

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery.

Some Good news for a chance. I am co-sponsoring legislation that would restore \$116 million in state aid to local schools which Governor Carey has proposed to cut from the State's 1976-77 budget. This bill may prove to be the most important measure this year in the Legislature, because it would prevent the utter chaos among all school districts in the state which might occur if the Carey school aid cut plans were ever adopted.

The legislation, in effect, would fully restore school aid to the levels distributed in the fiscal year ending March 31. The \$116 million figure represents the \$110 million reduction in state aid to schools recommended by the Governor in addition to \$6 million which Assembly Republicans estimate is required for full restoration of high tax aid and total dollar save-harmless which means that no school district in the state would receive less aid in 1976-77 than it received in 1975-76.

There can be no doubt, in this case, where the responsibility for the passage of this legislation will lie — squarely with the Democrats in control of the Assembly. The State Senate Majority Republicans have already announced their intentions of passing an identical bill and this Assembly version, of which I am a co-sponsor has the endorsement of Assembly Minority Leader Perry R. Durso, the prime sponsor, and 47 other Assembly Republicans.

This means that at least 49 votes are assured in the Assembly from those sponsors of the bill — and undoubtedly a lot more will come from the 13 remaining Republican assemblymen. Just a few votes, then, will be needed from the Democrats to make the 76 votes necessary to pass the bill in the Assembly and there are at least 18 upstate Democrat assemblymen alone.

Of course, that isn't the last hurdle. If the bill is passed by the Legislature, it must be signed by Governor Carey and that's where the real test will come. As I have said in the past, this is a year for austerity; it is a year to cut state spending and to reorder our priorities in many areas; and we must look to balance our state budget. However, at this point, we cannot afford to tamper with our educational system and our school aid formula. The burden on local property taxpayers is already excessive in most areas, and further cutbacks in state assistance to schools would have unfortunate results.

On another current topic, needless to say I was appalled at the recent announcement by the Special State Prosecutor assigned to the Attica court cases that the decision had been made to throw out all pending indictments against those inmates who were ring leaders of the uprising except for possibly one indictment. To make matters even worse, there is talk that one or more indictments might still be pending against state troopers or correction officials charged with quelling the riot. This is a terrible miscarriage of justice and a further slap in the face to all those who died in that horrible event.

As one who was on the scene throughout much of the rebellion at Attica, I think this ill-conceived decision to drop the indictments of inmates responsible for the riot may well serve notice to others in 1976 and beyond that, regardless of their actions, there is a way to "beat the rap" — it seems that our entire efforts these days are bent on going well beyond the last reasonable mile for those criminal elements of our society while we leave the innocent and those charged with responsibility of enforcing our laws with little or no protection in our courts and our justice system.

That was certainly evident recently when legislation which I co-sponsored along with 44 other



50 YEARS AGO

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The Andover Jasper Highway is to be built this year. William Collins, a local highway engineer, speaking before a Hornell audience Tuesday, said he has just returned from the convention at Syracuse, and 10 miles of reconstruction work will be done this year in Steuben County between Jasper and Corning. New construction includes the building of the Hornell-Wayland road thru Loon Lake and the building of the Jasper-Greenwood-Andover road. A new road on the map which will cut off 1 1/2 miles from the present route thru Hornell.

Through the effort of the local Chamber of Commerce Directors there is being re-organized the Automobile Club in Andover this week. Already about fifty automobile owners have enrolled as members and others are being added daily. Andover has had a Club for a number of years duly chartered but for the last year or two instead of enrolling with the local Club many have joined the Hornell or Wellsville Clubs.

Mrs. Ellis G. Mings McCarn died at her home on Hill Street February 19. She was born in Andover on the Mings Homestead farm a daughter of Conrad and Electa Lewis Mings, September 5, 1849. She married Albert McCarn who died in 1914. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Milla Pingrey and several cousins. Burial was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Hornell Coal Merchants are not the only pebbles on the beach to draw a preferred position in the delivery of Anthracite Coal. Our local dealer, W. F. O'Connell tells the News that he will have a car of Coal here Saturday ready for distribution — so any one who is in need may be supplied now.

The Andover American Legion Endowment Fund Drive is now on pamphlet and will be out soon, giving information of the work and subscription cards will be distributed through Andover. The quota for the fund asked of Andover is \$500.00. F. S. Potter is General Chairman.

Birds are starving because of the heavy snow covering the ground. Frank Emery has been entertain-

ing a party of pheasants at his poultry yard on Chestnut Street the past week, feeding them every morning. The Andover Rod and Gun Club Officers with Mr. Emery assisting, have circulated a petition among hunters and sportsmen here and raised quite a sum to purchase grain for the birds.

ASSEMBLYMAN EMERY'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 12th

Friday, March 12th — Commemoration ceremonies of the New League Pistol Building sponsored by the Genesee Conservation League to be held at the New League Pistol Building on Penfield Road in Rochester.

Saturday, March 13th — Speaking to the Friendship Republican Club.

Sunday, March 14th — Testimonial dinner for former Canandaigua City Councilmen, Burrall Case and Bob Murphy, sponsored by the Canandaigua City Republican Committee to be held at the American Legion Home.

