

WANTED!! NEEDED!! MORE COMMUNITY SPIRIT!! An Editorial

The joint Allegany-Steuben County Maple Festival and Honey Display to be held in Andover on April 3rd and 4th is only a little more than a week away.

This ambitious project sponsored by the Andover Lions Club is something that can benefit the entire Community which includes all non-profit organizations and businessmen as well.

It is realized that the weather can be a big factor as far as the size of the crowd is concerned and could certainly dampen the spirits of the large crowd that is anticipated. However, no matter what the weather is, it can't disrupt the indoor displays and entertainment that is scheduled for the entire two days.

This coming Saturday, March 27, a tree tapping ceremony is scheduled during the morning here in the Village and many of the maple trees between the sidewalk and curb in the vicinity of Elm Street to Greenwood Street will be tapped for the "show" and also to gather sap from, which will then be collected and "boiled off" in the evaporator in the "Sugar Shack" located on the Catholic Church grounds. This should give the program an "extra shot in the arm" in the form of added publicity.

Now what is needed is a spirit of co-operation among residents and business places to decorate the Village for the Festival. In previous years, the windows in the former Thorp Hardware were beautifully decorated with antique displays; the windows in the Vars Pharmacy on Main Street were very attractive; and, of course, the Citizens Bank Display was original since they had the colored painting on display which had been used as the Festival "theme".

When the Firemen first started their annual "Fourth of July Celebration", they had very little co-operation at the beginning but, once it was a success, it has grown by "leaps and bounds".

The forth-coming Maple Festival can be built into a wonderful thing because it is promoting one of our local natural resources that is an annual "work of nature" that we don't have to worry about — future depletion! And, while we are helping promote the local Maple and Honey Industries, we are helping the entire Community Family — that are willing to help themselves and do a little work.

This is the first part of the "Spring Season". The birds and water fowl are returning North, buds are beginning to spring out on the trees, spring flowers are "springing up" — and the majority of the people are anxious to get out and "do somethin", or "see something" after being "closed in" all winter.

An annual "Maple Festival" is a natural for the "first event of spring-time". It has become a terrific success in Franklinville and is now a 3-day event; the Maple Festival in Coudersport, Pa., has been a big success over the past few years; and at Marathon, N. Y., a small Community of 1,047 population located North of Binghamton, just off Route 81, the first year their attendance was 16,000 for the two day event, and last year (their 5th year) they had 15,000 each day.

The Andover Lions Club is very fortunate to have the support of the School, Boy and Girl Scouts, the Churches and many of the local non-profit Organizations — and it is fully appreciated.

However, we do need more help in getting the Village decorated into a "show-case" display for our visitors. Won't you please help?

This year, Robert Simons, Chairman of the Andover Lions Club Decorations Committee, has offered to help the local Business Places on Main Street put up their outside decorations. All they have to do is call him at his home — 593-4418 and make the necessary arrangements.

AND MERCHANTS — Don't forget those Banners you bought for the "Sesqui"!

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

The news media has been filled with reports on the passage of the 1976-77 state budget recently so now would be a good time to take a look at some of its good and bad aspects from the standpoint of residents in the 130th Assembly District. Certainly one of the unusual features of this year's budget was the fact that it was adopted only two weeks ahead of the April 1 fiscal year deadline.

This was done, at the request of Governor Carey, so that the state could have a budget in place in time to finance programs in light of what has been a tense relationship between the private financial community and the state in the past few months. It should be noted however, that this could only be accomplished with the cooperation of the Legislature and the painstaking work of the various fiscal committees of the two Houses to come up with the document ahead of schedule.

Even at that it was rather disappointing to see that, in the Democrat controlled Assembly, we were once again subjected to another bizarre "Tuesday Night Special" to get the job done. Actually it began at 10 p. m. on Tuesday, March 16 and ended at 6 p. m. on Wednesday, March 17 with a six-hour break for the sleep which didn't begin until 4:30 a. m. Wednesday morning. The fact is there was no need for this to happen, since the session to begin passage of the budget was called at noon on Tuesday and it took the Democrats until 10 p. m. that night to get themselves organized enough to begin.

