

## Special Budget Meeting Turns Into Stalemate

At the Special District Meeting of Andover Central School held Tuesday evening, May 24, 1977, after a stormy session, voters chose to adjourn the meeting until June 21 rather than vote on the budget proposed by the ACS Board of Education.

The tone of the meeting was apparent before it even got underway when Karl Graves jumped up "like a puppet on a string" and tried to make a motion before the meeting was officially opened and was declared out of order by Chairman Ralph A. Allen who had been asked to Chair the meeting by the Board of Education after Larry Corwin, who chaired the first meeting, asked to be relieved of that duty.

After the meeting was declared officially opened, Mr. Graves again "popped up" and made the motion that the school nurse teacher position be reinstated. This amendment procedure was questioned by Chairman Allen, but, with no legal counsel present even though the School Attorney had been requested to be in attendance, the point of order could not be resolved properly and a vote by a show of hands was conducted that showed 160 in favor, against 15 not, and the rest of the crowd of over 300 not voting.

It was at this point where the viciousness of the assembly was clearly demonstrated when former principal Jim Kessler took to the floor to quote his version of the school law in reference to the amendment procedure and lashed out at Chairman Allen that "he had had trouble with him and had hated him over a period of twenty to twenty-five years", to which the Chairman merely responded: "Yes Jim, that's just about how long you have been around here".

Supervising Principal Curville Jordan was questioned about this amendment and said that 14 days notice must be given to put a separate issue on the ballot, since the voting is done by machine and emphasized that it was the Board's prerogative to create or do away with job positions.

This set off a new flurry of "guard house lawyers opinions" from the floor with interpretations flowing "like water" from many directions.

Again, Mr. Jordan tried to explain that the voters could adopt an advisory proposition concerning the nurse-teacher position but that there would be no legal ties on the Board as a separate monetary change would have to be made in the budget to fund the salary for this position and that it would then have to be presented at another district meeting.

Mr. James Mulholland finally directed the question to the School Board asking if they would seriously consider the proposition.

consideration and a recess was called to give the Board a chance to hold a short meeting to see if they could come up with an answer.

The recess turned into a rather extended one during which time several members in the audience came up in front of the gathering to express their feelings and sentiments and to take their "bow" to the crowd after they received their "ole's" from their supporters.

It was during this period that Mr. Kessler, who had been furnished housing by the School District for many, many years, prior to building his new home across from the School, took the floor again to "tell the people" that they had the right to insist that the Board put transportation, sports etc., back in the budget — as if an austerity budget was under discussion. A woman in the audience also posed a question which indicated that she was under the same impression so the Chairman informed her that an austerity budget was not up for discussion.

Finally, after a long executive session of the Board, Chairman Allen, with the approval of the audience, requested Rev. Milton Hurne to bring the Board back as the people had waited long enough



Mrs. Jeanne Hammond is a patient in Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester. Her address is: Strong Memorial Hospital, 5th Floor Room 1621, Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. Charlotte Kaple, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Thursday.

Charles Jennison, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Thursday.

Mrs. Robert Marsh, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Thursday.

Mrs. Rita Myers, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Monday.

Mrs. Clarence Halsey was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital, Monday.

Harold Huffcut, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Cleon Pease, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital has been discharged.

Kim Westbrook, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Tuesday.

David Warner, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Tuesday.

Upon the Board's return the report was given that they had not reached a decision so a motion to adjourn the meeting until June 21 was made by Ed VanStine and duly seconded. Chairman Allen then insisted that the voting be done by written ballot since this opinion had already been received from the Legal Counsel to the State Board of Regents located in Albany prior to the meeting, and a secret ballot is considered legal in an action such as this.

The Vote on this motion showed 168 in favor and 30 opposed which indicated that over 100 people had retired from the meeting or else refrained from voting.

As a result of the pressure tactics employed during the meeting and the untenable demands made on the School Board, Carl Atwell and Dale Green both resigned from the School Board effective May 25 1977.

In an interview with Mr. Atwell about the reason for his resignation, he made the following statement: "At the regular Annual Meeting, the budget was voted down by 19 votes. This meant that the budget was out of line and the Voters wanted a reduction."

We, the Board, decided to eliminate the Nurse-Teacher position. At the May 24th meeting, a large majority of the people present voiced their disapproval of this action. These same people that were in favor of retaining this position, were the same people present at the May 3rd meeting.

