

GET OUT AND VOTE !!!

An Editorial

Next Tuesday is ELECTION DAY! True, it is a "so-called" OFF year and, in fact, a special election — with only one Congressional seat at stake. But, it is just as important — or more so — since the future of New York State, at least in our own "Up-State" area, is at stake with a selection to be made for a Congressman to truly represent us. And, YOU — THE VOTERS and TAXPAYERS are the only ones that can do anything about it.

With Watergate and its after-math still fresh in our minds, it can be readily understood that many voters are disgusted, fed up with lies, and thoroughly disenchanted with all politicians. However, to use this for an excuse for not voting is unthinkable! What we need desperately this year — and from now on — is HONESTY! Honesty on both the side of the Voter and the Politician — for without this important virtue — our Great Democracy is doomed!

In our American process of Democracy, when we are not satisfied with the way things are being run, we, the Voters, are charged with the responsibility of making a change in an orderly and legal manner by using our constitutionally based privilege of VOTING at Public Elections. And, in order to vote wisely, we must be intelligently informed about each candidate — not by flowery oratory, false charges, mis-leading statements, or promises of a "pie-in-the-sky" nature — but by cold hard facts, voting records, and fiscal responsibility!

Here in Andover, you Voters have been very fortunate — since both candidates have visited the Community, been hosted at free luncheons with the general public being invited as guests, have given brief talks on their behalfs on pertinent subjects, and have conducted question and answer sessions.

And, as Publishers of your local Newspaper, The Andover News, we have attended both luncheons, asked both Candidates the same questions, and have printed their answers in News Stories with front page coverage.

Now it is up to you Voters to finish the Democratic Process that is rather unique — even in our modern day and age — by making up your minds on whom to vote for after taking everything in consideration, and then going to the polls to cast your ballot.

Many times we have heard people say in the past: "my one vote doesn't matter so why should I vote". Perhaps they didn't realize that in the neighboring Community of Bolivar for two successive elections that a contest for Mayor and Village Trustee has ended up with a tie vote, and has been decided by the toss of a coin. Not once — but in 2 successive elections! And, if you doubt the veracity of this statement, just pick up the phone and ask Ed Mergler, the ex-District Attorney of Allegany County who called it to our attention — and find out for yourself!

So, get out and vote next Tuesday — say how you feel — or forever hold your peace!

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS BASIC TO ALL YOUR AMERICAN FREEDOMS! Only as your Newspaper is free to print the facts, can you be free to know them. Only as you know the facts, can you act wisely in the best interests of your Community, as you see them. In America, there is plenty of room for opinions. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH!

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"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

I am amazed at the media and others in the state who are congratulating the Governor over his call for a balanced budget. The fact is the State Constitution requires a balanced budget and this "concept" is neither new nor unique. Unlike the federal government, which can operate with a budget deficit, New York State has always been required to have a balanced budget.

A budget is, after all, an estimation of revenues and expenses and when one or the other fall off during the year, the budget is out of balance and the Legislature then passes a budget which once again puts that fiscal year's budget in balance. This budget we passed last year was no exception. The Legislature could be charged with a lack of duty and perhaps tied in the courts. This is nothing new and I am somewhat puzzled at all this praise that the Governor has called for a balanced budget.

As to the Governor's recent request for so-called "early" passage of the budget (it must be passed by April 1 under state law), I for one will not be stampeded into voting for a budget, which has not been completely analyzed by the Legislature. The people of the State must be given ample time to review all aspects of the budget. The public hearings on the budget have just been completed and there must be time for the impact of those hearings to be felt.

Furthermore, just last week the Governor's office revealed the dollar amounts of the state aid decreases to local school districts and we certainly must have time for school officials to react, as well as the parents of the school children.

