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MOTORIST IS GOAT IN TAX PARADE

He Does Not Get the Roads for Which, Under the Law, He is Taxed, Says Motordom.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Calling attention to a recent statement by Captain A. W. Brandt, State Highway Commissioner, that New York's highway "appropriations this year are almost nothing compared to our needs and is apt to be that way for another year," the December issue of Motordom, official publication of the New York State Automobile Association, makes a vigorous denunciation of the wholesale manner in which the state is diverting motor vehicle revenue away from the field of road construction and maintenance.

The leading article in the current issue of "Motordom" demands that "the pillaging of motorists be brought to a halt." The prediction is made that another $50,000,000 of motorists taxes will be diverted in 1934 unless an emphatic protest is filed in Albany by those who represent the state's 2,000,000 automobile owners. In the last two years approximately $100,000,000 has been diverted.

The gross inconsistency of diverting motor vehicle license fees and gasoline taxes away from the highway field, the article points out, is that this practice has actually aggravated the unemployment situation. In this connection it says:

"The motor tax money diverted from roads this year would have put 50,000 men to work, nearly 90 cents of every dollar spent on highways going to labor in the form of wages.

"Besides throwing these men out of work, the state has had to turn about and authorize immense sums for relief. At the November election the people voted $60,000,000 for relief. Bonds will be sold for this purpose, of course, but who will pay for the expenditure in the end? Already, under the present practice, motorists are paying 30 per cent. of the state's general budget.

"Why not turn the $60,000,000 into highway work? True, it would not equal the $100,000,000 of motor taxes which have been taken from road construction during the past two years, but it would help. It would give 90 cents on the dollar in wages, probably the highest percentage of wage distribution that can be secured in any form of public work, and it would eliminate the dole. Such an expenditure would put over 80,000 men into useful employment, and considering their families would beyond doubt provide sustenance for over 400,000 persons.

"But there will be opposition to such an idea from those who want to give the $60,000,000 away as a dole to the unemployed."

The article in "Motordom" claims that, "The simple, unvarnished truth is that the motorist has been made the grand goat of the tax parade," and then goes on to say:

"An exorbitant luxury tax has been piled onto the back of every motor car owner in an age when motoring is a daily necessity.

"Unjust as this is, the really devastating joker in the whole business is that the motorist does not even get the roads for which, under the law, he is taxed.

"Against this was the amount paid by motorists for license fees and gas tax estimated at approximately $82,000,000. The State has no other source of revenue for highway building than these taxes. Together they make up the highway budget. But the laugh is on the motorist, because the taxes he pays to build roads were shifted to the general state budget—and away from the highway account.

"It is not a new performance. In 1932 the state collected $82,000,000 in automobile taxation and expended less than $25,000,000 on roads, including Federal aid funds."

The article concludes with the warning:

"The time is at hand to stop this sharpshooting, and go back to a sane and just method of handling motor taxes and road appropriations. Work, not the dole; and honest dealing with the motorist are demanded now."

Whitcomb — Jack

Announcements have recently been received at the News of the marriage of Donald Roger Whitcomb and Miss Dorothy Alice Jack, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1933 at Sebring, Florida.

Mr. Whitcomb is the son of Mrs. Sylvania Whitcomb of Corning, formerly a resident of Andover.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Archie L. Youmans announce the engagement of their daughter, Carmen Mae, to Mr. Kenneth N. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurbert Jones of Wellsville, N. Y.

Dairymen to Gather Here

The Allegany County sub-district Dairymen's League will meet at Andover, Monday, Jan. 8, 1934, at the parlors of the M. E. church.

Dinner will be served at noon by the ladies of the church. All members and their families are expected to be present for both the meeting and the dinner.

It is expected that H. H. Rathburn, a member of the executive committee of the Dairymen's League will be the speaker. Other leading dairymen will also participate on the program.

BANKING METHODS ALTERED IN 1934

Many New Safeguards For Banks Are Inaugurated as the New Year Opens for Business.

New York.—Nineteen thirty-four brings the inauguration of a new departure in banking in the United States, just as 1933 changed many old practices.

Federal deposit insurance, making its debut with the new year, represents a striking break with precedent.

