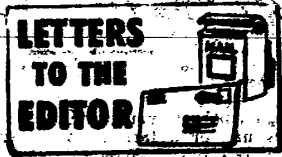


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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington D. C.
April 11, 1974
Mr. Ralph Allen
Andover News
Center Street
Andover, New York

Dear "Red":
It was a pleasure to meet with you briefly last Saturday evening, and I would further like to explain the misunderstanding as to why I was not able to attend the Andover Maple Syrup Festival.
As I indicated in a previous letter, I had two prior speaking engagements in Wellsville on the day of the Festival. Apparently, I did not make it clear that one was at Noon with the representatives of five County Farm Bureau organizations which lasted until 3:30 P. M. I then had to speak to the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce at a 6:30 P. M. dinner. Since both of these commitments had been made many weeks ago, it was, of course, not possible to cancel out to attend your Maple Syrup Festival.
I am sure that you can understand, since seldom do I get home from Washington until late Friday evening, that to the best of my ability I try to appear as often as possible where requested. It is not, however, always possible to accept every invitation.
Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,
JAMES F. HASTINGS

April 16, 1974

Dear Red and Jean,
Just to say thank you very much for the trouble I caused you. The papers came through in fine shape. The Jaycees are having one April 27-28.
I gave one copy to the head of it here. The next morning he called and said they really go all out in Andover. And I said the Lions Club sponsored it, with everyone pitching in to help, not just to let a few do it all.
Hope you folks had a nice Easter. At 5 p. m., it started to rain here, near a cloud burst, lots of that sharp hot stuff and high winds, trees down in some streets, telephone and electric wire, also.
Thank you so much again.
Sincerely,
EARL C. HOWLAND
Franklinville, N. Y.

April 16, 1974

Dear Editor:
You've heard of the fence-sitting procedure haven't you? We are experiencing this situation again.
We live in the area where the famous flood washed out "that other bridge". After certain officials of primary importance could finally decide just whose bridge it was that "went", Allegany Co. did indeed accept its responsibility, did make arrangements, did hire contractors, and the bridge was replaced — much more elaborately and expensively than was necessary (in my useless opinion). Remember, the cost was some \$139,000?
Well, there developed immediate problems. It continues to rain occasionally — Thank God — but rain water flows freely down a Town road, across a County road, across the brand new bridge and enroute, causes erosion. The south side of the new structure is being severely gouged. Rip-rap has already made its way to the banks of the Genesee. Personal property is again in danger of flooding, but of course, this is only incidental.
Reports of all this problem have been made and were repeated after Sunday's severe storm.
County Highway Commissioner James Young says the problem is the fault of the Town of Andover.

Carl F. Densmore Sr.

Carl F. Densmore, Sr., of R. D. 2, Andover, died in the Jones Memorial Hospital, at Wellsville, Tuesday, April 16, 1974.
Born August 28, 1917, in the Town of Independence, he was a son of Frank J. and Anna Billings Densmore. On October 5, 1949, he married the former Lois Robbins, who survives.
Mr. Densmore was a farmer and a member of the Hallsport Wesleyan Church.
Surviving, in addition to his widow, are three daughters, Miss Janice L. Densmore, Miss Jeanette A. Densmore, and Miss Judy J. Densmore, all at home; nine sons, Danny E. Densmore of Shingle house, Pa., Calvin J. Densmore serving with the Air Force at Mildred Hall, England, Clark W. Densmore, serving with the Navy at Norfolk, Va., Charles F. Densmore and Claude B. Densmore, both serving with the Navy at Charleston, S. C., and Carl F. Densmore, Jr., Cabot J. Densmore and Carleton D. Densmore, all at home; a granddaughter; and a sister, Miss Adeline E. Densmore of Independence.
Friends may call at the Mason T. Dye Funeral Home, N. Main St., Wellsville, Wednesday. Funeral services will be held there Thursday, April 18, at 2 p. m., with the Rev. Wilbur Beers, minister of the Hallsport Wesleyan Church, officiating.
Burial will be in the Fulmer Valley Cemetery, Town of Independence.

