

## Legislator Lee Ryan Reports

I would like to say to the people of Andover that I regret not having been able to participate in the float judging of their Maple Festival parade on Saturday April 6. I feel that it was an honor to have been asked but due to a previous commitment I could not be there. I did, however, attend the festival on Sunday and was happy to see such a large crowd despite the adverse weather conditions. Congratulations to all the people who had a part in its success.

Several projects have been the center of discussion in the County Legislature the last several sessions. At last Friday's session (April 5) we approved a resolution authorizing the renewal of a contract between the County of Steuben and Allegany County for the confinement of prisoners (both male and female) in the Steuben County jail. This contract is a continuation of one that has been in existence since August 3, 1972 and was brought about because of the unfavorable reports of our jail facilities at each inspection. Adequate separation of prisoners is not possible, female services are not adequate and we have very little facilities for rehabilitation and recreation. Visitors have to talk with prisoners through the door of the cell block area (which is in conflict with state regulations.)

I don't mean to infer that we cannot keep prisoners in our County jail. We can and do keep male prisoners there. The contract was made primarily for female prisoners with provision also for males.

This is, in my evaluation, the primary need for an addition to the County office building at Belmont which is also currently being discussed and which will be the subject for a future article by yours truly.

Another matter which has been discussed primarily by the Town Board of Alfred, but has had favorable support from both the Village of Alfred and the Town and Village of Almond is the creation of a sub-station of the New York State Police in the eastern part of the County.

We have very little police protection in the Towns of Burns, Almond, Alfred or Andover. The Village of Alfred maintains a substantial police department (second only to Wellsville in the County). Andover Village has a police department and Almond Town has a part-time police officer. Being located twenty miles from the State Police barracks in Wellsville and roughly thirty miles from the sub-station in Bath (Steuben County) we find when we need police help that the response time is just too great. The need for a State Police station in our area is certainly a high priority item and certainly with the University State University, and the high population density compared to the other parts of the County, we have a very strong argument for its creation.

In looking over the annual report submitted by the Board of Elections, we find there are 21,949 registered voters in Allegany County, as opposed to 20,485 at the start of 1973. These include 13,733 Republicans, 5,269 Democrats, 949 NPD (no party designated) and a sprinkling of liberals and conservatives. Of those eligible to vote in the general election, 13,214 voted which was a turnout of 60%.

The number of election districts remained at 48 in the County. The increased registration may necessitate redistricting in some towns in the near future, primarily Almond and Wellsville.

A major accomplishment of our Economic Development Coordinator (Ken Robert) and our planning board in the past year was the creation in March, 1973 of the Allegany County Industrial Development Agency which through industrial revenue bonding, may pro-

vide 100% financing at reasonable interest rates for development of industrial and other economic plant facilities. The agency's resources are available to existing local industries as well as outside firms which might wish to locate in the County. The agency entertained three applications for such local assistance, involving approximately 2 1/2 million dollars in plant expansion programs. We look for this as a tool to help promote expansion of our existing industries as well as help for any future industries coming into our County.

## Workshops On Environmental Available

Four one-week resident workshops on environmental concerns will be conducted for teenagers this summer at Rogers Environmental Education Center in Sherburne. Environmental Conservation Commission James L. Biggame has announced. The workshops are designed to acquaint teenage stu-

dents both boys and girls, with the major environmental problems confronting society today.

Workshop participants will be introduced to and encouraged to study the complexities of the natural world. Particular emphasis will be placed on responsibilities of young people as future citizens and how they can relate to organizations and activities where their efforts may be most effectively applied to help the environment.

Boys 12 and 13 years of age may attend a workshop July 7 - 13 while girls 12 and 13 years of age may attend July 14 - 20. Girls 14 and 15 may attend a workshop July 21 - 27 and both boys and girls aged 15 or older may attend an advanced techniques workshop July 28 - August 3.

Candidates to attend these workshops should be chosen by sports men's organizations, civic clubs or professional societies on the basis of the student's prior interest and involvement in environmental or ecological programs.

Candidates will be selected from applications received by May 10 and those accepted will be notified no later than May 24. Applica-

tions should be accompanied by a brief personal history of candidate's commitments and future aspirations in the area of environment. The fee for each one-week workshop is \$60 per person which includes food and lodging. Successful applicants must remit this fee by June 14. Checks or money orders, made payable to Mid-York Conservation Fund, Inc., should be sent to Rogers Environmental Education Center, Box Q, Sherburne, N. Y. 13460.