Enacted by the emergency congress as a means of forestalling panics, and subject to strong criticism from many banking quarters the plan provides for immediate guaranty of deposits up to $2,500 from Jan. 1 until July 1.

Thereafter larger deposits are to be insured by successive steps until accounts of $50,000 are thus protected by 1936. It is estimated, however, that 95 per cent. of the individual accounts in the nation's banks are $2,500 or less.

Members of the Federal Reserve System are required to contribute a percentage of their deposits to the guaranty fund which will be administered by a federal corporation. Non-member banks can qualify for participation altho they eventually must come into the central system if they are to continue to receive the insurance protection.

The banking act of 1933 which provided this innovation, was the direct result of the financial disturbances which led to the memorable "banking holiday." It seeks not only to prevent a recurrence of such happenings, but also to eliminate certain practices which has been revealed before the senate investigating committee.

In addition to federal guaranty of deposits, the act provided:

Complete separation of commercial from investment banking, which meant the divorcement of security affiliates.

Cessation of interest payments on demand deposits and official regulation of interest rates on time accounts.

Doubling the minimum capital of future national banks, lifting the figure to $50,000.

Aside from actual legislation, the year brought expressions of sentiment for and against a unified banking system as opposed to the variety of state laws and regulations. Large commercial banks, particularly in New York and other important financial centers, were urged to expand their capital by selling preferred stock or capital notes, mostly to the R. F. C. as a means of broadening the credit base.

Three Projects Approved

The Allegany County CWA office has received state approval of three additional projects.

The town of Clarksville is authorized to employ 25 men on town highway work to cost $3,174, of which the town board has agreed to pay $630.

The outlay of $2,470 was approved for the town of Belfast where 12 men are to be employed in redecorating and repairing the interior of six school rooms, two toilets, the lower hall and the auditorium. The town will pay $390.

The sewing project, to be directed by Mrs. Frank H. LeClere of Friendship, and employing 31 women, has also been approved. The county must furnish $650 of the expected outlay of $4,394. It is estimated that 5,000 yards of government Red Cross cotton will be used. A considerable quantity of used clothing has been collected which will be reconditioned, needing 1,000 yards of new materials.

Note of Appreciation

The members of the Merchants' Basketball team wish to thank everyone that donated in one way or another for the purchase of new jerseys and sweatshirts. We certainly appreciate the donations and hope that we can repay them in some way. We also hope that the team can continue to be organized year after year.

The Merchants' Basketball Team.

ANDOVER JUVENILE GRANGE IS HONORED

Given a Certificate by National Grange for Completing all Requirements Satisfactorily.

Every member of the Juvenile, from its matron, Edith M. Thorne and its master, Francis Meade, down to its youngest member, is wearing a happy smile and a proud air in having a part in placing their order on the National Grange honor roll as Andover Juvenile Grange No. 214.

The Christmas glow in the hearts of the Juveniles was brightened by a beautiful National Grange honor certificate as well as by a letter of commendation from the National Juvenile Grange Superintendent Susan W. Freestone, who says:

"Every Patron of Husbandry of Allegany County should be proud of the Andover Juvenile Grange. The hope of America lies in its children. Everyone should foster any organization that seeks this goal."

"Prepare Happy Childhood for Useful Manhood and Womanhood," is the Grange motto.

The public is invited to the Juvenile Grange installation services Wednesday evening, Jan. 10th at 7:45 p. m.

The requirements for the certificate which the local Juvenile Grange fulfilled were as follows:

1.—Officers commit to memory the opening and closing ceremony.

2.—All officers and all members over eight years of age memorize the Juvenile pledge.

3.—Initiate a class of candidates in full form.

4.—A net gain in membership or a class graduated in the subordinate Grange.

5.—A worth while lecture hour program at every meeting, except on installation, initiation and election evenings.

6.—Quarterly dues promptly paid to state secretary.

7.—A definite piece of community service work within the year.

Mrs. Anna M. Stephens

A pall of sorrow spread over Andover as it was learned that Mrs. Anna Stephens had passed away Wednesday morning, Jan. 3, 1934.

Anna M. Stephens was born Sept. 6, 1849 at Northampton, Fulton County, N. Y., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood Spaulding.

