

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

WILL IT EVER END

With the almost daily report of millions of dollars in welfare fraud, and the issuance of one report after another telling of 20, 30, and 40 per cent of Medicaid patients ineligible for the free benefits they are receiving, we are beginning to wonder if the welfare and Medicaid problems will ever end.

It seems obvious that we cannot eliminate waste if we refuse to implement the proper administrative controls needed to govern the massive system. This lack of controls has been a problem since the beginning. The local governments and their welfare workers have simply not cared if welfare money is wasted, and therefore the controls have never been established.

The state and federal governments must utilize the present public outcry as a vehicle to establish tough rules for local governments to live under. They must say to the locals, "If you do not adhere to the acceptable 3 per cent ineligibility rate (which is the federal guideline standard that has been used and achieved in other states) then we are going to penalize your negligence and not give you support funds paid out to eligibles."

If local governments know they are going to lose all the money they pay out to eligibles, then we will begin to get results. Welfare fraud and the wasting of tax dollars will be curtailed.

It is interesting to note that we are faced with an incredible piece of irony during this welfare crisis. The people who are fearful welfare reforms will mean taking bread out of the mouths of needy children are the ones who are the most dangerous to those needy children.

It is the cost of welfare, which now accounts for over 50 per cent of some county budgets, that is driving governments towards bankruptcy. And if government goes bankrupt (New York City almost went over the edge and Erie County is dangerously close) then there will be no money for welfare cheats and the deserving needy alike.

Another absurdity of our over-generous welfare system in New York State is that the average worker's net salary was less than the tax-free public benefits available to the welfare families of four in 34 or our 57 counties during 1975.

In Livingston County, workers earned \$6,520, \$595 less than the \$7,115 paid to welfare families. In Ontario County, workers earned \$6,365, \$157 less than the \$6,522 paid to welfare families. Of the counties I represent, only Allegany, where workers earned \$7,032 compared to the \$6,939 paid to welfare families, had workers earning more than welfare families. But I can hardly call \$2 per week more a real incentive for anyone to continue to work rather than to drop out to the welfare rolls.

So what can we do to get people off the welfare rolls and back to work, and what measures can we take to establish proper management of the welfare system?

Some say the only incentive is for taxpayers to move outside of New York State — perhaps then the elected leaders will understand the seriousness of the problem.

This statement is not so far fetched from what is actually taking place. I have a letter in front of me right now from the director of a leading industry in Allegany County telling of his total disgust with the state's welfare system. This director has always promoted New York State. He argued with his out-of-state parent company to expand and create jobs in the state, which they eventually did. But now, the director says, he has reached the point of disgust where he will no longer do so. He feels that state has lost its sound economic direction.

In New York State, it seems that expansion is no longer the question for business, but rather it is whether to move or not. New York City has felt this problem for many years, and Buffalo is facing the problem now. Until we have meaningful welfare reform this trend will continue.

However, we will never have true welfare reform until state legislators and the governor are willing to stand up and be counted in support of the reform legislation which will produce effective change.

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

The descendants of the James and Johanna McCormick family of Greenwood held their annual reunion at the West Greenwood Grange Hall, Sunday, September 5, 1976. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. David Bauer and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards. There were 80 in attendance. Recognition was given to the following: Oldest member, Teresa McCormick, 89 years old; youngest member, Jesse Freberg, 8 months; newest member to the family, Dale Gayler; newest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gayler; oldest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Linford Wallace; farthest traveled, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCormick of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. They had arrived at Elmira Airport the previous Friday night, his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Vance, met them. No one else knew of their arrival until they arrived at the reunion, Sunday. So it was a very pleasant unexpected surprise for everyone. Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCormick have this week to visit other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Vance and Mrs. Mabel McCormick and her daughter, Catherine will be in charge of the reunion for 1977.

Mr. Frederick Sampson retired from his employment at the Carborundum in Niagara Falls after 35 years. He began his work in 1941 and retired August 16, 1976. He will be an honored guest at a retirement party this Saturday September 18.

Mrs. Bessie Beckhorn of Knoxville Pa., R. D., is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Campbell. She attended the Senior Citizens dinner and the trip to Watkins Glenn and the boat ride.

Mrs. Donald Evia and family of Howard were over last week for dinner with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cady. Kelly and Michelle Evia stayed with their aunt, Mrs. Cady, Friday to Sunday night while their parents went to the State Fair in Syracuse.

Krystal Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Williamson, broke her leg August 2 when she caught her foot in her tricycle. The cast was removed Monday, August 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sampson, Karen and Lisa of Niagara Falls, returned home Sunday after spending ten days with his sister Mrs. Bernice Osmin and all attended the McCormick reunion last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Halsey left Wednesday for Omaha, Nebraska to do a job for the Joyce Pipeline.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cady and family of Cameron were Sunday night supper guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cady. Donald and Valerie stayed overnight and the Cady's took them home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Feenaughty (Flo Nye) are parents of a son, Thomas Alan, born Friday, September 10.

