

**"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 19th, we have another Village Election coming up. This year we will at least have a partial choice of two out of the three candidates for the two Trustee's Seats that are up for election. 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 voters can vote for ANY 2 candidates for Village Trustee — regardless of party affiliation or position on the ballot. 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 former 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 some of these same people won't revive the issue — if they are 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 nothing seems to have been done about this practice to-date. And, the Police Car continues to make its regular "food runs" to Wellsville — and is seen almost nightly by Andover and Wellsville residents.

Things like these make us feel that some things need to be changed — 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

January 25, 1924

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Mr. and Mrs. Claude Eldridge of Water Street, are the parents of a daughter, Bethel Jane, born Friday, January 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewster are the parents of a daughter, Ida Annette, born January 8th.

Extreme cold weather has marked the past week in this locality. The heavy winds have made the situation more disagreeable, but the Andover Pond is frozen solid and the finest skating is being enjoyed.

Being only two pupils in the Five Corners School, it was decided to close the school and the pupils are being sent by the district to the school at Alfred.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Richardson are the parents of a daughter, Regina Ann, born Thursday, January 17th.

Mrs. Will Pease spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke.

Mrs. Clarence Slaght and daughter, Virgil, were Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Harum.

Arling Briggs and family have moved onto the farm he recently purchased of E. J. Kilbane on Davis Hill.

Rosamona Joyce has been spending several days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slocum.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey entertained at dinner Saturday, January 19th in honor of their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary. Relatives and friends were present from Hornell, Dansville, Wellsville and Andover.

Mrs. Grace Livermore of Brazil, Indiana, is spending a few weeks visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. G. A. Hardy.

Mrs. Earl Bassett of Buffalo, is spending a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Earl Richardson.

Mrs. Frank Regan and son of Olean are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Mulcahy this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lyke of Hornell, were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Orvis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pease have been frequent visitors in Greenwood, called there by the critical illness of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Scribner.

Miss Mayne Dean is home from Lackawanna to care for her father, P. A. Dean, who is critically ill.

February 1, 1924

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary, Tuesday, January 29th.

James P. Cannon is remodeling his clothing store and moving his shoe stock into it this week.

Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge entertained the Entre Nous Club Tuesday night. At this meeting Miss Helen Folsing was elected President and Miss Anna Gallagher, Secretary - Treasurer.

Hiram Coe, 70, died at his home on the Andover-Greenwood Road, Sunday. His widow, four children, a sister and a brother survive. Funeral services were held Wednesday with burial in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Miss Ruth Bartlett of Independence, is attending teacher conference at Hornell for three days this week, so the pupils are having a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence, entertained Tuesday evening in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Pa. A. Dean, 78, died at his home on South Hill, Friday, January 25th. His widow, three sons, three daughters, three brothers and a sister survive. Funeral services were held at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Tuesday with the Rev. P. C. Tracy officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

Mrs. Ellen K. Regan, 95, died at her home on Second Street, Thursday, January 24th. A daughter and four sons survive. Funeral services were held Monday with



by Alex Rankin

When Capitol newsmen broke the story recently that state Legislators have been able to buy gasoline on Sundays by pulling into State Department of Transportation district pumps, legislative leaders quickly scrapped the plan, fearing outraged complaints from citizens who can't get gasoline on Sundays.

Bue we think that's wrong. Considering the huge salaries we are paying those legislators, everything possible ought to be done to make sure they get to work on time every week in Albany.

You can tell its an election year in Albany. At last count there are an even two dozen bills in both houses to restore the death penalty — roughly akin to apple pie and motherhood if you are a legislator.

And that includes liberals, who love to attack such bills, and conservatives, who love to introduce them.

And of course in the backs of all their minds is the knowledge that no matter what they do will eventually wind up before the U. S. Supreme Court.

No one has been executed in the state since 1963.

While bureaucrats wrestle with the gasoline shortage, the Legisla-

ture has settled down to an easy pace so far this year, working three days a week in Albany and then home for a long week-end on Wednesday night.

Many observers feel this session will be a short one, winding up sometime in April.

The Assembly has passed and sent to the Senate for action a bill that would prevent governments from asking job applicants if they had ever been arrested.

Sponsors argue that employers should only know about conviction records of applicants, while opponents asked if they wanted a man with an arrest record of 20 rapes to teach classes of girls. That remark was heard the first time the bill was brought up. The second time around the bill passed without any debate in the Assembly.