This, as many of you know, has happened time and time again in the past 15 months, but every time it is reported in the media, it is the "Legislature" which is holding middle-of-the-night meetings. This is not the cause. The blame for this must fall squarely on the shoulders of the Assembly Democrat leadership. The Senate functions during what most would consider fairly normal hours, and they were done with the budget before midnight on March 16.

As for the budget itself, I think it is important to point out three major pluses in this year's document:

1. There are no new taxes to this budget. That was not the intent of Governor Carey at the beginning of this year, but persistent pressure by the Legislature and upstate Republicans in particular, changed his mind. As a result, no new taxes.

2. This is a no-growth budget. The bottom line figure of \$10.7 billion remains almost unchanged from the present 1975-76 budget. This will mean that the state should be able to balance its books and also it should impress upon the financial community the determination of the Legislature to see that the state is on solid footing. Regardless of other differences we may have with the document, I think almost everyone agreed that this was essential.

3. Restoration of potentially damaging cuts to local assistance in three areas — revenue sharing (\$85 million); school aid (\$110 million); and town-to-market (Donovan Road) state funds (\$5.8 million). This was accomplished again through the absolute insistence of the upstate Republican legislators.

Despite these positive items however, there were many aspects of this budget which were still disappointing. The usual inequity in distribution of state funds between upstate and downstate showed up in the tremendous cuts of the State University budget as well as a proposed hike in the SUNY tuition and fees as compared to no cuts in the City University budget where students still attend tuition-free.

I was most disappointed that little if nothing was done to eliminate the tremendous cost of welfare in the state. Despite pronouncements of this Carey Administration, no effort is really being made to cut the fraud and the waste, and it appears that the Democrats are not really interested. If they were, then they wouldn't have had an amendment to the budget carried by which could have saved the state about \$66 million. It would have eliminated payment of home re-



50 YEARS AGO

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H. Backus, Publisher

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kaple, March 10 and he only lived a few hours. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

G. L. Borden who for some time has been proprietor of the Borden Service Station on Main Street, has gone to Rockledge to accept a position as salesman. Mrs. Sheppard who is employed at the Sotomayor Brick Company in Conneville, Pa., has resigned and will take Mr. Borden's place in the studio. Marshall Kirby of Scio who has been Superintendent of the Dickinson County State Hospital, Colfax, for about two years, is coming to take a position at the Borden Service Station as a Mechanic and Assistant Salesman.

Andover Automobile Club started with 32 members. L. E. Jordan has been chosen President; A. R. Baker, Secretary; W. F. O'Connell, Vice-President and A. D. Fuller, Membership Committee. B. S. Brudridge, J. Harvey Backus, and P. C. Lytle; Trustees, E. J. Atwood, John Wahl and John C. Lever. J. Harvey Backus was appointed to look up the old by-laws and draft a new set to be considered at the next meeting. There are 234 registered pleasure cars in town besides numerous commercial cars and trucks. There was over 50% who joined the first night.

Cornelius DeLacey died March 6. He was born in Ireland 88 years ago and came to America with his parents as a small child. The greater part of his life he lived in Penna., where he was employed in farming and lumbering. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

The Editor-in-Chief of the Andover High School Tidbits is Edna Smith in place of Fern Green who is in the Wellsville Hospital for surgery.

At the regular meeting of the Literary Society held on March 5 a program on Fire Protection was given. Those taking part were: Leta Greene, Bernadine Hann, Mildred Seeley, Eva Hennells, Priscilla MacDougald, Guy Nye, Georgia Bines, Rose Greene, Lillian Holmes, Naoma Sticker, Lenford Horton and Robert Common. At this meeting it was voted that the Literary Society send the Seniors to Washington, D. C. Only those that received diplomas will be allowed to go at the Society's expense. It was also decided that in case a person graduated in January he would be allowed to go with the class in June. It was also discussed but not definitely decided what course should be taken with pupils who deliberately skip school on Fridays to avoid giving oral English. Oral English is a requirement of the State. Those not

eligible for a vocational education aid to children, unmarried, able-bodied employable persons under 45 years of age. This massive and unnecessary welfare expenditure was continued in the budget.

