

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

In his budget message to the State Legislature in January, the Governor said that his budget cuts would not be aimed at any "geographical or political area". Word on Feb. 17 that the Governor had submitted amendments to his aid to education proposal are another indication that the Governor is not living up to his earlier statement.

In his original budget proposals of Jan. 20, the Governor asked for a \$6 million reduction in State aid and so additional funds for New York City schools. On Feb. 17, the Governor submitted a revised proposal which reduced BOCES aid by \$1 million and a total budget cut of \$2 million. The Governor's amendments to the aid to education bill that the additional change (had) been made to make the BOCES aid formula more equitable.

At the same time the Governor proposed to modify the aid to the City of New York schools by a total of \$12 million for the entire school year. The Governor's memorandum states that this revision is needed since the current formula for New York City schools is "no fair reflection of the City's relative fiscal capacity."

It is interesting to note that the State's "Big Five" cities do not receive BOCES aid because they have no BOCES program so it seems that the Governor has made a trade in dollars, taking from the rural school districts and giving to the New York City school system. This allows the Governor to give aid to New York City while maintaining his balanced budget.

It is obvious that the Governor's concepts of what is "fair" and "equitable" are decidedly bent against the rural upstate areas. This latest act can only be regarded as another slap, another black eye for the rural school districts.

I hope every parent of upstate school children and every upstate school administrator protests loudly to the Governor to show him that the people of upstate New York aren't as blind to his acts of favoritism as he seems to think we are.

Turning to another educational note of major importance from this past week, the State University of New York (SUNY) has announced that because of a million dollar cutback, they will discontinue the nursing program at the SUNY campus in Albany.

It is very disturbing to me that the State would default on its obligation to provide, or at least assist in providing, the well trained nurses that our State needs. Over the last few years tighter and tighter regulations have been enacted as to who is qualified to act as a nurse, and now we must be concerned with who is going to provide these skilled professionals.

Last year at Governor Carey's request, the State closed many of its nursing schools at state hospitals, such as the Craig school of Mount Morris. We also remember not too long ago when Governor Carey delivered a special address concerning health care in New York State. In particular, he mentioned that there was a shortage of nurses in the State.

To make matters worse, this announcement comes following a year when billions of dollars were lent to New York City which has repeatedly refused to charge tuition at the City University of New York, a city university which is supported by millions of dollars in state aid annually.

If you ask me — statements of shortages followed by closing that mean further shortages, millions in aid to tuition free schools followed by millions in cuts to schools that charge tuition, and the enactment of stricter education requirements followed by closing of the institutions that can provide the properly trained personnel, all consid-



50 YEARS AGO

February 19, 1924

J. H. Backus, a former Andover man, is now president of the newly organized... (text is mostly illegible due to heavy noise)

Thomas M. Ervach Post American Legion, is putting on a series of entertainments for the benefit of their building fund. The management of the entertainments is done by the Legion, the use of the building fund of charge. The first number of the series is "Justice Merganser" a patriotic play on February 22.

A workshop on "How To Encourage School Spirit" by Edna Smith of AHS, is in the School News this week.

At the regular meeting of the Literary Society held February 12 the following officers were elected: President, Onnolee Hammett; 1st Vice-President, Clifford Howland; 2nd Vice-President, Albert Rogers; Secretary, Margaret Poling; Treasurer, Louis Folsom. After the election of officers, Fannie Perry recited "The Gettysburg Address" in honor of Lincoln's Birthday.

Marylyn Dehemer is attending the Allegany College at Meadville, Pa.

Mrs. Harriett James has rented the Swink Hotel of Peter Hrycz and took possession February 15.

On account of the prevalence of so much sickness, the Annual Washington's Birthday Supper of the M. E. Church has been postponed until a later date.

E. D. Baker and Rock Boyce of Wellville were made members of the Board of Directors of the New York State Retail Hardware Dealers Association at Rochester recently.

Organ Chimes are being installed at the Park M. E. Church in Hornell. They are the gift of Dr. G. Chapman Jones. Mr. Jones is well known in Andover having supplied for a time at the M. E. Church.

The heavy rains of the past few weeks has brought quite a number of showers into the local barnyards for feed. Reports of several instances show where the birds have sought refuge in the Village. F. R. Emery has been feeding three rock birds for the past three weeks.

The Hornell-Wellville bus has been unable to make regular trips lately due to drifted roads and engine trouble.

Charles and Lester Burdick of Elm Valley are drawing logs to the Wellville Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers Sr. and two daughters, Bernice and Gertrude and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Caffery of Greenwood, were callers in Canisteo and Hornell Saturday.

The Ladies Aid Society of Independence realized \$14 from their Oyster Supper Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spicer and Mrs. D. G. Spicer of Wellville, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer of Independence.

40 YEARS AGO

February 7, 1924

Mrs. C. E. Hann has returned from Wellville where she has been caring for her daughter, Mrs. John... (text is mostly illegible)

Miss Anna Gilleher was a weekend guest at the home of George... (text is mostly illegible)

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30 YEARS AGO

February 7, 1924

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers A son, Edward James was born to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Mitchell of East Canisteo, N. Y. February 1. The child is independent and still bleated and February 2nd was a beautiful day.

A daughter, Donna Lee was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brundage of Greenwood, January 21, 1924.

20 YEARS AGO

February 7, 1924

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5 YEARS AGO

February 7, 1924

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STOP: Any Hornell Police Officer
And Buy Your Tickets To The
FORTIETH ANNUAL
Policeman's Ball
 Sponsored By
Maple City Police Club
 Hornell, New York
Saturday, March 20, 1936
Public Invited

Dancing At The
"K of C"
 Main Street, Hornell
 To The Music Of
Sam David's Mood

DANCING: — 9:00 P. M. to 1:00 A. M. \$2.00 per person

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