

A HEALTHY GREETING FOR '65 An Editorial

This is the FIRST WEEK in 1965—and how have we Taxpayers been greeted? Before the first week has passed we have been greeted by President Johnson's "State of the Union" Message outlining his program Starring an "Anti-Poverty" bill; Free Medicare Bill; More financial aid for the Farmers; plus many other ways to spend a great deal more Tax Dollars \$\$\$\$ — that are going to have to come out of our pockets!

In addition to this—Governor Rockefeller has also presented his plans for raising New York State Expenditures by Millions and Millions of Dollars \$\$\$\$—that are also going to have to come out of our own pockets in TAX BOOSTS!

OH, you heard these messages over TV — or read about them in the papers, and you don't think it is going to cost you any extra money to pay for these programs? You say they are going to be paid for by Federal and State Funds?

Let's break this Big Bubble with the sharpest and most powerful dart or arrow in the quiver — THE TRUTH! Any intelligent person—who can read and write—or else just plain listen, KNOWS, that the only income that all forms of Government has — COMES FROM ALL OF US TAXPAYERS either directly or indirectly! Surely you didn't think that it came from "Lend-Lease", or "Interest on the War Debt", or "Foreign Aid", or the "UN" — or any of the many, many, holes that good hard earned American Tax Dollars are poured into—so that the "Hate America" club can grow larger and larger?

At the rate that "Creeping Socialism" is progressing — it looks as if we residents in New York State may need to be the first ones to apply for "Anti-Poverty" assistance.

Does this sound far-fetched? Not if you accept the facts and figures recently released by the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey, a statewide taxpayer's organization.

This Organization states that "Residents of New York State have the highest per capita tax burden in the nation for the support of state and local government."

The per capita tax burden of \$327.42 for support of local and state government in New York during 1963 is nearly \$9.00 higher per capita than the 2nd place state, California, which had a per capita tax burden of \$318.98, and is more than twice as large as the per capita tax burden of taxpayers in Alabama, who have the lowest per capita tax burden in the nation — \$140.20.

The Survey explained that the tax burden is "all revenues collected by the state and local governments in the State from income, property, sales, gross receipts, corporations, etc., but does not include non-tax revenues such as departmental charges, fees, fines, rents, interest, trust revenues, liquor store revenues and utility revenues."

A per capita tax burden is obtained by dividing the total of all such tax revenues collected by the state and local governments, by the population of the State.

In 1962 New York taxpayers paid a per capita tax for state and local governments of \$309.05. The per capita state and local tax burden for residents of N. Y. State increased \$18 per capita in just one year.

The Survey study also noted "being first in this comparison is an expensive honor for New York State taxpayers." It reflects the growth of local and state government spending which causes the growth of taxes to meet that spending.

"The burden of taxation is already too heavy. Further increases now become oppressive".

THINK AND TALK TAXES, THE 1965 LEGISLATURE WILL! AND, IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT—CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSMEN AT BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS—TELL THEM TO CUT EXPENDITURES—NOW! BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

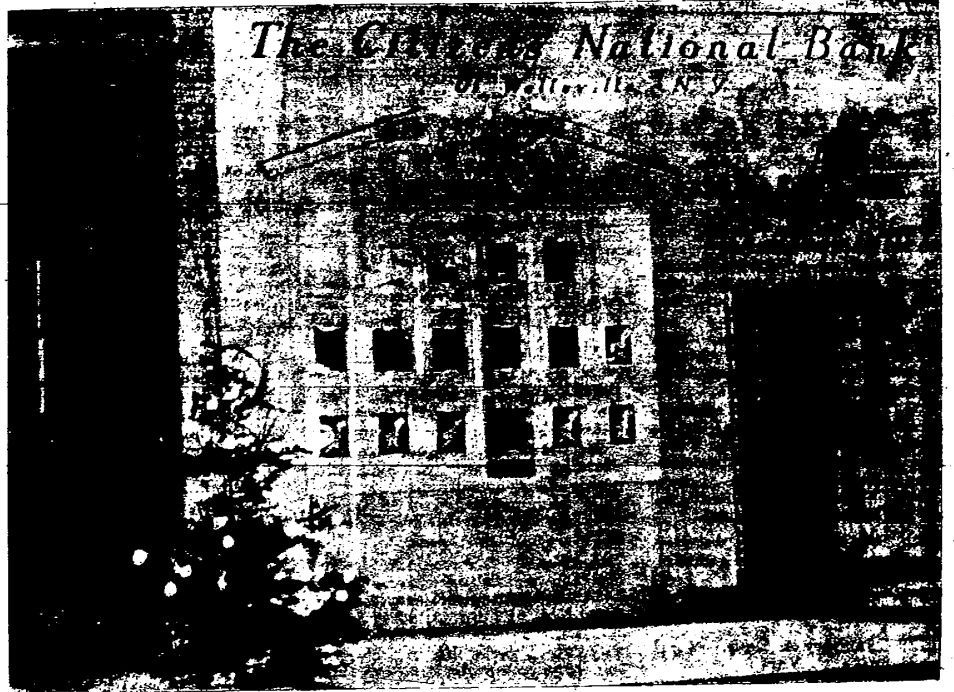
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An angle shot of the Christmas Decorations adorning the Andover Office of The Citizens National Bank which won a First Place tie for the Eighth Grade students of A.C.S. in the Chamber of Commerce Contest. Photo by Wittie



50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 1, 1915

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The newly elected officers of West Greenwood Grange include: R. E. Mead, Master; Floyd Pease, Overseer; and Leonard Dennis, Lecturer.

