

A. C. S. Budget Voted Down At Annual Meeting

In unprecedented action, Voters in the Andover Central School District voted down the 1977-78 budget of \$1,124,242 by a vote of 123 to 104. A total of 251 votes were cast for School Board Members but of these 24 persons failed to vote on the budget which was defeated by a mere 19 votes.

The budget that was presented by the School Board carried an increase of approximately \$4 per thousand assessed valuation providing State Aid remained the same as last year, and the Equalization Rate remained at the same figure as given to the School Board by BOCES.

For the three positions filled for the School Board of Education Conner Stephens was re-elected to a five year term with 130 votes against 116 cast for Larry Godown. For the 3 year vacancy created by the resignation of Francis Horan who felt that it was a "conflict of interest" for him to serve when his wife was hired as a teacher Paul McCormick, whose wife is employed as Nurse-Teacher, received 127 votes against H. Dale Green with 117 votes; and in the 2 year post created by the resignation of Dr. William Walker, Mrs. Virginia Milligan received 138 votes with her opponent Donald Baker who has served a very successful year as President of the Andover Lions Club, polling 107 votes. The campaign was conducted at a very low key with main issues apparently not appearing until brought out on the floor during the meeting.

The district meeting was chaired by Lawrence Corwin with questions raised from the floor about budget increases and salaries. An other question raised from the floor was about the Equalization rate used by the School Board which was quoted by Supervising Principal Curville Jordan as 24.09. The person raising the question stated that a new rate had been set at 19.47 and that this information was available at the Tax Department in Belmont.

Since this apparent difference of 4.62 seemed to exist, we have taken the trouble to investigate and report the true facts. To begin with, we have a copy of the instruction sheet sent by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District Allegany County to the Andover School Board of Education which states: "Equalization Rates Published October, 1976, Established for Assessment Rolls Completed 1975. THESE RATES ARE TO BE USED IN DETERMINING STATE AID TO BE RECEIVED DURING SCHOOL YEAR 1977-78 TO BE USED ON SA-123, Allegany County - Andover 24.09."

Next, we called the Tax Department of Allegany County and asked about the rate of 19.47 that was quoted. The answer that we received is: "that this was just a TENTATIVE RATE that could and may be changed several times before it is finalized sometime early in the fall - and that they had only received a few of these Tentative Rates for Towns in Allegany County so far."

Thus, the rate used by the School Board IS the correct rate - and the other rate quoted is purely a Tentative Rate - that has yet to be established later on!

It is also a matter of conjecture if some of the people who voted against the budget really wanted the ramifications could mean - such as having to adopt an "austerity budget" which is mandated by the State Department of Education whereby all the regulations are spelled out to include: no inter-scholastic sports, no outside use of school facilities, and very limited use of the school buses.

Grange News

Andover Grange No. 1098 will meet at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, May 11 for business and to make plans for Pomona on June 3 at Andover.

We will have our Cinnamon Roll Contest at our May 25 meeting.

Gerald F. Dolan

Gerald F. Dolan of 41 Meadowview Drive, Penfield, N. Y., died Thursday, April 28, 1977 after a short illness.

He was born September 13, 1921 in Hornell, N. Y., the son of the late John and Helen Dolan. He married the former Kathleen Rende, who survives along with two sons, John and James.

Mr. Dolan attended Andover Central School, then Mohawk College, and graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1951. He then matriculated to the University of Rochester where he received his B.S. in Civil Engineering.

During World War II, Mr. Dolan served in the Marine Corps and was in the South Pacific Theatre from 1942 to 1945. He was a member of Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397, American Legion; Vice-President of his CSEA Unit; Member of the NRA; active in the Citizens for Decent Literature group, and a member of the Conservative Party of New York State.

Mr. Dolan moved to Penfield with his family in 1962 and was employed as a Civil Engineer by the State of New York from that time until his death.

Surviving in addition to his widow and two sons are, four sisters, Carolyn Dolan of New York City, Mrs. Wanda Davis of Tennessee, Mrs. Leslie (Patricia) Behn of Rochester, and Priscilla Dolan also of Rochester; and two brothers, Evan and Robin Dolan, both of Tennessee.

