

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

This is a personal opinion. — It seems several attended the Board of Education Meeting, Monday night. In regards to the tenure and more especially the Science Teacher, Roy Yarnell.

In the first place the present Board and Principal know more of the facts than a prior principal Charles Wright and a former Board Member, Ronald Putnam. When always the same situation. Some always the same situation. Some classes have more real students who go to learn and there are always those who are not interested and don't make an effort to learn. We know we have quality students and we also know we have graduates some who were not really eligible but given a school diploma. Some years the State Tests are more difficult and even good students get lower grades. I believe the Principal, Gary Moore, knows his teachers and what they are capable of doing — and we should have confidence in him.

Last year local citizens made a kick on Mr. Kumer, the Coach. Did we have the potential of a good team? We didn't have many wins in the Varsity this year either. The Board granted tenure to Jane Anderson, elementary teacher, and Stephen Kickbush, secondary English Teacher. The names of Suzanne Scheik and Yolanda Burr were added to the Approved Substitute List.

The Board set June 7 as the date for the Annual Meeting to be advertised as required. April 19, May 3, May 17, and May 31. Board member Patricia Higgins is completing a five-year term and has announced she is not seeking reelection. Candidates may pick up petitions in the School Office which must have 25 signatures and must be filed by May 6. If you aren't satisfied with the way things are, make your opinion known by being on the Board and file a petition. This is volunteer work and time you will spend and there are always those who don't agree with the decisions. We do have a good school and students who go or make the grade and we have graduates who make the Dean's List.

Also, Monday night the Concerned Citizens of Greenwood Central School District reported on the results of their "no petitions" for the Consolidation of the three Schools. Mrs. Diane Edline was spokesman for the group and reported they had 36 signatures. Their census showed 732 qualified voters. There were 130 yes signatures so there were quite a few who didn't vote. They were told what the State Commissioner would accept. The figures were recorded in the District Minutes and the "no petitions" have been sent to the Commissioner of Education. The Board President John Hunt, read a letter from District Superintendent, Dr. Richard McDonald thanking the Board for the time spent on the Consolidation Proposal and congratulating Superintendent Principal Gary Moore for his personal integrity and time spent on the proposal.

The Board voted its opposition to the proposal changes in the 1977-78 School Calendar by the Board of Regents which would provide for a five-week break in mid-winter. The Board voted to hold school Good Friday, April 8 and June 24 to make-up lost days during the winter storm and energy crisis. School will be dismissed at 12:30 — April 8.

The Board President and Clerk were directed to borrow up to \$30,000 to meet expenses if needed since the State Aid check will not be received until April 15 and if the returned taxes are not received from Steuben County. The First State Bank of Canisteo will make the money available at 5% interest.

The Board adopted a resolution saunting the boys and girls basketball teams on outstanding sportsmanship.

Scott Kickbush, instrumental music teacher, Valerie Peters, art curriculum and Louis Petroni vocal music, made reports on their

departments. Mrs. Peters is using the project method with several activities at the same time. There will be a display at the Bank of art work of students in grades six through twelve.

Greenwood Town Board met Monday night at the Town Hall and was briefed by representative of the State Department of Transportation on the resurfacing of Route 248 to Rexville. The project plans call for filling in the blind spot on the approach to King Hill Road and elimination of one Town Bridge on the Rough and Ready Road. Because the Town voiced some opposition to plans involving the access to the Rough and Ready Road, the DDT spokesman said the matter would be studied and brought back to the Board for discussion. Paper work and survey work is expected to be completed by late July and contracts let in October for the Road. The Board tabled a decision on 100% valuation until the April meeting. Nelson Parks of the Steuben County Planning Department will attend the April meeting to discuss flood plain management. Supervisor, John Helgeson, attended a meeting at Jasper on the subject.

The Town Crews razed the building on Main Street that was a hazard. The property was filled in for a deep cellar and will be graded and seeded.

Edward Mullin, Chairman of the Sesqui-Centennial Committee submitted a report on activities planned for the observance.

The Busy Farmers and Farmerettes Judging Class held two meetings at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harkenrider of Rexville on March 6th and 12th. A group of 12 people will be sending in their 1977 Cow Picture Placings. The group worked on written and oral reasons.

Monica Harkenrider News Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Updyke (Joanne Ordway) are parents of a daughter born at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, Wednesday, March 16, 1977. Waldo Updyke is the paternal grandfather.

Albert House of the Rock Creek Road entered Bethesda Hospital in Hornell, Monday.

The Ambulance was called early Wednesday morning to take Mrs. Leo Harkenrider of Rexville to St. James Mercy Hospital. She had suffered a stroke.

Albert Lamphier had surgery Wednesday at Arnot-Ogden Hospital in Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stephens went to Elmira to be with Geradine Lamphier. Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamphier spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Lamphier. He came thru surgery well. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson called on their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lamphier, at the hospital, Thursday evening. Mrs. Lamphier spent the week in Elmira.

