

Citizens National Bank Hold Annual Meeting

President Harold L. Bloss, in his report at the stockholder's annual meeting, stated that the year 1962 was eventful for the Citizens National Bank with the consolidation of the State Bank of Bolivar and the modernization program of the Wellsville office now nearly completed.

A substantial growth in all categories of the bank's operation was reported with an increase of \$3,100,000 in the bank's deposits to \$15,600,000, and an increase in Capital Funds to \$1,729,000 from \$1,406,000, with additional Capital Funds of \$268,000 represented by Valuation Reserves. He reminded the shareholders that at a recent meeting of the bank's Board of Directors, the Surplus Account of the bank was increased to \$1,000,000 which is included in the above Capital Fund Accounts. Net operating earnings of \$154,500 before income tax and transfers to Valuation Reserve, equaling \$5.77 per share of stock, was reported. Dividends totaling \$53,660 were paid on the capital stock of the bank during the year. The present book value of the \$25.00 par shares is now \$64.56, exclusive of Valuation Reserves, and \$72.33 including such Reserves.

A remodeling program instituted by the Board of Directors in 1960 for its various offices in the area was reviewed. Mr. Bloss reported that the program in the Whitesville office was completed in 1961 and the Andover office in the current year, providing those communities with modern banking offices. He also reported that the Wellsville office program was nearing completion and will provide greatly improved facilities to its customers consisting of an enlarged bank lobby and confidential executive offices. The new lobby, located on the Park Avenue entrance, will provide three additional teller stations together with complete facilities for full banking services. This area, as well as other portions of the bank, will be completely air conditioned. A new hydraulic passenger elevator provides access from all floor levels, including the Board of Directors room situated on the mezzanine level and the bookkeeping area on the third floor of the building.

The stockholders elected a slate of fifteen directors for the coming year consisting of:

- Harold L. Bloss, President
- John C. Bradley, Chairman of the Board, Bradley Producing Corp.
- John D. Bradley, Treasurer, The Bradley Producing Corp.
- Edwin F. Comstock, Physician and Surgeon
- Finla G. Crawford, Member New York State Power Authority
- Paul M. Davis, President, Davie's, Inc.
- Louis B. Dunn, Vice President
- C. Richard Fenner, Vice President
- George B. Harris, Jr., Attorney at Law and Bank Attorney
- George W. Holbrook, President, The Bradley Producing Corp.
- Ellis J. Hopkins, Attorney at Law and Chairman of the Board and General Counsel
- Edward K. Lebohnner, Treasurer
- William E. McArthur, President, Willets and Page Lumber
- Theodore M. McClure, Executive Vice President and Cashier
- James E. Scaris, Senior Vice President

At the directors' organizational meeting which followed the stockholders' meeting, the following officers and directors were elected:

- Ellis J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Board
- Harold L. Bloss, President
- Theodore M. McClure, Executive Vice President and Cashier
- James E. Scaris, Senior Vice

Library News

These books have been received by loan from the Southern Tier Library System and are ready for loaning by our patrons:

- "New Departure", Connor
- "The Delights of Detection", Barzua
- "Murder Bound", Anderson
- "Go Tell It On The Mountain", Baldwin
- "The Fall", Camus
- "Light A Single Candle", Butler
- "Atlantic Fury", Innes
- "Daughter of Silence", West
- "Raiders From The Rings", Nourse
- "Do Yourself A Favor, Kid", Stevenson
- "Ride The Brooding Winds", Duke
- "The Restless Land", Culp
- "All The Tea In China", Hopkins
- "Sinner's Parish", Temple
- "Last Hours of Sandra Lee", Sanson
- "Tenth Year of the Ship", Lewis
- "The Late Mrs. D.", Waugh
- "Promises in the Attic", Frier-mood
- "Mine To Hold", Thorne
- "New Horizons", Simpson

Rebekah Notice

The regular meeting of Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303 will be held Wednesday evening, January 16th.

