One Hundred Thirty-Ninth Condensed Quarterly Report

ANDOVER STATE BANK

ANDOVER, N. Y.

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NEW YORK STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT

DECEMBER 31, 1928

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	$270,950.57	Capital Stock	$ 25,000.00
Bonds	90,020.45	Surplus Fund and Undivided Profits	77,094.86
Real Estate Mortgages	44,151.98	Deposits	360,840.58
Overdrafts	107.95	Unearned Discounts	2,000.00
Real Estate	2,500.00	Reserved for Taxes and Interest	7,439.55
Accrued Interest	5,306.23		
Cash and Due from Banks	59,337.81		
	$472,374.99		$472,374.99

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PERSONALS

—Miss Lillian Holmes is a Hornell visitor today.

—Mrs. H. S. Thorne was in Wellsville on business, Wednesday.

—Mrs. Ellen Casey was the guest of her daughter in Wellsville, Tuesday.

—Miss Edith Gee and Roland Latern motored to Wellsville, Sunday evening.

—Mrs. Henry Carr and son, George were in Hornell on business Saturday.

—Mrs. Walter Dynes is passing this week with relatives and friends in Buffalo.

—Frank Holmes visited his father, George Holmes, in West Clarksville, Sunday.

—Miss Margaret Holmes is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Atherton of Nile.

—Mrs. Neil Sinclair of New York is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder, this week.

—Supervisor F. S. Potter, E. C. Howland and Ames Rogers were business visitors in Warsaw, Thursday.

—Miss Agnes Fisher of Wales spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Grace Fisher and other Andover relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. O'Connell were in Buffalo, Saturday, in attendance at the auto show.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kilbane were guests at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. O'Leary at Wellsville, Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Henning and two children, Bruce and Louis, of Cuba, passed Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett.

—Mrs. George Wereley was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Snyder at Canisteo, from Monday until Thursday evening.

—Misses Mary J. Shapland and Isabelle Loughhead motored over from Eldred, Pa., Sunday, dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claire C. Backus and calling on Andover friends.

—Frank Graves was a business visitor in Rochester, Tuesday.

—Mrs. Charles Parsons was a business visitor in Hornell, Monday.

—Mrs. M. A. Fowler returned Friday night, from a week's visit in Buffalo.

—Mrs. William Reed of Canisteo was calling on Andover friends, Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Atwood are passing the week in Boston and New York City.

—Ed. Brown was in Wellsville, Tuesday in consultation with Dr McCarthy.

—Mrs. David Slocum visited her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Bohne at Wellsville, Friday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Atherton of Nile.

—Miss Kathryn Doran was up from Canisteo to pass the week-end with her sister, Miss Mamie Doran.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hammond passed Monday evening and Tuesday guests of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. VanWie at Painted Post.

—Mrs. Raymond Smith of Altoona, Pa., was called to Andover, Sunday by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Owen.

—Mrs. Mary Bunk, Miss Vivian Vanderhoof and Fred Brown were Sunday guests of Mrs. Otis Vanderhoof at Greenwood.

—Miss Anna O'Leary was in Wellsville, Monday evening, calling on Mrs. Howard Dean and babe at the Tuller Maternity hospital.

—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilcox and two children, Richard and Virginia, were Saturday evening callers at the home of Henry Bennett.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hawkes of Genesee, Pa., are visiting their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mead of Rochambeau avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Theetge were down from Buffalo to pass the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Theetge and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers.

—Heman Scott and daughter, Miss Drexa Scott and Mrs. Frank Ingraham were in attendance at the funeral of Mr. Scott's brother at Elm Valley, Sunday.

—Mrs. J. D. Cheesman and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brainard of Hornell were called to Belfast last week Thursday, to attend the funeral of their uncle, O. L. Brainard.

—Mrs. Clara Howland, Mrs. W. N. Rice, Mrs. Vinnie Vickers and Mrs. Clara Childs attended the Rebekah Past Grands meeting and dinner at Belmont last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. John French and children of Purdy Creek and Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson of Hornell were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kaple.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. George Blank, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammond and Mrs. Ida Hammond were in Hornell, Saturday evening, to attend the show.

