

ANNUAL VILLAGE BUDGET COMMENTS

An Editorial

This Thursday night, April 11, 1974, a hearing will be held on the proposed Annual Village Budget at the Village Office between 7-8 p. m. If any local residents have any questions on the items in the budget — here is your chance to find out what is what.

We know that one item has already been questioned by a local citizen both by the recognition in the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board, and by a Letter To The Editor. It is a logical question as far as we are concerned, and on doing a little research, we find that this practice has been going on for the past ten years — for the same amount. Limited time prevented us from checking our files beyond the past ten years — although our memory seems to recall that it has been going on for many more years.

As we recall, the same thing happened for years in the Water Department for many years until capital improvements were sadly needed, then the water rates were raised by a large percentage — and bills since then have been sent out 6 months in advance! We questioned this practice at the time since Gas Bills and Electric Bills are sent out after these public services have been used. However, this practice is still in effect.

Now we are faced with an estimated raise of 15% in our electric bills — which should have been provided for under a capital or permanent improvement plan from the profits of the Electric Department.

We realize that these practices were utilized in both the Water and Electric Department to hold the Tax Rate down. However, the one thing that no one seems to have brought out is: **we have to pay 6% Sales Tax on our utilities** — while we don't pay a Sales Tax on our taxes!

Another item in the budget that we feel the Taxpayers should consider is the raising of the Village share for Fire Protection from \$2,000 yearly to **DOUBLE THAT AMOUNT** of \$4,000.

Last fall, the Town of Andover raised their amount provided in their budget for Fire Protection from \$2,000 to \$4,000. And, since we residents who pay taxes in the Town are about to be nailed for another extra \$2,000 for Village Taxes for Fire Protection, we believe that an audit of the Fire Departments expenditures are a legitimate request.

It is our understanding that whenever Taxpayers funds are being used that some system of accounting is a necessity under the New York State rules of the Audit and Control Department. To the best of our knowledge, this practice has not been in effect where our local Fire Protection is concerned. We have asked both our Town Supervisor and Village Mayor why an audit can not be requested — and so far have not had an answer.

We feel that raising the amount for Fire Protection from a joint Town-Village contribution from \$4,000 to \$8,000 that has to be borne by local Taxpayers should certainly be questioned — and an audit made yearly as to how Taxpayers dollars are being spent be requested.

We realize that prices are inflated and that the cost of everything is going up. But, is a 100% jump necessary? And, what assurance do we have that it won't be jumped another enormous sum in the near future?

We believe that the Taxpayers are entitled to know what their money is being spent for — and, a yearly audit seems to be the answer.

What do you think?

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50 YEARS AGO

February 8, 1924

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Leon Eldridge will work the Georgianna Hardy farm this coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyd of Batavia, are parents of a son, Robert Eugene, born January 23rd.

Miss Frances Beebe entertained a company of young ladies at cards Monday evening in honor of Miss Elizabeth Folsing.

Mrs. Lydia Warfield was pleasantly surprised by a company of young ladies who came to help her celebrate her 83rd birthday, Friday evening.

A company of friends to the number of twenty-five gave Mrs. John Dolan a surprise party at her home on Water Street, Saturday evening.

Edward Padden of Andover and Sarah O'Dell of Dryden Hill, were united in marriage Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Reville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Caffery spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Caffery of West Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rogers as delegates of the West Greenwood Grange, are in Buffalo this week attending the State Grange.

Gertrude Briggs spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Carl Snyder of Elm Valley.

Mrs. Francis Bless and daughter, Louise, were Saturday and Sunday guests of Miss Libbie Bundy.

E. R. Crandal was a business visitor in Rochester from Tuesday until Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins of Hornell are guests this week of her mother, Mrs. Elmer Kaple.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Robison were business visitors in Buffalo the first of the week.

Mrs. Clara Kaple, son Charles and daughter, Miss Edna, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Fannie Wright at Scio.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers, Ames Rogers and Mrs. C. T. Rogers were in Whitesville Sunday to attend the funeral of Carlton White, son of Prof. Fred C. White.

February 15, 1924

Patrick Mulcahy, 72, died at his home on West Greenwood Street, Monday, February 11. His widow, four sons, two daughters and two brothers survive. Funeral services were held Thursday with the Rev. P. C. Tracy officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

J. J. Cook died at his farm home East of Andover, Wednesday, February 14. Funeral services were held Friday.

W. S. Clarke is the Andover man chosen to serve at a term of County Court, beginning February 21. L. S. Bassett goes from the Town of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Milligan were given a reception by the employees of the Silk mill at the mill recreation hall, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett and children left for Perry, Tuesday, where Mr. Burgett will enter the employment of Higlin & Burgett in the electric wiring business. Mrs. C. E. Baker and Mrs. Frank Holmes accompanied them to their new home.

The neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis of Independence, gave them a surprise party Friday evening.

Mrs. Thomas Young of Greenwood spent the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Barlow of South Hill.

D. K. Porter of Buffalo is visiting Andover friends and relatives this week.

Mrs. A. D. Shepard is passing the week with relatives in Buffalo.

Mrs. Margaret Brown of Castile is a guest this week at the home of Postmaster and Mrs. John Common.

Mr. and Mrs. Miner Green of Nile were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Livermore.

