

## '74 Maple Festival "Tree Tapping" Ceremony Sat. AM

The "Tree Tapping" Ceremony for the joint Allegany-Stauben County Maple Festival and Honey Display will be held this coming Saturday morning at 10 a. m. with the Maple Festival "Queen Contestants" and Town and Village Officials scheduled to be present.

As this annual "Tree Tapping" Ceremony, many of the maple trees between the sidewalk and the 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 Lions Club evaporator in the "Sugar Shack" that will be located on the Catholic Church grounds.

This popular event should give the program an "extra shot in the arm" in the form of added publicity since all of the area Newspapers have been invited to cover the activities.

This year we have eight or possibly nine Contestants for the "Maple Queen" contest which will be a much larger and better production than last year. Then too, this will mark the first time that the "Beauty Contestants" will be present at the "Tree Tapping" Ceremonies and certainly should add a lot of color and beauty to the event.

In addition to the six contestants named in last week's paper, Cheryl Spike, sponsored by the Canaseraga Lions Club; and Donna Elaine Wesche, sponsored by Vossler Maple Syrup producers have been added with another possible entry from Addison sponsored by a Steuben County Maple producer.

The Beauty Contest program that will be held in the ACS Auditorium Saturday afternoon from 2 until 3:30 p. m., will be broadcast live over Radio Station WLSV in Wellsville with TV taped coverage.

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.

Now what is needed is a spirit of co-operation among residents and business places to decorate the Village for the Festival. The Lions Club has ordered Street Banners for each end of Main St., but it would really look nice to see all of the local store windows decorated with antique displays like last year.

And, again this year, there will be a Maple Festival "Special Edition" of the Andover News which will be used as the Official Program and 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 by the Andover Lions Club during the Festival.

So, for a week-end filled with fun and entertainment, round up all your out-of-town friends and relatives and plan on attending the two-day festivities.

## Grange News

There will be a general business meeting of Andover Grange 1098 Sunday afternoon, at 2 p. m. at the Grange Hall.

We will be discussing final arrangements for the Maple Festival Plans. Please come.

## Golden Age Club News

The Andover Golden Age Club met at the Grange Hall Monday, March 18th with 23 members and two guests present.

Our next meeting will be Monday April the first. Bring dish to pass and own table service. Gladys Livergood, Marie Clark, Margaret Karnes and Ruby Jordan are on the dinner committee.

## John Leo Gavin

Funeral services for John Leo Gavin, 69, of 268 Main Street, in Hornell, were held Saturday, March 23, 1974 with a prayer service at 10 a. m., in the Lynch Funeral Home, Hornell, followed by a Mass of the Resurrection at 11 a. m., in the Andover Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Andover.

Mr. Gavin died Thursday, March 21, 1974 in the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, where he had been a patient for a week.

A resident of Andover most of his life, Mr. Gavin owned and operated a farm here and was also a construction worker.

He was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church of Andover and the Loyal Order of the Moose of Wellsville.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Francis McKinley of Andover and Mrs. John Arnault of Hornell; and several nieces and nephews.

## The Mayor's Column

by Jim Bliss

We have had a number of people ask about the proposed Tree Replacement Program. Presently we are talking about three kinds of trees, Linden, Improved Locust and Norway Maple. These trees would be about 10' to 12' tall and 1 1/2" to 1 3/4" across. The price of this stock would be about twenty dollars a tree for the homeowner. The Village would cover the cost of planting including staking and guarantee a living tree. The same tree furnished and planted by a landscape firm would run \$65 and up. If you are interested in this project or want more information call the Village Office 478-4755

The State Court of Appeals ruling on property tax ceilings which is causing real trouble in Buffalo and other cities will NOT have any effect on the Village Taxes. Our tax rate is quite a bit below the legal ceiling. Our tentative budget calls for a tax rate of \$30, this is same as last year.

## Mrs. Robert Dodge To Conduct Dog Obedience Classes

Dog obedience classes for boys and girls with their dogs are forming now in the Andover area. Any youngster 9 - 19 years old, regardless of where he lives in the county, who has a dog at least 9 months old which is suitable for training is eligible.