—Mrs. A. O. Kemp and Marion, in company with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Weber and Mrs. Alice Swarts of Hornell, attended the funeral of their uncle, Frank Kendall of Altay, N. Y., last Friday.

—Judge Guy O. Hinman of Angelica was a pleasant caller at the News office Thursday afternoon, and we learn that his appointment as Judge and Surrogate was confirmed by the Senate, Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gallagher of Black Creek, James Baker, Mr. Higgins and sisters of Wellsville were among those in attendance at the card party held at the Blessed Sacrament church house, Friday evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. Hammond of Odebolt, Iowa, motored to Andover last week Friday, where they were guests of his mother, Mrs. Ida Hammond and other Andover relatives, returning Thursday. W. P. Adams, the owner of the Adams ranch where Mr. Hammond is employed, was one of the passengers rescued from the wrecked Vestris.

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MAPLES YIELD WOOD AS WELL AS SWEETS

Sugar Bush May be a Profitable Source of Timber as Well as Dressing for Buckwheats.

As much as sixty dollars an acre may be gained from improvement cuttings in the sugar-bush, not counting the increased sap-flow, according to Professor J. A. Cope of the forestry department at Cornell University.

This was proved last week on the farm of Charles B. Clarke, at Deer River, Lewis county, New York, where there is a 12-acre sugar bush which contains many veteran maples over an undergrowth of smaller trees, ranging from three to eleven inches in diameter. Mr. Clark has kept the sugar-bush in a healthy condition by carefully removing all dead and dying trees each year, but the live trees have not been touched. As a result the trees are crowded with no chance for the rapid crown development necessary in a good sugar tree.

With the owner's consent, a quarter acre lot in the sugar-bush was marked; of the 93 trees on the plot, 41 were selected to come out. This was more than 40 per cent., by number, of the trees on the plot, but the volume of the cut trees was only a little more than 30 per cent. of the total stand.

The 52 trees left on the quarter-acre now have a chance to develop their crowns more rapidly, and Mr. Clark profited at the rate of $60 to the acre, above all costs, from the wood that was taken out.

LOCUST WILL PRODUCE 1,000 POSTS AN ACRE

On Good Sweet Soil Tree Furnishes Best Fence Material—Larch Good on Sour Land.

A thousand durable fence posts in twenty years may be expected from an acre set out to black locust, provided that acre is on a non-acid soil.

Grant Halsey of Tompkins county, New York, has a locust plantation on a steep slope underlaid by limestone. Many of the trees will yield from four to seven posts. That means about 30 feet of clean length to a four-inch top; it shows what black locust can do on a good site. The diminished supply of chestnut, which for so many generations supplied most of the posts needs of New York farmers, makes it clear that thought must be given to a post tree to take its place. Locust seems best because of its rapid growth and because of the durability of the wood in contact with the soil.

One year seedling stock, suitable for planting, may be obtained from the New York State Conservation Department at the rate of $2 a thousand trees; a thousand will set about an acre if spaced six feet apart. It is best to plow the land where the locusts are to be planted, and to cultivate it for the first two years of growth. After that the locust will take care of itself, except for a little winter pruning to keep it from branching or forking too low.

In well-drained acid soils, European larch is to be preferred to the locust as a post tree, says Professor J. A. Cope of the forestry department at Cornell University. Larch is a rapid grower and has no tendency to fork. Two year old seedlings may be had from the conservation commission for the same price as the locust.

The publications office at the state college issued last year a total of 1,275,982 bulletins. Most of these went to farmers and home-makers who requested them. You may obtain a list of these publications by writing to the publications office, college of agriculture, Ithaca, N. Y., and asking for bulletin E47.

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ANDOVER NEWS

FEBRUARY MATH XXVIII. DAYS

The name is derived from a Sabine word meaning "purification" and the Birthstone is the Amethyst.

FEBRUARY 1, 1929.
Sun rises 7:26 a. m. Sets 5:32 p. m.
Day's length 10 hours, 6 minutes
Moon rises 12:18 a. m.