Village Board Holds Budget Hearing

The budget hearing for the year 74/75 was held in the Village Office Thursday evening at 7:00. Those present: James Bliss, Mayor; Paul Hyland, Avery Mead and Michael Brace, Trustees.
Michael Smith and Ralph Allen were present to question the \$4500.00 payment from the Electric Department to the General Department.
The following resolution was offered by Michael Brace and seconded by Avery Mead and was carried unanimously:
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JUNE 1, 1974 AND ENDING MAY 31, 1975, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF VILLAGE GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING THE RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR SUCH PERIOD.
WHEREAS, This Board of Trustees has met at the time, and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the tentative budget and after hearing all persons present to be heard; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the tentative budget, as published, and as hereinafter set forth and a copy attached to these minutes, is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the budget be and they hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages, stated in such budget shall be and hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 1974.
This resolution adopted by the following votes: Paul Hyland — Aye, Michael Brace — Aye, Avery Mead — Aye and James Bliss — Aye.
This concluded the business and the meeting was adjourned.
JOAN C. DIBBLE, Clerk

Meanwhile, our own Supervisor Burdick responds with his eloquent shrug.
Have any Taxpayers seen the damage? We suggest you pay a visit to your new bridge. What a shame to have this one damaged because of neglect — as the old one was.
Sincerely,
HELEEN S. LYNCH

News That's Print To Fit

Well folks, what do you think of the crazy weather we have had to experience in the past week?
From the nine inches of snow last Tuesday to the 16 degrees above zero on Thursday morning and then to the 74 degrees for Easter Sunday morn — well everything seemed to be progressing fine until... Well, as we recall it started to cloud over around 1 p. m., and then around five p. m. that terrific thunderstorm hit from two different directions with hail and veritable sheets of water that made it impossible to even see the house next door. And boy, did the wind every blow! According to the Wellsville Reporter, the wind velocity registered 60 to 80 mph winds at the Airport with at least 2 inches of rain falling in less than an hour — and, by 6 a. m. Monday, the mercury was back down to 34 cold degrees. Did someone say that "Spring" is here?

Last Thursday evening, after voicing our opinions on the proposed Village Budget Editorially, we attended the Public Hearing at the Village Office to ask questions and discuss things, and we found only one other interested Taxpayer there — other than Village Officials. Various subjects were discussed and when we brought up the subject of a request for an annual audit from the Fire Department for an accounting of how the Taxpayers Dollars were being spent, we were told by our Mayor that he agreed with us and that he was working on it. NOTE: Neither here — nor in our Editorial — was any reference made to any other money than the Taxpayers Dollars — when asking about an audit!

Thus, imagine our surprise when we heard that our remarks had been "cussed and discussed" by several members of the Community — with all sorts of inferences being read into our remarks.
Of course, the first thing that readily jumps to the mind is: Why should anyone object to an audit of how Taxpayers Money is being spent — if there isn't anything to hide? And secondly, why should anyone read anything else into plainly worded statements — unless of course, the shoe is a little "tight" and is "pinching someone's pet corn". At any rate, there could very easily be a thing or two that could be aired — unless there is some oil available to pour on "the troubled waters". 10-4?

Sesqui-Belle News

How grand the "Kick-Off" was! There were approximately 200 in attendance. As the group assembled and the meeting time approached, models were selected or volunteered to show the dress styles which added a colorful flair to the occasion.
Howard Burdick, Supervisor of the Town of Andover, read the official Proclamation of the Belles. Mr. George C. Hooper, coordinator of the Sesqui-Centennial Festivities, was introduced; Mary Jane McNeill, Chairman of the Women's Participation Division, then introduced Jeanette Horan, co-chairman of Women's Participation, and Beverly Cawson, Women's Chairman of Sales, at Headquarters.
A brief kick-off was given by Mrs. McNeill, expressing the hope we would have as wide participation as possible. Mr. Hooper explained the Membership Kits and the role of the Belles in the Sesqui-Centennial.
The dresses were then individually described. It was stressed that each Chapter of Belles can make their own dresses. The dresses that were modeled will be displayed at Headquarters. If anyone wishes to order one of the styles, it can be done through Headquarters.
Then came the mad rush for the sign-up kits. Sixteen Chapters are indicated with many kits to be returned. There were 165 signed individual memberships, a promising beginning. If you need mem-

John Scott Oakes

John S. Oakes, age 12, of Lock Haven, Pa., passed away on Friday, April 5, 1974, a victim of Reye's Syndrome, after an illness of only a few days.
He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Oakes and grandson of Mrs. John Oakes of Andover.
Funeral services were held at the Yast Funeral Home in Lock Haven on April 8th, and burial was in Rest Haven Cemetery in Lock Haven.
John was a frequent visitor in Andover.

In lieu of flowers, friends were asked to contribute to the Reye's Syndrome Foundation for the study of that recently discovered disease. It usually attacks eleven and twelve year old children, who have recently had flu or chicken pox and is nearly always fatal.

