

LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET '74-'75 An Editorial

The Andover Central School Proposed Budget for 1974-75 appeared in the June 5, 1974 issue of the Andover News on page 4 and 5.

School Board Members and Officials have spent a great many evenings, and many, many more hours than ever before, preparing this budget. Cuts have been made where ever possible without cutting down on essential Educational Standards. The budget was published ahead of time so that you Taxpayers would have plenty of time to study it before the Annual School Meeting. It has been broken down and simplified as much as possible so that every one can see where the money will be spent. The Board has even gone to the trouble to have it set up so that Taxpayers can compare the figures with the previous year's budget and expenditures.

And, Curville Jordan, ACS Supervising Principal, has taken the time and trouble to go over the entire budget in detail with us.

Yes, the 1974-75 budget is up considerably from last year, but, we feel that we are in much better shape in perspective for several reasons. First, negotiations have been completed with the teachers and the contract is signed, so that the exact salaries could be figured on in the estimated budget. Secondly, a planned balance of \$7,000 has been added to cover any unforeseen contingency. And, a repair bond for \$30,000 has been asked for to make capital repairs on the building.

Major items causing the increase include: Increased salaries for all Andover personnel broken down partially — Teachers K-6 and 7-12, \$31,057; Substitutes, \$2,500; School Bus, \$1,957; Administrative (Office), \$1,141; Tuition, \$7,704; and, an 18% increase in Health Insurance and in Social Security amounting to a total of \$7,307. These figures alone add up to \$51,667. Then to that figure, we have to add these fixed increases over which there is no control: Fuel and Utilities — \$4,000; Transportation costs — \$2,500; Plant Maintenance — \$6,800; Insurance — \$700; and, with the planned balance of \$7,000, these add up to another \$21,000. Thus, these major increases add up to a total of \$72,667, without adding in the increase in interest for the repair bond or other incidentals.

The estimated expenditures in the budget are as close as can be intelligently arrived at but the General Fund Revenues can only be conservatively estimated at because of the new State Aid Formula (the forms of which will not be available until later this summer) and possible changes as far as total assessed valuation is concerned. Board Members felt that it is better to take a conservative estimate of revenue from State Aid funds than to over-estimate them — and then end up in a financial bind near the end of the School Fiscal Year. Thus, their estimate of Six Dollars a thousand, is a high estimate of the rate of tax increase per thousand on assessed value for next year.

We ourselves have no children in School, and if we looked at the budget from a selfish standpoint of view might be tempted to suggest cutting down on some of the services, which, in turn, would or could harm the whole curriculum. Looking at things objectively, just where — or how — could any further cuts be made and still give our young people the type of Education they need in order to compete with Students in other Schools?

In fact, we feel that we are fortunate to live here in Andover instead of elsewhere in the County after checking up on the School Taxes in other communities. Also, we are fortunate that Our School has become to be the center of Community activities — a fact that has not gone unnoticed throughout the County!

Thus, in our opinion, we are forced to come to the conclusion that the budget is a fair budget, that just about all of the cuts have been made that are possible — and that the only thing that we have left — is to pay what is needed!

News From Albany

by Assemblyman James L. Emery

The Office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Geneseo) announced his schedule for the week of June 21st as follows:

On Saturday afternoon, June 22, Mr Emery will be participating in the Annual June Dairy Month Parade in Cuba, New York.

On Tuesday, June 25th, the Assemblyman will be speaking at the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club in the Town of Cuba.



50 YEARS AGO

June 13, 1924

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Mrs. Denzel Baker, 18, died June 8th in the St. James Mercy Hospital from the effects of burns suffered two weeks previous. Her husband, her parents four brothers and four sisters survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover.

Camp activities at Eggleston Park will open on July 8. Mrs. Hattie Eggleston and Mrs. Joan C. Lever from Andover, are among those acting as registrars.

139 relatives of Isaac Smith gathered at his home June 8 to celebrate his ninetieth birthday. Captain George Blackman of Wellsville a fellow Civil War Veteran, was the guest speaker.

The Advertising Committee of the One Hundredth Celebration of the founding of Andover are sending out to all the families in Andover, letters to be signed and sent to your friends inviting them to attend the celebration. If you have not received your letter see F. S. Potter, Chairman, at the Post Office.

Frank Holmes was doing business on the Atwood oil lease on South Hill, Tuesday.

Mrs. Anna Benjamin of Silver Creek motored to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Livermore of South Hill, for a few days visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Joyce and daughter, Lucille of West Greenwood, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McNeil of Rexville, Sunday.

Fred Brewster and son, Howard were callers in Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur York and children were dinner guests at his home, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McAndrew and sons, Howard and Richard, were guests of relatives in Hornell, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Robinson and Mrs. Edward Teasdale, were in Alfred, Wednesday, to attend the Commencement Exercises held at Alfred College.

Mrs. R. E. Temple and Miss Mary Boyd were in Wellsville, Wednesday afternoon in attendance at a County Meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary.