Sept. 6, 1875 she was united in marriage to Henry Stephens and they resided in Oramel until 1895, when they came to Andover and made their permanent home. Mr. Stephens' death occurred August 18, 1931.

Mrs. Stephens arose in ordinary health Sunday morning and in descending the stairs at her home in some manner fell two steps to the floor beneath, dislocating her shoulder and injuring her head, which resulted in her death Wednesday morning, just with the awakening life of a new day.

Mrs. Stephens was a woman of sterling character, and with her late husband had always taken an active and loyal place in the religious, civic and social affairs of the village. Gracious, cultured, sympathetic, a kind neighbor, devoted mother and a true friend, and withall a courageous woman, meeting the sorrows of life with the same sweet spirit that has won the love and esteem of all with whom she has been associated.

She was a member of the Andover Methodist Episcopal church, Edward Seaman Woman's Relief Corps and Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Florence Earley and Mrs. Mae Parker, both of this village, who have bestowed upon their mother the most devoted love and care, and four grandchildren to whom the News tenders deep sympathy in their bereavement.

Farewell services will be conducted this Friday afternoon, Jan. 5th, at her home on Main street by her pastor, Rev. W. C. Pero.

Burial will be made in the family plot in Hillside cemetery.

Goes to Chautauqua County

Miss Hilda Zylstra, for two and a half years a social worker for the Allegany County Public Health and Welfare Association, has recently been employed by the state department as T. E. R. A. supervisor in Chautauqua county. Miss Zylstra will work out of the office of the commissioner of public welfare and will probably live at Mayville, the county seat. She began her new duties Dec. 26th. A host of Allegany county friends wish her good luck.

A tablespoon of kerosene in the water for washing windows cuts grease easily and leaves the glass bright and clear.

MARSHALL GETS THE HOME LOAN JOB

Will Open Office in Wellsville. Many Applications Asking for Relief Already Presented.

Vincent Dailey, New York State manager of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, has announced the appointment of Carl N. Marshall, editor of the Allegany County Democrat of Wellsville as Allegany county manager.

Within the next ten days, Mr. Marshall expects to open an office in the Federal Building at Wellsville and the loans will be put thru as rapidly as possible.

President Roosevelt in his message to Congress on April 13, 1933, recommending this legislation, said, in part:

"As a further and urgently necessary step in the program to promote economic recovery, I ask the Congress for legislation to protect small home owners from foreclosure and to relieve them of a portion of the burden of excessive interest and principal payments incurred during the period of higher values and higher earning power. Implicit in the legislation which I am suggesting to you is a declaration of national policy. This policy is that the broad interests of the nation require that special safeguards should be thrown around home ownership as a guaranty of social and economic stability, and that to protect home owners from inequitable enforced liquidation, in a time of general distress, is a proper concern of the government."

The fact that many people of Allegany county have already made application to the regional office at Buffalo may be taken to indicate several things: that the distress of the home owners is more widespread than most people realize that home owners in distress are determined that, come what may otherwise, they propose to keep their homes, if possible; that the government policy underlying the home loan enterprise appeals to the community as sound and desirable.

Here is at least one government relief activity that reaches straight down to the individual to be benefited. Home owners able to qualify for this kind of help may know that a great and powerful institution—their government—remembers their own particular distresses and does what it can to relieve them.

Doubtless many of those applying for assistance must bear the disappointment of a refusal. Not every owner of a home that seems likely to be lost thru the depression will be found to come within the generous terms of the loan act; that would be impossible. This is primarily a business rather than a philanthropic enterprise, and each transaction must stand on its own merits.

All Allegany county loans will be made thru Mr. Marshall's office, and application blanks will be furnished by him upon request.

ORDERS MILK LOWER IN THREE VILLAGES

Andover, Belmont and Cuba Milk Dealers Allowed to Sell Product at 10 Cents Per Quart.

Albany, Jan. 2.—A reduction from eleven to ten cents a quart in the retail price of milk will be permitted effective January 1st, in 24 additional upstate towns and villages of 1,000 or more population under an order by the State Milk Control Board.

Two previous orders allowed a similar decrease in 36 municipalities where dealers signed petitions requesting permission for a reduction.

