

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

Toll-Free Telephone Service is again being ordered by Public Service Commission for Iroquois customers in Greenwood and Jasper Exchanges. Two surveys are being made...

Jeff Hunt, Cindy York, Dylehe Laurie O'Brien, Eileen McCormick Joan Bennett and Brian Edwards were members of the graduating class at Alfred Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred...

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph White were in Nunda several days last week cutted there by the sudden death of their son-in-law William L. Kernahan, 59, Sunday. He was survived by his wife, Charlotte White...

The Sesqui-Centennial Committee had a float in the Memorial Day Parade made by Mrs. Dean Lamphier with an aid for the August activities made by Bill O'Hara...

The family of Mr. and Mrs. George Rollins honored them at a dinner at their home Sunday, May 29 to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. There were nineteen at the table...

Mr. and Mrs. Oriani Higgins returned from their winter home in Florida in April. Sunday, May 29 they had a family dinner of 20 to observe the birthday of her mother, Mrs. Howard Bryan...

Miss Acker spoke at Newfield last week and at Young Hickory Sunday night, June 5.

Principal Ed Husted of Troupsburg, speaker for the Decoration Day Program, said the Fourth of July is a day for rejoicing and Memorial Day one for memories. We have a good heritage and believe in individual rights...

A Little Miss Greenwood and her escort were also named for the Sesqui-Centennial events selected on the basis of penny votes in town stores and businesses. The winners announced Monday were Amy Jounsbury...

There was a cake decorating contest and bake sale with 20 entries which were sold after the judging by Valerie Peters and Jane Howard. Winners in order of place were Dianne McKenna...

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Spicer and Joel of Whitesville, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beach and Karlton of Horlev were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer.

Miss Mary O'Boyle and Raymond O'Boyle attended the football game in Wellsville, Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Ann Lynch of Genesee Normal, spent Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lynch.

The June Senior Citizens dinner meeting was held June 1 at Noon at the United Methodist Church. Hostesses were Rita Brown, Cora Heckman, Bernice Osmin and Grace Young...



50 YEARS AGO

December 31, 1926

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Mrs. Ina Richardson died Nov. 26 at her home in Port Allegany. She was the daughter of the late George and Elizabeth Burrett-Richardson, born Aug. 6, 1864. She is survived by an aunt, Mrs. Frank Coats and one cousin, Wallace Gleason of Andover. Burial was in Whitesville.

Leonard Ruscitti left Andover Sunday for Italy to bring his wife and twelve year old daughter Wanda and if possible his mother, back to Andover from Caserta and Campobessi.

The Parent-Teacher Association met at the High School Auditorium, Monday evening. At the business meeting Mrs. Edward Cable was elected President in place of Mrs. John Lever.

The following pupils have received their Preliminary Certificates earned in the June 1926 Regents Examinations: Harold Eby, Doris Church, Julia Joyce, Guy Nyc, Marguerite Perry, Mary Yeager, Mary Branch, Edward Crandall, Lloyd Gee, Gertrude Jackson, Loretta Lehman, Kathryn O'Donnell and Elwood Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Rice of Joinsburg, Pa., are parents of a son, Clarence Gerald, born at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocum.

Word has been received by Andover friends of the death of Mrs. Edward Farness of Salamanca. She was a former Andover resident.

The line conveying Andover's new electric power which runs over South Hill from Bolivar, is nearing completion. It crosses the farms of Al Wood, Gus and Edward Lynch, M. Dougherty, H. Clark M. Padden and Jim Dean.

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A large crowd attended the dance at the West Greenwood Grange Hall Thursday evening. The Pease Boys furnished the music.

Clare Jackson of Elm Valley is working in a Silk Mill at Olean.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lynch and family and Mr. and Mrs. James Gavin and son, Francis were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gavin on Pingry Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick of Greenwood, are parents of a son born November 25.

Gertrude Beebe of Genesee Normal, spent Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beebe.

Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough were Thanksgiving Day guests of their son, William and family of Belmont.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett and family were guests of relatives in Perry, Sunday and Monday.

E. J. Marsh and Miss Isabelle Loughhead of Eldred, Pa., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clair C.

ted the business meeting. A Senior Citizens honorary Belles Chapter is organized by Grace Young. There was talk about a trip in the summer. It was decided to have the regular meeting in July as it is too close to the holiday week end to go on a picnic. Mrs. Katherine Gamsby, Home Demonstration Agent from Bath, was present and spoke about food buying. She had pamphlets to give and to sell or order. She invited the ladies to a food preservation workshop Wednesday, June 15 from 9:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. at St. Joachims Parish Center in Canisteo on canning and freezing. The Senior Citizens were invited as guests to the Sports Banquet at Greenwood Central School Wednesday night and 25 attended.

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"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

Insuring Public Accountability By State Government

The size of state government and the scope of its activities has now grown so great that the average citizen tends to regard it not as a servant of his best interests but

Backus, Friday. Alvah Loughhead who had been visiting them for a week returned to Andover with them.

E. F. Stearns returned home from Buffalo Sunday where he had been in attendance at the Older Boys Conference at Elmwood Music Hall. Out of a delegation of 100 from Allegany County, 98 were present.

The Masonic and Eastern Star Fall will be held Tues. afternoon and evening, Dec. 14. Sale of fancy work, vegetables and candy will be held. Supper will be served at 5:30. Adults 50c, Children 35c.

Friday and Saturday Specials at B. C. Williams are: Pink Salmon 17c can, Fresh Cranberries 13c lb., 2 lbs. 25c; Woodruff Fancy, mild and old Cheese 35c lb., Bologna & Liverwurst 30c a lb.

