

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

The \$115 million "supplemental" budget passed by the state Legislature is a real lulu.

It literally contains, among other things, thousands of dollars in "lulus" for state legislators and others, a term which means "in lieu of expenses".

Traditionally the supplemental budget appears suddenly at the end of the session every year and is passed so quickly that most legislators don't even have time to read it, let alone the taxpayer.

Little wonder. This year version contains:
— Pay hikes for state court judges ranging from \$8,181 to \$12,905 a year.

— Salary hikes for about 75 top state officials ranging from \$2,750 to \$4,325 a year.

— Pay hikes for local judges. By Jan. 1, according to state law all county court, family court and surrogate court judges will be paid \$36,000 a year. For some judges that will mean pay hikes of as much as \$5,000.

The supplemental budget also contains \$1.6 million for the trials for Attica Prison inmates involved in the 1971 riot.

The document was not without political overtones. "My god, the so-called conservative Wilson has outdone Rockefeller", said Democratic Assembly Minority Leader Stanley Steingut of Brooklyn, a

reference to the big-spending days of Rockefeller. Democrats argued that the \$115 million document did not truly reflect spending beyond the \$12.3 billion budget passed earlier by the Legislature, because it does not show the more than \$190 million spent in separate bills since then.

About \$10.3 million of the supplemental budget is earmarked for New York City, and reflects the deals worked out between Mayor Abe Beame and Wilson to help close an \$818 million budget gap in that city.

The document also contains \$11.2 million in pay hikes for State University professors and administrators, and funds to raise the salaries of State Comptroller Arthur Levitt and State Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz from \$45000 to \$60,000 a year.

The State Health Department announced the other day armed with the stiffest set of regulations in the nation, they are conducting pre-season inspections of the more than 2,000 children's summer camps in the state.

The regulations include a \$100 fee to discourage fly by night operators, college degrees for camp directors, at least 40 square feet of floor space for each child in sleeping areas, and a number of safety requirements.

CONSERVATION COMMENTS

By Paul M. Kelsey

WOOD DUCKS

The sun has just come up over the hill as I sat along the bank of Dryden Lake enjoying its warmth and soaking up the beauty of the male wood duck resting on a log a short distance down the shore. Just a couple of days earlier, Dick Loveless had told me that this past winter they had found over half of the wood duck boxes on the Howland Island Wildlife Management Area had been used by woodies, and that 95 percent had successfully hatched, and the brood taken from the nest.

The story of the wood duck flashed before me. During the last half century this has been one of the encouraging conservation stories, and one which points out well that the sportsmen have long been in the forefront of the conservation field. If there had been an "endangered list" 50 years ago, the wood duck would have been close to the top, but with sportsmen backing and money, they are again common. This emphasizes the fact that it is not species that are hunted which are endangered.

Its gorgeous plumage and the fact that its flesh was an epicure's delight brought it under extreme hunting pressure. This combined with the fact that its habitat was rapidly degenerating, reduced the wood duck numbers so low that they were given complete protection as early as 1918 in New York. Even though water was not a problem, heavy logging and the loss of old nesting trees seemed to be spelling the doom of the wood duck.

Since the major limiting factor was inadequate nesting sites, conservation agencies, interested groups and individuals have been erecting wood duck boxes along streams, marshes, and ponds for years. In many situations this was all the added impetus needed to bring the duck back as a nesting bird.

Dimensions for a standard wood duck nestbox are 8 inches by 8 inches inside, and from 14 to 20 inches high. The hole is a three-by-four-inch ellipse, 12 to 15 inches above the floor. If rough lumber is not used, some provision must be made so that the young duck-

lings can climb out. Screening tacked on the inside front wall under the opening serves this purpose well. Female wood ducks count on the decayed wood at the bottom of a cavity for a good nest base to which they add only feathers from their breast. Unless a couple of inches of sawdust is placed on the floor to simulate the decayed wood, the nest will not be used by wood ducks.

