

Mourning Dogs Badly Damage Local Herd

Monday morning, Louis Snyder, lifelong area farmer of Snyder Valley Road in the Town of Andover, discovered that 2 large dogs had attacked his herd of Holstein heifers and had mutilated or killed 8 of his herd of 12. Six of the animals were already dead or else so badly mangled that they had to be destroyed immediately under the direction of a N. Y. State Veterinarian that was called in, and the 2 that survive may not live.

Mr. Snyder reported to Dog Warden William Deming that when he made his daily check of his Holstein herd he discovered the carnage and found that the two large St. Bernard Dogs were still present on the scene. He then picked up a large stick and tried to drive them away from his tortured cattle with the result that one of the dogs sprang at him and in order to protect his own life fortunately was able to hit the dog between the eyes and partially stun it. However, this effort broke the stick that Mr. Snyder had wielded and by the time that he found another one suitable to defend himself with the dogs escaped.

In his distraught condition, Mr. Snyder set out to find the Andover Town Dog Warden and as chance would have it, stopped at Mr. Deming's home first. After relating the gruesome details, Mr. Snyder accompanied by Warden Deming returned to the scene of the attack where Mr. Deming took colored photos of the dead and dying, badly mutilated cows.

Warden Deming checked over the scene and then immediately called in the New York State Veterinarian for this area from the Ag. & Market Department so that a proper and authenticated report could be filed. And, it was under this Official's direction that two of the badly injured animals were put out of their misery.

Warden Deming then started out to investigate the possible ownership of dogs answering the eye witness description and discovered that the owner of 2 St. Bernard dogs in the Town of Greenwood was in search of his dogs who had broken their chain and had been missing for a couple of days.

Figuring that the dogs might return to the scene of their attack to attempt to kill the remaining cows in the herd, Warden Deming spent most of Monday night in Mr. Snyder's field on guard and after daylight checked with the owner of the dogs and discovered that they had returned home. He then brought Mr. Snyder back to the location where the dogs were confined where they were positively identified as the dogs involved in the killings. After the identification was made it was then determined that the dogs were owned by a Greenwood resident duly licensed in the Town of Greenwood and had received the necessary rabies shots so that there was no danger in this area.

In addition to calling in the State Veterinarian for the case Warden Deming also called in Richard Guerin, investigator for the Allegany County SPCA who assisted in part of the watch Monday night and helped determine that there was no danger from the threat of rabies.

Warden Deming was then present when the dogs were destroyed as they would have remained as a constant threat to both animals and humans once the lust of the hunt and warm blood has been sampled.

Dog Warden Deming also issued the statement that after viewing the carnage of this episode that he would no longer issue a warning support to the original budget that was voted down. Why then?

News That's Print To Fit SCHOOL MEETING

At the convening of the recessed School Meeting on Tuesday evening, June 21 at 7:30 p. m., the budget to be presented is the same one that was revised from the original budget presented that was voted down initially. This revised budget contains a full time Registered Nurse (R.N.) at a salary that was quoted by the Allegany County Civil Service Board as average for the County. This budget would only raise the Tax Rate \$1.85 per thousand assessed valuation.

This is the first item on the voting machine that will be voted on Wednesday, June 22nd and reads:

Budget Resolution: Resolved that the Board of Education of the Andover Central School District be and hereby is authorized to expend the sums set forth of \$1,030,637.77 and to accumulate a planned balance for July 1, 1978 of \$15,000.00. Total Authorized amount \$1,111,637.77.

A Yes vote approves this budget. A No vote rejects it.

If the position of Nurse-Teacher is added it will raise the Tax Rate an additional \$2.33 per thousand per assessed valuation. In other words it would cost the Taxpayers this additional amount for a health class that could be assigned to another teacher — at no extra cost to the Taxpayer.

This is the Board of Education Advisory Proposition No. 1 that will be on the voting machine and will read:

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

Resolved that the Board of Education of Andover Central School District add to the Central School District budget for the year 1977-78 the sum of \$12,541.26 for the purpose of reinstating the position of School Nurse Teacher, and the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefor.

A Yes vote would raise the Tax Rate an additional \$2.00 per thousand and assessed valuation. A No vote would not make this additional burden to the Taxpayer.

It was rather interesting to note at the recent School Board Meeting that some of the people that were so interested and adamant in seeing that "Roberts Rules of Order" were followed to a "T" and to their own interpretation — were the same ones that asked the current School Board to name a different Chairman for a recessed meeting.

