

Legislator Lee Ryan Reports

I have received several letters in the last few weeks from school officials and concerned citizens in regards to Albany County sharing revenues with the local school districts. There are varied opinions about this and I certainly have a few of my own, though I haven't come to any hard decision.

There are certain areas that the County should work with the Towns and Villages in and they all cost money. One of the top priorities should be in the REVALUATION OF ASSESSMENTS. During the campaign I heard more and more of the need for a complete reappraisal of all properties in the county. What with aqueducts, rates going down, and post taxes of the County and this in turn affecting State per capita aid to local school districts, it would seem that our County Legislature should give serious thought to some means of correcting this bad situation. As of October 17th of this year, we had a net gain of \$2,427,944 in county assessed property values. We had 22 towns that had an increase in assessed valuations, with 7 towns showing less than the previous year.

The County Highway Committee members received a report of the Towns participating in the Donovan-Town Highway Improvement program and the amount of their involvement for 1974. Twenty-six towns out of 29 are involved. The Towns of Alfred, Alma, and Bollivar are not entered in the 1974 program. The 1974 program will mean the improvement of 46.27 miles of town roads, either by rebuilding some existing dirt roads or surface treating others that have already been rebuilt to Donovan Standards. This would also include six new bridges on these roads for which the county is picking up the towns share of the 1974 program. Total town money for the 1974 program is \$329,164.86 with State aid pegged at \$364,440.64. County money to be spent for the Town bridge program is \$99,944.55. I would certainly advise town participation in this program.

An important program that you will be hearing more about in 1974 is the creation of a County Health Department. A resolution calling for the establishment of a County Health District was tabled for further study at our December 28th year end meeting. Our Health Services Committee has been studying this for the past year and we have also included the other legislators in on several "Committee of the Whole" meetings. This resolution was one of the first steps and committed the county to nothing. At present we are operating under the State Sanitary Code and do not have the local power and enforcement that we would under a County Code. This will add very little to the County Health Services budget and will make it possible for the local health districts, of which there are seventeen, to dissolve theirs if this be their wish.

Our County Highway Committee completed the annual tour of the county highway system and found the majority of roads in good condition. I am especially pleased with the work done on County Road No. 7 (Elm Valley) and County Road No. 10 (Vandermark) in our immediate area. The improvement in these highways will do much to expedite the flow of traffic from Alfred to Wellsville, Andover, and Scio. This would be a good time to recognize the work of the ALLEGANY COUNTY HIGHWAYWAY DISTRICTS. These districts have in their first year of operation have accomplished much. They were primarily responsible for the white side-walks you see on the Elm Valley Road, Carr Valley and others. I am a member of the County Highway Committee. I take particular notice of county roads in neighboring counties and it would be my opinion that cars take a back seat to none. Happy New Year.

Appreciation

I wish to express my appreciation to Dr. J. W. ... for the care and attention given to me while I was in the hospital.

School Board Holds Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Andover Central School was called to order Monday evening, January 14, 1974 by the President, Dr. William Walker, Sup. Principal Mr. Mosher and the following Board Members were present: Conner Stephens, Mary K. Slade, Francis Horan and Carl Atwell.

The Clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read. The Treasurer reported that the account balance as of December 31, 1973 was \$10,000.00. The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report for comparison.

Carl Atwell made the motion that these reports be approved as read. Francis Horan seconded the motion. Passed by 5 votes of yes.

General Fund Warrant for \$15,084.75 was approved as certified by Mr. Mosher. Carl Atwell made the motion. Francis Horan seconded the motion. Passed by 5 votes of yes.

Cafeteria Warrant for \$1,352.19

was approved for payment. Mary K. Slade made the motion. Conner Stephens seconded the motion. Passed by 5 votes of yes.

Payrolls for the month of December 1973 were \$40,818.20. Conner Stephens made the motion that the payrolls be approved as read. Francis Horan seconded the motion. Passed by 5 votes of yes.

Francis Horan made the motion that the President borrow \$50,000 in Anticipation of State Aid to be received from the State of New York - also Flood Recovery monies that have not been received as of this date. Carl Atwell seconded the motion. Passed by 5 votes of yes.

Principal and Interest are due on Bus No. 29. Francis Horan made the motion that these be paid. Mary K. Slade seconded the motion. Amount - \$3,047.87 Principal and \$204.80 Interest. Passed by 5 votes of yes.

Carl Atwell moved and Francis Horan seconded to file the Cafeteria report with the minutes of this meeting. Passed by 5 votes of yes.

Approval was given to the Cadet Girl Scouts to use our Swimming Pool one night per month - at least one Senior Life Guard must be with them at all times. The motion was made by Mary K. Slade and seconded by Francis Horan. Carried by 5 votes of yes.

Francis Horan made the motion to establish a "lunch ticket" pro-

gram as of February 1, 1974. The program will serve grades K - 6. Carl Atwell seconded the motion which was carried by 5 votes of yes.

Francis Horan made the motion to ratify the Teachers Contract for 1973-74. Mary K. Slade seconded. Motion was carried by 5 votes of yes.

Neil Graves was appointed a Track Coach at a salary of \$200. Francis Horan made the motion and Mary K. Slade seconded. Motion was carried by 5 votes of yes.

A resolution was proposed that the gym may be used during out-of-school hours only when there is adequate adult supervision. Adequate supervision is defined as - a member of the school staff. Mary K. Slade made the motion and Conner Stephens seconded. Proposed was carried by 5 votes of yes.

Motion was made by Carl Atwell and seconded by Conner Stephens that the Board pay NYS School Board dues. Carried by 5 votes of yes.

Francis Horan made the motion that the Board be permitted to use a school bus for transportation to the farthest point allowable under the law with regard to the trip to Spain. Motion was carried by 5 votes of yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00. MARY K. SLADE, Clerk

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Methodist-Presbyterian Parish News

The Worship Services of the Methodist-Presbyterian Parish will be held in the Presbyterian Sanctuary during both the month of January and February.

The Youth Sunday School Classes, Grade 7 through 12 are to meet in the Presbyterian Building beginning this Sunday, January 20th, in two of the Sunday School Rooms in the basement. This move is to conserve fuel but also to give more cohesiveness to the Sunday School meeting in one building.

The children in grades Nursery through Sixth have their opening worship in the Dining Fellowship Room, and those in grades Seven and above go directly to their classrooms.

Rosary Altar Society Meeting

The Altar Rosary Society held their regular monthly meeting in their Church Hall Monday evening, Jan. 8th. Several business matters were discussed for forthcoming events to be held in the Parish. Rev. John R. Shea, Pastor, was honored at the meeting for his January 12th birthday. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Howard E. McAndrew, Mrs. Louise Hyland and Mrs. P. Avery Mead.

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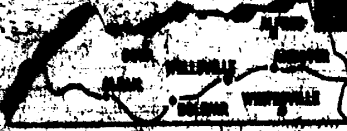
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