40 YEARS AGO

December 4, 1936

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

The ladies of the S. D. Baptist Church will hold their Annual Needlework Sale and Dinner at the Church Parlor, Dec. 10th.

The Sale, with a fine assortment of aprons, and numerous articles of needlepoint suitable for Christmas gifts, will open at 2:30 p. m. At 5:30, a good roast beef dinner with trimmings for 35c will be served.

Ann Marie Conners, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent C. Conners of Utica, N. Y., was awarded honorable mention in the recent Children's National Photographic Contest. Little Ann has many friends in Andover, having spent part of the summers at the homes of her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Walsh and her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walsh.

Mrs. Gertrude McCormick, wife of James of the Andover Greenwood Road, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Logan in Hornell Dec. 1st, at the age of 86. She was born in Greenwood and is survived by her husband, five daughters, Mrs. Earl Logan of Hornell, Mrs. Regina McDonough of New York City, Mrs. Thomas O'Hagan of Bradford, Pa., Mrs. Earl Hyland and Mrs. Donald Smith of Andover, four sons, Charles of Rexville, Paul and Raymond of Andover and Merrill of Greenwood, and three brothers H. A., George, and Arthur York all of Greenwood. Burial was in Rexville.

Editor and Mrs. Claire Backus entertained at Thanksgiving Dinner the following: Mrs. Jennie Loughhead of Knoxville, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Symonds and daughter Gwendolyn of Woodhull, Mrs. Addie Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Backus.

his home in North Tonawanda Nov. 26. He is survived by three daughters, Misses Agnes and Rose M. Farley and Mrs. Fred J. Smith of North Tonawanda, two sons John E. and William of Camellus. Mr. Farley was a former resident of Andover and worked in the Cutlery Shop. Burial was in Portersville, Mr. Farley's birthplace.

Emmett Dawson of Depew passed Thanksgiving with his mother Mrs. Madge Dawson.

Jack Regan, Edward Brewster and Norbert Lynch of St. Bonaventure, passed Thanksgiving vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Regan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewster and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch.

Miss Mary O'Boyle returned to Medina, Sunday afternoon after passing her Thanksgiving vacation with her mother, Mrs. Mary O'Boyle.

John Lever has purchased of E. F. Stearns, his share in the livery barn near the Depo, and expects to tear it down and salvage the lumber.

The Young Women's Friendly Class of the M. E. Church sent over 40 boxes to the shut-ins Thanksgiving, which is very thoughtful and appreciated by those receiving them.

Mrs. Clara Howland entertained the Three Link Club at the IOOF

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as a distant, unfeeling entity, lacking in accountability and out of control. I am pleased to note that I and other Assembly Republicans are sponsoring four bills in a concerted attempt to reassert the citizen's right to know what government is doing, to insure government remains sensitive to the public and to stop it from doing what is not in the public interest.

Enactment of these four bills would control the runaway practice of issuing rules and regulations without any review by the people's elected representatives, and would permit citizens themselves to petition bureaucracies for changes in proposed rules and regulations before they took effect.

The legislation would give the Legislature authority to demand and obtain a specific answer to a specific question from any state agency or department and would provide for creation of a "sunset commission" to determine the scope and desirability of the activities engaged in by the various branches of state government.

In recent years, all of us as legislators have found that letters from our constituents contain a massive proportion of requests for information about rules and regulations emanating from state agencies and departments as well as numerous complaints about the inflexibility or inequity of these rules and regulations.

It is time that we confronted this problem head on and reasserted by legislation the right of the people to control the actions of state government. Arbitrary interpretations of statutory powers by appointed officials and, in some cases, the willful misinterpretation of legislative intent has created a bureaucracy largely indifferent to the public it was always intended to serve. The four bills we have introduced take a major step toward redressing the balance in favor of the citizen whose daily life is affected by the mounting flood of bureaucratic decisions flowing out of offices in Albany.

The four bills contained in the "public accountability" package, together with a summary of their key provisions are as follows:

- 1) The Regulatory Provision Bill requires that all bills authorizing the promulgation of rules and regulations by agencies include provisions for legislative notification and/or approval of such rules before they may take effect. 2) The Citizen's Petition Bill requires: - agencies to receive citizen petitions for rules changes and to act upon them within 90 days, - agencies to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the disposition of citizen petitions, and - that the Legislature be allowed to nullify any rule change resulting from a citizen petition if the change is found to contravene legislative intent. 3) The Resolution of Inquiry Bill - establishes the resolution of inquiry (a legislative oversight mechanism already used by the U. S. Congress) for New York State. The resolution must be in the form of a single interrogatory sentence addressing a single topic and must be directed to a single agency head. The recipient of a resolution of inquiry must respond, in writing, within 90 days or be held in contempt of the Legislature. 4) The "Sunset" Bill - establishes a sunset commission and requires it to submit a plan for a state sunset review process by April 15, 1979. It also requires the establishment of a Citizen's Advisory Committee and a Local Government Advisory Committee. The bill lists several criteria for inclusion in sunset review (specifically including mandate review) and provides for the termination of the sunset commission in 1982, unless the Legislature provides otherwise. The bill authorizes an appropriation of \$200,000 for the sunset commission.

Both state and federal governments in this country are supposed to operate under a system of checks and balances, but government has grown so large in New York State that there is little check on its activities and little balance between the rights of the citizen and the power of the bureaucracy. However, under the provisions of the four bill "bureaucratic accountability" package citizens of New York State and their elected representatives in the Legislature would be able to exercise far greater control over the activities of state agencies, and would gain the right to prompt response to inquiries on governmental rules and regulations.

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