

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR GRADUATES

An Editorial

On Saturday night, June 26th, 48 of you students will be presented diplomas signifying the completion of the New York State requirements for graduation from High School. This marks the completion of at least 12 years of learning as prescribed by our educational standards.

FOR THE SENIORS. — It will, for a certainty, be a world which is vastly different from that your parents knew. It is troubled, complex, and restive. Its demands are enormous and implacable. Change takes place at a dizzying pace. The challenges are all but endless.

Yet, at the same time, it is a world of marvelous opportunity. New frontiers are constantly being opened — in industry, business, government, medicine, and the physical sciences. In the space of a few years more material progress has been made than in preceding centuries. The future will bring more and greater wonders — all the way from homes of virtually incredible comfort — to the landing of human beings on the moon.

The world will welcome you students that graduated from schools and colleges. In return, it will ask much of you. It will, often, require skills that didn't even exist a comparatively short time ago.

Above all it will demand a willingness to keep on learning — for formal education is a beginning and not an end in itself.

We congratulate you on your accomplishments to date — and look forward to writing up your success in the future, and remember that: You only get out of life what you yourself are willing to put into it!

For the Underclassmen — **IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED** that the diploma is only a symbol of graduation! True, by showing it when of legal age you will be entitled to vote without having to take a literacy test. It may also help you enlist in the branch of Armed Forces Military Service that you desire, or may even enable you to enter the college of your choice, depending on what type of diploma you receive, and of course your regent marks.

However, your real Diploma will be in your personal folder which is kept on file for many years. This folder contains your total school record, your successes and failures together with your strengths and weaknesses. During the succeeding years many people, employers, investigation agencies and college representatives may inquire about your record.

Most of you will be proud of your achievements and your record will be of great assistance, while some — who have been content to merely "get by" will find some doors closed.

Many High School Students don't realize how important a High School or College Education is or how much it will affect their income for the rest of their life.

In fact, quoted from the U. S. Bureau of the Census, a High School Graduate earns nearly twice as much money per year as an Elementary School Graduate. And likewise, a College Graduate earns one-half again as much as the High School Graduate per year.

In fact, we have just recently seen several girls that graduated from Alfred University, start in on the jobs that they were selected for at a higher Annual Salary than many men receive after 20 years of service in their own line of work!

To you Underclassmen we say: — "It isn't too late to do something about it." Look well to your Laurels! Buckle down — work for them — then guard them well. They will help you throughout your whole life".

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"Inside The State Capital"

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GOVERNOR HOLDS REVENUE FIGURES AS "TOP SECRET"

Two hundred years ago, this country fought a revolution because the people were not being told the truth about their government and its finances, and because the people were being denied a voice in the operation of their government. You would think that in 200 years we would have eliminated the "King Georges" who imposed gag orders on his subjects but the workings of the Carey Administration in New York State prove their is one "King George" still around.

I never thought Governor Carey would go so far as to direct his Budget Director and the Comptroller of this state to withhold tax revenue figures from the press and the public, but I have been proven wrong.

The 1976-77 State Budget is based upon an anticipated growth in state revenues of 7.4 per cent. That 7.4 per cent estimate has proven to be very low. Economic experts have predicted the state can expect a growth rate of up to 11 or 12 per cent. The economists' predictions have been proven right by March and April tax revenue data.

Personal Income Tax collections for March and April of 1976 are 32 per cent higher than collection for the same months one year ago. A similar comparison of sales and use taxes shows a 14 per cent increase, with the comparison of corporate franchise tax collections for the same two month period showing a 36 per cent increase. These figures, which have been adjusted downward to take into account additional tax increases enacted by the Carey Administration in 1975, show a very rapid growth rate in tax revenue for the state.

Now consider, every one per cent increase in the state's revenue growth rate yields the state over \$100 million. With this in mind it is easy to see that if the state tax revenue growth rate exceeded the Governor's 7.4 per cent and achieves an 11 or 12 per cent growth rate, then the state will collect an additional \$400 million in taxes.

