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## Andover, N. Y.

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This issue of the Andover News is devoted principally to the industrial interests of Andover, N. Y., and is issued under the auspices of the Andover Chamber of Commerce. Of necessity descriptive matter has to be curtailed and the stories brief as there is many subjects to be covered. While we give a little of the historic, it is not our purpose so much to dwell upon that phase of the subject as it is to tell the world what a live-wire little village Andover is, how it has grown and prospered in the years gone by and point out the opportunities for its future development and advancement.

Andover, N. Y., is situated in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, amid the green hills of Allegany County in the south-eastern portion of the county. It is 1700 feet above sea level, only four or five miles west of the highest point on the Erie railroad between New York and Chicago.

### The Town of Andover

The Town of Andover was formed from a portion of the Town of Independence, Jan. 21, 1824. During the same year a portion of it was feannexed to Independence, and a part of the Town of Wellsville was added Nov. 22, 1855.

The first settlement of the Town of Andover was made in 1796, at Elm Valley, by Stephen Cole. Daniel Cole, his son, who was born Feb. 18, 1797, was the first white child born in Allegany County.

The Town of Andover has an area of 23,756 acres. The soil is admirably adapted to stock raising and dairying and the principal agricultural industry has always been that of dairying, altho for the past twenty-five years potato culture has been a close second.

### The First Town Meeting

On page three of the first record book of the Town of Andover is the following entry:

"At a town meeting held at the house of Luther Strong, the second day of March, A. D. 1824, it being the first town meeting in the Town of Andover and appointed by the legislature of the state, (the town having been erected into a separate town by itself the present session of the legislature, by the name of Andover,) the following persons were elected town officials for the ensuing year:

"Supervisor, Thaddeus Baker; town clerk, Amherst Kingsbury; assessors, Caleb Kingsbury, Hazard P. Clark, and Luther Strong; highway commissioners, Joel Norton, Ichabed Babcock and Horace Mallory; overseers of the poor Joseph Clark and Caleb Kingsbury; school commissioners, Luther Strong, Barnabas Reed, and Asa S. Allen; inspectors of election, Asa S. Allen, John S. Baker and Barnabas Reed; collector, Roswell Adams; constables, Roswell Adams and Jacob Clark.

"It was voted to raise the sum of one hundred fifty dollars, to be worked out on the public highways.

"It was voted to raise the sum of five dollars with which to purchase blank books in which to keep the records of the town.

"The following by-laws were voted by the inhabitants:

"First, all hogs and horned cattle shall be free commoners."

"Second, overseers of the highways shall also be fence viewers."

"Third, a fence four and one-half feet high shall be a legal fence."

### Andover Village

The Village of Andover is located on Dyke Creek in the central portion of the town. It lays in a beautiful valley, nestled among the hills, banked high on every side. Its first inhabitant was Alpheus Baker, who settled here in 1807. The streets were laid out with much regularity, as may be seen from

### PARKER GARAGE

R. A. Parker, Proprietor

Among the many fine business enterprises and handsome business blocks in Andover none stand out more noticeable than does the Parker Garage. This fine building was erected by Mr. Parker in the spring of 1919, and was opened for business immediately upon its completion and has been a most busy place from that day to this. It is a building 72 feet on Main Street and 100 feet deep. It is constructed of brick and tile. The garage is equipped with all of the latest tools and machinery. Experienced workmen are always on hand to take care of all automobile repairing in a first class manner. The building is nicely arranged so that it will accommodate fifty cars for storage

and in the winter months is always filled to capacity.

Mr. Parker has installed one of the latest vulcanizing outfits for the repair of tubes and tires and has made a personal study of the business himself. If you have tire trouble you can do no better than bring it to the Parker Garage.

This spring a Ladies' Rest Room was added to the accommodations of the garage where the women are given a quiet, neat and most attractive room by themselves to rest in. The room is much enjoyed by the travelling public as well as by local women.

Besides their repair work the Parker Garage always keeps a large stock of automobile accessories ready to fix you up or add new refinements to your equipment.

## The Andover Silk Co.

This company was organized in 1911 for the purpose of manufacturing silk goods, and is exactly 10 years old. It started with twenty people in the brick building, formerly owned by the Rochambeau Silk Co., and since has doubled its floor space by purchasing the former Stamping factory, and today it is giving employment to 85 happy, contented and well paid people in two modern mills, which are kept clean and sanitary. There is an abundance of light, all walls and ceilings being painted white, and every comfort and convenience is afforded the employees, so that they can feel at home while working and do efficient work. The general conditions for the employees thruout the mill are always the foremost thot.

Silk, as is known, is a very delicate commodity to manufacture, and it is essential that an even temperature with the proper humidity be kept at all times. This is obtained with a humidifying system, which is also of benefit to the employee.

