

# "Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

Overshadowed by the complex and highly controversial fiscal problems which faced New York State and New York City in the past months has been the work of a number of important Assembly Minority Task Forces — work which continues today and in many cases, constitutes the basis for legislation being introduced during this session in Albany.

The purposes of these Task Forces is to focus the attention of their Assembly members on particular problem areas, to identify the causes of the problem, to hear from the general public as well as experts in the field on possible solutions, and, finally, to formulate legislative proposals, if needed to aid eliminating the problems.

I was named chairman of the first Minority Task Force shortly after the start of the 1975 Session when it became apparent that there was a need to assist volunteer and professional fire fighting efforts throughout the State through useful and worthwhile revisions in the law. The Task Force was active from the start and was instrumental in quelling an attempt by the State to cut off funds for the vitally important Montour Falls Fire Fighting Academy used by volunteer firemen throughout the State.

Having been successful in this endeavor, the Task Force on Volunteer and Professional Fire Fighting, under a new chairman, turned its attention to legislation which could be of benefit to firemen who risk their lives and safety daily in the line of duty. The effort resulted in a number of measures approved by the 1975 Legislature to benefit volunteer firemen, three of which were signed into law. The Task Force did not stop there however. Another series of hearings is being held throughout the State with numerous persons connected with firefighting testifying as to the need for various legislation, and this will be considered at this Session.

The obvious need for a thorough review of the mental hygiene programs throughout this State came to the forefront in 1975 through a press expose, and once again the Assembly Minority took the lead in the establishment of a Task Force for Mental Hygiene which is extremely active today. In conjunction with the Assembly Mental Hygiene Committee, the Task Force not only uncovered untold abuses and inequities in the system, but has already come forth with major legislative proposals in 1976 to aid in revamping the system. There is still a great deal to be done, and the Task Force continues its work.

Some of the Task Forces established by the Assembly Republicans did their jobs in 1975 and "retired", their missions accomplished, such as the Task Force on Taxation and the State's Economy which I also chaired. That group was successful in showing the State the disasters of further taxation on an already overburdened business and industrial community. Although in a pre-Christmas last-minute panic, the Legislature saw fit to further burden the State's business community with \$600 million in new taxes, it did so without a single Assembly Republican affirmative vote & things might have been a good deal worse if that Task Force had not done its job of bringing the problem of the State's precarious economic climate to the forefront in 1975.

In another instance the need for a Task Force became all too apparent when thousands of residents of the beautiful and vast Adirondack Park region of our State found themselves dealing with unreasonable and unwarranted rules and regulations from the Adirondack Park Agency, whose main function was supposedly to prevent the rape of that wilderness area by large developers and unchecked development. As a result of the increasingly hostile at-



## 30 YEARS AGO

January 3, 1946

Claire C. Backus, Publisher Charles (Tim) Rogers, died January 6 at his home following several weeks of ill health. He was born October 1, 1888 in Vermont, a son of Phidander J. and Nancy Gee Rogers and married Rachael Morris, who died November 11, 1934. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Emma Hurd; five grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Howard Burdick entertained her 1945 Officers of OLS at her home in Elm Valley, Friday evening. Games were enjoyed during the evening, followed by refreshments. Mrs. Burdick presented each of her officers a desk calendar.

Allen C. Weber, died January 2. He was born March 23, 1900, in the Town of Hornellsville a son of Frederick U. and Minnie E. Allen Weber. In June 1920 he married Marie J. Burr who survives with two sons, Frederick in Service and Carl of Andover; one daughter, Onnie of Eldred; one brother, Walter of Arkiport. Burial was in Hornell Rural Cemetery.

Miss Betty Ann Robinson, daughter of Lloyd Robinson and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson of Andover, and Major Robert Milton of Prescon, Kansas, were married December 1 at Del Ray Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burdick of Elm Valley entertained friends and relatives New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burdick of Elm Valley attended the Empire Potato Growers Association held in the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dougherty of Cleveland, Ohio, Md. and Mrs. Lloyd Hollenbeck and family of Lockport, Mrs. Raymond Ellis and daughter, Isabelle of Alfred and Eleanor McAndrew of Norfolk, Va., have been guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Merrill of Trenton, N. J., spent several days at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Pelton.

Roland Shaff left Andover Saturday enroute to Clearwater, Fla. where he expects to pass the winter with his mother.

Mrs. Ernest Theetge, Misses

titude on the part of many residents to the APA and its officials a Minority Task Force was formed to look into the methods being employed by the APA in dealing with zoning, land use, and other such matters.

Hearings were held quickly and in every corner of the specific areas affected so that before the holiday season in December, this Task Force made-up of Assembly representatives from the Adirondack Park area, knew just exactly what it has to face in formulating changes in the law during this 1976 Session.

And that is just a sample of the work and functioning of the Task Force system which has been developed by the New York State Assembly Republican Minority. There are other Task Forces which have been formed and many yet to come. They are made up of Assembly members from areas throughout the State and are staffed by those currently employed by the Assembly. There has been little or no expense to the taxpayers, but the long-range benefits of this kind of operation can already be seen in legislative measures now on the books and those yet to come. This is the kind of work being done by your Assembly which may not grab the headlines, but deserves your attention and support.