W. R. Hand is spending a few days guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walker of Angelica.

Miss Isabelle Loughhead of Eldred, Pa., was a guest at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs.



by Alex Rankin

In the Senate the other day they were ripping thru bills at a pace normally reserved for the closing days of the session, the reading of bills in a rapid, mumbling monotone and rapid fire voting.

The next day the Senators discovered they had unanimously passed a bill that would allow convicted felons to become — among other things — policemen.

Republican Sen. Tarky Lombardi Jr. of Syracuse, quickly had his "yes" vote changed to "no". While the bill was sponsored by Republican Sen. John Dunne of Long Island, it faces failure in the Assembly, where not one single legislator has come forth to sponsor it.

The Senate will have a chance in the near future to vote on what some have called the biggest piece of consumer bill of the year, legislation controlling private pension plans in the state.

The Assembly passed the measure last week. It is expected to sail through the Senate easily and be signed into law by Gov. Wilson.

The measure provides that workers are guaranteed their pension rights after 15 years with a firm. If they leave after that, they can still collect the pension due them from the first firm. The bill also requires the State Insurance Department to investigate every private pension plan in the state every five years and make public any irregularities they find. The law wouldn't take effect until 1975, and the pension plans would be docked one tenth of one per cent of the contributions each year to pay for administrating the law.

Wilson has come out with his own campaign election law reform bill, which differs significantly with the bill which now has bipartisan support in the Legislature.

Wilson's bill does not have a special non-partisan commission to control election spending and "dirty tricks". Instead it merely beefs up the Secretary of State's present operation, opening it to the charge that it would be understandably lenient on the party that happens to be in power in the Legislature and the governor's office.

Claire Backus Monday until Thursday.

Mrs. Rachel Farr left Saturday for Buffalo, where she will spend two weeks in the Wholesale Millinery Store of Sin Clair & Rooney.

Mr and Mrs. Combs of Greenwood have been spending a few days guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boyer.

40 YEARS AGO

February 2, 1934

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At the annual meeting of the Andover Dairymen's League held Saturday evening, the following officers were elected: Charles Robinson, President; Patrick Hyland, Vice President; Harry Smith, Secretary - Treasurer; Charles Robinson, Director.

Albert Godde of Bedin, Inc., owners of the local silk mills, states that Andover Silk Mills will be opened and operating again in the near future.

Winfield S. Calhoun received his appointment Tuesday as an enumerator of the Census of Business 1933 and states he will begin his work in Andover February 15th.

Virginia Wright, 8 yr. old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wright, died Tuesday as a result of injuries sustained when she was struck by an automobile. Her parents survive. Burial was in Stannards Cemetery.

George E. Babcock, 80, died at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bessie Babcock of North Main Street, Friday, January 26. His widow, a son and a granddaughter survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

About forty friends and relatives of John Will, paid him a surprise visit on his birthday, January 31. Gilfillan and Kemp shipped eight tons of Maple Syrup to New York City, Tuesday.

Andover was represented at the Older Boys' Conference held in Fredonia by Wisner Cook, Francis Vickers and Roger Tuttle.

Miss Dorothy Dean graduated from the St. James Mercy Hospital Saturday and is spending a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Dean.

Mrs. Jesse Hunt visited at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reimann at Angelica several days this week.

Mrs. Martha Bloss spent the week-end guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson and family of Whitesville.

Carroll Tucker has returned to his home in Rochester after spending the week at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin D. Baker.

Supt. W. G. Pope is attending the district superintendents conference of Western New York at Buffalo this Thursday and Friday.

Miss Elenor DeRemer was home from Keuka College for the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer.

February 9, 1934

Pearl D. Potter of Andover and Albert D. Randall of Corning were united in marriage at the home of the bride, Saturday, February 3rd.

Mrs. Louise Hess, 61, a former Andover resident, died Tuesday, February 6th at her home in Hornell. Two sisters and two brothers survive. Funeral services were held Thursday with interment in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Mrs. Delia Hunt, 72, died Saturday, February 3rd at the home of her son, George Hunt of Rochester. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Belfast Methodist Church with the Rev. W. C. Pero of Andover officiating. Interment was in the family plot at Belfast.

At the Allegany County 4-H Club Meeting held in Friendship last Thursday, Decatur Clarke of Independence was elected President.

A farewell party was given Mrs. Emma Gray Tuesday evening at the Baptist parsonage by church members and Andover friends. Mrs. Gray is moving to Dansville. Miss Kathryn O'Donnell has completed her nurses training course at the Buffalo General Hospital and has accepted a position in the Buffalo General Hospital.

The large house on the Earl Hale farm on Call Hill, with all its contents, burned to the ground Wednesday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Atwell and son, Paul, of East Valley, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green.

John and James Nobles left Wednesday for Depew where they will work in the silk mills for a few weeks.

Mrs. Mary Bell of Canisteo is visiting at the home of her brother Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. William Lang were in Hornell Friday night in attendance at a banquet given in honor of Commander Hayes of the American Legion.

Charles Lever of Bryant-Stratton Business College at Buffalo, passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lever and family.

Mrs. Dewey Northrup, Miss Virgil Slight and Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge are attending the State Grange Convention being held at Lake Placid this week.

Mrs. Pearl Mesler and Mrs. Grace Howland were dinner guests of Mrs. Charles Cole of Elm Valley Thursday.

Burten Thayer came Saturday from Rochester and expects to

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