

### Cyril E. Jordan Speaks Against Big County Plans

Introduction: Cyril E. Jordan, News Reporter who wrote the feature story on the Allegany County Legislators Meeting recently when they approved the new County Office Building Plans, was a Panel Speaker at the recent Allegany County Planning Conference held at Ag-Tech and delivered the following message which is felt to be of interest to all you Taxpayers:

Good morning: I feel honored to be here this morning, this marks the first time that any member of the "concerned citizens" group has been invited to express our views and frankly, many times we have been refused the right to speak. Perhaps our success in Albany has given us some recognition here back home.

When Mr. Roberts called and asked if I would participate in this discussion, we discussed the title of the entire program, "The Role of the Gov't in Development", and I received my information in the mail on Wednesday of this week stating the precise title of the (Panel) discussion, "Experiences in Growth & Development in Allegany County". My first reaction was that perhaps I was not qualified to speak on this particular (narrower) subject. However, after some thought, I realized that due to the lack of any development or growth in the county (our population is very little more than it was 100 years ago). I decided that there really isn't anyone who is experienced in this area, so I guess we are all in the same boat.

I suppose that the particular area in which I would have to be considered (Experienced) would be in the area of trying to get ideas across to politicians and planners that are of a major concern to the vast majority of people — but seem to be of little or no interest to those in power.

Also, I have been close to the land all my life, and I think that most farmers will be quick to tell you that most government farm policies are politically motivated: we hear this now in the current dilemma of the dairy farmer. The Cornell index of prices paid by dairy farmers for January through April, averaged 28% above the same period in 1973. Yet, milk prices will be no more than 13% above a year ago by July. The difference in the cost price relationship is therefore more than 100%. Farmers simply cannot survive in this economic squeeze.

So what is the reaction of our own rural politicians here in Allegany County affecting our major industry? Simple: Raise taxes to build a New Multi-million Dollar Building that we need desperately to house planning departments and all the other rapidly expanding bureaucracy! We seem to be quick to criticize bureaucracy on the federal and state level, but it is here on the local level where government bureaucracy is expanding at the fastest rate.

I have an article taken from the June 10 issue of "U.S. News & World Report", entitled: "Warning On Inflation" by Arthur F. Burns, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and I quote his opening statement "The gravity of our current inflationary problem can hardly be overestimated. Except for a brief period at the end of World War II, prices in the U. S. have of late been rising faster than in any other peace time period of our history, if past experience is any guide, the future of our country is in jeopardy."

Ladies and gentlemen, agri-business alone (according to information I received from our County Extension Office with the help of Charles Hebblewhite,) in dollar value is over \$12,000,000 and add to that the related farm industries in the agri-business category of over \$10,000,000.

We should also remember that farmers are unique in the fact that they purchase supplies at retail and sell their product at wholesale and usually at a price established by someone else.

Yet, we have our County politicians as late as last Monday, who turned one of the County's most prominent farmers away from a meeting of great concern to him and to all farmers, refusing to even let him sit in on their spec-

### Local Doctors Feted At Big Farewell Party

Dr. "Cliff" Miller and Dr. "Dan" Tartaglia, who opened and staffed the Andover Medical Center for the past two years were honored at a farewell party at Penn Valley Resort on June 9, 1974 with around 140 members of the community of Andover attending.

The farewell party, planned by a local committee composed of four members Mrs. Howard Burrows, Marie Dibble "Red" Allen, and Robert Clark, assisted by the RMAAC Staff, was a huge success and greatly appreciated by the Doctors and their families.

The party started out with a cocktail party at which hors d'oeuvres were served, followed at 8 p. m. by a full course prime ribs of beef dinner, topped off by a spectacular flaming "Cherries Jubilee" dessert prepared by "Ed" Clancey, Manager of the Penn Valley Resort.

After the dinner, "Bob" Clark welcomed the guests which included Dr. Tartaglia's Parents and Uncle, and then introduced the departing Doctors who each gave a few treasured remarks. The gift presentation concluded the verbal part of the program and was followed by a musical program of bagpipe music played by piper Steve Walker, one of the members of the "Highlanders" marching bagpipe unit.

The memorable evening was concluded with a dancing program to the music of a "Dixie Land" style band that were from the "Showboat" in Buffalo Harbor and who played the "old favorites" as well as all requests.