A PROGRESSIVE FAMILY NEWSPAPER, FOR ALLEGANY COUNTY PEOPLE. IN POLITICS INDEPENDENT BUT NEVER NEUTRAL.

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PERKINS IS POTATO RAISING LEADER

Wins State Prizes as Well as Carrying Off Town and County Awards For Splendid Potatoes.

Victor B. Perkins, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Burrett Perkins of Voorhees Hill, may well be classed as the champion potato raiser of the State of New York, having won leading prizes consistently each year since 1925.

Mr. Perkins' achievements for the year of 1928, consists of winning the first prize of the Wellsville 4-H Potato Club, sponsored by the Wellsville Rotary Club, the prize being awarded on Jan. 12, 1929. He secured second prize for his exhibit at the New York School of Agriculture, at Alfred, and has just received notice that he has been awarded two first prizes for his exhibit at the New York State Vegetable Show, held at Utica, N. Y., on Jan. 22-23, 1929, and which was open to all New York State growers, Mr. Perkins' awards being first prize in the adult class, for the growing of smooth rurals, and also first sweepstake prize in the adult class smooth rurals.

Past achievements in potato growing accomplished by Mr. Perkins are: 1925—First prize for exhibit at the Hornell fair. 1926—Second place at the Erie Railroad Potato Show, Wellsville, Nov. 17, and first prize and individual grand champion sweepstake gold medal at the New York State Vegetable and Potato Show held in Buffalo on Jan. 18 and 20, giving him the championship of the state. In 1927, he won second prize with the potatoes he exhibited on the Erie Potato train at Wellsville, and also honorable mention at the sweepstake show held at the Alfred State School of Agriculture.

NOW BEHOLD THE LOWLY CORNSTALK

Making Paper From the Cornstalks Would be a Farm Relief Measure That Would Relieve.

Many and varied are the solutions which have been offered for farm relief. There is quite a spread between the ideas advanced in the McNary-Haugen bill on the one hand and Henry Ford's suggestion that a farmer supplement his earnings on the farm by factory employment during his off seasons.

There are many who think that the only adequate solution of the farm question is the development of uses for the by-products of the farm. As everyone who is engaged in industry or merchandising knows, the competition of today has forced the business man, if he would "get by" to wring profits from operations and items which even ten years ago were regarded as insignificant.

In regard to the utilization of farm by-products, a development of great significance is the conversion of corn stalks into cellulose.

It is not only of tremendous significance to the farmer but to all cellulose industries, such as paper, rayon, etc.

The United States produces around 150,000,000 tons of corn stalks a year. It is estimated that not more than one third are put to any useful purpose.

Due to the advance of the European corn-borer, in many districts, the farmer is compelled to destroy his corn stalks, which entails an expense estimated at about three dollars an acre.

It is estimated that cornstalks contain between 35 and 40 per cent. of extractable cellulose. This cellulose can be extracted at much lower cost than equivalent grades from wood and can be produced in practically unlimited quantities.

It is estimated that a mill producing 25 tons of cellulose per day can run on the cornstalks produced within ten miles of it. That, of course, applies to those districts which are highly productive of corn, such as the corn belt.

As the demand for the highly useful cellulose increases, perhaps our countryside will become dotted with these mills. The mills will have to come almost literally to our cornfields as the bulk of the cornstalks would probably make long freight hauls to the mills prohibitive.

We wonder if this does not hold considerable promise to the farmer both in the utilization of a by-product and of opportunity to supplement his earnings on the farm by factory work in idle time, as per Henry Ford's suggestion.

Mrs. Hetta J. Smith

Mrs. Hetta Smith, widow of the late Orange Smith of Andover, was born October 25th, 1845, in the town of Greece, N. Y., daughter of Harvey and Nancy Covill Hincher, and passed to the beyond Tuesday, January 22nd, 1929, at the home of her son, Harry G. Smith and wife on Elm street, this village.