Information and applications are available from Mr. Herman Weiskotten, Sr., Educator, Rogers Environmental Education Center, Sherburne, N. Y. 13460. The telephone number is (607) 674-2861.

## Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Burdick Sr. To Be Feted At Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Burdick, Sr. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a surprise Open House sponsored by their children, April 21, 1974 at the Troupsburg Grange Hall from 2 to 4 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend. No gifts are necessary.



Andover Lion President Tom Smith (R) presents the Flag of the State of New York to Mayor James Blise to be displayed at the Andover Sesqui-Centennial Celebration that will be held from August 11 through August 17th.

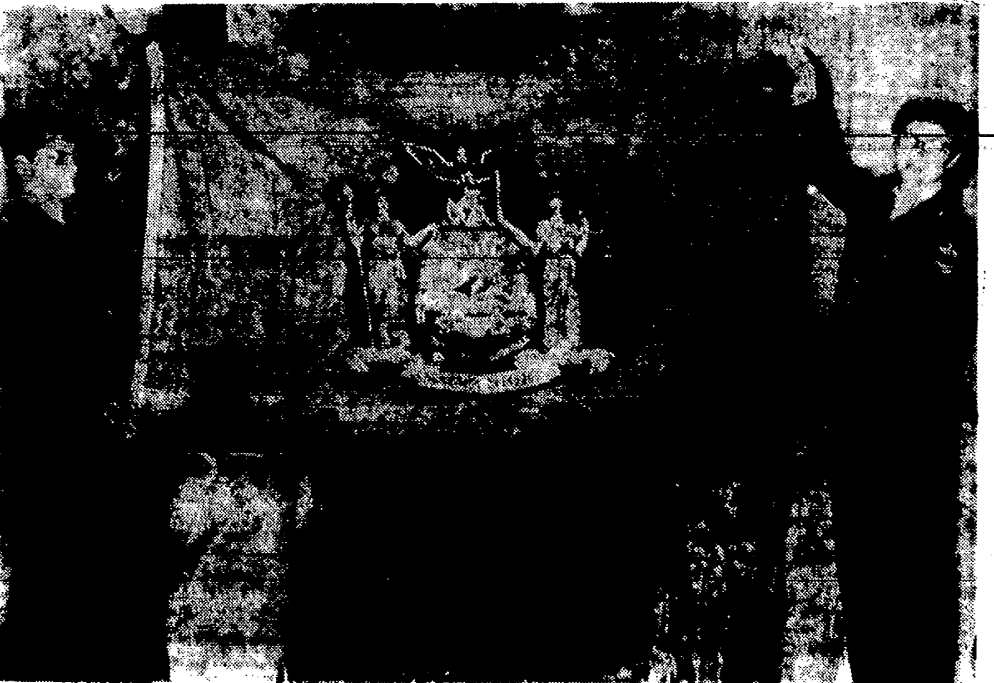
The Andover Lions Club Annual Allegany-Steuben County Maple Festival heralded the "Kick-Off" for the Andover Sesqui-Centennial Celebration and the Flag presentation was part of the Lions Club Patriotic Program which includes a flag-pole in the Main Street "Island" for the Flag.

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Assemblyman James "Jim" Emery, Deputy Majority Leader from the 136th District, presents a New York State Flag with a certificate from Governor Malcom Wilson that this Flag had flown over the State Capitol, to Lion President Tom Smith at the Annual Allegany-Steuben Maple Festival sponsored by the Andover Lions. The Flag is part of a Patriotic Program that is being carried out by the Andover Lions Club.

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Two of the Alfred University ROTC Cadets that participated in the Annual Allegany-Steuben Maple Festival hold the New York State Flag out for display after it has been presented to Andover's Lion Club President, Tom Smith, by Assemblyman "Jim" Emery during the "Crowning of the Queen" Program at the Festival Saturday afternoon. The entire audience by the Andover Central School Gym arose in unison to pay their respect and show their appreciation at this meaningful Ceremony.

The Cadets are: (L-R) Ken Lozo and Eric Klemmer who acted as Military Escorts for the Queen Contestants during the Ceremonies.

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