Friends and relatives were received at the Nulton Funeral Home of Penfield, with the Mass of Christian Burial held at 9:30 a. m. on Monday, May 2, 1977, at St. Joseph's Church in Penfield. Burial was in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Andover with the Rev. Francis Zmoyzinski giving the committal services, followed by a military funeral conducted by members of the Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397, The American Legion.

Maple Twig News

"We Put the Care in Health Care" is the theme for the Jones Memorial Hospital Week which is May 8 - 14. Anyone who wishes may take advantage of the tour open house and clinics. They are as follows:

Sunday, May 8 - Open House Tour of Hospital, 2:00 - 5:00 p. m.

Monday, May 9 - Drug and Alcohol Council Open House, 8:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m., 32 W. Genesee Office

Tuesday, May 10 - Hearing Clinic, 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. First Trust Co. Consumer Credit Parking Lot

Wednesday, May 11 - Auxiliary Meeting and Awards Luncheon Cameo Restaurant, - 12:30 p. m. \$4.00

Thursday, May 12 - Pap Clinic and Breast Self Examination, Hospital Basement - 1:00 - 4:00 p. m. Glaucoma Clinic - Hospital Basement - 1:00 - 4:00 p. m.

Hypertension Clinic - Hospital Basement 10:00 a. m. to 12 and 1:00 to 4:00 p. m.

All members and anyone interested in joining the Hospital Auxiliary may make reservations for the luncheon by calling 393-6262 or 593-3061 by May 6.

The next meeting of the Maple Twig will be held Tuesday, May 10 at the home of Rose Burdick at 1:00 p. m. We invite anyone who would like to join the Maple Twig to call Phyllis Mattison (478-8127) for information or transportation.

Small stuffed animal toys are needed to be made for the pediatric wing. Material and patterns are available. If you would like to make some please call 478-8127.

OES Notice

On Saturday, May 7, a work bee will be held at the Masonic Temple at 9 A. M. A practice in preparation for our visitation will be held on Sunday, May 8, at 6:30 p. m.

The regular meeting of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242 OES, will convene at 8 p. m., on Monday, May 9, with the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron Right Worthy Gail Hardy.

Refreshments will be served following the visitation by Irene

The Mayor's Column

By "Red" Allen

Well Folks, along with the improvement in the weather, things are gradually picking up as far as the Annual Village Maintenance Program is concerned. (No pun meant) but the trash pick-up was finally completed after a few emergency interruptions; the Streets have all been swept once; we are down to just one water emergency problem to be solved; the worst of the pot-holes have been patched and some of the necessary maintenance has been completed on the Village Vehicles - although there is much more yet to be done.

In addition to this, we were faced with an emergency in the Police Department the first part of the week when Patrolman Belmont reported that he would be unable to work for an undetermined period of time due to a back problem.

Fortunately for the Village, our new Police Commissioner took immediate action and was able to secure the services of former acting Police Chief Ray Wicker, with Ray being on the Streets the very next night.

Many of you older residents may recall that Ray "runs a pretty tight ship" when he is on duty so if you have been a little lax in some of your driving practices - might be wise to pay a little more attention to the three D's (not the 3 R's!) As for the newcomers in the Village, Ray has had plenty of Police Experience in the City - so don't try and figure that you can "pull a fast one on him". Yes, Ray has a nice smile and pleasant personality, but, when he quits smiling - watch out. He has been known to get down right serious!

We are also aware of other problems that exist and plan to get to them as soon as possible. Oh yes some of you may have noticed that the drainage pipe that was reported as a hazard to children has been removed for storage at a safer location.

Presbyterian Church To Hold Series Of Festival of Talent

The First Presbyterian Church of Andover, will have its first in a Sunday Series of Festival of Talent on May 8th, featuring William MacCrea and his Wood Sculptures. Mr. MacCrea, an Art and Humanities teacher at Andover Central School, will also speak during the morning worship service at 11 a. m. on the meaning of his art. The Church will be open from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. for the community to come and view these works before and after the church service. A Coffee hour will be held from 12 to 1 so people might talk to Mr. MacCrea about his work. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. John A. Baxter, Pastor of the Church, commented: "We believe in a God, who created the heavens and the earth and in doing so placed his own creative energies within the minds, and hearts of all people. He desires that every person be creative in their own way, using whatever latent talents they may have. Many of the problems of the modern world come about, simply because of a lack of creative thinking on the part of decision makers and a tendency to criticize, rather than create, by too many people."