The Mayor's Column

by Jim Bliss
At the Annual Village Budget hearing a number of questions were raised, by the two people who took the time to attend. (Mike Smith and Ralph (Red) Allen. Mike was mainly concerned with the \$4500 that the Electric Department pays to the General Fund. The Board felt that for this year, we would try to continue this payment but in subsequent years this might be used for bond payment of the new substation. If we eliminated the payment this year this would have increased the Village Tax Rate by approximately \$4.50 a thousand.

Red questioned the payment of water bills in advance. As long as the water is not metered, the water bill is considered a tax and as such must be paid in advance.
Mention was also made of the increase of the payment to the Fire Department. A new five year contract was made last December, in order for the Town to be able to include it in their budget. Again a public hearing was held with only one or two people in attendance and no opposition.
For your information, the Town portion of the Fire Protection is only included in the outside rate so that Village residents only pay Village Tax money to the Fire Department NOT both.

The sudden severe storm we had Easter night was probably most noted for the damage that did not occur. Paul Hyland and Fran Vickers both had trees blown over on their buildings. It was the members of the Fire Department that went out and removed these trees before more damage could be done.
They were also working to pump out the cellar of the Missionary Alliance Church, which was flooding. The flooding situation was finally controlled when Bill Green of the Village Crew was able to unplug the sluice pipe in the storm sewer system. Someone had dumped cement slabs and debris over the outlet.

OES Notice

The regular meeting of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242 OES, will be held at the Masonic Temple on Monday, April 22nd at 8:00 p. m. Chapter will open in long form and all Officers are requested to wear long dresses.
Lunch committee will be Mrs. Gail Hardy and Mrs. Rosemary Wishtman.
Pauline Yorton, Worthy Matron
Membership materials call Mary Jane McNeill 478-8287 or Jeanette Horan 478-4983.
A special thanks goes out to Anita Cahill, Betty Ordiway, Bev Carson, Shirley Thoy, Jackie Mead, Bonnie Cooper, Deanna Russell, Mel Mickle, Doris Ann Jackson and Birdie Rogers for their help Tuesday night. And — of course — many thanks to all of you that attended the meeting in a spirit of great interest and enthusiasm.



Sesqui News

Monday evening Sesqui executive committee met at the Andover Central School cafeteria.
Most of the discussion centered around the carnival rides concession that was expected for the celebration. Some disappointments have been met. Hopefully a satisfactory solution will be worked out with B & B Rides which were recommended by Mr. Hooper.
Local organizations and groups wishing to have a spot to "set" for the celebration are urged to contact a committee member. Motion was made and voted that a charge of \$50.00 for the week will be required of any local concession. It is hoped that no major profits will be retained by concessionaires. Parades, Queen Contests and Celebrations in general are expensive. We all want to see as large a sum as possible turned over to the Medical Center.
Copies of Incorporation Papers, Mr. Hooper's contract and all requisitions will be on file at Headquarters. Anyone may see them.
Headquarters is officially open. Hours will be Friday evening 7 - 9 and Saturday, 9 a. m. - Noon for the remainder of April. During May Headquarters will be open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Hours will be posted. Volunteers are called for.
Hope you have all noticed the banner attached to the front of the Hotel. Plans are under way to have a banner placed at each of the three major entrances to the Village.
Have you purchased your new pen with the seal? Better hurry on down to Headquarters and get several. Remember a chance on a TV goes with each purchase.
New members to the Founders Club are: Gertrude and Francis Cable and Howard Burdick.

Local Lions Club To Sponsor Free Hearing Clinic

On May 4, 1974 from 10:00 a. m. til 4:30 p. m., the Andover Lions Club will have a hearing clinic at the Andover Central School for pre-school children 3 1/2 - 5 years. We will be able to process one person every five minutes. If you wish to make an appointment, please call the school nurse. You may also call Dale Green, Lions Club Hearing Chairman, after 5:00 p. m. If we have room and time, we will do anyone from school age to Senior Citizens. If you have a problem with your hearing, please call.

NOTICE

Due to the illness of our pastor, Rev. John R. Shea, who will celebrate his Fiftieth Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood, the Parish Mass for Friday, April 19, 1974 at 8:00 P. M. has been postponed until Friday, May 10th.
Blessed Sacrament Parish Com.

ATTENTION LIONS!

The next regular dinner meeting of the Andover Lions Club will be held Thursday, April 25th, at the Catholic Church Parish Hall at 7:00 P. M., Sharp.

Change In Telephone

The Telephone Number of Arthur Kemp has been changed to: 478-8325.