Jennifer Schwartz daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schwartz entered St. James Mercy Hospital Thursday for tonsillectomy Friday and came home Saturday. Her mother was with her Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Wilson, Jr. of Meadville, came last weekend and took his mother, Mrs. Wilson, back with them for a week. Mr. Darwin Wilson and Lyle went to Meadville, Wednesday, and brought his wife home Saturday.

Mrs. Carol Stone and son, David of Troupsburg, spent last week with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mann as David had just been in the St. James Mercy Hospital. Their son, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mann and family of Hornell, also spent last week with his parents, as a skunk had gotten in their cellar and left his scent. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mann spent the weekend at Harrisburg, Pa. to visit a daughter who was in the

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50 YEARS AGO

October 23, 1926

J. H. Backus, Publisher

President LeRoy Jordan and E. J. Atwood, delegates of the Syracuse gathering of the State Automobile Association, are home. Mr. Jordan has kindly furnished The News with highlights on the principal work done at the Convention. The biggest event of the Syracuse gathering was the admission of the Automobile Clubs of Rochester and Olean to membership. The Rochester Club has not been a member of the Association for years, and the Olean Club never affiliated with the State Organization. This addition brings an increase of 12,000 members. The Association went on record for the first time in favor of a gasoline tax provided a suitable reduction is made for fees of registering motor vehicles. The Legislative Committee was instructed to draw up a bill expressing the views of the Association and have it introduced in the next session of the State Legislature.

Miss Anna Gallagher and May A. Richardson were married by Rev. P. C. Tracy, October 18.

The first hard frosts of the season was October 11 and a few snow flakes October 19th. Remarkable record for old Allegany.

Miss Louise Folsing is a new clerk in the Burrows National Bank.

Edward Seaman Relief Corp. shipped a barrel of canned fruit to the Oxford Home this week.

James Dean and family have moved from the Hincer property on Pleasant Ave. to the McLight house on Elm Street.

District Deputy President Mrs. Bertha Hardy and her suite were in Andover, Wednesday installing the following Officers for Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303 as follows: Inez Youmans, P.N.G.; Emma Church, N.G.; Clara Howland, V.G.; Jennie Smith, Rec. Secy.; Grace Greene, Fin. Secy.; Jennie Carr, Treasurer; Laura Witter, Warden; Clara Hann, Conductor; Edna Youmans, Chaplain; Bertha Hardy, Pianist; Mertie Trowbridge, L.S.N.G.; Winnie Vickers, R.S.V.G.; Anna Carr, L.S.V.G.; Mable Rogers, R.S.S.; Nellie Gee, L.S.S.; Alice Nobles, I.G.; Lina Ruger, O.G.; B.B.'s Jennie Hammond, Hattie Kemp, Mina Ruger and Nellie Millsbaugh.

George W. Green, who for many years has been a resident of Alfred, died October 10 at a hospital in Warsaw, where he had recently undergone an operation. Mr. Green was born in Delaware County Oct. 7, 1847. On July 4, 1874, he married Sara A. Dodge of Andover and to them were born seven children, one of whom died in infancy. Those still living are: Walter A. of Alfred Station, Levi E. of Perry, William of Andover, Mrs. Mary Sherwood of Almond and Mrs. Mable R. Ormsby of Alfred. School was closed in District 7 on Greenwood Hill the past week for potato-digging vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Akin passed last week in Jamestown.

Mrs. Leah Dugan of New York City spent from Saturday until Thursday visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gleason.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Backus and daughter, Laura Adelaide, have returned from a 10-day visit at Philadelphia. Alvah Loughhead, who has just completed a course in wireless telegraphy and received his license as an operator, accompanied them home from the city for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rogers and Ames Rogers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruger in Wellsville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cheesman, Kenneth Alvord and Miss Thelma Alvord were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Searle of Seneca Falls.

Mrs. Charly E. Comstock, 72-year old mother of Miss Clara B. Comstock, agent in this district for the New York Children's Aid Society, died at her home today. She was born in Hartsville. She leaves besides her daughter, a son, D. J. Comstock of Hartsville and a grandson. She is a widow of the late C. K. Comstock.

Firemen's Benefit at the Auditorium October 28 — "The Still

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

The issue of the federal takeover of welfare costs and responsibilities from the state and local governments is one which has been debated over the past several years. Interest grows with each passing day and with the realization that welfare costs are staggering that, in some cases, they are beyond the ability of municipalities and counties to pay. Meanwhile, the state annually wrestles with the problem of staggering welfare costs with little results.

This is an area in which I have been extremely interested in the past few years since I have served as Vice-Chairman of the Temporary State Commission to Revise the Social Services Laws. I have worked with a great deal of the welfare reform legislation and, in the end, it always boils down to the necessity of a federal welfare takeover at some point in time.

In this regard, on March 17, a Town Meeting Forum on welfare was held in Rochester, sponsored by the federal Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Region II; the State Communities Aid Association and the State Association for Human Services. I testified briefly at that forum concerning the federalization of the public-welfare system, and would like to pass along to you some of the comments I made.