May 24, 1870 Miss Hincher was united in marriage to Orange Smith whose death occurred Sept. 29th, 1922. To them were born three children, Harry G. Smith, Mrs. Jennie E. Williams of Andover and A. Eugene Smith of Olean, N. Y., who survive. Also one brother, A. A. Hincher of Elm Valley.

Mrs. Smith was among our oldest residents, having lived in Andover since two years of age. Devoted to her family and friends. Of a most pleasant and kindly personality; interested in all that concerned the community, she will be greatly missed. For several years Mrs. Smith has been in failing health but her last illness was of a weeks' duration.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Walter Dynes of the Methodist church, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 24th, at the home of her son. Burial was in the family plot in Hillside cemetery.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR ODD FELLOWS

Wellsville Lodge Makes Settlement With Trust Co., and Now Have Chance to Pay for Home.

(From the Wellsville Reporter)

When Wellsville Lodge No. 295, I.O.O.F., a few years ago, thru a committee appointed by the Lodge membership, purchased the house and lot of the late C. A. Farnum on West Genesee street, where now is located the I.O.O.F. Temple, a considerable debt in dollars and cents was assumed by the Lodge, or its building committee. The debt was greatly augmented in rebuilding the Farnum home, enlarging the building, improving the property with up o date plumbing, adding the latest and most desirable system of heating, electric lights and power, the provision of a large stage together with drop curtain, shifting wings and scenery and making it a place suitable for public entertainments, large gatherings, etc.

The First Trust Company of Wellsville loaned the lodge an amount thought sufficient to pay for the property improvements, taking a mortgage on same for the bank's security.

The income derived from the property was not sufficient to pay taxes, insurance and operating expenses and meet the obligations due the First Trust Co., when payments came due.

It looked at one time quite likely that the Lodge property would have to be given to satisfy the claims against it, and all the hard labor and high hopes of the local Odd Fellows for a home of their own would have to be sacrificed.

However, as the old saying is, "there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," and today the sun is shining brighter for Wellsville Odd Fellows than it has in many months.

The trustees of the lodge, Frank E. Lunn, Charles H. Smith, W. E. Corbin, have completed a settlement with the First Trust Co., for the company's claim. The First Trust Company settled for $11,500, accepting a note for same, dated Jan. 1, 1929, and made payable July 1, 1929, note secured by mortgage on the I.O.O.F. property.

The trustees now plan to raise the required amount of their obligation by the issue and sale of bonds, which will be printed and offered for sale soon.

That the bonds will have a ready and quick sale there is no doubt. They will be as safe an investment as the wisest expert in securities could recommend. There is no claim against the property outside the mortgage of the First Trust Co., $11,500, and this will be wiped out by the bond issue sale. The bonds will draw six per cent. interest, and will be in amounts that can be handled by any person having a steady salary and a desire to save.

When the bonds are ready for sale Wellsville Lodge No. 295 will give due notice thru the local press.

The following letter, dated Jan. 24, 1929, shows the settlement of the old claim against the lodge:

Jan. 24, 1929.

Trustees I.O.O.F. Lodge,
Wellsville, N. Y.,
Gentlemen:

The claim of the First Trust Company of Wellsville, N. Y., against your Lodge has been amicably adjusted and the terms of settlement were satisfactory to this company.

Yours respectfully,
George B. Rooth, Jr., President.

WINTER FISHING IS PROHIBITED

State Department Prohibits All Kinds of Winter Fishing in Lamoka, Waneta and Loon Lakes.

The attention of the News has been called to a recent ruling of the State Fish and Game Conservation Department, which prohibits the taking of any species of fish thru the ice from the waters of Lakes Lamoka, Waneta and Loon. Altho this is a keen disappointment to a number of winter fishermen, it is a wonderful step in the conservation of fish life in these waters as it is conceeded that a greater number and also larger fish have been taken by tip-up fishermen from these lakes in the winter than are caught by the vast number of sportsmen who fish there waters during the summer months. The obvious cause of which is the lack of food during the montns that the lakes are frozen over.