It becomes very difficult for me to interpret action of this type.

In the original budget, a position within the English Department was eliminated. And, as of yet, I have had no one even question this action. Yet, when the Nurse-Teacher position was eliminated, the reaction was overwhelming. Why was this action so different?

I can not bring myself to act on the Board of Education that is influenced by a small segment of the Faculty. My personal belief is that this is detrimental to the School District.

There should be a friendly attitude between the 2 groups — but a business type relation must also be kept. It seems very improbable to me that spouses or very close friends of faculty members can be open-minded when discussing negotiations, tenuous, or budgeting problems.

These are basically my reasons for resigning from the Andover School Board effective May 25 1977.

Carl Atwell,  
former Clerk

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## Fourth of July Annual Auction A Big Success

The Annual Fourth of July Auction held this past Sunday afternoon at the Andover Rod & Gun Club turned out to be a big success with a net profit of \$1,221.65.

Wes Cline, Auctioneer from Belmont did a fine job and the small crowd of about 50 persons that signed in were very co-operative. It was a beautiful day and the setting at the Rod & Gun Club was very nice and pleasantly cool in comparison with the heat in the Village.

The assistance of the Rod & Gun Club and the members that worked both at the Auction as well as the ones that helped in the collection of the items is greatly appreciated by the Parade Committee.

And, needless to say, all you fine people that donated items for the Auction are what made it all possible. In addition to this, we greatly appreciate the checks that were donated by several businesses and local citizens as there is no work involved to handle them, and they were not included in the Auction report.

As a point of interest for you ladies that donated baked goods these items brought in \$41.00 which certainly helped a lot.

## Village Board Holds Special Meeting

APRIL 18, 1977

A public hearing on the budget for 1977-78 was held in the Village Office Monday evening, April 18th at 7 P. M., for the purpose of hearing all questions, and discussing the budget. Those present: Ralph A. Allen, Mayor, Fred Middaugh, Karl Graves, Charles Dain and Ann Appier, Trustees. An estimated 60 interested residents were also in attendance.

The meeting was opened by Mayor Allen with the following statement: "This public hearing is for the purpose of hearing questions on the budget only".

Michael Smith asked about the contribution from electric to general. It was explained that this contribution will be decreased by \$1500 per year to the satisfaction of the Power Authority, State of N. Y. And \$3800 was cut from this year's budget to reduce the contribution by \$1500 from the current year's actual contribution. Mr. Smith also questioned the accounts for materials for electric & water.

Many questions were asked and protests registered concerning the deletion of \$3000 from the fire protection account, which the firemen had requested to build a new fire hall, as the application for Federal Funds is number 592 and chances are reported very small of getting funds for the building. It was pointed out that the fire company is an independent company, meaning that the Town and Village contract with the Fire Co. for protection.

A letter from Mike Smith was acknowledged by the Mayor and is attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. This letter concerns his views on the proposed fire hall.

Richard Schrader presented the Mayor with a petition of 253 names in support of raising the taxes for a new fire hall.

A question was raised about tax exemptions for voluntary firemen in the Village and how many are presently taking this exemption. The Clerk stated that at the present time no firemen were taking an exemption in the Village.

James Mulholland made a request that the money for the planning board be reinstated in the budget for the coming year. This will be considered. Bill Bruce and Mike Smith also supported this proposal.

This concluded the business and the hearing was adjourned at 9:10. Approved: JOAN C. DIBBLE, Clerk

## The Mayor's Column

By "Red" Allen

Last week we reported on our efforts to obtain partial funding for three local projects under the County C.E.T.A. Program and are very happy to report that we received informal notice Saturday evening that two of the 3 projects submitted had been approved by the County Board and will be sent to higher headquarters for final action.

These two projects are the one on Rochambeau Avenue where the drainage problem exists, and the second one is the installation of a 4-inch water line East on Greenwood Street to the Village limits. The drainage problem would be taken care of first, followed by the water line project.

The third project, the addition to the cement block sub-station to furnish housing for four of the Village Vehicles will be investigated by County authorities, and it is possible that this one could be taken care of also. However, a bating average of 2 out of 3 can't be considered too "shaggy" can it?

The thunder storm Monday evening created a problem for the electric department as lightning hit close enough to the Village Power Lines so that it burned out two fuses and tripped two relays on the transformer line feeding power to the residence of the Pitts family and Harry Joyce family on Chestnut Street.

