

## Big Attendance As Concerned Citizens Hold Meeting Sat.

About 85 Taxpayers braved blizzard weather and blizzard conditions Saturday afternoon to attend a meeting at the Andover Grange Hall to discuss possible courses of action to be pursued regarding the large increase in the Andover Town Tax Rate.

A complete range of ideas were presented from a ridiculous suggestion of "seceding from the County and State" to refusing to apply for State and Federal funds. In response to the first idea, it was pointed out that the South had attempted to pursue this avenue back in the 1860's with disastrous results in what was known as "The Civil War" or "The War Between the States" depending on the location of a person's residence and the location of the publishing firm that prints the History Books used in the Schools. And, in response to the latter idea of not applying for State or Federal Aid, some people felt that as long as the money was going to be passed out to some area — we might as well have our share; while others felt that we should take a long, hard look — and see if it would cost the Taxpayers more money in the long run for matching local funds along with the administration and control that goes along with so called "Free Federal Funds."

The meeting — which had been called for two p. m., got off to a rather slow start as Supervisor Howard Burdick, the invited "Guest of Honor", reported that he was unable to get any of his vehicles started due to the blizzard which resulted in one of the Taxpayer's volunteering to go and bring him up to the meeting with his 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Once this had been accomplished, Supervisor Burdick acted more or less as Moderator while Rev. Milton Hurne acted as Chairman of the meeting with feelings running "rather high" at times as several delicate points were aired from time to time.

One past grievance had been aired — and the "air som-what cleared" — the matter at hand was discussed which showed that the Title 1, and 1A items on the Town Tax bills were for the maintenance of Town Roads and the reconstruction of Town Roads under the "Donovan Plan" which was formerly called the "Erwin Plan". It was further explained that these titles were all "lumped together" in previous years with the rest of the Town Taxes — but that this year they had been listed separately by the Computer Firm — printed up and computed the County and Town Taxes.

There was a great deal of discussion over what caused this big jump in Taxes, what the money had been spent for, and what it was going to be spent for — with out arriving at any specific figures and amounts — or conclusions.

About this point in time, it was decided that there was a very poor line of communications and Public Relations between the Town Board and the Taxpayers and one Taxpayer asked why the minutes of the Town Board couldn't be given to the News Media for publication so the Public could be kept informed of actions taken by the Town Board. News Editor "Red" Allen stated that the Andover News would be willing to print the minutes of Town Board Meetings in their entirety if furnished a copy — as is done with the Monthly Meetings of the Village and School Boards — to which Supervisor Howard Burdick promised that he would see that a copy of Monthly Meeting would be furnished for publication.

Taxpayers also requested that the Town Board Meetings be changed from afternoon meetings to evening meetings so that the majority of the working people

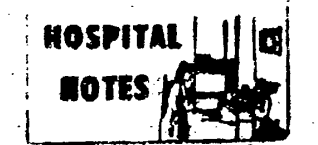
## Howard R. Glace

Howard Robert Glace, brother of Mrs. Raymond (Gleason) Lehman, passed away January 31, 1977 at the DeGraffs Hospital in North Tonawanda, N. Y., where he had been taken Saturday, January 29. He was born January 31, 1923 in Coudersport, Pa., the son of John M. and Gertrude Witter Glace.

Mr. Glace was a veteran of World War-II, having served in the Pacific Area. He was self-employed at the time of his death, but prior to that, had worked in Buffalo, and as a Postal Worker in Tonawanda, N. Y., where he resided.

Surviving besides his sister Helen and four other sisters, Mrs. Lula Smith and Mrs. Alice Randall of Coudersport, Pa., Mrs. Frank (Ruth) Mason of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Mrs. Bertha Eyrlog of North Tonawanda, N. Y., also several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 3, 1977, at the Roth Funeral Home, Tonawanda N. Y. Committal Services will be held at a later date.



Mrs. Roland Kemp is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Patricia Slawson, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Saturday.

Mrs. Grace Drake, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

William Case, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Charity McCormick was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital, Monday.

Charlotte Caple, a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital has been discharged.

## Attention Lions !!

### All Lions Club Members PLEASE NOTE!

The regular Dinner-Meeting that will be held Thursday, February 10 — will be held at the Baptist Church — Not at the Presbyterian Church as originally scheduled.

This change was made necessary by the request of the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church due to circumstances beyond their control.

