

A HUGE SUCCESS STORY !! An Editorial

An active Service Organization for a sponsor; a great deal of planning; wonderful co-operation and participation; plus a lot of hard labor — equals the huge success story of the Fourth Annual Allegany-Steuben Maple Festival here in Andover last weekend.

Without an active organization like the Lions Club to plan and finance the project; and, without the full co-operation of the Andover Central School Board, Administration and key Faculty Members — it would have been almost impossible to have continued a joint, two-County Maple Festival.

Without the wonderful co-operation of the Maple Producers; Village and Town Officials; Church, Fraternal, Civic and Youth Organizations; the area News Media to include Newspapers and Radio Stations — it would have been very difficult to conduct a Festival of this size.

And then — without the support of loyal advertisers — it would have been financially unfeasible to underwrite the cost of the Advertising, Queen Contest, Entertainment, etc.

Lastly, without the participation of local and area residents, all of the above efforts would have been for naught as no one can profit "playing to an empty house"!

The assistance extended by the Wellsville and other Lions Clubs; the Andover Rescue Squad; Alfred University; and Alfred Ag-Tech was very heart-warming, and certainly appreciated by everyone. And, of course, without the free entertainment donated by area artists and performing groups — the program would not have been complete.

The exhibits, demonstrations, displays, entertainments and especially the antique steam engines and model displays actually running, added to the Pageantry of the Festival.

As far as the purpose, aims, and goals of the Maple Festival is concerned, we feel that this was accomplished. With about 30,000 persons attending, (a very conservative estimate) the Maple Producers were certainly exposed to a great deal of favorable publicity — and were certainly helped in their field. A \$30,000 figure of gross receipts realized from the Festival appears to us to be a conservative estimate as every organization that we have contacted has reported that they made a profit ranging from \$100 to \$2,000.

This money made by all of the non-profit organizations in the area means that they have this much less that they have to raise in the local Community — or else they will be able to expand their charitable projects — that much more. True, it was a lot of hard work for the members in every organization that participated — but almost any money raising project is work. And, if the other members weren't satisfied with the financial results, let them get off their dead — "hands" the next time — and see what they can do!

Among other things that are certainly worth mentioning is the splendid attitude shown by the young people in the community who pitched in and helped tremendously.

True, the weather was a bit on the chilly side, but it cleared off and was bright and sunny both afternoons so that well over 200 passengers availed themselves of a Helicopter ride. Then too, there was a steady stream of visitors to the "Sugar Shack" with Lions Club Members giving away over 4 gallons of syrup in "Tasty Samples".

The Leo's Club Dance Friday night was a success with this youth club clearing over \$100, and the Lions Club round and square dance on Saturday evening turned up with a "packed house".

Of special interest is the fact that of the over 75 Exhibitors and Booths at the Festival, at least 75% of these people have already signed up for 1977.

Thus, looking at the over-all picture at the present time — the Maple Festival was a HUGE SUCCESS and helps bear out the promise that next year's event will be BIGGER and BETTER!

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

A MAN IS ONLY AS GOOD AS HIS WORD

There is a wise old saying: "A man is only as good as his word." These are honorable words, but it became apparent this past week that Governor Carey doesn't believe in that saying.

In three separate instances, Governor Carey broke his word to the people of this state, and it will be the people who will be paying dearly for it.

In the first case, the Governor, after preaching words of wisdom about the declining business activity in this state and saying that business had a new friend in the Governor, turned around and delivered a death blow to the business and the citizens of this state. I'm sure everyone has heard the Governor say that this year was going to be a new beginning for New York; that no tax increases would be sought and that the state's budget would be balanced without fiscal gimmickry. The Governor made that statement not more than six weeks ago, and already he has gone against his word.

The other day, the Governor asked for an extension of the income tax surcharge to meet some supposed \$20 million deficit that suddenly arose. Here was the Governor, before the new fiscal year had even begun asking for a \$20 million increase in the state's personal income tax.

