

"FOR THE LACK OF A VOTE — THE ELECTION WAS LOST!" An Editorial

Perhaps many of you readers — and voters, may think that the above Editorial Title is far-fetched — and may be ready to dismiss it from your minds but, before you do, think about it! Does the phrase have "sort of a familiar ring"? Could it be a metaphor from some well known bit of historical prose? How many of you remember the story of how an important historic battle in Europe was lost — "all for the lack of a horse-shoe nail"?

Many times we have heard people say in the past "my one vote doesn't matter — so why should I vote". Do you realize that in the neighboring Community of Bolivar for two successive elections, that a contest for Mayor or Village Trustee ended up in a tie vote — and was decided by the toss of a coin? Not Once — but in 2 recent successive elections!

Next Tuesday, November 2, 1976, we have an important election coming up that may very well affect every one of us. There are Candidates to be selected all the way from the County level, thru the State level, up to the National level to include the President.

Where are the basic, grass roots of our Democratic form of Government located? Isn't it a fact that the "tap root" or "grass roots" of Democracy begins with the individual voter at the Village level?

And, of course, the "backbone" of our Democratic Society is the so-called "Two-Party" system!

We too, firmly believe in the "two-party" system — And, normally, we stay clear of politics as a whole — as the candidates, their motives and policies are generally known to the voters.

However, when we feel that there may be doubts and misunderstandings as to reasons, motives, etc. where the best interests of our Community and voters are at stake, then we feel it is our obligation to present our thoughts on the matter.

On the National Scene, we feel that President Ford had demonstrated his sincere effort to lower the inflation rate by cutting it almost in half. In fact, has vetoed several huge Federal spending measures that were passed by the Democrat-controlled Congress because he knew that it would raise taxes — despite the fact that he was roundly criticized. We feel that it is necessary to have some control over slowing down or putting a stop to huge Federal spending programs that is going to have to come from we Taxpayers that are working paying Taxes, so the only way is to elect Mr. Ford as President.

Senator James Buckley has shown that he believes that the Federal Government should not interfere with individuals, business or mess in the affairs of individual States. Furthermore, he has supported President Ford in his attempts to cut Federal Spending so we think he should be re-elected.

Stan Lundine appears to be keeping his promises that he made before his recent election and has shown that he is willing to vote against programs sponsored by his own party that call for spending money so we believe he should be given a further chance by being re-elected.

On the State level, we believe that Assemblyman "Jim" Emery has done a terrific job in serving his constituents — no matter what party they belonged to. Furthermore, whenever he has been called upon to come to our area for one thing or another he came down — not once — not twice — but EVERY TIME. This is what we call real service — not lip service! Thus we strongly endorse "Jim" Emery for re-election.

In our own County, "Jim" Mulholland from our own Community of Andover has done an excellent job as County Treasurer and has brought the County Tax Sale out in the open so that any resident has the equal opportunity to bid in on the sale instead of just a select few. Thus we feel he should have our support to be re-elected.

This is how we feel! Now it is up to the rest of you — Get Out and VOTE, and show how You feel!

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"Inside The State Capital"

By James E. Emery

A tree or a job? If you'll pardon the pun, that's the root of the problem which thousands face here in New York State and which is becoming of increasing concern to not only business and industry but our dwindling labor force and its leadership. Last week I addressed this column to a series of meetings I had had in the past few weeks with farm and agricultural related organizations. I have had an equal number of meetings recently with labor unions and other national representatives in the 13th Assembly District.

When I refer to a tree or a job, I'm talking about the increasing rules and regulations being placed on industry and the financial trade because of environmental concerns in the State — many of them legitimate — that none the less, a serious deterrent to efforts to increase our working force and lower the staggering unemployment situation. As an example, I was amazed to discover that over a billion dollars in sewer projects in this State have been delayed because the State Department of Parks and Recreation does not have the time and manpower to handle the unbelievable proliferation of paperwork required to meet the reports and environmental standards necessary before construction can begin.

Because of this, these sewer projects sit uncompleted or, in most cases, haven't even been started, and the state stands to lose up to 75 percent of the federal funds which go toward the construction. The absurdity of this can be understood when you realize that the government officials who require this paperwork supposedly to prevent environmental harm or destruction during building of the facilities, are the same ones who are rightfully concerned with the municipalities which dump raw sewage into our already damaged waterways because these sewage treatment facilities are not ready. Thus, it's a vicious circle.

In the same realm, we must be increasingly concerned with state and federal regulations holding up the construction of utility plants for electric power. In my meetings in recent weeks, both labor and management have expressed tremendous misgivings that if something is not done to loosen up these regulations, and if construction of these plants does not move forward post haste, we could face a tremendous energy shortage more severe than the oil shortage of several years ago.

There is no doubt in my mind that we must strike a logical balance between the legitimate concerns of our safety and preservation of our environment and the crying need for a healthy economy in this state which cannot be ignored. In the same way we need the pure environment to have a good economy — because of the tremendous tourist industry in the state and the assurance that this state remains a healthy place for people to live. And we certainly need a good, strong economy to have a healthy environment.

In recent months, most of what we have heard from the Governor's office and his administration smacks of political bucking and bureaucratic posturing with little or no substance to any of his decisions or statements. It is high time that the Governor get his house in order — he's had two years now to get his house in order. The heads of the various state agencies are being asked to prepare proposals for the Governor's budget today — proposals for health, environmental preservation, labor, and others — to see what can be done to eliminate the red tape and the roadblocks.