It is my firm belief that New York State should follow the lead of Massachusetts which recently passed legislation eliminating home relief payments in such cases. Thus they not only achieved a major welfare reform; but they rid their state of many of those who found it "unprofitable" to stay any longer. Of course, you can guess where many of them went — to the "hollanders haven" of this nation — New York.

I also was most disappointed that the majority Democrats beat back a Republican amendment which would have restricted some \$200,000 in state tourist promotion funds. It seems inconceivable to me that we have been so stupid and Comedian: Promoters, talk about so called assistance for business and industrial recovery in this state, but they insist on putting these funds which are so vital to the tourist and travel industry once again, this will be a rather large amount of money. We will now fight to get these funds restored in the supplemental budget later in the session.

meeting the requirements, fall in their English course.

Miss Ella Gallagher of Andover has the honor of being the first woman to join the Automobile Club of Andover and probably of Allegany County.

R. E. Temple has accepted a position with the First National Bank of Oriskany Falls, N. Y., and will begin work April 1st. He will move his family there early this Spring.

Albert Greene has been engaged to work at the State Farm at Alfred beginning April 1st and will move his family to Alfred as soon as school closes.

The heavens were beautiful Tuesday evening on South Hill in their display of the Northern Lights.

Charles Downer of the Rochester School of Commerce was a weekend guest of his former Mr. and Mrs. Walter Downer of Elm Valley.

Miss Agnes DeLacey of Buffalo, came to Andover, N.Y., to attend the funeral of Cornelius DeLacey and remained for a few days visiting with relatives and friends.

Miss Ellen Driscoll is passing a few days, guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Driscoll. Miss Driscoll has completed a three-year course in nursing at the Sister's Hospital in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott and son, Edwin of Cuba; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilcox and son, Dick of Hornell; Clayton Bennett of Rochester; Lawrence Owens and Mrs. Mable Gee of Hornell, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett.

Miss Loretta Quigg of New York City was in town last week greeting her many friends.

Gasoline is 15 cents a gallon at the Pump Station.

The Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Church and Congregation will be held Thursday, March 18 at 8 P. M.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church have just installed electric lights at the Parsonage.

March 19, 1926

The Parent-Teachers Association held at the High School, Tuesday, March 9, had a very good attendance. An excellent musical and literary program was enjoyed, consisting of a quartet of Mary Moran, Gertrude O'Connell, Ruby Robinson and Rose Dawson; vocal solo by Virginia Millsbaugh; violin solo by Louise Harrison. Miss Simpson, First Grade, "Story of the Three Bears" and address by Mr. Herbert N. Babcock of Horseheads, Chairman of the Central Division of New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, was enjoyed. The Officers elected by ballot were: President, Mrs. W. L. Greene; Vice-President, Mrs. H. E. Robinson; Secretary, Miss Grace Louise Cross and Treasurer, Mrs. Edward Moran.

Orville G. Clarke, son of DeLatur and Marie Green Clark, born in Independence July 30, 1848, died March 11. On May 10, 1907 he married Alice Briggs, who survives with one daughter, Mrs. Carrie Slade of Albany; and one son, Forde Clarke of Independence; two grandsons, Clavin Slade of Mercersburg, Pa., and DeLatur Clarke of Independence; two half-brothers, Herbert of Independence and Frank of Andover. Burial was in Independence.

Mrs. B. A. Clair has received a letter from a friend, Mrs. G. H. Whitney of Juneau, Alaska, who states it has been very warm in Alaska — no winter at all. The Salmon Berries, Blue Berries and Pussy Willows have been budged for a week. Highest temperature 58 and lowest 28.

At the Village Election there was no opposition. Robert M. Minkus, Village President; W. F. O'Connell, Trustee for two years; John Wahl, Trustee of one year; A. D. Fuller, Village Treasurer and A. Mullen, Police Court Justice.

The Joint County Meeting of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary was entertained by our local Post Monday evening. Fifty Legionnaires and Auxiliary members attended from the County.

Spring made its great appeal, since at the local Post Office last Friday by the receipt of a thousand and baby chicks.

A daughter, Margaret Ruth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rowe at the Jones Memorial Hospital.

President Downer of Andover's Automobile Club, has set the mark

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