

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

A little over a year ago, an Assembly Minority Task Force on Taxation and the State's Economy was formed, and I was named as its chairman. The Task Force held public hearings throughout the state and heard from 92 citizens representing a broad range of interests including business, industry, government, professional groups and the general public. They testified overwhelmingly that additional taxes were not necessary, not desirable, and would have an adverse effect upon the state's economy as imposed at that time, the end of 1975.

A report on the task force was prepared and sent to the Governor, all members of the Legislature, and the press. It carried an important message — "If we don't have jobs, we will not prosper and will not be able to afford government. But the press, many legislators, and especially the Governor ignored that message, paying little attention to the report."

Just a short while later, December, 1975, the Governor pushed through a \$700 million tax package to pay for the state's over-spending. Shortly thereafter, businesses began leaving our state in massive numbers, taking thousands of jobs with them — 186,000 jobs in all were lost in 1975.

Now in March of 1976, the new Commerce Commissioner John Dyson has sent out a press release citing that New York is 48th — last — among the 48 contiguous states in businesses desiring to locate or expand here. Mr. Dyson seems to indicate this is something new he has discovered. Well, that fact was included as part of the testimony given at one of the task force public hearings, one year ago! I have decided that I am going to send Mr. Dyson a copy of last year's task force report and include a letter saying that there are many more important facts that he could use.

For a long time business have been telling us that they are over taxed, over regulated, and now they are proving it — they are moving out of our state.

A small canning firm in central New York is one of the latest casualties. In announcing it was closing, it said the sagging economy wasn't the cause, inflation wasn't the cause, but the regulators have forced the firm to close.

This means the loss of another 37 full time jobs, and over 100 seasonal positions. These small numbers may not seem like much, but if you take a look at what it means to the community where it is located, if you add up all the small businesses across the state that have done likewise, one can see that we are literally facing an economic crisis within this state.

This past week I have asked the Governor to call a Special Session of the State Legislature to focus its entire attention on the state's economic crisis and to realign the state's priorities. We Republicans are preparing a list of items we would like to see on the agenda of such a Special Session. If the Governor is sincere in what he has reportedly been saying, then let him call the session and let everyone in the Legislature put their votes where their mouths are.

The Governor and the legislature hold the responsibilities of this state, and up to now, the Governor has not taken a position role in building the state's employment opportunities. The main concern of this state is that people want to go back to work. Let's call the Special Session, and let's produce the legislation that will help to create jobs and put the people of this state back to work.

I should also point out another interesting note of this past week. I sponsor a Local Government Conference every two years. This past week 100 local government officials, and 30 area high school seniors, participated in that conference in Albany. This allows local officials an opportunity to be face to face with representatives of various state agencies and to get some answers to some specific questions they might have. The conference also allows the state agencies to get some feedback from local officials.



50 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1926

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Mrs. Olin Fuller of Alfred, died March 19 at the Bethesda Hospital in Hornell. Margaret Josephine, born May 21, 1864 was a daughter of John and Ella White Baker. She married Olin Fuller November 2, 1911, who survives with two sisters, Mrs. J. Rowley of Lyndonville and Mrs. Lora Wiles of Elm Valley; five nephews, Daniel of Silver Springs, William of Warsaw, John and Edwin of Andover and Michael of Texas. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Lena Wiles died March 24 at the home of her father in Fillmore. She was a niece of C. A. Robinson and Mrs. Edward Teasdale of Andover. Burial was in Fillmore.

The New Board of Trustees of the Village of Andover, met and organized by making the following appointments: Porter W. Richardson reappointed Village Clerk; C. S. Rennells head of Water, Light and Street Department; Edward J. Kilbane will continue as Andover Night Policeman; Wallace Gleason will be assistant; C. L. Earley was chosen as Village Counselor and The Andover News, as Official Newspaper.

At the regular meeting of the Literary Society held March 17, the following took part in the program: Margory Williams, Francis Brundage, Eleanor DeRenier, Clair Greene, Ruby Robinson, Eva Rennells, Irma Greene, Louise Harrison, Mary Cable, Norma Martin dward Cannon, Irma Williams, Robert Lynch, Agnes Lynch, Virginia Millspaugh, Rose Dawson, Harold Lehman and Louis Joyce.

The Andover Girls Basketball Team played Belmont in a Championship Game. Andover won 8 to 7, but lost to Wellsville 13 to 14.

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This produces an excellent exchange of opinions and ideas; it ties together everything the two groups are doing, and everyone is benefited, especially the public which both are serving.

During this year's conference, local government officials gave state officials a specific message — local governments themselves are being over-regulated by the state and this past year when there has been much talk of cutting back aid to local government, it has meant that the local governments would be forced to foot the entire bill of programs that the state has mandated upon them.

This would be very costly to the local governments, and it is identical to the types of problems that have plagued businesses in New York State.

I would like to add that the Local Government Conference is not a political meeting of any sort. Officials from both parties participated in the program, which was designed to serve the local officials. Those who did attend the conference found this out and they got a good chance to express themselves to the state administrators.

ASSEMBLYMAN EMERY'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 1 - 7

On Saturday, April 3rd, Emery will be attending the Andover Maple Syrup Festival in Andover Allegany County.

On Monday, April 5, Emery will attend the Kiwanis Club "Ham" Roast being held at the Canandaigua Elementary School, 8:00 p. m., Ontario County.

So Wellsville is now champions of this half of the County and will play Cuba for the championship.

Mrs. Leo Snyder entertained the Entre Nous Club, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Locha Burdick of Elm Valley, underwent surgery at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Saturday.

Word has been received by Andover friends that Miss Katherine Folger has signed her contract to teach for another year at Florence, Colorado.

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40 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1936

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The ice storm of March 17, did great damage locally. The worst ice storm and sleet storm experienced in this section since the memory of the oldest inhabitants can recall, visited Andover and the entire section of Western New York extending from Olean to Bath and Buffalo to Binghamton through Tuesday night. It is impossible to estimate the damage, but it will run into thousands of dollars in Andover. Also about 5:00 the ice coated electric lines gave out. The Andover News was out of business and the only way it was possible to get the paper out was through the kindness of Editor Carl N. Marshall, editor of the Allegany County Democrat, who came to their rescue by offering the use of his splendid printing plant to get the News out as soon as possible.

At the Village Election Tuesday the Citizens Independent Ticket made a two to one victory over the Republican Ticket, electing Patrick Hyland and William Snyder to another two year term as Trustees.

Dr. William J. Hardy died at his home in Belmont, Saturday. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ruth H. Page and two sons, Paul R. Hardy of Syracuse and Robert B. Hardy of Messena, the latter, a former Principal of Andover High School.

Word was received by relatives of the death of Mrs. Willard Hinchey of Morton, N. Y., on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Joyce welcomed a daughter March 11, at their home on Greenwood Hill.

The Misses Ruth and Annette Taylor entertained the evening division of the Kings Daughters at their home Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Dr. Robert O. ...

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Several people have seen Robins this Spring. The little redbreasts must be nesting chickarees by now.

Baker's Hardware unloaded a car of high quality Timothy and Clover Seed, Monday.

The Independence Church Service was postponed on account of impassable roads, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence spent Tuesday with ...

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