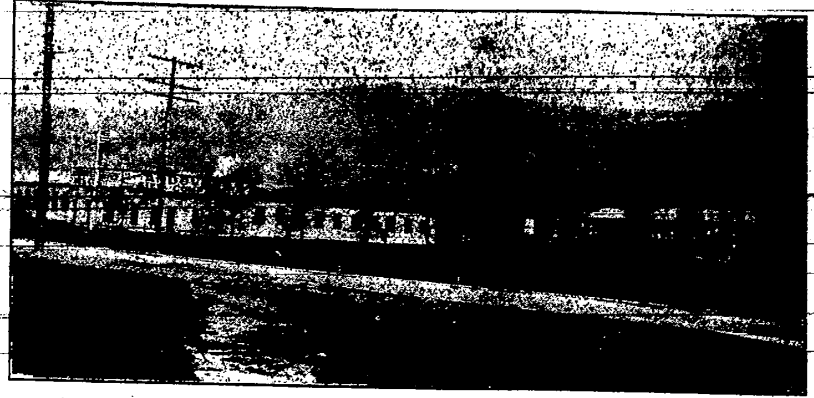
All belts, pulleys, cog wheels are properly guarded.

Weekly inspections take place by a committee appointed by the management and any good recommendations are promptly acted upon.

Employees are asked only to keep their individual machines clean, as there are men for the purpose of sweeping all aisles, floors and keeping waste cans empty.

There are suitable places for the wearing apparel that the employees take off before starting to work.

There is a large recreation or assembly room fitted up with chairs, dining tables, gymnasium apparatus, piano, phonograph, pool table, etc.



The Andover Silk Company's Plant

Outside the mills the grounds are being arranged so that eventually employees will be working in a veritable park. The lawns are intersected with flower beds and all the property surrounding the buildings is kept in good condition and in strict accordance with the inside of the plant. There is a large base ball diamond and splendid tennis court.

All this is being done because the Andover Silk Co. wants and must have the reputation of having a fine plant for its employees to work in, and to establish a reputation for making fine goods. Their employees believe in the quality idea. It is instilled in their minds to make only perfect work, giving the distinctive feeling that they are making a better piece of woven goods than any one else in their line. It stands to reason that the work in such a mill will be

far easier than in the average mill and will attract industrious workers.

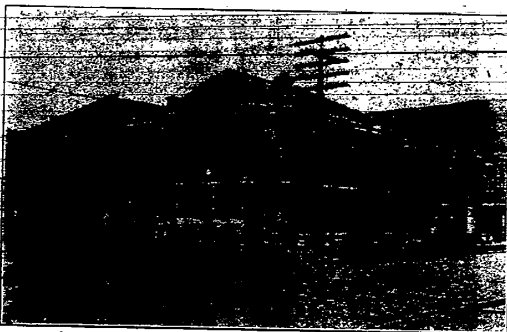
The Andover Silk Co. has as its President and General Manager, Mr. R. Benoit of Paris, France, a man of unusual ability and foresightedness, of long experience in the silk business and the business world, and the progress that this firm has thus far enjoyed is due principally to modern business methods and of being carefully guided. The General Superintendent of the plant is Mr. J. H. Faisant, who has been with the company since its inception and who is working in harmony with Mr. Benoit's system of management.

The management of this progressive business is glad of the opportunity of presenting to Andover people the foregoing facts of its business and to make its needs known. Besides manufacturing silk goods,

electric energy is being supplied to the village to help make it more progressive. Electric lights and power are absolutely necessary in any live community, and it greatly pleases the Andover Silk Co. to be of service to the village.

To complete the plans this firm has in view, it needs decent and up to date approaches to its mills. It is not satisfied at all with Rochambeau Ave. This should be a brick pavement and besides there should be an overhead bridge over the Erie tracks. These improvements are absolutely necessary if the people of Andover want to see the Andover Silk Co. progress as its management desires to have it, and as it is sparing no efforts to make it.

Co-operation is needed, people of Andover; help make your silk mill the finest in America!



The Andover Auditorium

### THE AUDITORIUM

Brown & Snyder Managers and Owners

If there is one thing above another that Andover people pride themselves upon, and of which they have all the

right imaginable to do so, it is our opera house, or Auditorium as it is called.

We are not bragging or stretching the truth one iota when we say that it is the most modern, up-to-date play house in Allegany County. It's stage is equipped to swing the scenery from any theatrical troupe, and is a model

of the birdseye view of the village published at the foot of pages four and five of this issue. The first school house, a log structure, was erected in 1822. At that time there were within the present village limits only one frame and two log houses. The frame house was the property of Asa S. Allen, Andover's first merchant, and pastor of the Congregational Church. There was little to hasten the growth of the village, then known as Bakertown, during the first half of the century.

With the construction of the Erie railroad in 1851 the hamlet received its first boom. But until the last quarter of a century the village made slow growth, other than assuming considerable importance as a shipping point for farm produce.

In 1866 fire destroyed thirteen buildings, including the Presbyterian Church, two hotels, one manufacturing plant and several stores and dwellings. With the rebuilding of the burned district came a better class of building. The infusion of new blood into the mercantile body, the advent of progressive manufacturers—immediately after the fire—gave an impetus to the growth and prosperity of the village, the momentum of which, under favorable financial and commercial conditions, has since met with little retardation. But the period of Andover's greatest development was in 1902-3, when in eighteen months its citizens became enthused for its prosperity and spent \$55,000.00 for new industries, a new school house, new concrete sidewalks and new bridges. That was the year our silk mill and the enameling plant were secured for Andover.

