

OFF TRACK BETTING —

An Editorial

On May 1st, YOU, The Voters of Allegany County, will have the opportunity to vote upon a proposition calling for the approval of a County Local Law authorizing the County of Allegany to join the Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation. A copy of such proposition and abstract of such local law may be obtained by application to the Board of Elections, Belmont, N. Y.

To begin with — and for "openers" — what kind of a "Sick Society" do we have to put up with allowing our "duly elected" politicians attempting to lead us down the "primrose path" under a "double-lane" of morals, ethics and laws?

For many years the "gambling-lane" has been frowned on with all kinds of laws and restrictions being passed — and enforced — to prevent us from spending our money on "slot machines"; numbers rackets; poker games; betting on the "bang-tails"; etc.

And, despite the fact that Lotteries were illegal, we were seduced into the approval of a State Lottery under the guise of extra aid to Education. Yes, we say "seduced" since Education didn't even "get a-kiss" of the spoils since the State Legislature voted to turn the profits of the State Lottery over to the General Fund before the Lottery had been in effect a full year! Were all you readers aware of this — or hadn't you given it any thought after the initial build up of publicity when it was supposed to go for Education?

According to our own County Legislator from this District, Lee Ryan, "the proposed "off-track" agreement states that any county participating in the "off-track" betting would have a minimum of two betting parlors located within its boundaries". How does that grab you?

Here you parents try to teach your children the difference between right and wrong. You try and teach them to obey law and order — and yet the County wants to set up a double set of values — and promote gambling by setting up at least two betting parlors! Just how can you justify this double set of values to children — or even to Christian, Law-abiding Citizens? How could mothers explain to their hungry children that they haven't any money to buy food for them because their gambling father lost his entire pay check in a perfectly legal "betting parlor" that is sponsored by the County?

We agree with Lee Ryan when he stated that: "he did not believe that Allegany County has a large percentage of its citizens spending their paychecks on gambling, but with betting parlors it would seem that we are saying, advertising and beckoning our people to participate in a pastime that does nothing to add to our moral standards." And, we agree with him 100%!

We feel that perhaps there is more than "meets the eye" on this proposition and strongly feel that it is a "behind-the-scenes" ploy by some of the County Legislators to "set-up the act" for some kind of income that they can point to in order to justify their desire for a grandiose new County Office Building.

In our opinion, we may very well be eternally grateful to the Wellsville School Teacher that practically single-handed secured enough signatures on a petition that forced the County Legislature to bring this proposition of "off-track" betting to a Public Referendum so that all of you Taxpayers have the privilege of voting on the issue.

Thus we urge every voter to get out and voice their opinion by voting — and hopefully, you will find it within your conscience to help defeat this issue.

And, don't forget — that this is setting a very important precedence that Taxpayers may very well need to follow in the future. That is — of demanding a Public Referendum on issues that are of vital importance to all Taxpayers!



50 YEARS AGO

February 22, 1924

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The Andover boys journeyed to Wellsville Tuesday evening and again defeated the Wellsville bowlers by a score of 250 pins. Joe Herman bowled high score for Andover at 202 pins. C. Arnold of Wellsville at 199 pins.

Editor Frank A. Crumb of the Alfred Sun, was re-elected President of the Allegany-Cattaraugus Press Association at a meeting held in Olean, Monday.

Mrs. U. W. Stratton was given a surprise birthday party Friday evening by the ladies of the Edward Seaman Relief Corp, who motored to Elm Valley for the occasion.

Ice from the Andover Ponds has been used in filling ice houses at Almond and Whitesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilcox of Andover, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boyd of the Lane School District.

Mrs. Dora Warfield of Penn Yan is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Witter.

A few neighbors and friends were very royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Childs, Tuesday evening.

A birthday party for William Bailey was given at his home Friday evening. A large crowd and a real good time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. J. C. Scribner is moving this week from the farm on Davis Hill, which she recently sold to Frank Halsey, to her farm near Whitesville.

Rosanna Joyce has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slocum of Davis Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Besette and family enjoyed a sleigh ride from Whitesville, Saturday and were guests of Mrs. Rockwell until Sunday afternoon.

Nurse Elizabeth Folsing has been passing the week with her aunt, Mrs. John Will.

Mrs. Nina Palmer of Almond is passing the week guest of Miss Alice Clarke.

Miss Marion Rogers passed the week-end with Miss Rose Harrington at Wellsville.

Jesse Hunt and Edson Langworthy returned home Sunday evening from a week's fishing trip at Honeoye Lake.

Mrs. Archie Mullen and daughter, Miss Florence Mullen of Purdy Creek, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith from Friday until Sunday.

Clayton Burger returned from Massilon, Ohio, Saturday, where he has been employed for several months in a cutlery shop and will work on the Erie Railroad this summer.

February 29, 1924

Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard, 63, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Richardson of Elm Valley. Funeral services were held at the Richardson home Thursday with burial at Mauch Chunk, Pa., Friday.

Police Justice, Grant Sherwood, has tendered his resignation to the Village Board of Trustees. His successor has not yet been chosen.

The Hornell-Wellsville bus is again on duty after several days enforced vacation on account of snow blocked roads.

W. M. Woodruff has moved his family into the new bungalow recently purchased by him from J. L. Williams on Dyke Street.

School was closed part of last week on Voorhees Hill, on account of the bad snow storm. Mail Carrier Mr. Church, was unable to cope with the snow banks on South Hill a couple of days last week.