- President: Paul E. Kilbane, Vice President and Trust Officer: Margaret E. Springer, Assitant Vice President: Richard C. Farnsworth, Assistant Vice President and Auditor: Clara L. Murphy, Assistant Cashier: Marion L. Johnson, Assistant Cashier: Victoria S. Browning, Assistant Cashier
- Andover Office: L. Reid Mattison, Assistant Vice President
- University Office: C. Richard Fenner, Vice President
- C. Charles Post, Assistant Vice President
- Whitesville Office: Robert E. Clark, Assistant Vice President: Marjorie Pritchard, Assistant Cashier
- Bolivar Office: Louis B. Dunn, Vice President: Bernice Hitchcock, Assistant Vice President: Stewart B. Irvin, Assistant Cashier

Andover Advisory Board

- Earl J. Allen, Everett N. Clair, Paul E. Kilbane, L. Reid Mattison, Raymond O. Snyder, Frank W. Burrows, Finla G. Crawford, Robert McArthur, Wendell Vars and Herald Ford

Alfred Advisory Board

- C. Richard Fenner, William B. Harrison, Edward K. Lebohnner, J. Nelson Norwood, C. W. Wightman, M. E. Kenyon, D. C. Peck, L. D. Sanford, C. Charles Post, Ray W. Wingate, and Roger Rawe

Whitesville Advisory Board

- Herman Burd, C. H. Chapin, Arling Cobb, D. C. Chapin, R. E. Clark, H. N. Richmond and George W. Probasco

Bolivar Advisory Board

- John C. Bradley, Frank Dougherty, Edward F. Mergler, John D. Bradley, Louis B. Dunn, Fred C. Shamer and Forrest J. Wilson
- George A. Willets, Jr., President of the State Bank of Belmont who presided as chairman of the stockholders' meeting, commented on the report as follows: "It always a pleasure to come here to the annual meeting as a shareholder and to review another year of accomplishment and progress. I believe that all of us are fortunate to have an investment in such a dynamic bank, and I know I speak for all the shareholders when I congratulate President Bloss, his officers, and the bank staff on the successful year just completed."

News That's Print To Fit

A nice warm sunny day like this almost gives a feller Spring fever—however, with reports of ice sliding off roofs and tearing down TV cables, the shower baths running in full force along the Main Street sidewalks, and the remains of last December's big snow storm—the slush and mud, dirty water and pot holes around on the side streets—Spring still seems a million miles away.

Then too the weather man won't even let us enjoy a full day of sunshine but starts predicting another storm for tomorrow. Oh well, that's one subject that has been roundly cursed and discussed without anyone finding a solution to it except to join the birds and fly South.

We understand that the firemen had a formally scheduled ladder practice last week with young Bill ending up with the outstanding serious performance and coming down with the prize. We don't know too much about the whole deal but sense a few stray remarks that might be termed "catty"—meow—maybe you can find out more than we could from Frank, Merle or Ken as they just weren't talking.

It was reported to us that there was a pile of ammunition next to the mill on Rochambeau Avenue so word was sent to the proper channels for a formal investigation. We don't know what the battle was going to be about or the participants but we do know it had all the earmarks of a real old fashioned snow ball fight in the making, as there were 8 to 10 well fashioned snow balls all piled up. However, sad to say, the warm sun destroyed most of the evidence before any results could be determined. By the way Mark, where did that little old dried up orange come from that was left reposing after the evidence melted and ran away? Do you suppose this entered into any battle plans?

We have heard of egg-heads, soft or tender eggs, but today we heard of a new one. This might be termed as an egg-tender and we are wondering what the prevailing wage scale would be if it was to be lumped together with a phone sitter. Would this be listed as a scrambled or omelet sitter. Say Charlie, could you enlighten us on this or does it just happen down in the Patch?

Speaking of Charlie reminds us that he reported a rather unique scene in this present day and age last Friday. Seems that there was a nicely outfitted team and sled out in back of Baker's Hardware but due to a previous engagement with the Oratorical Contest at the High School, photographic evidence of this event had to be postponed for a future date. According to one source of information the team belonged to Leo McAndrew but so far this hasn't been verified. Oh well, with more snow on the way we may still get a chance to take a picture of this scene for posterity.

We have seen a lot of activity across the street as the boys from the Andover Garage have been making countless trips between Mike's old auto store and their place of business. One of the boys, when questioned, remarked that he was beginning to feel like a packrat after making all of these trips. However, the only reason for all of the activity that we have been able to come up with to date is — that Cliff wants the store all cleaned out and emptied.

We understand that Wendell has had several offers of aid for taking inventory down cellar. What gives anyway?

Congratulations Jim!

Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M. Install Officers

At the regular communication of Andover Lodge No. 558, F. & A. M., held Monday evening January 7, the following Officers were installed for 1963 by Fay E. Boyd as installing officer and Everett N. Clair as Marshall.