### Modern Andover

So much for the historic description of our beautiful village. But progressive people do not live so much in the past as in the future, so we will now begin the story of modern Andover, the town that to-day is fast forging to the front as a prosperous, well-kept and pretty home town, with its paved streets, municipally owned electric service and water system,—with all of the advantages and none of the draw-backs of the over-crowded city.

Andover holds up its head proudly in the commercial world to-day, and transacts more business than any other place of its population in Western New York. A fact not generally known is that the Village of Andover ships more farm produce than any other station upon the line of the Erie railroad between Elmira and Dunkirk. This apparently strong assertion is backed by statistics, and the fact can be explained when it is understood that the village is the center of a large, fertile and prosperous farming community.

With her splendid situation in the very heart of a rich agricultural area and surrounded as she is for miles around with magnificent hills, covered with beautiful meadows, pastures and copse of wood, hiding wealth untold, awaiting only for industry and push to develop it, Andover is safe in her prosperity.

To prove the substantial character of the men who are at the helm of her business affairs, it is only necessary to say that, with hardly an exception, the merchants and business men are free holders. So true is this that inquiries are seldom made as to the credit of an Andover business man.

The lines of the corporation of the Village of Andover inclose one square mile, with a population of nearly 1,400 people. It was incorporated as a village April 28, 1892. In 1893 at a cost of \$20,000 the village installed a municipal water system, supplying pure spring water to the inhabitants for household uses and affording fire protection. (Continued on Editorial Page.)

in its arrangements and equipment.

Away back a dozen or more years ago, after Andover had gone without an opera house for a number of years

on account of a disastrous fire, about ninety enthusiastic citizens conceived the idea that one of the great needs of the village was a well equipped theatre building, and they organized themselves into a corporation and constructed the Enterprise Block, which stands to-day as an ornament to Andover, on its main business corner, Main and Greenwood Streets.

This year Messrs C. E. Brown and R. O. Snyder purchased the building

of the corporation and are giving Andover people first class production both in motion pictures and theatrical productions.

One of the reasons given by laboring people for shunning the smaller towns is the lack of places for amusement and recreation in the evening. Andover is city equipped to take care of this need. Nearly all of the larger productions at the Auditorium draw heavy patronage from both Wellsville and Hornell.

Come, let's go to the show. We all know that it will be good, for it is OKed by Brown & Snyder.

### ANDOVER STATE BANK,

ANDOVER, N. Y.

The history of the Andover State Bank is closely identified with the progress of Andover and vicinity. During the early nineties there was a growing sentiment in favor of an organized bank for Andover to care for the increasing business of the village. Finally in June 1894 a charter was issued by the State Banking Department and the Andover State Bank was capitalized for \$25,000.00 and formally opened for business in the law office of B. C. Brundage on the present site of the library building.

J. M. Brundage, now president of the bank, was instrumental in the organization and elected as cashier; a position which he held for 26 years until his election as president about a year ago. The other officers and directors at that time were B. C. Brundage, President, James Owen Vice President, G. M. Barney, Frank S. Clark and Harrison Mourhess. Mr. Brundage and Mr. Clark are now the only surviving members of the directors elected at that time. The erection of the present bank building was commenced the same year and occupied early in 1895.

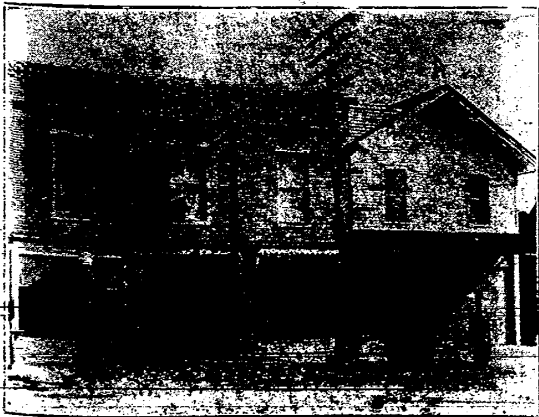
For twenty-seven years the Andover State Bank has been actively identified with the up-building of the village and their wise and conservative management has constantly increased its business and patronage until its resources total over \$360,000.00.

At the close of the first year's business it had deposits of \$40,000.00. In 1907 they had reached \$100,000.00; in 1917 they reached \$200,000.00 and during the past year have been as high as \$325,000.00. It now has a surplus of considerable more than its capital which entitles it to be classed as "ROLL OF HONOR" bank.

The present directors are A. C. Frisbey, Chairman; J. M. Brundage, President; Frank S. Clark, Vice President; C. L. Earley, Henry Horan, W. F. O'Connell and C. E. Brown; all of whom are substantial and successful business men who have a right to feel proud of the institution they serve. Mr. Brundage and Mr. Clark have served continuously as directors for 27 years; Mr. Frisbey for 23 years and Mr. Earley for 16 years. A. D. Fuller, Cashier, served as bookkeeper and Assistant Cashier for eleven years from 1904 to 1915; returning to the bank as Cashier in September 1920.



Andover State Bank



Parker's Garage