Dogs may be purebred or mixed. Since dogs and children come in varying stages of size and strength, it is critically important that the youngsters have the relative size and strength advantage to be able to control the dog on a leash. Dogs should not have received previous formal training from another person for the basic purpose of the program is a "learning by doing" experience.

There are no charges for participation in the 4-H Dog Obedience lessons. Each youngster must provide a properly fitted collar and an appropriate 6 foot training leash for his own dog.

In a series of 10 classes held one hour weekly, plus individual work at home youngsters and their dogs train together to achieve various levels of perfection and control. At the Beginner level the basic purpose is to bring the dog under general control of the child.

Mrs. Robert Dodge, R.D. 1, Alfred Station, phone 607-478-8292, will be the instructor for both the "Beginners" Class, and the "Advanced" Class for the Andover Area.

Interested youngsters may join the Andover Classes by attending the first meeting that will be held at the Andover Town Highway Building on Rochester Avenue on April 13 at 10:00 a. m. If anyone needs information prior to the first meeting, call Mrs. Dodge at 478-8292.

## Elizabeth Lynch Wins Landmark Tenure Case

A landmark decision on teacher tenure unanimously upheld Wednesday in Albany by the seven-member State Court of Appeals will bring reinstatement of a job plus an estimated \$33,000 in back-pay and benefits to a Richburg Central School District Teacher.

The decision for Mrs. Elizabeth S. Lynch is the final ruling on a case dating back to June 1971 and the first time such an issue has reached the high level state court.

The decision, handed down without opinion, affirmed the May 1973 ruling of the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court, and the July 1972 decision of State Supreme Court Justice George L. Cobb, all of Albany.

It ruled that Mrs. Lynch a tenure teacher who taught Latin in June 1971 when the district's Latin program was abolished, should be reinstated by the Richburg Board of Education, with full back pay, benefits, sick leave provisions, and 18 per cent pension contribution.

Mrs. Lynch, granted tenure in 1970 to teach in secondary schools was a certified Latin teacher when the board dismissed her, along with the diminishing Latin program, in 1971. She had also taught English and social studies, though she was not certified in either subject.

During attendance at Alfred University summer session, 1971, Mrs. Lynch earned additional hours required by State Education Department to be qualified to resume teaching at Richburg Central School.

Denied an English teaching vacancy which was available when she was dismissed, Mrs. Lynch backed by the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) appealed to the state commissioner of education, Dr. Ewald B. Nyquist.

NYSUT contended she was tenured as a secondary teacher, not as a Latin teacher, and therefore had seniority for the English vacancy. Nyquist ruled with the school board that she was not certified in English, and had no seniority rights thereof.

Appeals Denied

NYSUT, represented by Buffalo attorney Emanuel Tabachnick, appealed to the State Supreme Court, resulting in Justice Cobb's reversal, with subsequent appeals of the school board and the state education commissioner, denied in favor of Cobb's ruling.

The Cobb decision set down the "first instance" or landmark decision that tenure was based not on subject areas such as Latin or English, but on grade levels - kindergarten, elementary schools, secondary schools and special learning areas such as home economics and exceptional education.

Mrs. Charles (Elizabeth) Lynch is a life-long resident of Andover and has been affiliated with the Public Education Program for many years.

## Little League Meeting April 3rd

There will be a Little League Baseball meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, April 3rd in the ACS Multi Room. Anyone interested please attend.

## Andover Fire Department To Hold Annual Meeting Tuesday April 2

The Annual Meeting of Andover Fire Department will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 2, 1974 for election of Officers for the coming year.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p. m. by the Firemen's Auxiliary. All members are invited.

Merle Fox, President

## NOTICE

Spring Turkey Permits are now available at the Town Hall.



The regular meeting of the executive committee of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration was called to order by presiding officer "Red" Allen due to the absence of many other members of the committee.

A contract from B & B Amusements of Amsterdam, N. Y. was read and discussed. It was noted that several discrepancies seemed to exist according to previous understanding of agreements. The necessary changes and corrections were made with Mr. Hooper contacting the owner of the rides for his authorization of the changes, and the adjusted contact was then signed and returned.

The History Committee reported that several pictures and the story for the souvenir plates were sent to Mr. Hooper and the art work is now under way for this project.