Mrs. Agnes Randall of Irvington, N. J., Miss Grace Randall of Cornell and Prof. W. H. Randall, Jr., of Staten Island, are passing the holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Randall.

Prof. Lou Bloss of Mexico is in town to pass the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bloss.

Clark Richardson of Galeton was a Saturday guest of his mother, Mrs. Estella Richardson.

Mrs. A. A. Porter of Olean and Miss Maude Lee of Dansville were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 2, 1925

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Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Rogers are the parents of a daughter, born December 23rd.

Real snappy winter weather—the mercury going down to 20 below Sunday.

E. C. Casey is spending the holidays with his brother at Rew City, Pa.

Howard Hann of Williamsport is passing the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hann.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers of Buffalo were New Year's guests of Andover relatives and friends.

Leonard Ruscitti left Tuesday for Haverstraw, N. J., where he is the guest of Archie Monte and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns went to Camp Shenawana Wednesday to assist Mr. and Mrs. Lester as host and hostess at the camp New Year's Open House.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1935

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Miss Anna M. Lynch and Clifford V. Howland were united in marriage Wednesday, December 26th.

Isabel E. Norton of Hornell and Lawrence Houghtaling of Andover were married December 25th.

Miss Fannie Spaulding, 78, died December 30th. Funeral services were held January 3rd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Earley.

New Cars - New Rules - New Night

At Olean Speedway

Many changes have been, are being, and will be made at Olean Speedway before its 1965 Racing Season gets underway. With one full season of racing experience under their belts, Speedway officials have completely revamped their entire specifications for next year.

No more "older cars" for them in the Modern Division—for that matter, no more "Modern Division". Strictly "New Cars" from here on-in will be viewed for the first time in the Olean area.

During previous years, New Car fans would have to travel all the way to Jamestown (Stateline Speedway) or Erie, Pa., (Erie Speedway) to see this type of racing which is quite a trip to say the least.

Now, however, Olean Speedway will have these 1965 Fords, Chevrolets, Plymouths, Dodges, etc., some of them right off of the Detroit Assembly Lines. This type of racing is second only to the NASCAR and other nationally sanctioned races held at such speedways as Daytona and Charlotte.

Before any of this was finalized to determine just what type of cars the local people (not the die-hard fans) would prefer to see running here in Olean five Speedway officials took a door-to-door survey spotted within the City Limits from every section of the City. Close to 500 people were interviewed with questions from a very simple questionnaire, and the officials were astounded at not only the number of racing fans they ran into, but the enthusiasm that accompanied the answers to the question, "would you like to see New Car Racing here at Olean?" Approximately 100 said that they were fans and had been to the Olean Speedway at least twice last season. They thought that the racing they had seen was all night, but nothing especially

John Lewis, Sr., suffered a fractured leg while working in the woods Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pingrey of Mechanicsville are visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Bertha Pingrey.

The Misses Elizabeth Fuller and Rose Dawson returned to Rider College Tuesday after passing the holidays with Andover relatives.

Miss Ruth Mingus of Bellevue Hospital in New York City, has returned to her duties after passing the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mingus.

Carroll L. Tucker of Rochester spent Christmas Day at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker.

spectacular, — it was "Stock Car Racing"—what they had gone to see and a good show, well run and exciting. These same people said they definitely did want to see New Cars in the area and would go out of their way to see them regularly; about 200 others said they weren't much interested in a regular "Stock Car Show" and hadn't been to the Olean Speedway at all last year; however, they too said they would have gone had there been New Car Racing, and will certainly go to the Olean Speedway next year for the New Car Racing; the remainder of 200 were mixed — mostly not caring one way or the other.

Upon reviewing the compiled results of this survey, which took almost two months to complete in these officials spare time, it was agreed that a change had to be made. Stateline's Racing Director, Leonard Briggs of Sugar Grove, Pa., was contacted and plans began to jell. Since the two established speedways already composing the Stateline Circuit, Stateline and Erie run Saturday and Sunday nights, respectively, Olean Speedway (the third member of this circuit) will be running Friday nights, the only week-end night still free. At first, Olean Speedway Officials were hesitant about running on Friday nights, but looking back at last year, when Olean Speedway was running in direct competition with not only Holland Speedway (another established track in the ERCA Circuit) but Stateline Speedway as well (and another not-to-be-forgotten Speedway—Mills), it was hard to get enough of the best cars to have a really good show, as all four tracks (including Olean) were within a 70-mile radius.

For 1965 though, there are no other tracks running on Friday nights as yet which means not only will all of the best cars be running at Olean Speedway, but being the first night of the week-end, all of the cars should be fresh and running well, as the owners will have had all week to repair them and put on the finishing touches for the next series of races on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

While all of this questioning of the general public went on, Speedway officials, beginning to see the "writing on the wall" also sent out a questionnaire to the other most important part of stock car racing—the owners and drivers. A lot of "out in the field contacts" were made with the drivers, and owners as well—all of this to see if they would build New Cars which cost a heck of a lot more money than a regular stock car—and as a result, fans are going to see a lot of new faces at the Olean Speedway as well as most of the familiar ones.

Almost all of the Stateline Circuit drivers will now be running at Olean Speedway including Fred

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