During the 1976 regular session of the State Legislature, Senator Smith and I sponsored a host of legislative proposals which would get the job done. Much of this legislation passed the Republican controlled State Senate, but it died in the State Assembly controlled by liberal Democrats from New York City and upstate areas.

With the heat of many campaign battles and the severity of local finances beginning to create pressures on these liberals, we can begin to see them squirm out of their former stances. Democrat Assemblyman Fremming of Buffalo has asked Governor Carey to call for a special session and announced that he will introduce three welfare bills.

It turns out that two of those bills are ones which I introduced during the regular session. I ask where was Mr. Fremming when we needed his vote then to pass the legislation? Now when its campaign time and the legislature is adjourned he says we should pass bills like they are his new idea will continue.

This type of political rhetoric I cannot buy. The people are demanding their state legislators stand up in earnest to curtail the runaway costs and blatant fraud of the welfare system.

September 3, 1976 at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feenaughty, Sr., are the paternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nye are the maternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warriner (Marilyn Mullen) are parents of a daughter, Christine Ann, born Thursday, September 9, 1976 at the St. James Mercy Hospital, in Hornell. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Warriner and maternal grandparents is Mrs. Bernice Matlack, both of the Carleton Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stone (Candace) of Wellsville, are parents of a son, Gus Michael, born Saturday, September 11, 1976 at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mann.

About 60 people in the community had a Labor Day Cookout Monday in the back of the Garage of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Tracy celebrated the birthday of their son, Douglas and her aunt, Mrs. Claude Wallace, at their home Saturday afternoon. Others were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wallace, aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Linford Wallace and Lisa and Sandra Tracy.

Mrs. Lauretta Jensen has returned home after spending seven weeks at St. Joseph, Michigan with her daughter and son and others.

There were 28 Senior Citizens in six cars that made the trip Wednesday to Watkins Glen and took the boat ride on Seneca Lake.

Mrs. Florence Moore was a guest of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Val Bent of Honeyey Falls on a Labor Weekend trip. They stopped at Binghamton, in Oneonta where Glenn Moore trained for a State Trooper, the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown and Albany to visit the State Capitol.

Walter Redmond returned to the Mater Die Nursing Home in Scip Wednesday from the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, where he was a patient for a week.

Milo Downey entered the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wells, Wednesday.

Francis Acker left the Bethesda Community Hospital last Monday and went to the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Acker in Wellsville. Wednesday Miss Eleanor Acker of Dana, Kentucky, came and brought her father to his home. She will stay with him for about ten days.

Mrs. Hulda McDonough helped her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Coffey of Belmont, celebrate her birthday Friday by going to Wellsville for dinner.

Mrs. Richard Cole of Hilton spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Wilson.

Miss Betty McCormick of Syracuse and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hambo of Genesee were guests of their brother, Leo McCormick last weekend and attended the McCormick reunion.

Leonard Campanello broke a bone on the bottom of his foot playing scrimmage football on the Masonic lawn last Tuesday. He has a cast on his foot and was not able to start school Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hussey returned from a two week vacation at Macdonas, Maine, Wednesday. Their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Cobb of South Hadley, Mass., were with them at the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Wilson went to Buffalo Sunday to visit a grandson in the hospital. They stayed with their daughter in Tonawanda until Tuesday. Miss Grace Young went with the Wilsons and visited her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gifford.

Mrs. Catherine Heady had a second surgery at the Bethesda Community Hospital, Monday.



50 YEARS AGO

August 6, 1926

J. H. Rogers, Publisher Paul DeBauer of Marion, Ohio successfully named the Ohio State Bar Association which were held in Columbus, Ohio June 29 and 30. He was awarded a by Chief Justice Cullinan. The auditorium of the Ohio State Bar Association was filled with delegates from all over the state. The bar association was successful in this regard. Mr. DeBauer was a member of the Ohio State Bar Association. He was a student at Cornell University. He was in World War I. He was a member of the Ohio State Bar Association. He was a member of the Ohio State Bar Association. He was a member of the Ohio State Bar Association.

The Andover Free Library cleared \$12.00 on the benefit card party held at the Cannon, Williams and Wood homes on Elm Street, July 29. At the Williams home a musical program was given under the direction of Miss Minnie Clair. Prizes went to Margaret Folsing, Mrs. McPetridge, Das Farwell, Emma Folsing, Ellen Heran, Helen Smith, Francis Brundage, Carry Yagmans, Mrs. George Beebe, Mrs. Henry Stephens, Mrs. David Slocum, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Gurgans, Mrs. McCarty, Mrs. Clancy, Mrs. Alford. 275 tickets were sold.

Clarence B. Halsey of Andover and Vivian M. Carson of Bloomfield, N. J., were married July 27. The Rev. F. H. Halsey has arrived in Miami, Florida, after passing a vacation in Nassau, Bahamas Islands.