### Doctors Honored At Tea Sunday, June 23, 1974

Area residents were given the opportunity to pay their respects and bid Dr. Miller and Dr. Tartaglia farewell at a Tea held at the Masonic Hall, Sunday, June 23, 1974, sponsored by the Nursing Staff of the Andover Medical Center and assisted by the members of the Eastern Star.

Refreshments of tea, coffee, punch and cookies were served by Tess Farley, Norma Burrows, and Grace Hurne, all Registered Nurses on the Andover Medical Center Staff, to the 56 area residents that attended.

ial meeting to observe.

The farmer and small businessman alike are being hamstrung by government regulations, red tape, forms, paperwork, and general harassment that adds to his cost to operate and on top of that his taxes are continually being increased to support more bureaucrats with soft jobs and lucrative salaries whose only duty it seems is to find more ways to harass him and if possible, drive him out of business.

You know, at the present time it is generally agreed that government regulation in many areas is failing. The answer seems to be in many instances, is to replace failing regulations with more regulations. This is what is known as the (Triumph of Hope Over Experience.)

One area where business can be stimulated in an area is the area of "money". The attitudes of lending institutions of an area, in my opinion can play a large part in the development of business. The farming industry receives two-thirds of its financing for land and buildings from private sources. Cooperative credit associations are next, FHA followed by banks. I sometimes wonder how much more farming might be occurring today in some areas of the county if more investment money had been available to young, ambitious people of this county over the last generation.

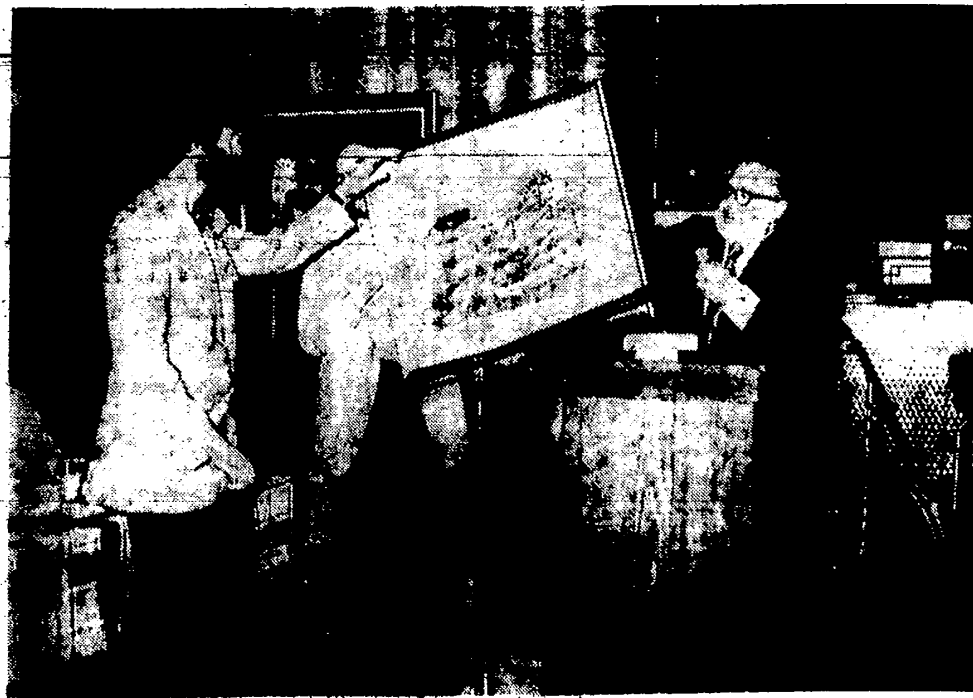
In conclusion, I would like to say that my experience as a farmer and also in the insurance and investment business, giving me the opportunity to work with businessmen and contractors, I firmly believe that what the business and development climate of the area needs and wants, is the freedom to do business and to operate in a free and competitive way as was originally intended by the gentlemen who wrote the first governing laws of our land.

SWAN SONG! (right) Dr. Erwin Felsen, Chairman of the RMAAC (Rural Management Association of Allegany County that operates the Andover Medical Center), gives the farewell speech to Dr. Miller and Dr. Tartaglia who have staffed the Andover Medical Center for the past two years.

Robert L. Clark (left), Administrator for the RMAAC, stands by ready to make the picture presentation to the two Doctors. News Photo



Dr. Miller is presented the picture named the "Rural Gallery" at the farewell party held at the Penn Valley Resort in Genesee. News Photo



Dr. Tartaglia receives his picture titled the "Promise of Time". Both pictures were presents from the RMAAC. News Photo