Printing costs for the history book have been investigated and an estimate of the cost of the sample book shown should not exceed \$1.50 per copy on the basis of 1,000 copies for the press run. Advertising for the book was discussed to help defray the printing costs, and if so decided, an advertising committee will be set up to solicit ads following the Andover Lions Club Maple Festival.

The History Committee hopes that most of the material for the book can be turned in by April 15th. Thanks to all who have helped so much.

Whitesville has kindly offered the use of their Sesqui-Centennial Headquarters Signs and Harold Rice, Headquarters Chairman, reports that it is hoped to have the signs put up and the Headquarters opened up by April 6th.

Sales of Participation Stock was reported at \$2,995 at the time of the meeting, and at the present time is crowding the \$3,500 mark. Anyone wishing to purchase shares may do so at the Andover Village Office or at the McCartney residence or order them thru the News Office.

Doris Ann Jackson and Mel Mickle of the Parade Committee reported that they have received some response from several Units.

A suggestion was made during the general meeting that 4' souvenir yardsticks be sold during the Celebration with "Kenny" Ordway being appointed by the Chairman to investigate the availability and cost of this item.

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 15th at 7 p. m. for the Executive Committee and 8 p. m. for the General Public. It is very rewarding to see so many of the same faces attending every meeting so faithfully, and it is hoped that many more new faces will be seen at this next important meeting as the launching of the "Belles" Campaign will be discussed at this time.

Raymond O. Snyder a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to his home Friday, March 22.

James J. Baker, Sr. is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

The March 31 Union Lenten Service will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the First Baptist Church, with guest speaker, the Rev. Mr. Ralph Wagner of the First Baptist Church of Hornell. His topic will be "It is Better To Suffer Unjustly". Also there will be special music by "The New Creation Singers" from Houghton College.

Refreshments will be served following the service.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th at 7:30 P. M. in the Town Office.

## 4th of July Parade Committee Selects Theme Winners

At a recent 4th of July Parade Committee meeting held at the home of Mel Mickle, "Theme Contest" winners were selected after a great deal of deliberation.

Anne Kemp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kemp won the 1st Prize of \$15 with her theme - "The Good Olde Days", with Clark Schweigart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schweigart, winning the second prize of \$10; and Tom Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Davis, winning the 3rd prize of \$5.

The Parade Committee is making a plea for assistance for the pick-up of items donated for their annual auction that will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 p. m., on April 6th at the Andover Town Barns, as well as some extra help during the auction.

Anyone interested in helping "The Gals" with their collection on Saturday, March 30th, Sunday, March 31st, and Saturday morning, April 6th, or during the auction later that day - please call Mel Mickle at 478-4411; or Doris Ann Jackson at 478-4912.

The Committee also wishes to remind local citizens that they are also collecting old newspapers and magazines - so save them up - and when you have enough to bother with - call them up, or drop them off at their homes.

The Andover Planning Board met Tuesday, March 19th in the Town Office. Attending the meeting were Howard Burdick, James Smith, Harold Huffcut, Frank Russell and Al Winslow.

Frank Russell was elected chairman of the committee for the duration of the development of plans to qualify the Town for Flood Insurance.

## Andover Planning Board Meets

The concern for development of these plans should be shared by all residents of the Town. In the event of another disastrous flood such as the 1972 flood, Federal aid would not be available to our Town if we do not qualify for flood insurance.

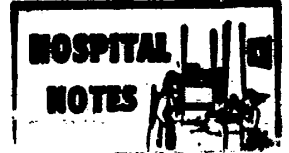
Future development or sales of property requiring loans through FDIC banks or other Federally Insured institutions would not be approved for the flood plain areas if we do not qualify for flood insurance.

In order to qualify for Flood Insurance we must have either a Building Permit System, Zoning Ordinances, or Subdivision Regulations. The least restrictive is a Building Permit System.

It is anticipated that the committee will propose a building permit system similar in content to the village ordinances now in effect as published in the December 19th issue of the Andover News.

Any town residents are invited to ask questions and make suggestions to the committee.

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## Legion Auxiliary Notice

The regular monthly meeting of the Lynch-Burge Post No. 397, American Legion Auxiliary will be held Monday, April 1, at the home of Mrs. Walter Harris at 8 p. m.