Like other ducks, as soon as incubation is well under way the male departs. His main assistance in next selection and building is spiritual, for he accompanies the female as she searches, and sits patiently while she investigates each likely hole.

One of the most interesting things about these ducks is how they get the young from the nest, sometimes 60 feet in the air, and then to the water which may be several yards away. Many wonderful stories told how the mother carried her young, but the facts are quite prosaic — they just jump out and walk.

When the ducklings hatch they have sharp toenails and a sharp hook on their bill which permits them to climb up the inside of a hollow tree very readily. At the entrance a little coaxing from the mother persuades them to jump. With feet and wings spread, these little balls of fluff just float down uninjured. It is not an uncommon sight to see a hen ushering the brood across a country road on their way to the nearest water.

Living among the trees the woodies have developed an unducklike ability to maneuver in flight quarters which rivals that of the grouse. They are able to fly rapidly through the woods when it is almost too dark to see them, and far too dark for the human eye to see the obstacles that they dodge successfully.

Even the dull female and the silhouetted male are easily recognized in flight. Their relatively long tails make their wings appear to be set forward compared to other ducks. Wood ducks hold their crested heads high, with the bill pointed down, whereas most ducks thrust their heads more nearly straight forward in flight.



50 YEARS AGO

May 16, 1924

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William Dean, 72, died at the family home on South Hill, Saturday, May 10. His wife, four sons, two daughters, two brothers and a sister survive. Funeral services were held Tuesday with the Rev. Tracy officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

Plans for the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Andover are progressing fast. The celebration will be held the week of Labor Day, starting September 1st.

A very delightful evening was spent by twenty Delta Phi members and guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Palmer, Friday P. E. Caple has purchased the O. E. Allen store in Hornell and will conduct the business in the future.

Mrs. Dora Warfield, who has been spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wittie, has returned to her home in Penn Yan. Ed Briggs of Hornell is visiting his sister, Mrs. Lou Davis of Davis Hill, for a few days.

At the Annual School Meeting of the Voorhees Hill District, held Tuesday evening, all officers were re-elected: Trustee, Burrill Perkins; Collector, Abram Slocum and Clerk, Carroll Church.

The Misses Mary McFetridge and Louise Folsing spent the weekend in Dansville and attended the Senior High School play.

The Rev. H. B. Williams of Freeport, Ohio, was the guest of Andover friends the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne were in Hornell, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilcox and son returned with them to pass the week-end.

Mrs. J. M. Brundage arrived in Andover the first of the week after spending the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Adelia Hunt, who has been passing the winter at the home of Mrs. Amy Travers in Washington, D. C., has returned to her home in Andover.

Mrs. Ida Baker and Mrs. Archie Bloss went to Campbell Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Rex Starr. Mrs. Bloss returned Wednesday and Mrs. Baker remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. F. S. Clarke arrived home Wednesday after spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

May 23, 1924

Twenty-five friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ruger last Wednesday evening to honor Mr. and Mrs. Ruger with a surprise on their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Selucia Livermore, 98 died May 19th at the home of her sons, D. E. and L. C. Livermore of Independence. Two sons survive. Funeral services were held Monday with the Rev. W. L. Greene officiating. Interment was in the family plot at Independence.

Friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyland, May 8th to honor Jefferson Brewster with a surprise birthday party on his 78th anniversary.

Lillian Schoonover, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schoonover, died Monday. Burial was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Edward Wilcox has purchased the Richard Richardson farm of 48 acres located in the Proctor District, Wellsville. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox expect to move from their residence on Second Street in Andover to their new home June 1st.

Miss Emily Clarke, who has taught the Lane District School for the past two years will go to Marlboro, New Jersey to teach the coming year.

Dr. W. J. Grenolds has informed the News that he has decided to locate at Westerly, Rhode Island and expects to open offices there about June 1st.