- Freeman S. Dennison, Master
- Senior Warden, Glenn E. Bronson
- Junior Warden, George R. Hall
- Secretary, Lynn D. Trowbridge
- Treasurer, Edward L. Kent
- Chaplain, Marvin K. Derhammer
- Senior Deacon, James A. Gram
- Junior Deacon, Conner L. Stephens
- Sr. Master Ceremonies, Victor P. Carr
- Jr. Master Ceremonies, Charles S. Ruger
- Marshall, Roy Shutt
- Tiler, Maxon C. Shay
- Earl J. Allen, Trustee For Three Years

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Arthur Kemp was admitted to the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester Wednesday as a surgical patient. Her address is: Mrs. Louise Kemp, X-1 Room 106, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N. Y.

Philip Pelton was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital last Wednesday as a medical patient. Mrs. Arthur Mills, Sr., was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital last Wednesday as a surgical patient.

Mrs. Grace Burger, a surgical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to her home Tuesday.

Mrs. Richard Wittie, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to her home Monday.

Carlyle Carmody was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Wednesday for treatment and observation.

Mrs. Charles Slocum was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Wednesday as a medical patient.

Augustus Lynch was discharged Wednesday from the Jones Memorial Hospital where he was a medical patient.

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Paul R. Winchell has been promoted to Petty Officer Third Class and his address is:

- Paul R. Winchell CT3
- 2377527
- Box 50
- C/N C. PAC FLT
- c/o FPO
- San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. Robert Clarke of Fort Knox, Ky., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Clarke.

Annual Meeting Of Andover Free Library

The Annual Meeting of the Andover Free Library will be held at the Library Tuesday evening, January 15, 1962, at 8:00 o'clock. Annual reports will be given and such other business transacted as may come before the meeting.

IRENE LYNCH, Secretary

OES Notice

The regular meeting of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, OES, will be held at the Masonic Temple at 8:00 on Monday, January 14. Newly elected officers will be installed during this meeting.

To avoid shock when touching your car door handle in winter, touch it first with the ignition key. The spark will jump from key to handle but you won't feel it.

Lee Kessler Wins Local Oratorical Contest

Friday afternoon, January 4th, Lee Kessler, a member of the Junior Class, won first prize in the local American Legion Oratorical Contest held in the Andover Central School.

The Contest is sponsored every year by the American Legion to create interest and respect for the basic principles of our form of Government. This is part of the Legion's Americanism Program which is designed to combat Communism, so this Contest logically centers around the Constitution of the United States.

The five contestants had been selected by Mrs. Madeline Woodruff, English Teacher, as a result of their having the five highest marks for the best compositions in the English III Class on some form of the U. S. Constitution.

The orations were of approximately 10 to 12 minutes duration with the contestants drawing their speaking position from a hat just prior to the contest.

Then, to keep the contest absolutely fair, the speakers were not introduced until afterwards and no applause was given until after the winners were announced.

Also since several of the contestants had parents on the local School Faculty, fully qualified judges were selected from Alfred University and Ag-Tech who didn't know any of the participants.

The judges who served were: Fred Gertz, Registrar of Alfred University; Ronald Brown, Professor of Drama and Speech at Alfred University; and last but not least, Brian Gillispie, Director of Drama at Ag-Tech.

The judges unanimously selected contestant No. 2, Lee Kessler as winner; No. 5, Penny Hames, as second prize winner; No. 4, Conde Conde for third prize; Don Harvey for fourth prize; and No. 1, Danny Stackwick, was awarded fifth prize. Lee won \$10 for her speech entitled "The Constitution, A Temple of Liberty", with the other prizes consisting of \$5, \$3, \$2, and \$2.

"Red" Allen, local contest Chairman, introduced the program and announced the winners, with Craig Snyder, Allegany County Legion Commander awarding the prizes and explaining the contest while the judges were reaching their decision.

These students deserve a great deal of credit for we have found that it takes a minimum of one hour preparation for each minute a speaker talks besides the length of time needed to learn the speech, so they have earned a good round of applause from the public.

It is also refreshing in this modern age of hustle and bustle to meet three Educators who are specialist in their field that are willing to donate their time and energy to act as judges for a contest like this. All too often services like this go unnoticed in the news in lieu of something more lurid or sensational.

Mrs. Woodruff, English Teacher, should also be commended for all of the extra hours spent in helping the contestants rehearse their speeches as well as helping the winner prepare for the next contest.

This County Contest will be held Sunday, January 13, at the Wellsville Community Building at 2:00 p. m. with the Public invited.

Last year, Mary Ann McClure, the local winner, also won the County Contest and placed as one of the winners in the 8th District Contest. Thus, anyone interested in the abilities of the youth of today is invited to attend this contest and support Miss Kessler our local contestant.

Legion Notice

The regular meeting of the American Legion will be held Tuesday evening, January 15th at 8:30.