As an aside to that, I might say I was shocked to read a recent statement by State Education Commissioner Ewald Nyquist that he has not had a face-to-face meeting with the Governor or his assistants on the state education budget since January of 1975 — when Mr. Carey took office. I must note that a third of the money of this state goes to education. This is just another clear indication that Governor Carey is going to run this state as he sees fit with no input for anyone else. It would certainly make sense for the Governor to discuss the educational portions of the budget with the Education Commissioner. He is, after all, chosen by the state's Regents who are selected by the Legislature, representing the residents of this state. Common sense would dictate that the Governor listen to the opinions of the Education Commissioner on budgetary matters.

On another aspect of the proposed budget which Mr. Carey has submitted, he indicates a desire for welfare reform and for getting rid of the cheats and the frauds. This concept, incidentally, has been a strong part of the program of the Republicans in the Legislature for the past five years, and, again, is hardly a new "Carey concept". However, the Governor has a peculiar way of demonstrating his sincerity in this matter. In the proposed budget, he is recommending a reduction of 24 positions in the Office of Welfare Inspector General — the watchdog unit which was established to weed out the frauds and to help make our social services system a good system. This substantial cutting of staff in the WIG office is hardly synonymous with a desire for tightening up the system.

Here are some other interesting items in the Governor's budget which might be considered. We all know that the state has spent hundreds of millions bailing out New York City and the City of Yonkers and it's not over yet. But is there more than just money involved? The budget calls for \$50,000 for the Deputy Comptroller in New York City — that is state tax money going for a New York City official position. There's another \$500,000 for the implementation of an Emergency Finance Control Board in the City of Yonkers because of its financial difficulties. Again, the same line, although in his 1976 State of the State address the Governor pledged that



50 YEARS AGO

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Miss Alice Smith and Leo Moran were married February 9 at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

Thomas M. Lynch American Legion are planning to build a home on the corner of First and West Greenwood Streets in the near future. The first benefit to raise funds will be a picture show February 22 and 23 when they will present "Janice Meredith" a ten reel historical production with Marvin Dane.

Andover's Girls Basketball Team won from Wellsville 18 - 12; but the boys lost 41 to 50.

The school for the "Tid Bits" for the last half of the school year were chosen from the English classes, Monday. The following Editors were elected: Editor in Chief, Fern Greene; Senior Editor, Louise Folsing; Junior Editor, Clifford Hunt; Sophomore Editor, Gerald Howard; Freshman Editor, Bernadine Hann.

Ice cutting and drawing has been the activity this week. Both Brown and Bailey and the Dairy-men's League ice houses have been filled.

The A.O.T. Club was entertained to a seigh ride and dinner at the pleasant farm home of one of their members, Mrs. Robert Dean of South Hill, Thursday afternoon.

Lent begins in February; Ash Wednesday, the 17th; April 4 is Easter.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mary Snyder February 16 at three o'clock. Mrs. Arling Baker will be the leader.

The Rev. J. H. Seely moved his family to Andover this week from Bith, N. Y. Their household goods arrived Tuesday. Rev. Seely will assume his pastorate at the Baptist Church, Sunday, February 14.

Howard Dean returned to his home on South Hill, Saturday night from a two months stay at Philadelphia.

James and Miss Genevieve McNall of Reville, have been spending a few days with their sister, Mrs. William Joyce of West Greenwood Hill.

The last cold spell has made fine ice and the Elm Valley farmers have been taking advantage of the fine sleighing weather to fill their ice houses.

Wellsville road workers came out on a Friday morning and cleaned the road from Elm Valley to the Town Line with a scraper attached to a truck. A man from Buffalo was making the demonstration. It appears the machine they have does not come up to expectations. In the afternoon of the same day Andover's snow plow came down making connections at the Town Line so the roads are now in good condition for automobiles on the main roads to Hornell and Otsego.

C. Lee Richardson can go one better than Andover people that received Radio Stations in Los Angeles, Calif., Mexico City, and Havana, Cuba. He received those stations and Porto Rico in addition to the others, all coming in clearly on the loud speaker using a fine Kennedy Set.

Clarence Crook and Carl Childs of the Lane School District are working on the ice harvest at Andover.