The following is a part of the Conservation Department's recent ruling:

"We beg to advise that pursuant to an order granted by this department, giving additional protection to fish in the waters of Lake Lamoka and Lake Waneta in Schuyler and Steuben counties, it is unlawful to take an specie of fish thru the ice from these waters. It is also unlawful to take yellow perch from these waters less than six inches in length, and a person may take not to exceed 25 yellow perch in one day. This order became effective on the 17th day of December, 1928, and is to run for an indefinite period.

"We also advise that this department has granted additional protection to fish in Loon Lake, Steuben county, by prohibiting the taking of any specie of fish from the waters of this lake between November 1st and April 20th. Therefore, it is only lawful to take fish in these waters from May 1st to October 31st.

ALEXANDER MacDONALD,
Commissioner"

Mrs. Jennie Owen

After a short illness of a few days, Mrs. Jennie Owen passed away Tuesday evening, Jan. 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy S. Wood.

Mrs. Jennie Gilmore Owen was born in the town of York, N. Y., on July 26, 1848. On March 22, 1877, she was united in marriage with James Owen, who died here several years ago. Mrs. Owen lived in Andover more than 43 years, and was a woman held in the highest esteem by all.

Mrs. Owen is survived by an only daughter, Mrs. E. Raymond Smith of Altoona, Pa., one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hutton of Linwood, N. Y., and two brothers, William Gilmore of Arkansas and James Gilmore of Jackson, Mich. She also leaves four grand children.

Deceased was one of the oldest members of the First Presbyterian church of Andover. At the time of her death she was president of the Ladies' Aid Society and an active member of the Missionary Circle, but not alone to these societies were her labors expended. She was most intensely interested in all of the activities of the church and in the past years had become known as the "mother of the Andover Presbyterian church."

A woman of unusual character, of broad sympathy. She was in all ways a community woman, ready to lend a helping hand in time of need, whose loss will be felt deeply thruout our village.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at her late residence on Elm street, Rev. Charles Parsons, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating.

Interment was in the family plot in Hillside cemetery.

Observe Brothers' Night

Andover Rebekah Lodge entertained their brother Odd Fellows at a 7 o'clock dinner Wednesday evening, followed by a short program. Recitations were given by Mrs. W. N. Rice and Marian Swarts; violin solo, Oliver Kemp, Miss Virginia Millspaugh accompanist; vocal duet Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy. Charades and "A Colored Wedding" in which the characters were taken by Mrs. W. N. Rice, Mrs. Earl Howland and Mrs. Lyle Mulconery and "Mickey" was very aptly carried out and produced much mirth.

January Birthday Party

Members of Edward Seaman Relief Corps enjoyed a social evening with music and guessing contests at Legion Hall, Saturday night. A fine supper was served by the committee in charge. The long table was attractive with pink and white candles and decorations. There were five honor guests for the month of January.

TELLS MEANING OF 4-H CLUBS

The Middletown Times-Herald Interprets Ideals and Significance of Junior Extension Work.

Motorists along state highways sometimes inquire as to the meaning of a door-yard sign bearing a green four-leaf clover with the letter H on each leaf. Other persons who read about 4-H Clubs wonder what they are and what the sign means.

The Middletown Times-Herald has recently given one of the best statements about the significance of the 4-H Clubs, the initials of which stand for head, heart, hands and health. Under an editorial "Commanders of the Future," the Times-Herald recently said: "Nobody who had any contact at all with the gathering here Saturday of the 4-H Clubs could have failed to draw the conclusion that this organization is one of vast significance and that the community establishing the closest, most sympathetic relations with it is foresighted and very fortunate indeed.

"These young folk, bright, energetic yet self-controlled, fun-loving but orderly and with a surprisingly mature perception of what they are about, are, as a Times-Herald headline put it, making a new race of farmers. They are the hope of the rural regions.

"On the basis of our own brief observation of them and the work they do, we venture the statement that they represent a movement of even greater potentiality than the boy and girl scouts.

"Sometimes the lines of Goldsmith recur:

'Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay.'

But as we look upon these young people, that thought fades.

"Our unparalleled prosperity is a threat. The growth of cities disturbs the student of economics and the philosopher interested in the causes that underlie the rise and fall of nations. This country is passing under somewhat sinister signs. President Coolidge has remarked it. The fact is obvious to many another citizen.