## THE ANDOVER NEWS

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Helen and Elizabeth Folsing and Fay Boyd were in Buffalo Wednesday.

Mrs. Carl Tassell of Independence returned to her home Friday after spending two weeks in Atlanta, Ga., with her mother and sister, Mrs. Rene and Mrs. Evelyn Blackburn, also her daughter Miss Ethel Tassell R.N. who was on her way to Florida to work in a hospital at Orlando.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Beil of Depep were weekend guests of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coats. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Childs and daughters, Lila and Barbara and William and Paul Childs attended the funeral of L. D. Brundage in Canisteo, Tuesday.

Louis J. Bellingier, age 76, of Bennett Creek, father of Mrs. Clayton House of Andover, died January 7. Three daughters and one son survive. Burial was in Bennett Creek Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Church and Miss Doris Church called on Samuel Silvero in Rochester, Saturday.

January 17, 1946

Eber Claude Sweet died at the home of his son, Floyd Sweet, January 11. He was born in Andover Township on April 30, 1864 a son of James and Matilda Baker Sweet. He married Florence Elliott, who survives with the following children: James of Danomora, Mrs. Theron Ellis and Mrs. Clair DeGoller of Syracuse, Mrs. Willard Buncie of Bradford, Pa., and Floyd of Andover; 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

M. M. Miller, age 77, of Alfred Station, a former Andover resident, died at the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, January 13. Surviving are his wife; two daughters and two sister. Burial was in Canajoharie.

Through the courtesy and cooperation of the management of the Steuben Silk Mills, Mayor E. J. Allen and F. V. Conrad, the Andover Free Library has a new modern Westinghouse fluorescent lighting system installed which adds greatly to the efficiency and appearance of our Library. The system which is the latest in neon lighting does away with all shadows throughout the building as well as giving adequate light for reading in all parts of the Library.

The following officers were installed at Andover Masonic Lodge No. 558 F & A M by Past Master Everett N. Clair on Monday night: R. J. Southerton, Master; Erwin Lewis, Senior Warden; James Mulholland, Junior Deacon; William Woodruff, Junior Deacon; Howard Burdick, Secretary; Charles Stebbins, Treasurer; Carl Burdick Senior Master of Ceremonies; Carl Greene, Junior Master of Ceremonies; Gerald Hann, Marshall; and George Beebe, Tyler.

At the regular meeting of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242 OES held Monday evening, the following officers were installed by Worthy Brother Howard Burdick Past Patron, assisted by Worthy Sister Cora Burdick, Past Matron and Sister Loretta Payne, Marshall, as follows: Bertha L. Hardy Worthy Matron; Everett N. Clair, Worthy Patron; Dora M. Holt, Associate Matron; Gertrude B. Kupp Secretary; Carrie Slade, Treasurer; Clara Whitaker, Conductress; Maude Allen, Associate Conductress; Clara Lang, Color Bearer; Minnie A. Clair, Musician; Jennie L. Carr, Chaplain; Marion R. Theetge, Marshall; Vivian Howe, Assistant Marshall; Jennie Smith, Historian; Cora Burdick, Warden; George Beebe, Sentinel; Dorothy Burdick, Adah; Irene Hann, Ruth; Madeline Woodruff, Esther; Myrtle Short, Martha; Pauline Yorton Electa and Howard Burdick, Trustee for 3 years.

PFC Oliver Freeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeland of Andover, is the Servicemen's picture in The Andover News this week. PFC Freeland is stationed at Camp Butler, N. C.

Capt. J. Robert Common, who has just returned from overseas arrived home Tuesday night on a 45-day leave after which he will report to Ft. Bragg.

T-4 Clayton A. Burger of Andover, was one of 3,750 high point veterans who returned on the USS Saratoga, a carrier of the Navy famed "Magic Carpet" fleet. The ship left Pearl Harbor December 29 and arrived in San Francisco January 4. T-4 Burger was in Andover Wednesday morning after being discharged from Ft. Dix, N. J., January 15. He has served in

## GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

Miss Susan Kring of Hornell, New York, was honored with a Bridal Shower, Saturday, February 6, at the home of Mrs. Eleanor Kernan in Greenwood. Mrs. Vivian Wallace and Mrs. Suzanne Bianco assisted in refreshments. Mrs. Donna Pritchard was in charge of making a scrap book for Miss Kring. Twenty-one friends from Greenwood, Andover, Canisteo and Addison attended and presented the honored guest with gifts for the home. Miss Kring will become the bride of Charles Feenaughy, Jr., Saturday, February 14.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCaffery celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the Big Elms last Saturday. Attending were their children: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCaffery of Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. John McCaffery of York, N. Y.; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCaffery of Roxville. The Joseph McCafferys spent the weekend with their parents, also.

Mrs. Frank Cook received word this week that she is a great great-grandmother. Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton of Dayton, Ohio, had a daughter. Congratulations, Ethel.

Winona Cook of Jasper has been spending sometime here with her mother, Mrs. Frank Cook.