When I held public hearings throughout the State last year as Chairman of a Task Force on Taxes and the Economy, the most often heard cry of business and citizens was that the state's income tax was too high; that it was too far out of line with that of any other state in the nation. Individually it was significantly undercutting the buying power of state residents, and for businesses it would mean that they have to move out of state to attract the qualified professionals they need.

To make matters even worse, in the same afternoon that the \$20 million income tax surcharge increase was passed, the Governor gave away \$10 million of the tax money to the world's largest subsidized housing project — New York City's "Co-Op City" — simply because people living in these subsidized apartments have been "on strike" for months and have refused to pay over \$10 million in rent.

In another instance — the enactment of a new lottery — the Governor went back on his word to the people of this state. Originally the Governor promised that with the establishment of a new lottery, the proceeds from the lottery would go directly towards funding the education of handicapped children.

The provisions of the new lottery contain no such commitment for this year. The proceeds will go into the state's general fund to be used by the Governor as he wishes for 1976-77.

I would also like to point out that the lottery, according to the Governor, will supply \$60 million in revenues for our fiscal year. Looking back to the old lottery without even considering the effect revelations of scandal and mismanagement have had on the game, the lottery only brought in \$53 million in its best year.

If we are going to have a budget based on fact and not gimmickry, the Governor had better re-examine his lottery revenue estimates and quit trying to fool the public.

Finally, I would like to note the Governor's veto of the formula upon which aid to our schools is based. Two weeks ago, the Governor agreed to restore \$116 million in aid to education and in so doing, he also agreed to the aid formula presented by the legislature.

Just minutes after we passed the last bills to clean up the technical needs of the Governor's budget, Mr. Carey announced that he had vetoed the education aid formula. The \$116 million in education aid monies are still there but the formula, established by the Legislature and which did not provide special consideration for New York City, is the upside down at the Governor's disposal. He has a hand to deal out the money where he would like it to go — New York.



50 YEARS AGO

April 2, 1926

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While driving his car through afternoon, March 31, C. W. ... a prominent ... ped dead ... on his way his farm on the Allegany State Highway to Alfred, 63 years old. He was Alfred ... survived ... and ...

Leon Thompson and Miss Pauline Watrous, both of Andover, were married March 27.

The Spring Vacation in Andover High School began Friday, March 26 and will end April 5.

Miss Doris Stimson is spending her vacation at her home in Iilon; Miss Leola T. Baker is visiting her parents in Rochester; Miss Crose at Canisteo; Miss Eleanor Fish is attending a physical training exhibition at the New Haven School of Gymnastics at New Haven, Conn.; Principal and Mrs. Olin H. Simpson attended the commencement exercises of the New York State School of Agriculture at Alfred Tuesday of this week.

Today is April 2 — Good Friday and Sunday, April 4 is Easter. John Quigg is building a garage at his home on West Greenwood Street.

Andover friends learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. John Crittenden, March 18 at the home of her daughter, in Peekskill, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Church have moved from the residence of Mrs. Ila Clark on First Street to the ... property on Rochester Ave.

The Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Andover, have broken ground for a parsonage to be erected on their Greenwood St. property. They have purchased ...

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So it is, three times the Governor has given his word, three times he has broken it. I honestly can say that I could sit across a table with the Governor, face to face, and ...

Patrick Ludden died at his home in Wellsville, March 21. He was born in 1857 a son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ludden. Surviving are his widow, Alice Berry, who he married October 19, 1883; three daughters, Mrs. Guy Harder of Andover, Mrs. Grace Ward of Taft, Calif., Mrs. Lorraine Gates of Taft, Calif.; seven sons, John of Willing, Mark of Wellsville, Elmer of Andover, Paul, Leo and Francis of Wellsville and William Ludden of Arkport. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

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the dwelling on Dyle St. known as the Adams property and will move it on the Greenwood Street site. The lot on Dyle Street is now owned by the Presbyterian Church and will be a valuable addition to the church property.

A daughter was born March 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Knowles of ...

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