Dr. E. J. Loughlen died August 2 following a heart attack. He was born in Carthage, March 16, 1852 a son of Michael and Saline Ralph Loughlen. In 1881 he married Carrie Craudall who survives with one daughter, Mrs. Nina Guntiger and two sons, Dr. O. W. Loughlen and Rev. M. B. Loughlen of Washington state; a half-brother, Forrest Loughlen of Munda A daughter, Mrs. Emma Smith and a short time ago. Burial was in Valley Brook Cemetery. All business places were closed during the funeral services.

Mrs. Ervin Briggs of Independence, died July 26 at her home Myria was the daughter of Charles and Betsy Collier Brown, born in Andover, 67 years ago. She was the eldest of six children three of whom survive Mrs. Adeline Halsey of Canandaigua, Mrs. Alice Gibson of Andover and Mrs. Thomas B. Bassett of Albany, also her husband, Ervin Briggs who she married in 1890. Burial was in the Independence Cemetery.

At the Annual School Meeting held August 3, T. K. Began was elected trustee in place of J. E. Cannon and Mrs. J. C. Lever to succeed Began.

About 30 boys have signed up and about that many more are interested in forming a Boys Club to be directed by William of Hornell. Mr. Williams will organize the band and as many boys as possible the first preliminary term of lessons. The cost is \$3 for each boy. Mrs. Anna Baker, Curtis Burdick, Mr. Charles Vickers, A. O. Kemp, George Carr, Mrs. Walter Greene, James Cannon, Ray Pease, Mr. T. K. Began and Dr. Pease are the committee.

Glenn Rogers is building a new porch on his residence on Dyke Street.

B. C. Williams moved his family into their beautiful new stucco home on Elm Street the first of the week.

Miss Anna Gallagher entertained the Home News Club at her home Monday evening.

Walter Fisher and Mrs. Backus state that they are heading home. They are spending this week at Geneva Lake, Wisconsin.

Secatur Clarke of Independence accompanied T. R. Bassett to New York City Thursday where he will visit Mrs. C. M. Slade.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Osmin, died July 31 at the St. James Mercy Hospital. He was brought to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Osmin where funeral services were held Tuesday with burial in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Those from West Greenwood who attended the Eastern Star Dance at the Greenwood Grange Hall Saturday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. William Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Childs, Howard and Wilma Stone, Gladys and Elma Goffard and Louise Gaffard.

James Daugherty and family returned to their home in Meigs, Texas Thursday, after a ten-day visit with relatives in Andover.

Those from Andover who were visiting at the M. M. Wood home in East Valley were: Edna Newland of Chazy, N.Y., Mrs. M. G. Brundage of Elm Valley, Mrs. White Wood, Mrs. E. F. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brundage of Wellsville and Miss Margaret Helen Downey of Buffalo.

Mrs. A. M. Wood and daughter, Margaret were guests of friends in Cuba, Sunday.

Miss Betty Flanagan of Hornell is visiting Mrs. Boris Dean this week.

Home Burger and children of Wellsville, and Mr. and Mrs. May Lord Reeves and daughter of Endicott spent the weekend at the home of Mr. Burger's mother, Mrs. Emily Burger in Elm Valley.

Miss Onolee Hammell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Levi Tubbs to their home in Salamanca where she is passing the week.

Postmaster and Mrs. John Compton and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. O'Connell and daughter returned to their homes Tuesday night after enjoying a delightful motor trip thru the Northern part of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Backus and daughter, Miss Isabelle Loughlen and William Loughlen were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Fiske of Bradford Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Clifford Vars and two sons of Tulsa, Texas, arrived in Andover Thursday and are visiting relatives in Andover and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Whitcomb of Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitcomb of Harrisburg, Pa., Prof. and Mrs. Hugh Greig of Corning, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rogers and son, Boyd were dinner guests of A. L. Rogers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg and son, Don and daughter, Lorretta and Miss Marie Walsh, motored to Hornell Wednesday in their new car and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Dagan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Clark, Everett Clark and Miss Carol Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kemp went to Rock City Sunday and were met there by Mr. and Mrs. Fuerna Clark of Gowanda and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weber of Newark, N. J., and enjoyed a picnic dinner and view of the wonderful rocks.

J. B. Ouse and family of Meadville, Pa. were Sunday guests of Mrs. and Mrs. John DeBemer. Miss Bernice DeBemer who has been visiting at the Chase home returned home with them.

John McDonough and daughters Dorothy and Louise of New York City have been visiting his parents and Mrs. William McDonough this week.

40 YEARS AGO

July 21, 1936

Clare C. Backus, Publisher The Thomas M. Lynch American Legion Auxiliary of Andover won first prize for the best speaking Auxiliary Unit in the County Wednesday evening at Bolivar Wednesday evening. The ladies received a cash prize of \$10.00. There were 28 units including Legion Units, Auxiliary Units, Bands, Church Choirs and business enterprises. More than a half million dollars. At the business meeting George Davis of Rushville was elected Commander to succeed Fay E. Boyd of Andover.

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