As we recall, the normal procedure is to have the same Chairman continue Chairing the meeting unless that person resigns. Since Yours Truly would not quit — ~~three people demanded~~ that a new person be appointed. Why?

We have no "axe to grind", no personal or selfish motive, and do not have a child in school — and

Were they afraid that they would not be able to control the meeting to satisfy or serve their own interests?

Coming to dog owners when their owners were found in violation of the Quarantine Law now in effect in Allegany County, but instead will legally dispose of dogs caught running loose according to the law.

Warden Deming also issued a warning to the public not to go anywhere near a dog or any other animal that has just killed his prey unless the person is armed and ready to defend himself at a moments notice. He also stated that despite the fact that many people think that a St. Bernard is a very friendly animal, that actually they are reported by experts to be much more dangerous than a German Shepard or so called Police Dog.

The damage to the Holstein herd of Mr. Snyder was reported to be in excess of \$2,400.

The Mayor's Column

By "Red" Allen

This week, as the popular expression goes, we have some good news and some bad news so we'll start out and "tell it as it is".

Last Friday we received a phone call from Ken Roberts from Southern Tier West saying that Andover had received a Federal grant of up to \$131,000 and that the information and details would be explained Tuesday morning at the North Campus of Erie County Community College in Buffalo.

Thus, in order to find out what it was all about, we were at the designated spot at 10 a. m., when the presentation started. The grant was the result of the application turned in by the Town of Andover late last year for EDA funding for a Community Type Emergency Complex to include the Fire Department and Rescue Squad which would have been owned nominally by the Town. The grant was 100% fundable but due to funds available only covered about 1/2 of the project funds which had been applied for. However, Local Governments had several options that they could exercise. The first was to add the necessary funds to the grant received for the original application to be able to complete it; or, the scope of the project could be reduced to fit the funds available by submitting another application within 28 days. An other option that could be taken was that the grant could be endorsed to another applicant within the same Geographic limits such as a Village or School in the same Town, or, if the grant could not be used, EDA would then re-allocate it where ever they wanted to.

Now the bad news. Any project that had already been started was ineligible. Furthermore, specific rules state that any project has to be put up for public bids, and property has to be owned or under the direct control of the Local Government applicant. Thus, the Fire Hall that has already been started in Andover was out!

Now for the good news. With the provision that the grant could be endorsed over to another branch of Local Government water lines are eligible projects under EDA rules and regulation for this type of Federal grant. And, since Both Village & Town Planning Boards had come up with a No. 2 priority for a water line project in the Village, we were in the Ball Park.

Since the only existing 6" water line down from the Springs into the Village is estimated to be over 70 years old and the demand for more water has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years with the advent of electric and automatic washing machines, dish washers and modern plumbing facilities as well as additional housing, it seemed apparent that this was the proper starting point.

Village Officials immediately studied this project and were told by the same Engineering Firm that was used for the successful application that was accepted, that they felt this project could be developed and the application submitted within the deadline of 28 days.

We then checked with Supervisor Howard Burdick and were told that if we could meet the deadline for the water project that they would endorse this grant for this purpose — and to go ahead and get started — like now. And, that's where we stand today. We have started the wheels of progress — and realize that we are going to need the co-operation of everyone who will come in contact with any phase of the project.

How about it? Are you going to help us see that this money stays in Andover to help the economy of our local area?

Local Firemen "Blow" Grant For New Fire Hall

In their impatience to get a new Fire Hall and their utter disregard of Village Officials who had asked that they wait until their application to the EDA for Federal Funding was acted upon under the new Public Works Act, the local Andover Fire Department "blew" a grant of up to \$131,000 which would have provided 100% funding of an emergency complex here in Andover.

Tuesday morning, June 14, 1977 the EDA announced publicly the results of the latest round of grants at a meeting held at the North Campus of Erie County Community College in Buffalo and explained the options and guide lines under the Act.

EDA Officials explained that the selection for first round of funding had been made in a sort of a lottery fashion with information being fed into a computer and the winners selected by chance.

In this recent round of funding there were 2 elements taken into consideration, 65% was attributed to the number of persons unemployed in Geographic Areas, and 35% to the Unemployment Rate with areas over 6.5% unemployment given prime consideration. Eligible applicants were Local Governments (County, Town and Village and School Districts), with Cities considered in a special category.