Environmental and economic interdependence in this state must work hand-in-hand to solve these problems. There really is no answer to the question "a tree or a job?" It can't be one or the other if this state is to survive. There must be both — there must be jobs for our residents to keep our economy strong, to support our business and industry here, and to assume a proper life for our residents. And there must be reasonable environmental restrictions to keep our air water, and land safe, healthy and always created by our residents.

It's not any easy task, but it's essential. That's what I heard from our labor leaders in the past



FROM OUR FILES

A Harvest Day Program is being held by the Building Committee of the M. L. Jones Protestant Church, 1300 Main St., Andover, N. Y. The program is being held on Saturday, November 13, at 7:00 P. M. The program will feature a pipe organ soloist, then the orchestra composed of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bloss, C. C. Backus and Alice Rogers rendered several selections. The following took part in the tableau: Miss Margaret Palsing, Billy Robinson, Bernadine Hearn, Naomi Sticker, Katherine O'Donnell, Lillian Holmes, Ruth Skocum, and Florence Mulholland. E. S. Brundage, D. Fuller, C. W. Wason, and E. T. A. Harkins will be the History of the West Home.

The Westville Concert Band rendered a special concert from the balcony of Hotel Inyca Saturday evening. The weather was cold and windy, but Andover people showed their appreciation by packing Main St. with people and automobiles. A tourist passing through Andover during the concert, stuck his head out of the car, and said the beautiful Hotel Inyca was really illuminated. With the band in the midst of one of their splendid numbers, exclaimed "see but this must be some town".

Mrs. W. F. O'Connell entertained several tables of bridge on the spacious porch Monday afternoon. A. O. King has purchased the W. A. Young's store, formerly O. E. White, on Greenwood Street and has named it "Red's White Chain Grocery, who will open soon in Andover.

All the roads in this vicinity led to the Hillbill Fair yesterday. The side streets of the Village received a fresh coat of oil this past week. Burr Fuller, in moving his residence on Lake Street by unloading the truck, he has the entire front of the building. A heavy rain has purchased the property corner of Main and Greenwood Streets this week.

Stacy attended the Hatcher Reunion held at the Park in Westville Saturday. The Officers for next year are: A. E. Shain, President; Jay Burdick, Vice President; James Burdick, Secretary; Treasurer. It was voted to hold the Reunion next year at the same place. The following relatives were out of town that attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Hittner and son, Clarence of North Chili, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Teacher and son, Richard of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Shain and daughter, Helen and Executive of Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheeler and daughter, Alice of St. Mary's, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Webster of Andover, Mr. Harry Taylor and daughter, Frances of Westville, William of Andover, Mrs. Catherine of Andover, Mr. Helen of Andover, Mrs. Louise of Andover, Florida and Albert Sorore of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher of West Greenwood Hill, are parents of two girls, and for what I have been hearing this business and industrial leaders for years. It's high time our state Administration began to hear it too.

40 YEARS AGO

August 21, 1936
Mrs. Marie Wahl Vars and little daughter, Dorothy Ann, born August 21, 1936, after spending a month with her mother, Mrs. Katherine Wahl of Elm Valley, On Sunday, Mrs. Wahl and all of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren at a reunion at her home.

The Annual Flower Carnival of the Methodist Church will be held on Saturday, November 2, 1936. The program will feature a pipe organ soloist, then the orchestra composed of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bloss, C. C. Backus and Alice Rogers rendered several selections. The following took part in the tableau: Miss Margaret Palsing, Billy Robinson, Bernadine Hearn, Naomi Sticker, Katherine O'Donnell, Lillian Holmes, Ruth Skocum, and Florence Mulholland. E. S. Brundage, D. Fuller, C. W. Wason, and E. T. A. Harkins will be the History of the West Home.

The Merchants of Andover will have their annual sale on Saturday, September 4, at the American Legion Co-operative Sale.

The Seventh Annual Gathering of those who have been in Andover will be held at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Backus, Saturday, August 27. Dinner will be at 7:00 P. M. and George E. C. Smith will be the speaker.

A Federal Appropriation of \$100,000 for preliminary flood work in the immediate Andover Area was announced Saturday by President Roosevelt to a Reporter in Washington. A huge dam is to be built near Airport in the Catskill River.

Rev. Walter Dines died at the home of his son, Saturday, in the city of Andover. Rev. Dines was formerly pastor of the Andover Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife and son, in Waverly. Funeral services were held Tuesday with District Superintendent Rev. Walter Dailey officiating.

Plans were made at the regular meeting of Thomas M. Lynch Post No. 399, American Legion last Tuesday evening for their 11th Annual Labor Day Celebration on September 6. The following are the members of the committee: Harry Backus, Chairman; Charles Backus, Secretary; Donal Backus, Treasurer; Ray Boyd, Publicity; and William Backus, Entertainment. The program will feature a pipe organ soloist, then the orchestra composed of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bloss, C. C. Backus and Alice Rogers rendered several selections. The following took part in the tableau: Miss Margaret Palsing, Billy Robinson, Bernadine Hearn, Naomi Sticker, Katherine O'Donnell, Lillian Holmes, Ruth Skocum, and Florence Mulholland. E. S. Brundage, D. Fuller, C. W. Wason, and E. T. A. Harkins will be the History of the West Home.

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