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The regular meeting of the Literary Society of A.H.S.C. was held February 19. A program in honor of George Washington was presented by the following students: Frances Brundage, Cecelia O'Connell, Dorothea Snyder, Gertrude O'Connell, Louis Joyce, Edward Cannon, Louise Harrison, Raymond O'Boyle, Edna Smith, Clara Greene, Norma Martin, Rose Dawson, Louise Folsing, Eleanor DeHamer, Edna Barrett and Irma Greene.

There was some discussion as to whether all Seniors should go to Washington or if only those who graduate and receive diplomas should go. Nothing definite was decided.

Frank Holmes of Andover helped Anthony Dougherty of South Hill, rig up his water well, Tuesday.

Tom O'Neill died at his home in Hornell, February 20. He is a brother-in-law of Michael Caffery of Greenwood. He leaves his wife, four daughters and one son.

The funeral of Mrs. Agnes Whitman was held at the M. E. Church in Greenwood, Tuesday. Burial was at the Highup Cemetery.

The snow removal outfit of Wellsville was unable to push thru the snow up Elm Valley Road on Sunday morning as the snow had been traveled over and packed with the recent thaw, made the work of clearing too tedious.

The supply of Natural Gas at Elm Valley has not been giving the best of service to patrons of late.

Mrs. Oliver Baker and children are spending a few days in Canisteo.

Guy Wood and Ralph Burgett were in Buffalo Wednesday and drove in two new Fords.

Miss Irene Dougherty spent the weekend in Hornell, guest of her sister, Mrs. Harold Griswold.

Miss Thelma Alvord has been caring for Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Mead of Elm Valley, who have been seriously ill with influenza the past week.

Robert Comoch, Carroll Ruger, Claire Greene, Albert Rogers and Rev. F. A. Hassold attended the County YMCA Athletic Meet at Alfred, Tuesday. Carroll Ruger won the broad jump.

Mrs. Leo Dugan who has been employed by the J. N. Stearns Co. of Elmira for the past two years, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gleason. Mrs. Dugan will go to Whiteston, Long Island, Saturday where she will have charge of the inspecting department for the Knickerbocker Company of that place.

Miss Monica Padden returned to Webster, Monday, after spending the weekend with relatives here.

40 YEARS AGO

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At the last regular meeting of the Andover Hook & Ladder Company which has been in operation here since January 14, 1935 when it was incorporated, the Committee appointed to draft new By-Laws for the organization, turned in its report and after much discussion by those present, the name of the Company was changed to The Andover Fire Department. Under the new name the local department is now allowed 50 members, being allowed only 30 as the Hook & Ladder Unit.

Miss Mary Snyder will entertain the OES Circle at her home February 14. Mrs. Myrtle Mings will assist her.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gavin welcomed a son at their home on Joyce Hill, February 10. Nurse Celia Gavin, is caring for mother and babe.

Mrs. Myrtle Mings was chairman for the Card Party which was held at the Masonic Hall Tuesday night by the Eastern Star and Masons. She was assisted by Mrs. Gertrude Kupp, Mrs. Marlow Theetge, Mrs. Henry Baker, Mrs. William Pease, Mrs. Arling Baker and Mrs. Bessie Mulconery.

Mrs. Ralph Burgett is working in the Rexall Drug Store for J. D. Cheesman in place of Mrs. John

Horton, who is now employed at the Post Office.

The Young Women's Friendly Class of the M. E. Church, held their February Meeting at the Church, Friday night. The hostesses were Mrs. Reta Myers, Mrs. Emily Caple, and Mrs. Howard Perry. A business meeting was held and a fine program carried out. Rev. E. J. Coffey gave a reading in connection with other numbers. A prayer service followed.

Mrs. Bessie Mulconery entertained her Sunday School Class of the M. E. Church at her home, Thursday afternoon for a Valentine Party.

The Andover Post Office report recently made to the Government showed an increase in Postal Funds in 1935 of 110 per cent over those in 1934.

Despite the bad weather and deep snow drifts and icy roads, there was a good attendance of Dairymen at the Sub-County Dairyman's League Meeting, February 3 at the Baptist Church in Andover. At Noon 100 men sat down to a sumptuous dinner served by the ladies of the Baptist Church. After dinner the delegates were entertained by a musical program consisting of a male quartet composed of William Lang, John Crutcher, Principal C. E. Bretsch and Charles Robinson. The speaker of the afternoon was Vice-President and Member of the Executive Committee of the Dairy men's League, F. H. Rathborn of Cofland.

Miss Agnes McCaffery of Greenwood, gave a surprise birthday party Tuesday evening in honor of her grandmother, A. L. Trowbridge's 77th birthday. Friends and neighbors were invited and refreshments were served.

Doris Atwell, Phyllis Clair and Richard Burdick of Elm Valley are attending Pre-Primary Classes in the Andover School.

Regents diplomas for members of last year's graduating class have been sent to the local school recently by the State Education Department at Albany. 20 members of the class were awarded State Diplomas. Of the 20 diplomas received, 10 of them were awarded

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