On Tuesday a company of Andover friends enjoyed a sleigh ride on South Hill and a social evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crandall of Independence, were in Andover Thursday and Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall.

The neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Briggs of Independence, gave them a surprise party Saturday evening, it being their thirty-fourth wedding anni-



by Alex Rankin

The Senate has passed a new version of the state's controversial Sunday "blue laws" that shifts the focus from jail penalties to heavy fines for store owners.

The bill, if passed in the Assembly and gets Governor Wilson's approval, would also shut down the big supermarkets across the state that now do big business on Sundays.

Instead the small "mom and pop" stores would get all that business.

During the lengthy and often heated debate in the Senate, it was argued that to do away completely with the present prohibition against the selling of certain items on Sunday a solution some have advocated — would allow employers to force their employees to work without a regular day off.

Instead of going to jail, violators face fines of up to \$250 and contempt of court citations and civil suits. It also takes enforcement out of the hands of police and into the hands of a violators business competitors.

Heavy fighting inside the State Department of Agriculture and the governor's office was broken the other day with a compromise. The

argument was over whether a businessman or a farmer should run the state fair at Syracuse.

The deadlock was broken by appointing both. A businessman, Norman Rothschild of Onondaga County was named director and Keith Johnson, a dairy farmer from Oneida County, was named deputy director, a new post — and of course a new salary, \$18,545 a year. Rothschild will be paid \$21,545 a year.

Governor Wilson registered his first official veto the other day, killing a bill that would have allowed school districts to define school cafeteria operations as "ordinary, contingent expenses", thus including them in austerity budgets when district voters turn down a school budget.

As it did under Rockefeller, the blossoming of new committees continues under Wilson. The latest sets up an 11-member committee to "study alternate ways of resolving negotiations between teachers and local school boards when the Taylor Law provisions have been exhausted." As under Rocky, this one is also called a "task force". It is headed by Robert Stone, counsel and deputy state education commissioner.

versary.

E. D. Baker and A. R. Baker returned home the first of the week after passing several days in New York City where they attended the New York State Hardware Dealers Convention. E. D. Baker was elected First Vice-President of the Association.

Sheridan Witter was home from Buffalo to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Witter.

Donald Baker of Salamanca passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Baker of Railroad Valley.

Master Ralph Williams has been passing the vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lee of Railroad Valley.

Mrs. Clifford Cleveland and children of Allentown, have been recent guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker. Margaret Dougherty spent Friday and Saturday in Hornell with her sister, Florence, and attended the dance held at The Sherwood.

40 YEARS AGO

February 16, 1934

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Friday, February 9th, the official government thermometer read 39 degrees below zero.

William M. Rogers of Andover and Anna Marie Hahlon of Syracuse, were united in marriage Saturday, February 10th in Syracuse. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers will make their home in Andover.

Mrs. Sarah Dodge Green, 77, died Sunday, February 11th at the home of her son, William H. Green on Barney Street. Four sons and two daughters survive. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Alfred Station with Rev. Edgar Van Horn officiating. Burial was in the Alfred Station Cemetery.

Mrs. Ellen Casey died at her home near Andover, Sunday, February 11th. Three daughters and a son survive. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Blessed Sacrament Church with interment in St. John's Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Connors have moved from the Forrest Gee farm in Canadadea to this village.

George Blessing and Clayton Burger were the trial jurors from Andover drawn for the February Term of Court which opens February 19th.

Mrs. Anna Benjamin has returned to her home on South Hill after spending several weeks caring for Mrs. S. Graves of Andover.

Miss Thelma Lewis of Voorhees Hill, chaperoned her people at the matinee "Alice in Wonderland" at the Babcock Theatre in Wellsville

Saturday afternoon.

Harry Monroe of Andover, is passing a few days at the Leonard Reisman home in Elm Valley.

Decatur and Francis Clarke of Independence, accompanied Wayne Crandall to Ithaca Monday, returning home Tuesday night.

Mrs. Mary Crandall of Andover passed from Wednesday until Monday at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke of Independence.

Karl Pingrey has completed his course in Forestry at Syracuse University and has returned to his home in Andover.

Mrs. Betsy Clarke of Alfred Station visited Miss Alice Clarke of Church Street, last week.

Mrs. Mary Bell of Canisteo, is visiting at the home of her brother Mr. and Mrs. Earl Richardson of Dyke Street this week.

Mrs. H. D. Rogers returned Monday after spending several days guest of Mrs. William Kibler and other friends in Rochester.

William Joyce and H. W. Coryell attended the hearing of the proposed milk marketing agreement held at Syracuse on Friday.

February 23, 1934

Mrs. M. J. Gray left Andover Saturday for her new home at the King's Daughters Home in Dansville.

Raymond McGill of Pleasant Avenue, has purchased of Mrs. A. A. Porter, the Liberty Highway Service Station located on the Liberty Highway near the intersection of Main Street in this Village.

Miss Maron Coates of Andover and James Corretta of Hornell, were united in marriage, Saturday, February 10th in St. Ann's Church at Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Robbins of Water Street, are parents of a son, born Thursday, February 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall and Mrs. Carl Tassell of Independence, attended the Farm and Home Week held at Ithaca this past week.

Miss Ruth Robinson of Orange N. J., spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Robinson.

Mrs. Melvin Mattison of Elm Valley left Sunday for Smethport, Pa., where she is visiting her sister Mrs. Will Kinney.

Mrs. George Calhoun is visiting at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Terribury at Angelica.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burns and daughters, Reta and Teresa, also Mrs. Patrick Wyland were in Wells-

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