R. A. Pease and Mrs. S. Taylor attended the funeral of Mrs. Marion Greiner, Sunday, at Wellsville, Sunday. She died at Yale Oldhome after a month's illness. Guy Wood and W. M. Woodruff

Albany — and not New York City — would definitely be the headquarters for an ice service and department in the budget contains an item for the purchase of 1000 tons of state ice for the City of Albany. The Albany City Council has already passed a large state order containing their already. I guess the only question that can be raised here is that Albany is not the only city in the state that has a large ice plant. Mr. Carey intends to spend more time in that city, looking to its problems than he has to governing the rest of New York State.

were in Buffalo Monday. They drove in two new Fords, a Coupe and a Roadster. The price of the Roadster is \$270.00 and the Coupe is \$350.

Miss Frank Dean and daughter, Teresa and Beta were among those from Andover that attended the funeral of Evelyn Collins at Wellsville, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Woodard and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Howard were among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Cordeila Cole in Wellsville, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Baker have been in Rochester this week attending the Annual Meeting of the New York State Retail Hardware Association of which E. D. Baker is the President.

A Letter to the News Editor from J. M. Brundage in California, says they have been having a wonderful winter. There hasn't been a day that he hasn't been able to sit out and bask in the sunshine. No rain until this week when they had a good soaking. The tourists enjoy the warm dry days.

Mrs. Cordelia Cole died at her home on Scott Ave., Wellsville February 6. She was born in West Almond, July 24, 1851 a daughter of Hyman and Clarissa Tronbridge Howland. On March 28, 1871 she married Albert Riley Cole who died January 28, 1893. She is survived by one daughter, Bertha Graves of Wellsville; three brothers, Byron and Rudolph Howland of Andover and Lore of Elm Valley; and one sister, Mrs. Emma Baldwin of Wellsville. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellsville.

Mrs. Clara Stillman Austin, wife of Charles Austin of Whitesville, died at the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, February 7. She was nearly 68 years old. She is survived by her husband; two children, H. E. Austin of Prattsburg and Mrs. Carol Chase of Whitesville. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Independence. Burial was in the Whitesville Rural Cemetery.

The Annual Banquet of the Employees of the Albert Goode Bedin Inc., S.W. Mill was held in the reception room of the Mill, Tuesday evening. There were 140 employees and invited guests in attendance to the banquet. Bartley Joyce was Toastmaster; Superintendent John Faisant spoke about the work of the Mill; Mrs. Clarence Mead rendered a violin solo accompanied at the piano by Mrs. John Dolan; Harvey Thorne also spoke and Eleanor Baker recited one of Edgar Guest's poems; Mrs. Louise Harrison and Lela Joyce a violin duet, after which dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

40 YEARS AGO

February 7, 1936

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The American Legion Boy's gave County Commander Fay E. Boyd a pleasant birthday surprise following their regular meeting Wednesday night. There were set and a fine dinner with two decorated birthday cakes were served. Following the dinner, Commander Esag introduced Legionnaire A. L. Bloss as Master of Ceremony. Mr. Bloss with many kind felicitations presented County Commander Boyd a token of esteem from the Legion Post. Commander Boyd responding in his usual friendly and fluent manner, Commander Bloss then introduced Lloyd Parson of Angelica, Health District Vice Commander, who gave the boys an interesting talk on Legion activities. Visiting Legionnaires were present from Alfred, Angelica and Wellsville.

Miss Lucy Arville Bulard died February 2 at her home on Duke Street following a stroke suffered two weeks ago. She was born November 17, 1866, at the Millard farm on Peasey, and was one of the children of Henry and Mary Ann Adams Bulard. She was well cared for by the next five years; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Della Bulard of Andover, was her nurse. Mr. W. A. Carlson, Mrs. M. J. Carlson, Mrs. Louis O'Brien, all of Andover; two nephews, Charles O'Brien of Whitesville and James O'Brien of Durango, Colorado. Burial was in Millard Cemetery.

Heavy weather has been below normal with some snow days during the week. The highest temperature was 40 degrees and the lowest was to degree below zero. We have had a greater

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