The West Greenwood-Grange held a bake sale last Saturday at the Town Hall. Mrs. Charles Wright, Mrs. Ronald Putnam and Mrs. Mary Mullen worked at the Sale.

James O'Brien was in Hornell last week visiting his sister when he had a heart attack. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance where he was in the Intensive Care Unit until Wednesday. He came home this weekend.

Raymond Wallace is still a patient at the hospital in Elmira undergoing tests. He will be home this weekend.

Grace Young has a birthday this Sunday. Happy Birthday, Grace wherever you are.

The Order of the Eastern Stars installed their Officers for the new year. Hayden Cook and Janet Jackson were the installing officers. The following were elected and appointed: Matron, Betty Harwood; Patron, Tom Harwood; Associate Matron, Bernice Mann; Associate Patron, Walter Jackson.

Secretary, Bernice Osmun; Treasurer, Virgil Streeter; Conductress, Marion Dixon; Associate Conductress, Joanne Williamson; Trustee, Hayden Cook; Chaplain, Eta Waight; Marshall, Charlotte Mulliken; Assistant Marshall, Janet Jack-

the U. S. Army for the past 38 months, most of the time seeing service in the Pacific Theatre.

Sgt. Stanley Ruger arrived in Andover, Thursday morning having been discharged from Ft. Dix, Wednesday. Sgt. Ruger has served in the Army for 35 months, 17 months of which was overseas. He is the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars.

Sgt. Jack Saunders arrived home Wednesday morning after being discharged at Ft. Dix, Tuesday. Sgt. Saunders has been in the service 3 1/2 years, 28 months overseas duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emery motored to Olean, Wednesday to meet their son, PFC Donald Emery who arrived home after 3 years in the Army, 19 months of which was overseas. He received his discharge from Ft. Dix, Tuesday.

Word has been received that Cpl Ernest G. Burdick who has been in the South Pacific for some months, has started on his way back to the States.

Word has been received that Carl Will has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Dewey Northrup, Jr., left Hornell last Thursday for Fort Hancock where he is now stationed having enlisted in the Army.

Word has been received that Jack Dean, Seaman First Class

son Historian, Janette Cornell; Musician, June Bullins; Warden, Elaine Allen; Sentinel, Jenny Porter; Colorbearer, Ego Feenaughy; Adah, Louise Nyve; Ruth, Virginia Hunt; Esther, Marion Humsey; Martha, Doris Cheesman; Electa, Louise Smith. The color theme for the evening was red-white & blue. Marian Dixon, Bernice Osmun and Janet Jackson were in charge of the refreshment. Five attended from the Hornell Chapter.

The Senior Citizens had their monthly dinner at the Methodist Church, Wednesday Noon with about thirty people in attendance. The committee for the day was Mrs. Jennie White, Miss Permelis White and Mrs. Grace Woodworth.

Mindy and Steve Lamphier spent all day Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lamphier.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCaffery went to Buffalo, Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, a cousin of Mr. McCaffery. They returned home Wednesday.

Susie Wallace held a Shmber and Piza Party Friday night in honor of her fifteenth birthday. Those attending were: Ann Hanchbach, Liza Reisman, Doris Mullen and Kim Moore.

Mrs. Catherine Hendy flew to California, Sunday to attend the wedding of her brother, Redmond Goodno on February 14.

The Choirs of Greenwood Central School are holding a Bake Sale, Saturday, February 14 at the Town Hall from 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. Proceeds will go towards the cost of putting on a Bi-Centennial program later in the season. All donations and purchases will be greatly appreciated.

The Greenwood J. V. Basketball Team came up with a win from Prattsburg, Saturday night, but the Varsity Boys couldn't quite do it and lost. The girls' team went down in defeat also when they met up with the Hammond Sport Team, Wednesday.

Cafeteria Menus at Greenwood Central School for the week of February 16 - 20 are:

MONDAY — NO SCHOOL  
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WEDNESDAY — Beef Gravy with Bread, Buttered Corn, Raisin Sinter Bread, Fruit, choc or white Milk

THURSDAY — Homemade Vegetable Soup, Assorted Sandwiches, Jelly, Doughnuts, choc or white Milk

FRIDAY — Macaroni & Cheese, Egg Salad Sandwich, Fruit, choc or white Milk

has left Luzernrohte for the United States.

Mrs. Ina A. Foster, mother of Mrs. W. E. Greene, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mable R. Reynolds of Alfred, today, January 17. She was born May 12, 1856 near Andover a daughter of Theodore and Rebecca Grave Livermore. On December 22, 1878 she married Eugene Foster. He died in 1897. She is survived by two daughters and two sons, Elmer of Andover, Archie of Whitesville; another son, Harold died in 1908. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Burial was in Whitesville.

The Town of Andover received delivery Friday of a new International G-Ton Truck equipped with a Front V-Blade hydraulic controlled snow plow. Supt. Gath announced this will help do a better job in snow removal on Andover roads as well as road work in the summer.

Four couples from Alfred Station gave Mrs. Carlton Greene of Railroad Valley, a surprise visit in honor of her birthday, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Esther Temple received word this week that she had passed the State General Insurance Examination held last month and is now qualified to write policies