This is the first in a series of one person art shows to be sponsored by the Church as a part of its worship services. Plans are underway for additional shows to be announced as they occur. In bringing art into the life of people directly rather than only through galleries and exhibitions, it is hoped that an appreciation for creative abilities will be heightened in the community, and that people will reassess their own creative and spiritual lives.

Hann and Alice Clarke Cheer Committee for May is Ruth Manske 478-8161.

Annual School Meeting --

Where do we go from here?

By Curville Jordan, Supervising Principal

AS TAKEN FROM THE STATE EDUCATION LAW

Because of the defeat of the school budget this Tuesday, the Board of Education has to make one of the following choices in order to maintain school this coming year:

1. Prepare and adopt a contingent budget without going back to the voters.
2. Present the original budget or a revision of such request at a special district meeting.
3. Prepare a contingent budget and present one or more special propositions to the voters, giving them the opportunity to appropriate funds in support of services which can not be provided without voter approval.

If a contingency or austerity budget is adopted, the following services will be eliminated:

1. Use of school buildings and grounds by outside organizations.
2. Capital expenditures.
3. All interscholastic sports.
4. All types of pupil uniforms.
5. Cafeteria and school lunch operations.
6. Transportation up to 2 miles for students grades-K - 8 and 3 miles for students 9 - 12 would be eliminated.

The situation is unfortunate, but the people have spoken and now they must abide by the Board's decision. Perhaps positions will be eliminated and money will be saved but good education has been set back temporarily and we all lose, especially the students.

Presbyterians Plan Mother's Day Breakfast

A Mother's Day breakfast will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Sunday, May 8th at 8:30 a. m. The men of the church are preparing and serving the meal and all ladies are welcome. Anyone wishing to attend may call Paul Whitehouse or Ken McClure to make reservations any time before Saturday.

Fourth Of July Committee

Annual Auction

The Fourth of July Committee would like to thank the Andover

Lions Club for their recent generous donation of \$100 towards the forth-coming Celebration which brings us a little closer to our goal.

Upcoming on May 22 will be our Annual Auction. All items for this Auction are donated from individuals throughout the Community and no item is too large - or too small. If anyone has items that need to be picked up, or if anyone in the Community has some extra time and/or the means by which to transport some of the larger items, a call to one of the following numbers would be greatly appreciated: Jim Haugh 478-8812, Everett Harrington 478-8192, Mel Mickle 478-8440, MaryAnn Whitehouse 478-8867, Leo McNeill 478-8287, Red Allen 478-8344.

We would also like to thank several of our friends for the valuable donations of electric power equipment, furniture and antiques which should bring a good price at the Auction.

Next week, members of the Committee will canvass Dyke Street, Greenwood Street and Center Streets on Monday evening and Wednesday evening, May 9th and 11th for items for the Auction, so if you have anything saved up - here is the golden opportunity to have it picked up.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. James Bliss was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Wednesday as a medical patient and later transferred to the St. Francis Hospital in Buffalo.

Mrs. Corinne Clark was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Sunday, May 1, for eye surgery and returned to her home Wednesday.

Mrs. Ethel Carline, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Monday.

Lee Sawyer is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Nellie Green, a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Stephen Lewis a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Mrs. Christie Cornell a patient in the Bethesda Community Hospital has been discharged.

Fourth of July Committee to Hold Meeting

The Fourth of July Celebration Committee will hold a special meeting on Tuesday evening, May 10, 1977 at 8:00 p. m., at the home of Mel Mickle with all members urged to attend.

Final plans will be made for the Annual Auction to be held Sunday, May 22 at the Rod & Gun Club. There are several other items of important business to be discussed.

ATTENTION!

Commander Don Swartz would also like to thank the Legion Members as well as friends for helping clean up the Legion Park this past Sunday.

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