REPEAT — The Lions Club Dinner-Meeting will be at the Baptist Church, next week — on Thursday, February 10.

would be able to attend meetings without having to lay off from work. Supervisor Burdick promised that this would be brought up at the next Town Board Meeting, but asked that the people abide by the decision of the Board.

Taxpayers also requested that the people have the right to vote on the Annual Proposed Town Budget as is done on the Annual School Budget — but the legality of this under the present Town Charter is questioned.

After these matters were discussed, the Taxpayers at the meeting unanimously elected a Committee of four to represent them at Town Board Meetings as well as to pursue the possibilities of seeking ways and means to see that their wishes could be carried out. Members of the Committee elected were: Rev. Milton Hurne, Chairman; Mrs. Lynn (Helen) Matison; Henry Mercier; and Mrs. Charles (Joanne) Wallace, and in a subsequent meeting, this committee decided to hold a meeting in the near future as well as decide who would attend the next Town Board Meeting.

The meeting was closed about 5 p. m., after a collection had been taken up to make a donation to the Andover Grange for the use of the Grange Hall to defray the cost of the energy consumed — with most of those attending feeling that "something constructive had been accomplished."

## Governor Closes All Schools In Allegany County

In a late bulletin as we go to press, Camille Jordan, Supervising Principal of Andover Central School was notified by Dr. Charles Holowach, Allegany County School Supervisor, that all Schools in Allegany County were ordered closed through Wednesday, February 9, 1977.

This action came directly thru the Governor's Office with Schools ordered to re-open on Thursday, February 10, 1977.

No information accompanied the order as to how this lost time is to be made up or as to whether there would be any forgiveness of lost days thru the State Board of Education.

It is presumed that some of the time could be made up by re-scheduling classes during Easter Vacation and for Schools following this plan, it would be within the power of the State Board of Education to forgive any other time that could not be made up without losing State Aid money.

## News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Marine Private First Class Gerald P. Masoho, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bissell of Route 2, Wellsville N. Y., has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S. C.

He received the early promotion for his superior performance during all phases of the 11-week training cycle, which emphasized physical conditioning, self-discipline and teamwork.

A 1976 graduate of Wellsville High School, he joined the Marine Corps in January 1976.

## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Green (Sharon Lewis) of Andover, are expecting a 7 lb 2 oz. son, Matthew Alan, born Sunday, January 30, 1977 at the Jones Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gavin are the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dale Greer are the paternal grandparents. Gordon Steadman is the maternal great-grandfather and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green are the paternal great-grandparents. Everett Clarke is the paternal grandfather.

## Rescue Squad Report For Month of January 1977

The Andover Rescue Squad report for the month of January 1977, shows that Ambulance 2-A-9 made 7 runs for a total of 24 man hours and 82 miles.

Ambulance 2-A-17 made 7 runs with 26 man hours and 226 miles. Respectfully Submitted, James R. Haugh, Captain

## Masonic Notice

The regular Stated Communication of Andover Lodge No. 558, F.&A.M. for Monday, February 7th has been postponed.

The next regular Communication will be Monday, February 21.

## I.O.O.B. Roadrunners

The regular monthly meeting of the I.O.O.B. Roadrunners will be held at the Legion Home, Sunday, February 6, 1977 at 2 P. M.

All are urged to be present as important business is to be discussed.

## Named To Dean's List

Miss Eileen Teresa McCormick daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCormick, has been named to the Dean's List at Alfred Ag-Tech for the Fall Semester.



## The Mayor's Column

by "Mike" Brace

I would like to share with you some of the activities and difficulties that the Village Crew and company have been experiencing during the past week.

On Friday, I spent the better part of the day with the crew plowing the streets. Although a spectator, I gained meaningful insight into street plowing. The problems with the truck not moving fast enough causing excessive wear on the machine and at the same time, observing the flying snow as it filled driveways and sidewalks.

As the conditions reached blizzard status, I pulled the crew off the roads. No progress was being made. Martin Howland volunteered to spend the night in the sub-station to be on alert in the event an emergency occurred.

As of this moment, the street conditions are good. We have a minor breakdown with one of the plows and are trying to get replacement parts.

The electric situation is outstanding. Consumption has increased dramatically reflecting the many electric heaters that have been purchased and put into use. The water conditions have proven to be the real difficult problem for the Village.