The West Greenwood Hill School Meeting last Tuesday was well attended. Michael Hyland is Trustee and Daniel Mullen is Collector for another year.

Ask
Senator



BUCKLEY

Why did you vote against the Emergency Energy Bill?
—P.L.—Kingston

The Emergency Energy Bill was tantamount to a fraud on the consumer. It would have done nothing to solve the energy crisis. It would have simply spread around the misery so that everyone in the country would have suffered equally. At the last moment, the Senate-House Conference inserted a provision to roll back the price of crude oil, creating at most a 3¢ savings per gallon of gasoline. A whole panel of economists predicted this rollback would kill any incentive for producers to invest large sums of money for exploration in this country. And without this domestic exploration the United States would become more and more dependent on high-priced oil from the Arab States.

A reporter for the New York Times recently asked 66 members of the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut delegations to send him statements of their net worth and copies of their latest income tax returns. You refused his request. Why?
—J.T.—Manhattan

Quite frankly, I do not consider such information any of the Times' business. In fact, I consider it an invasion of privacy. It is presumptuous of the Times to see its own curiosity as synonymous with the public interest. Since my arrival in Washington I have received more than 750,000 letters. To my knowledge, not a single constituent has ever asked for information concerning my net worth or income tax returns. The New York Times has a far greater impact, through its editorials, articles and reviews, than 66 Members of Congress. If the Times feels that the public is truly interested in seeing the private financial statements of public policy makers, they might take the first step by releasing the statements of their own editors, editorial writers and directors.

By cutting through red tape, members of Congress can often lend a hand to those with problems involving the federal government. Through the columns of this newspaper, Senator Buckley answers questions of general interest. He will respond personally to all communications addressed to: Senator James L. Buckley, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Mrs. John Quigg has returned home after spending a few days at the home of Mrs. James Joyce. Miss Carolyn Hinchey of Elmira was the guest of Miss Mary Snyder and other friends in Andover over Sunday.

Mrs. Wilburt Davis of Marlboro, New Jersey, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ila Clarke. Fred Clarke of Rochester was also a guest of his mother, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Helena Johnson and Mrs. Forest Gee are attending the Rebeccah State Assembly which convenes this week at Geneva.

Misses Frances Beebe and Anna Gallagher returned Tuesday evening from a two weeks visit in New York City.

Olin Houghtling of Shortsville passed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Orris Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inskip and family of Kenmore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne over the week-end.

Mayor E. A. Mullen was a business caller in Northumberland Pa., Wednesday and Thursday. Frank Quigg of Conneaut, Ohio, is visiting at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg of W. Greenwood St., and other relatives in the vicinity.

Mrs. Isabelle McCormick of Hornell is the guest of Mrs. Anna McDonough and other Andover friends this week.

Mrs. Victor Green and daughter, Marilyn of Canisteo spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Green.

Miss Margaret Dougherty of Athens, spent from Saturday until Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. P. J. Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Port Seeley and daughter, Mable, of Bradford, Pa., visited at the home of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bunt, Thursday and Friday.

Manager William Lang of the Andover Market Basket and his wife, were in Wellsville to attend the opening of a new Market Basket Store in that village, May 3rd. Miss Lillian Hulse of Whitesville, spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Clara Scribner.

May 18, 1934

John H. McKinley, a recently ad-
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40 YEARS AGO

May 11, 1934

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Lightning struck a small barn on the Bines farm north of Andover during the electric storm Thursday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum and Fred Slocum of Davis Hill, visited at the home of their sisters, Mrs. L. L. Spencer of Alfred Station and Mrs. Laura Holbert of Almond, Sunday.

Claire W. Church, who has been spending the past 18 months with the U. S. Army at Fort Randolph, Canal Zone, arrived at his home on Voorhees Hill, Saturday to enjoy a 30-day furlough.

Basil Brundage of Andover was a guest of Max Baker of Voorhees Hill, last week-end.

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