"But here, it may be said, is a factor competent to counteract deleterious tendencies. Under our eyes is developing a force capable of producing, out of the overwhelming energies of youth, those elements of character and intelligence necessary to enable the nation successfully to overcome the perils that beset it.

"These boys and girls are learning that the country is preferable to the city, the farmer more important to the nation than the man whose work bears no relation to the production of food, clothing and shelter. As they grow up these lessons will be applied. Transportation and the improvement of communication already have eliminated the isolation of rural life. In active education and marketing organization, farming can be made as remunerative as any other industry, and the city will draw no more people from the farms.

"The 4-H Clubs are demonstrating these facts to the citizens of the next generation. Therein lies their value. And their value to the communities which, like ours, bear a close relationship to the farm, is obvious. Middletown is well advised to establish now its status as the friend of folk who command the future. Gatherings such as that of Saturday should be periodically repeated."

Change in Firm

Mrs. M. A. Fowler sold her business Monday to P. K. Tuttle of Wellsville, who took immediate possession.

Mr. Tuttle will conduct the store as the Andover Variety Store. He is an experienced merchant, having conducted the "Fair Store" in Wellsville for some time and been in the business several years in other localities.

Mrs. Fowler expects to return in a few weeks to Buffalo to live with her daughter, Grace Fowler.

Valentine Social

The Rebekahs will hold a Valentine social next Wednesday evening, February 6th, at I. O. O. F. Hall. Come and enjoy the evening.

Tureen supper.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express to the people of Andover our appreciation of their kindness and friendly sympathy in the loss of our mother, Mrs. Jennie Owen. Such cordial friendliness will be long remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Raymond Smith.

Smith — Gibbs

The marriage of Miss Virginia Smith and Ronald Gibbs was solemnized at 4-o'clock Saturday afternoon, January 26th, 1929, at the home of Mrs. J. Allen Hovey, 4 Girard street, Rochester, N. Y.

At the strains of the wedding march, played by the bride's mother, Mrs. Harry Smith, the bride, gowned in flesh pink silk crepe, with arm boquet of pink rosebuds and lilly of valley, entered the parlor on the arm of her father, where, in front of the fireplace, which was banked with palms, they were met by the bridegroom and best man and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Doctor Laird of Rochester.

Miss Mariel Smith attended her sister as maid of honor, and France Del Fabio the groom as best man.

An informal luncheon was served immediately after the wedding ceremony and the happy couple will receive their friends at 4 Girard street after February 1st.

The groom is a former Andover boy and graduate of Andover High School. The News joins in congratulations and kindest of wishes for the future to Mr. Gibbs and his wife.

STATE ASSOCIATION FAVORS GAS TAX

But Wants State to Spend It All For Good Roads, Taking Over All County Roads.

That the New York State Automobile Association and its 90,000 members will oppose efforts being made in legislative circles to shift the tax burdens of different classes of tax payers to the motorists but, at the same time, are willing to give the state more money to spend solely on highways, became known following a directors' meeting in Albany Jan. 28th.

President John H. Wright of the State Association announced that his organization would not oppose a gas tax of not to exceed three cents per gallon, provided that present registration fees be reduced to a flat fee of $5.00 per car, but that all revenues derived from the motorists must be spent by the state and not divided up among the various counties.

This is quite a different attitude from that taken by the State Association in previous years, the former demands of the motorists being for a reduction to a flat fee of $3.00 and a gasoline tax of two cents.

It is pointed out that if this plan is adopted, the state would have several million more than at present for improving the highway system. A $5.00 fee will raise approximately $10,000,000 a year and the Automobile Association estimates that a three-cent Gas Tax would return to the state $37,000,000, making a total of $47,000,000 as against slightly less than $35,000,000 taken from the motorists in 1928 by means of the present system.

This increase of $12,000,000 in the taxes paid by the motorists, would produce a tidy sum for future highway development.