Although we do not have problems with our water supply, frugality should be exercised. Hosing units that have been frozen have been allowing them water to run at a pace to prevent another freeze up. This will take its toll in water consumption and for those homes that do not have this problem, I would request their voluntary compliance with practicing some measure of conservation.

## Notice Of Regular Meeting of Village Board

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held at 7:30 P. M. in the Village Office, 4 Main St., Andover, N. Y., on February 14, 1977.

The business to be acted upon will include:

The sale of \$100,000 statutory Installment Bonds to the Citizens National Bank at 6% interest for new sub-station.

The sale of \$250,000 statutory Installment Bonds to the Citizens National Bank at 6% interest for a storage building at sub-station.

The increase in amount for 4 poles for electric service.

Action to institute Civil Suit for recovery of unpaid taxes, all other business brought before the Board.

Notice is sent to you pursuant to section 95 of the Public Officers Law.

Such meeting is open to the Public.

Sincerely, Joan C. Dibble, Village Clerk

## Republican Caucus

TAKE NOTICE, the Caucus of the registered Republican Voters of the Village of Andover will be held at the Cafeteria of the Andover Central School on Saturday, February 19, 1977, at 8:00 P. M. for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and Two Trustees on the Republican Ticket and for the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before the said Caucus.

FRANCIS HORAN  
RALPH A. ALLEN  
DORIS CHURCH  
Republican Village Committee

## Maple Twig Notice

The Maple Twig will meet at the home of Mrs. Margaret Karnes at 1 o'clock Tuesday, February 8.

## Masons To Host Annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

The Annual "Father & Son Pancake Breakfast" to commemorate "Boy Scout Go To Church Sunday", will be held at the Andover Masonic Hall on Sunday, February 13, 1977 at 8:30 A. M.

Members of the Masonic Lodge have already received donations of some of the food items, with the rest of the cost for the breakfast to be paid for by the Lodge to show their interest and support for the Boy Scout movement in Andover.

In the past, this "Father & Son" Pancake Breakfast has proved to be a big success from the Cub Scout Group — all up thru the Senior Scouting Program, and with the menu consisting of Pancakes and Syrup, Ham and Eggs, Juice and Milk, no one can go away hungry.

Following the Breakfast, the Scouts will attend the Church of their choice in their Scout Uniform and in a group wherever possible.

All Masons who are willing to assist in this annual program are requested to be at the Masonic Hall on Sunday, February 13th about 7:30 A. M., to enjoy a share in the fun and brotherhood activity.

## News That's Print To Fit

Hi there Folks — how are you getting along? Still hanging in there? Cheer up! After Ground-Hog's Day all we have to look forward to is — 6 more weeks of winter!

Just for the record, we thought that maybe we had better record a few recent thermometer readings for posterity in the year of 1977.

Last Friday another blizzard hit us badly enough so that all of the Allegany County Roads were officially closed. That meant that the County plows in their snow plows until the storm abated. By Saturday morning at 8 a. m. the mercury read 20 degrees below zero! At 5 p. m. it was up to 6 above, but dropped to 10 below by 8 p. m. Then a warming trend set in so that it was only 4 below by 2 a. m. Sunday morning by 10 a. m. it was up to 6 above. However, by 5 p. m. it was back down to 0 and by 11 p. m. it was 6 below. Monday, January 31st it was 8 below at 8 a. m., and by noon it was up to 4 above, and by 8 p. m. it was way up to 9 above and it was still there at 6:30 a. m.

Tuesday, warming up to 12 above by 5 p. m., and on up to 14 above by 11 p. m. And, by 7:30 a. m., Wednesday it was up to 19 above, gradually moving up to 22 above by noon — only to start dropping down again to 16 above by 5 p. m.

However, according to the weather reports, the long-range report calls for another blizzard to possibly move in for this coming week end. Such is life — in the land of — Taxes. No, we don't mean Texas — Jack!

Just that we have a group of Concerned Taxpayers checking into the abrupt rise in our Town Taxes — how about throwing the problem of gas bills that are double any that we have had in previous years? Suppose they could find out how many BTU's there are in the gas as compared to how many there are supposed to be — or isn't the Public Service Commission interested in — the Public!

## NOTICE!

There will be no Delinquent Charges on Town and County Taxes until Tuesday, February 15, 1977. Then 1% will be added from the 16th until 28th of February.

From March 1st to March 31st, 1.5% will be added.

GLADYS FOX  
Tax Collector