The Geographic limits of Andover received the amount of \$131,000 for the Town of Andover application for a Community-Emergency Complex which would have included space for the Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

This \$131,000 grant was called a planning target, and while it only amounted to about half of what had been originally applied for by the Town of Andover had several options which they could select.

First, they could add enough money to the grant to fund the original plans and project.

Second, since the grant was 100% fundable, the scope of the original plans could be reduced to fit the available funds and a revised application turned in.

Another option was to endorse another applicant who could comply with the 28-day deadline for turning in an application in the same locality.

Lastly, if no application was forthcoming within 28 days the money would be taken over by the EDA who would then re-allocate it anywhere they wanted to.

Under the rules of the grant Andover was ineligible on 3 counts since it specifically stated: No projects already started will be funded; the property must be owned by the Local Government, and no projects have to be submitted in public bids.

In this case, the Fire Hall has already been started, the Town Board had already held a special meeting and turned over their 99 year lease on the property to the Firemen, and the project had not been put up for public bids.

This left the Town with the option of either trying to locate a site for a Community Building and resubmit plans to comply with the 28-day deadline, endorse the grant over to the Village for a project that they could qualify under — or else let the money go back to EDA.

In talking to Howard Burdick, Supervisor for the Town of Andover, on Wednesday morning, he said that 2 locations had been considered but it was felt that it would be impossible to acquire either site and have it ready for construction within the specified time limitation on the project. He stated however, that since both the Village and Town Planning Boards had established the Village water sup-

Cathy A. Callahan

Cathy A. Callahan, 24, of 394 Seneca Road, North Hornell, was dead on arrival at St. James Mercy Hospital, June 8, 1977, after the car in which she was riding struck a bridge on McHenry Valley Rd., Almond. Miss Callahan died of a fractured skull.

A native of Hornell, where she spent most of her life, she was associated with her mother in the Geri Callahan Dancing School. She was graduated from Hornell High and State University Agricultural and Tech College at Alfred. She had resided in Newport Beach, Calif., for a time.

Survivors included her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Callahan of N. Hornell; a brother, Daniel of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Catherine A. Lynch of Andover, and several Aunt and Uncles.

Mass of Christian Burial was June 11th at St. Ann's Church with burial in St. Ann's Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be made to Hornell Children's Public Library in her memory.

F. John Fisk

F. John Fisk of RD 1, Andover, died Friday, June 10, 1977 at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville after an illness of two years.

Born Oct. 7 1915, in the township of Allen, he was a son of Wilbur and Edna White Fisk. He had been a lifelong resident of Allegany County. On July 14 1941, he married the former Mary E. Lee, who survives.

Mr. Fisk was an employee of the Turbodyne Corp. of Wellsville for 10 years.

Surviving besides his widow, are two sisters, Mrs. Fern Bennett of Belfast and Mrs. Marjorie Arab of Encino, Calif.; a brother, Gerald L. Fisk of Belfast and a niece and a nephew.

Friends were received at the J. W. Embser Sons Funeral Home Inc., Wellsville, where funeral services were held Sunday, June 12 at 2 p. m. by the Rev. Dr. Randall Nelhoff, pastor of the Congregational Church of Wellsville officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Belfast.

As No. 2 on the project, but that they would be willing to cooperate and endorse the grant for this project if it was felt that the application deadline could be met. And, since Mayor Ralph Allen of the village had attended the meeting in Buffalo, and was aware of the situation, and had picked up an application blank, the possibilities of a new water line from the Springs all the way into the Village had already been discussed.

According to Mayor Allen an ample supply of good, pure drinking water is one of the major assets of the Village of Andover along with reasonable electric rates, and he

states that he feels it is imperative that the water system be improved and updated at every opportunity. He said that he felt that this was a "golden opportunity" to save local Taxpayers a large sum of money in updating the water system with a new 6" water line from the Springs and was very appreciative of the Town's co-operation in the matter. And, after consulting several Officials from the Village of Wellsville and the Consulting Firm from Wellsville that had submitted the successful application for the Town originally, it is felt by Village Officials that the deadline for the application can be met successfully if full co-operation can be received from the necessary agencies and persons involved.

It is also felt by Local Officials that a project of this scope amounting to approximately \$131,000 is bound to improve the economy in the immediate area as local firms will be able to bid on the project.

A.C.S. Budget Hearing Tuesday, June 21 -- 7:30 p. m.

Voting: Wednesday, June 22 -- Noon to 8:00 p. m.