The resolution adopted by the New York State Automobile Association follows:

RESOLVED, That the New York State Automobile Association unalterably opposes any attempt at additional burdens on the motorist for the benefit or relief of any other class or group.

RESOLVED, That the New York State Automobile Association favors the reduction of the present registration fee for automobiles to a sum not to exceed $5.00 per car and that in addition thereto a gasoline tax of not to exceed three cents be levied for the purpose of meeting the cost of construction and maintenance of the State Highways and bridges.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the New York State Automobile Association favor taking over by the State of the construction and maintenance of the present system of county highways and for this reason the state retain the 2½ per cent. now being paid to the counties and all of the proceeds of the gasoline tax for the purpose of such construction and maintenance, both of the present State and County Highway System and bridges.

Miss Hincher Injured

Andover friends learned with deep regret of the injury sustained last Friday by Miss Carolyn Hincher of Elmira, when she suffered a fractured hip and wrist in a fall on the floor of the Chemung Valley Loan Association building in that city. She was taken to St. Joseph's hospital. Miss Hincher was formerly a resident of this village, an alumnae and teacher for several years in Andover High School.

CHAIN NEWSPAPERS SEEN AS MENACE

Senator Harris Says Posibility of Coloring News Against Public Good Basis of His Bill.

William J. Harris (D), Senator from Georgia, has issued a statement giving his reasons for introduction of a bill proposing to deny second class mailing privileges to newspapers which shall hereafter be held in common ownership with any other newspaper.

"Almost every day we hear of newspapers being bought up by owners of a chain of newspapers," his statement said. "It does not require a great stretch of the imagination for one to realize how this condition of affairs can seriously jeopardize the public interest.

"Newspapers are mainly relied upon by the public for their information concerning the news of the world, and, in a large degree, newspapers lead and mold public sentiment on public questions.

"This being true, owners of newspapers with special interests to serve can, if they are so disposed, color their news and editorials in such manner as to mislead the public. Owners of great groups of newspapers, thru the influence achieved by these newspapers, are given undue power over public opinion and are in a position to seriously affect, if not altogether destroy, what was intended by our forefathers to be a democratic form of government.

"My bill does not undertake to interfere with newspapers already under common ownership, but its purpose is to discourage, and if possible, prevent a man or set of men from acquiring and controlling several newspapers."

DRIVERS DESIRE TO AVOID CITIES

The Tendency to Try to Dodge Crowded Centers Stirs Merchants to Facilitate Traffic.

Merchants and other business men are looking into the matter of the avoidance of cities by touring motorists.

The National Touring Board of the American Automobile Association sent out questions on the subject to thousands of motorists in various sections and out of every hundred who answered 71 per cent. declared that they preferred to avoid urban centers when possible.

The reasons given were as follows:

1—Reluctance to run the gantlet of city congestion.

2—Inadequate sign posting of thru streets.

3—Loss of valuable time.

4—Confusion regarding traffic regulations and consequent traffic hazards.

5—Lack of parking space.

Finds Remedy Possible

Thomas P. Henry, president of the national motoring body, asserted that while congestion is a deep-rooted national ailment, the basic trouble is unnecessarily aggravated by other traffic conditions which can be readily cured by the cities themselves.

"Why can't our large cities mark their main highways and their important turns leading to these? Failure to do this results in the visiting motorists often floundering helplessly thru the whirlpool of city traffic and serving to intensify the confusion and danger.

"Why need the visiting motorist continue to fear the traffic regulations of a strange city, now that every community in the land has before it a municipal traffic ordinance developed by nationally known experts after years of study?

Parking Could be Improved

"Parking space is everywhere at a premium. But here again is a problem that the adoption of the uniform municipal traffic ordinance would help. It is well worth the while of all cities to consider what can be done to provide parking space for the strangers within their gates.

"If the difficulties of transit were less, there is no doubt that the majority of motorists would prefer to see and often stop over in the cities on their route. They realize that in passing them by they miss much of interest and educational value.

"The longer the cities delay in eliminating as much as possible the difficulties that confront the visiting motorist, the more imperative will become the demand for belt lines around cities, against the establishment of which business interests have in many instances protested."