Howard Samuels says he is "shocked" that the state's labor leaders are friendly to Governor Wilson. Think how shocked he will be when they endorse Wilson in September. They are the same men who endorsed Rockefeller four years ago. Raymond Corbett, head of the state AFL-CIO, is already on record as saying Wilson has "indicated a position a little bit better than the previous governor."

the Rev. P. C. Tracy officiating Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. John Karcanes and daughter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus and George Cretekos of Wellsville, Tuesday.

Harold Emery and Earl Kemp are working for Pragren Bros., in Hornell this week.

Miss Mary Porhan of Wellsville, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Edward Horan, Monday.

Harold Dawson was up from Elmira Sunday and Monday to visit his mother, Mrs. Madge Dawson.

Messrs. Thomas O'Horgan and Deo Baker of Greenwood, were business visitors in Andover the last of the week.

P. J. Regan of Chicago, Illinois, was summoned to Andover this week by the serious illness and death of his mother, Mrs. Ellen K. Regan.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carr were at Clarksville Saturday and Sunday, called there by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Charles Page.

F. W. Burrows of New York City is a business visitor in Andover this week.

40 YEARS AGO

January 19, 1934

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Miss Ruby Hunt of Washington, D. C., daughter of Mrs. Delia Hunt of Andover, died Monday, January 15th. Her mother and a brother, George Hunt of Rochester, survive. Interment was in the family plot at Belfast, N. Y., Thursday.

Mrs. Luella Benton and Bert B. Hann, both of Andover, were united in marriage Saturday, January 13th by the Rev. W. C. Pero.

Mrs. Maud (Hawkins) Miner, 58, died Saturday, January 13. Two sisters survive.

Following are those who will preside over the death of our Fraternal Orders for the coming year:

Andover Lodge No. 559, F. & A. M., Harold Van Dyke, Master
Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, O.E.S., Beale Mulconery, Matron

Edward Seaman Relief Corps.
Mrs. Lella Livermore, President
Thomas M. Lynch Post No. 397, American Legion, Carlyle Myers, Commander

Thomas M. Lynch Post No. 397, American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Anna Hoyer, President

Woman's Relief Association No. 18, Mrs. Frances Bebe, President
West Greenwood Grange No. 835, Clarence Simmons, Master

Andover Lodge No. 766, I.O.O.F. F. C. Mulholland, Noble Grand
Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303, Marie Hammond, Noble Grand

Andover Grange No. 1098, Earl Dodge, Master

Andover Juvenile Grange, Carroll Burdick, Master

W. C. T. U., Mrs. Bertha Pingrey, President

Grocery Special this week are: Butter, 2 lbs. 39c; Pork Loin, lb. 13c; Chuck Roast, lb. 13c; Hamburg, 4 lbs. 25c; Canadian Style Bacon, lb. 32c; Spare Ribs, lb. 19c; Apples, lb. 5c and Peanut Butter, lb. jar 15c.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke of Independence, have been visiting his brother, Winfield and family of Little Genesee for a few days.

Arling Briggs of Davis Hill, visited his sister and family, Mrs. James Gibson of Dundee, also Howard Briggs and Ed. Briggs and family last week.

Mrs. Cora Baker spent Thursday and Friday with her sister, Mrs. Eliza Sherwood at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Church of Voorhees Hill.

Mrs. Hattie Eggleston returned this week from Cincinnati, where she had been caring for her niece, Mrs. Marjorie Borden Bennett and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Southerland and daughter, Betty of Richburg, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles of Shovel Hollow, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mina Gorden returned to Andover, Monday from Coudersport, Pa., where she visited her father, Thomas Mulconery who was ill. Mr. Mulconery died Tuesday. Funeral services were held in Andover Friday with the Rev. F. H. Biabee officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

About twenty-five relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Sara Guinn, Sunday evening in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geil Reynolds and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord motored to Montclair, N. J., Wednesday where Mr. Reynolds was called by the death of his brother-in-law, Mrs. Alvord spent the week-end with her husband in New York City.

January 26, 1934

Last Monday, Mrs. Roxie Staff purchased from the Red & White Co., the interest formerly owned by Harry Nicholson.

Doris Josephine Goodridge of Andover and Morse J. Ward of Portville, were united in marriage.

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