I and the other Republican members of the State Legislature have agreed that should the state's revenues exceed the Gov's 7.4 per cent level, which it is quite apparent they will, then it should be the people of New York State who reap the benefits of the upturn in our economy — not the state government.

We have therefore proposed a \$800 million tax cut package which will be triggered only when actual tax collections data show that the state's growth rate has exceeded the Governor's 7.4 per cent level. Now it is easy to see why the Governor has directed the withholding of tax revenue information from the public.

Governor Carey has been pushing for taxes and more taxes ever since he entered office. In 1975 it was the 10 cent gasoline tax, the \$600 million corporate franchise tax, and a whole host of new taxes on New York City residents. In 1976, trying to avoid the State Legislature, he has had his state agencies searching for new taxes by reinterpreting old laws. He has successfully implemented a new tax on cable television customers. The Governor has also seen fit to extend the income tax surcharge in 1976 and to push for an all new 2 per cent state property tax.

Frankly, I can't understand Governor Carey's actions. I can't understand his acts to gag his state agency officers. We have heard of or seen orders telling employees of the Department of Environmental Conservation, Commerce, and Taxation and Finance to not talk with or release information to the press, members of the Legislature, or the public without first directing the inquiry to the highest department officers.

I also can't understand how the Governor can order the Budget Director or the State Comptroller to withhold data on the collection of the people's taxes. Clearly action to obtain tax collection information is highly possible.

Finally, I would like to say that with the state obviously building up a large tax revenue surplus, the Governor and all members of



50 YEARS AGO

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The Andover Lockup and the Allegany County Jail were inspected last week. James McChling-daw inspected the Andover "Coop" and says it needs cleaning up. He reported to the Village President Robert Mings and Edward Kilbane, Chief of Police. The Night Officer is supposed to supervise the Lockup during the night as the Lockup is not fireproof. This should not be neglected while prisoners are there. When he inspected the Allegany County Jail he reported it was in excellent condition.

A Boys Potato Club has been organized in Andover. 30 boys have joined the Club. Each boy was furnished with a peck of certified Seed Potatoes by members of the Andover Chamber of Commerce and in addition is expected to plant at least one bushel of his own seed. Many of the boys who were in the Club last year have saved one bushel or more of potatoes grown from certified seed furnished a year ago. The boys who are members are: Lewis Kenyon, Louis McAndrew, Lawrence Perkins, Carlton Greene, Martin Lynch, Carl Greene, Joseph Lynch, Francis Vickers, Charles Lynch, Floy Coats, William Slocum, Peter C. Breeding, Clayton J. Green, Clifford C. Green, Augustus D. Padden, Leon Marvin, Lawrence Padden, Harold Peterson, Howard Brewster, Nelson Brewster, James Mitchell, Vincent Mitchell, Joseph Joyce, Charles Dean, Edward Dean, James Fuller, Carroll Doty, Ruth Doty, Francis McAndrew and Gordon Norwood.

Mrs. U. W. Stratton (Doroless) born February 15, 1846 at Nile, a daughter of Prentice and Mary Hood Beebe, died at her home on Main Street, June 6, 1926. On September 10, 1865 she married Uriah Stratton, who died three years ago. She is survived by one grandson, Leon Wahl of Elm Valley, two great grandsons and three sons-in-law. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Hattie Baker Livermore, born in Independence February 13, 1859, died June 4 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leland Baker of Burns. She was a daughter of Henry and Ellen Clark Baker, being the oldest of their six children. In 1879 she married Carroll S. Livermore. Besides her husband, she is survived by four children and two adopted children, Mrs. Leland Baker and Mrs. Joseph Van Order of Burns, Lawrence Livermore of Arkport, Lawrence Livermore of Coopers Plains, Arthur Erickson of Fredonia and Charles Clark of Hartsville; also three sisters Mrs. Elwin Livermore and Mrs. V. G. Graves of Andover and Mrs. Jesse Baker of Corning; one brother, George Beebe of Andover. Burial was in the Arkport Cemetery.

Those pupils of Andover High School who received their Preliminary Certificates in January were Earl Button, Mary Gavin, Agnes

the State Legislature have an obligation to all the taxpayers of this state to pass tax cut legislation. Testimony has been given time and time again—and this even includes statements by the Governor himself — that taxes are the number one reason for New York's declining industrial base and high unemployment situation.