I think it is important because apparently the public in general is convinced that a federal takeover is the answer, at least in New York State. In surveys taken recently in 19 assembly districts across the state, the question was asked "Do you favor a standardized national welfare program paid for by the federal government?" Of those responding, 66 per cent said "Yes" and 26 per cent "No". My testimony addressed itself

Alarm", the greatest fire picture yet screened, full of thrills and intensive moments, will be shown Andover's Celebrated Boys Band will play on the stage, and the Odd Fellows Band will give a concert in front of the Auditorium. A Charleston Contest will be enjoyed and the audience will decide who are the prize winners. All money from this entertainment goes direct to the Firemen, as the management of the Auditorium gave free use of the Auditorium and furnished the film without cost to the Firemen.

40 YEARS AGO

October 23, 1936

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

A company of over 100 people gathered at the Baptist Parsonage Tuesday evening, October 19 for a surprise Testimonial Greeting in honor of Miss Minnie Clair, who for 50 years has been organist and music director of the Baptist Church. Superintendent W. E. Pope acted as announcer of the program and gave Miss Clair a hearty welcome upon her arrival at the meeting. Other who spoke were F. W. Burrows, E. E. Orvis, E. D. Baker, Rev. E. J. Cory and Rev. R. E. Dronsfield, also her pastor Rev. A. D. Shepard. C. A. Robinson, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Robinson, sang "Won't You Take Me Back To Dixie" and "I've Goin' Back To Dixie". A unique feature of the evening was the three women whose ages combined made 278 years. Mrs. Addie Coleman 96 years, Mrs. Martha Orvis 90, and Mrs. Henrietta Bundy 92 — after which light refreshments were served by the committee.

Andover has gained through the New Deal benefits — Village of Andover, Cemetery Hill Road Improvements Federal Funds \$3,492.48 completed Sept. 12, 1936 and Village of Andover, Church Street Athletic Field \$1,750.79, completed Sept. 24, 1936. The total for Allegany Towns \$123,113.80.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huffman are parents of a son born Oct. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. James Baker are parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born Oct. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green of East Valley are parents of a son Gerald, born Oct. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bell of Pingrey Hill are parents of a daughter born Oct. 13.

Miss Gladys Ordway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ordway of Canisteo and George Terburv, son of Franz Terbury of Greenwood were married October 10.

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to some of the more technical aspects of a possible federal welfare takeover. However, I pointed out that on the state level, most experts agree that any federalization proposals must include the following:

- a national benefit with standardized eligibility criteria;
- at the very minimum, the inclusion of the Home Relief caseload (now handled exclusively by the state); and
- an increased level of federal Aid for welfare programs.

One of the areas I am most concerned with in any federal welfare plan, I told the Forum, is to see that we do not make the same mistakes New York State has experienced under the Supplemental Security Income program (SSI) which federalized the former State Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled program in 1974. Although the SSI Program held out promise of additional federal funds and lower state program costs, this promise was never realized. In New York State, whether by design or accident, the SSI program has actually cost us more rather than less. The most obvious example of how state costs have increased is in the Medicaid program where the expanded SSI caseload has resulted in major expenditure increases.

Of equal concern is that the federal benefit established by Congress for the SSI program was substantially lower than what several states, including New York, were providing under the aged, blind and disabled program. Thus, lower paying states were given a free ride. For these states SSI provided full federal funding for all program costs and eliminated all state and local expenditures. States like New York, on the other hand, which pegged their grants at more realistic levels were left with supplementing the basic federal benefit at total state expense.

These were also the states that were generally short-changed in federal matching under the replaced AABD program, receiving only 50 per cent federal reimbursement, as compared to the 83 per cent federal matching available to some states. We must work to insure that this will not happen again. At a minimum, federal participation in state program costs, exceeding the established federal benefit, should be made at least to a prescribed maximum.

Further, in my testimony to the Forum, I noted that in enacting SSI, Congress also failed to recognize that flat grant programs are inadequate in meeting emergency needs of the recipients. Catastrophes happen — homes are burned, checks are stolen, antiquated home equipment breaks down. Not only were these problems left completely to the states to handle (or not handle, as they choose), but no recognition in the way of federal support was given to the states, including New York, which were humane enough to set up, at their own expense, parallel SSI programs to alleviate these and other emergency situations.

In my opinion Congress should make provisions for such assistance for the SSI program — and include similar provisions in any future federalized welfare proposal. Emergency assistance should be as broad as that now in effect in New York State and should be fully federally funded and administered under federal auspices.

I am also concerned with federal administrative capability based on our experience with SSI. In looking back, it seems clear that the federal government was not equipped to take on the SSI program. The delays in processing applications, the high error rate, the problems in handling supplemental payments and other administrative problems seriously damaged the program's integrity and level of public confidence, not to mention untold hardships and inconvenience to the recipients.

If the decision is made to vest administrative authority over the remaining public assistance programs with federal officials, enough lead time must be made available in order to avoid the problems which occurred in the past.

Finally, I told the welfare forum in Rochester that Congress must make its intentions clear right at the start, if a federal takeover is effected, so that the program lives up to the expectations of the states. This has been the major stumbling block with the SSI program, and it must be handled differently if a federalized welfare system is to work. True, we may be down the road a ways yet from this possibility, but it's worth thinking about now.

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