleman were in Wellsville to call on Mrs. E. G. Probasco at the Sanitarium.

Mrs. Frank Gilder was a guest at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Frank Cutting of Delavan during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. William, Curtis Burdick and Mrs. Maude Miner of Wellsville motored to Coudersport, Pa., Thursday to attend the 38th reunion of the Consistory.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Baker, Mrs. John Common and Mrs. W. F. O'Connell, motored to Elmira Monday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Freeland. Tuesday they went to Ithaca where they attended the State Red Cross Meeting. The ladies were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lind says.

Editor J. Harvey Backus was in attendance at the meetings of the New York State Publishers Association held in Rochester Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Dorr Stratton is staying at the Wahl home in Elm Valley while Mrs. Leon Wahl and children are visiting at the home of her parents in Binghamton.

M. Mathews of New York City, Treasurer of Albert Goode Bedin, Inc., is in Andover this week looking after the interests of the Andover Silk Mills.

Jesse Snyder returned Wednesday from two weeks trip to Albany Poughkeepsie and New York City.

Mrs. George Hunt and Mrs. Frank Hallet were callers of Mr. and Mrs. John Cannon of Hartsville, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Widger returned to their home in Otego, Monday after a visit at the home of Dr. C. W. O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dunnigan and son, Gerald, attended the funeral of Mrs. Homer Donaldson on Greenwood Hill, Monday.

40 YEARS AGO

October 20, 1933

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Another Civilian Conservation Corps Camp has been established at Letchworth Park by the federal government and was ready for occupancy October 15.

T. Joseph Lynch, 55, a prominent citizen and successful farmer, died in the St. James Mercy Hospital October 16. His widow, three sons and four daughters and four

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by Alex Rankin

Thinking of moving? Try California, where Taxpayers will receive a \$710 million tax cut this year.

Married couple with an adjusted gross income of \$8,000 or less will pay no tax at all, and those with higher incomes will get tax credits ranging from 25 to 35 per cent.

On top of that, the six per cent sales tax is being cut to five per cent.

New Yorkers, on the other hand, can count themselves lucky if they get a tax cut amounting to a few pennies next year.

If not California, then how about Alaska. There the state legislature recently passed a state budget that amounted to \$350 million.

That may sound like a lot — until you compare it with the state budget New York State taxpayers are supporting. Next year the state budget may go over the \$10 billion mark.

The state Legislature has a chance to take another small step forward in the area of prison reform with an idea being put forth by State University Chancellor Ernest L. Boyer and State Corrections Commissioner Peter Preisner.

The two want the state to engage

in a pilot program that would result in a coed prison campus with about 250 convicts at the now-unused prison facilities at Bedford Hills.

They say it would allow prisoners to study for two-year degrees in liberal arts and science.

Republican Senate Majority Leader Warren M. Anderson of Binghamton has joined the bandwagon for a state tax cut next year. He talked about repealing the two and a half per cent state income tax surcharge for another year.

For the average taxpayer the repeal of the surcharge amounts to the price of a steak dinner.

After Gov. Rockefeller announced that the state will have a \$50 million surplus next year, Republican Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr., of Montauk, L. I., said he favored repealing the surcharge for another year.

Rocky got a rock the other day that wasn't heaved by one of his critics.

The astronauts who flew Apollo 17 handed him a fragment of a rock they picked up from the Taurus Littrow Valley of the Moon. They also gave him a state flag that had been carried aboard the space craft.

brothers, all of Andover, survive. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Andover.

The Allegany Valley Federation of the Women's Relief Corps, met in Hornell, October 18 with Doty Corps as hostess. Those attending from the Edward Seaman Corp were: Mrs. Lelia Livermore, Mrs. Effa Burbank, Mrs. Elnora Matthews, Mrs. Augusta Coats, Mrs. Sadie Graves, Miss Mary White and Mrs. Fannie Backus.

Daniel McGuckin died at his home on Barney Street October 16. Three daughters and a son, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren survive. Interment was in Rexville.

The semi-annual meeting of the Western Association of the Seventh Day Baptist Church will be held in the Andover Church, October 27-28.

Fred Palmer will conduct the Vesper Services Friday evening. The following will be on the program, Rev. Clifford A. Beebe, Rev. Edgar, D. Van Horn, Rev. Walter L. Greene, Rev. Clyde Ehert, Prof. A. E. Whitford, Dean J. N. Norwood and Rev. Harley Sutton.

Linford Eugene Grossman and Miss Sylvia Mae Cartwright were united in marriage October 14 by the Rev. Merritt Dietherick of Wellsville. They were attended by Miss Lillian Rutherford and John Huffman. The couple will reside in Andover.

Greenwood News — Mrs. M. L. Brundage and daughter, Mrs. Howard Graves were in Buffalo Tuesday to attend the funeral of a nephew, Albert Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dennis were in Athens, Pa., Saturday to attend the meeting of the Rural Letter Carriers. Among the speakers present was Congressman MacFadden.

Fred White is ill at his home and Philo White is driving the Rexville-Canisteo bus.

Miss Eloise Chaffee spent Thurs-

day with Miss Louise Burger in Bath.

The Camp Fire Girls held their regular meeting at the home of their guardian Mrs. McCaffery. Ruth Bess and Marion York were in charge of the supper.

W. G. Kellogg was a business visitor in Buffalo, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Karlen have returned from Trenton, N. J., where they attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Eleanor Fulkert. Miss Ruby Tyler was also a guest at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay McChesney of North Hornell, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fish.

A farewell reception was held in the Belfast M. E. Church for Rev. Dynes who is moving to Wyoming. Rev. Dynes was a former pastor in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke of Independence, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Merle Matteson to Andover where they spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harland Coats.

Messrs Holmes and Boyer of Andover, are busy in the oil business on South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Church.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lobdell and sons, Henry and Paul of Susquehanna, motored to the home of their daughter and family, Mrs. Gladys Rogers, Wednesday.

30 YEARS AGO

October 14, 1943

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Service men whose pictures appear this week are: Air Cadet Ralph A. Allen, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Allen; PFC Victor Oakes, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Oakes and Staff Sergeant Charles R. Burgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett, all of Andover.

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