The entire economic prosperity of this state for the next 10 years is resting on the actions of New York State Government today. The unreasonable and perhaps illegal withholding of tax revenue figures by the Budget Director and the State Comptroller under the orders of the Governor, is jeopardizing the economic stability of our state and the working men and women who have entrusted their fate in the hands of elected state officials.

The freedom of information is a basic and necessary premise for our country. The abuse of that freedom has proved to be the spark of revolution 200 years ago, and it could be the spark of stormy action in Albany during 1976.

Lynch and Norman Martin. The 24th Annual Reunion of the Kemp Family will be held at Island Park in Wellsville, June 17. Lorna Burdick, Secretary. Next Monday, June 14 — is Flag Day.

Prof. W. W. Pingrey, a former Andover man, informs The News that he has accepted the position of Principal of Bemus Point High School and will enter his duties there at the beginning of the next school year. He was offered a contract to continue his work at Gerry where he has been principal for the last four years, but considered the opportunities at Bemus Point had advantages for him over that at Gerry.

Mrs. Grant Stevens of Shingonhouse, Pa., is delegate to the Pennsylvania State Rebekah Lodge held in Harrisburg, Pa., from the Shingonhouse Rebekah Lodge. Mrs. Stevens is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gleason of Andover.

Estes Stevens of Batavia is moving his family to Andover. Mr. Stevens has been employed by the Niagara Lockport and Ontario Power Co., but has accepted a position with the Telephone Company at Wellsville. Mrs. Stevens is a Silk Worker and will be employed by the local Silk Mill.

Andover friends have received word that Fay E. Boyd has been transferred to the territory of Northern Wisconsin in his work.

Two Andover girls, Miss Mae Cocoman and Miss Ellen Driscoll graduated from Buffalo General Hospital Training School for Nursing on June 10. Miss Cocoman sang the "Farwell Song" at the graduation exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett have moved from the apartment over the Corner Garage to their new home on Dyke Street.

Invitations have been received by Andover relatives of the graduation exercises at St. Bernard High School in Bradford, Pa., where Miss Helen F. Smith is a member of the Graduating Class.

Andover Fire Department will give another Barn Dance June 17 at the E. P. Rogers Farm.

Misses Edith Hann, Mary Doran, Julia Barrett and Anna O'Leary gave a Variety Show at the O'Leary home on Dyke Street, June 7 in honor of Miss Elizabeth Joyce. Twenty-four guests were present. Miss Joyce will soon be the bride of Avery Mead.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swarts of Greenwood Hill are parents of a daughter, born June 2.

William Edwards, age 90, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Austin in Addison, June 5. He was buried at West Union.

Mrs. Alice Fisk died June 6 at her home in Hornell, age 77. She is survived by her husband; two sons, Joe and Dell of Hornell. Burial was in Greenwood.

Robert Spicer and Decatur Clarke of Independence were week end guests of Eugene Crandall at Alfred.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke and son, Cleon, Mrs. George Lewis of Independence visited in Mt. Morris Friday and Saturday.

Howard Leahy of Fordham College, New York City, is home for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Carry Burgett and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higby of Perry, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett this week.

Jesse Snyder, Will Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Green were in Whitesville, June 1st to attend the funeral of Mrs. Beatrice Barney Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Childs, Mrs. Marguerite McCullen of Wellsville and Harry Pease motored to Rochester Sunday where they attended the Annual Lilac Sunday.

Miss Katherine Folsing arrived home Sunday from Florence, Col., where she has taught the past year for her summer vacation. She will return to Florence this Fall for another year.

Guy S. Wood and A. M. Wood attended the funeral of their uncle, James H. Stewart of Canisteo Saturday. Mr. Stewart was a veteran of the Civil War, serving four years in the rebellion. He died June 1st. Their cousin, James Hall Stewart died the previous day. Both were born in Howard and both had lived most of their lives in Canisteo.

40 YEARS AGO

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Julia Lynch, daughter of Brid-

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