40 YEARS AGO

June 8, 1934

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Stockholders of the Allegany Mutual Telephone Company met in an annual session June 1. The following directors for the ensuing year were elected: E. D. Baker, J. L. Williams, W. F. O'Connell, A. R. Baker, Edson Langworthy, E. V. Greene and B. S. Brundage. Following the stockholders meeting, the Board of Directors in the business meeting elected the following officers: Alvin C. Baker, President; Edson Langworthy, Vice-President; B. S. Brundage, Secretary; John E. Cannon, Treasurer and Victor Hoagland, Manager.

The Octagon Baseball League got a good start with all teams playing. Andover 8 at Belfast 7; Genesee 13 at Richburg 8; Scio 5 at Allentown 7; Bolivar 1 at Ceres 11. The following were in the Andover team: Cartwright, Lehman, Scott, DeRemer, Lounsberry, Church, Joyce, Alderson, Ruger, Howland.

Ask
Senator
BUCKLEY

A friend heard you speak recently about a 'hidden tax.' I've heard about hidden sources of income, but what is a hidden tax?
—J. L.—Oneonta

Every year American workers receive cost of living raises to keep their purchasing power abreast of rising prices. However, every year these same raises have the unintended effect of moving millions of Americans, especially low and middle income earners, into higher tax brackets, forcing them to pay a higher percentage of their earnings to the government. The result is a "hidden tax"—creating a net loss for the taxpayer and windfall tax profits for the federal government. With this in mind, I have recently introduced a bill which would eliminate this hidden tax by adjusting the tax tables automatically to reflect changes in the cost of living index.

You have been appointed to the National Ocean Policy Study. How will that help New Yorkers?
—C. S.—Endicott

People tend to forget that New York has a commercial and sports fishing industry. Right now, the waters which feed this industry are being pillaged by fishing trawlers from the Soviet Union and several Eastern European countries. These trawlers are now fishing the waters off Long Island Sound with an intensity that could threaten a number of species. As a member of this study group I will be examining, among other areas, the need to revise maritime laws so that the United States and other coastal nations can protect the biological integrity of their own fishing grounds.

My son tells me that you have called for an investigation of a City University student newspaper. Why?
—S. H.—Queens

A New York City student newspaper recently published an obscene and incredibly anti-religious cartoon. The resulting wave of outrage among many of the students prompted me to question whether a student newspaper, which is supported by compulsory dues that are extracted from the entire student body, has the right to publish material which so clearly offends the religious convictions of those same students.

Married at the Presbyterian Manse, June 2, 1934 were Lloyd Kenneth Greene and Leah Emma Gleason, both of Andover, by the Rev. Frank H. Bisbee. Their attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Elton Greene. Mr. and Mrs. Greene will make their home at the corner of Church and East Center Streets.

Due to ill health Rev. F. H. Bisbee has presented his resignation as pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church as of September 9.

Professor Burton B. Crandall of Economics in Alfred University for the past four years, has been given a leave of absence in which to secure his doctor's degree which he plans in the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Crandall is the son of Benjamin Crandall and an alumni of Andover High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Holsey welcomed a son, James Henry at their home on Grove Street, June 2nd.

A 50 by 62 foot barn on the O. G. Hamilton farm on the Vandermark near Scio was struck by lightning Tuesday. Three calves were killed and a large quantity of hay burned.

Miss Anne Yannie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Yannie, has been engaged to teach music and drawing in the Wilsonian High School at Angelica the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dean have moved from their farm on South Hill into the Cape house on Barney Street.

Mrs. Pearl Mesler has rented the Marsh apartment on West Center Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent are building a one and a half story bungalow on the lot owned by Mr. and Mrs. Arling Baker on Center Street.

Mrs. Henrietta Bundy celebrated her 90th birthday Friday at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Brundage on Center Street.

Miss Eleanor DeRemer daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. DeRemer, received her B.A. degree from

Keuka College, June 5. She majored in mathematics and physics.

Carl L. Pingrey was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree June 4 at the New York College of Forestry at Syracuse.

Twenty-eight friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Church of Voorhees Hill, Monday evening to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary and the 21st birthday anniversary of their son, Claire.

Twenty checker players from Millport, Olean, Nunda and Dansville, were entertained at the Floyd Slocum home on Davis Hill, May 6th. Millport made the best score.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Woreley Mr. and Mrs. George Sharp and son, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. George Avery and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones and family enjoyed a picnic supper at Cuba Lake, Sunday.

30 YEARS AGO

June 1, 1944

Claire C. Backus, Publisher R. E. Temple, Chief Observer of the local Observation Post, has received word from the War Department, to discontinue the mailing of the Observation Post, as of May 29.

Orville J. Whitaker has purchased the Atlantic Service Station and taken over the business located at the intersection of Main Street and Route 17.

The following local school bus drivers have completed a 15-week course and have received a certificate issued by the New York State Board of Regents: Charles Holt, Edward Kilbane, Hartwick Goodridge, Francis Vickers, George Woreley, Rollin Scott, Carl Childs, Victor Hoagland and Harold Lehman.

Franklin Wlster has graduated from the Omaha Bible Institute, May 22 and is working in the Doras Bible Church.

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