The power outage wasn't reported to Village Board members until 9 p. m., with power restored about 11 p. m.

We appreciate the fact that some of our residents are patient people and don't like to bother Members of the Village Board but in the future, if there is a power failure for over a few minutes — please call your neighbors — and then some friends on the other side of town to see how the situation is there. Then call Charles Dain, Village Trustee in charge of the Electric Department — or any other member of the Board and we can get someone to work on it as soon as possible.

## Presbyterian Church Summer Hours

Andover Presbyterian Church will begin Summer Hours on June 5th.

Church Service at 10:00 A. M. Sunday School at 11:00 A. M.

## Attention Masons

The third degree will be conferred on two candidates in Andover Lodge No. 558 F&AM on Monday June 6th.

The First section of the degree will begin at 5:00, followed by a dinner in the Lodge dining room and the Second section.

All Brothers are invited to take part. This will be our last stated communication of the spring season.

## I.O.O. B. Roadrunners To Hold Open House Sunday, May 29

The I.O.O.B. Roadrunners will hold an Open House, Sunday, May 29, at the Legion Home at 2:00 p. m. till 4. A Smorgasbord will be served and Live Music for entertainment.

Come One — Come All!

## Named To Dean's List

Judy Bliss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bliss, has been named to the Dean's List at Mansfield State College for the Spring Semester with a 3.8 average. She is a Junior majoring in Special Education.

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Susan Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Church, has been named to both the Fall and Spring Semesters Dean's List at the University of Alabama. Miss Church attained a perfect 3.0 score during the Spring Semester.

## Memorial Day Plans Announced For May 30th

Residents of Andover are cordially invited to attend and participate in Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 30th, sponsored by Lynch-Burgess Post No. 397 of The American Legion Post Commander Frank McCormick announced today.

The parade, led by the Legion Color Guard and Firing Squad, will form on Main Street, in front of the Legion Building Monday Memorial Morning at 9:30 a. m. and will proceed to the Andover Central School at 9:45 where they will be joined by the Andover Central School Band and Students with Flags, and will move promptly from there at 10:00 a. m.

The parade will then move South on East Ave., to Center St., West on Center St. to Main Street, and then North on Main Street to Hillside Cemetery, where the following program will be held.

Introduction by Frank McCormick, Legion Commander  
Prayer, Robert A. Baker, Chaplain

"In Flanders Fields" by Anita Winslow

"Gettysburg Address" by Wm. Walker

Memorial Day Address by Rev. Francis J. Zmozynski.

Salute to the dead; Legion Firing Squad, followed by Taps

The procession will then re-turn and proceed South on Main Street to Greenwood St., and West on Greenwood St. to the Legion Park where the flag will be raised from half mast.

There will be a short program at the Legion Park and then the Color Guard, Legion Members, and Auxiliary Members will proceed to the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, where a short ceremony will be held.

In case of inclement weather, the program will be carried out in the Auditorium of the Andover Central School.

Commander McCormick extends an invitation to all local organizations to participate in this Memorial Day Observance and cars will be furnished for the Gold Star Mothers, Woman's Relief Corps, and Legion Auxiliary Members who wish to ride, with Fay Boyd and Robert Baker taking care of these arrangements.

All ex-servicemen are urged to come out and participate in the Memorial Observance. If the uniform doesn't fit — why not come out and march anyway.

The observance of Memorial Day is an American tradition which began during the Civil War. The first national observance was established in 1868 with an order issued by Gen. John A. Logan, Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, calling for commemorative rituals "to respect comrades who died in defense of their country".

For many years after the Civil War, the South and the North and the Confederate Veterans in the South took charge of Memorial Day rites in their respective communities. When these organizations became unable to carry on actively, these annual observances (which include the decoration of all known veterans grave sites), The American Legion pledged its help to preserve the tradition. Commander McCormick explained.

Although it has been an occasion to commemorate the dead of all wars, Memorial Day has since become a time for the decoration of graves of family and friends.

In urging the widest possible participation by Andover residents in this year's Memorial Day services, Commander McCormick referred to the following excerpt from General Logan's original order for the observance of Memorial Day.

"Let no avarice or neglect nor ravages of time testify to present or coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic".

Commander McCormick reminded that the observance of Memorial Day should begin with the display of the United States Flag by every home and business firm.