The communities affected by the order are: Albion, Andover, Bath, Belmont, Cambridge, Canton, Cuba, Dolgeville, Dundee, Gouveneur, Little Valley, Granville, Lyons, Mexico, Middleport, Moravia, North Collins, Oakfield, Palmyra, Pulaski, Richfield Springs, Victor, Waterville and Wolcott.

Kenneth F. Fee, director of the board, said action was withheld on some petitions to enable the board to ascertain whether a decrease was in the public interest.

Express Hits Auto

Fred C. Thornton of Richburg, 20 years of age, was instantly killed early Saturday morning when his car was struck by a Pennsylvania express of the Rochester division. Thornton was alone in the car, and it is believed the frost on the windshield prevented his seeing the train. He suffered a concussion of the brain and broken jaw with other injuries about the head and face.

But One Game Played

The members of the Merchants' basketball team regret that only one game was played last Friday night. The game that was supposed to be played by Friendship was cancelled at the last moment. At 8 o'clock the manager received a phone call stating that Friendship would be unable to get here. As the preliminary game had already started and it was too late to arrange another game, there was nothing that could be done about it.

We hope that the townspeople will not hold us responsible and we guarantee that this unfortunate accident will not happen again.

The Merchants' Basketball Team

TO EMPLOY 25,000 IN SPECIAL JOBS

Business Census Enumeration to be Chosen from the Unemployed. Also Real Estate Census.

Thirty special Civil Works projects to be operated by Federal departments have been assigned to New York State and will give employment to approximately 25,000 persons, it was announced, by the State Civil Works administration. Fourteen of the projects are now in operation thruout the state and employing 8,628 persons, of whom 4,487 are employed on projects in New York City and 4,141 on projects in up-state New York. It is expected that the remaining 16 projects will be begun shortly. Those principal projects will subsequently be divided into several hundred minor ones.

The largest of the projects in operation to date is at West Point where 2,424 men are employed in beautifying the grounds, renovating buildings, constructing roads and eliminating fire hazards at a cost of $300,000. The workers were selected from towns in Orange county and the cities of Newburgh, Port Jervis and Middletown where the quotas for Civil Works jobs were filled. The project is under the immediate direction of Colonel C. D. Hartman of the military academy and will require eight weeks to complete.

In accordance with a national project being carried out under the United States Coats and Geodetic Survey, for the surveying of land and placing of bench marks, which will facilitate construction and settle boundary disputes, 300 surveyors and engineers have begun work in New York State on the project. Bench marks will be placed at a distance of 15 miles apart thruout the state. An additional 280 men will augment the present group soon in carrying out the work. The project is under the supervision of Professor Carl Crandall of the Department of Engineering, Cornell University.

To Eliminate Mosquitoes

Another of the larger projects, under the supervision of the Bureau of Entomology of the Department of Agriculture, is for an extensive drive for the elimination of mosquitoes and the preservation of trees, particularly elms, thousands of which are killed annually by the Dutch elm disease. Two thousand men, of whom 1,000 are at work in Suffolk county, are filling in swamps, stagnant water pools, abandoned wells and other breeding places for the insects. Work is progressing rapidly along this line in the Hudson Valley from Albany to Yonkers. Employed on the project for the preservation of elm trees are 420 men placing bands on tree trunks, cutting down diseased trees and taking other precautionary measures against the invasion of the canker-worm, responsible for the devastating disease.

Similar under the supervision of the Bureau of Entomology is a project in operation for a biological survey of fur bearing animals in the state, and a project for increasing the number of weather bureaus in the state.

The Department of the Interior is supervising the project for the surveying of all historic buildings in the state. Fifty-six architects and architectural draftsmen are employed on the project and an additional 56 will be put to work in a week or two. Plans of all the buildings are being made and will be placed on file, so in the event the buildings are destroyed they may be replaced. Where it is necessary the buildings will be renovated and redecorated.

Under the supervision of the Department of Commerce, two projects employing 3,210 unemployed men and women have been started. The first, which will employ 1,940 is the taking of the census of American business earnings. And the second a government census of all abandoned or neglected real estate property is being compiled by 1,270 workers in every city and county in the state.

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FRANK GERE IS NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN

Officers Hold Office for Two Years. L. C. Allen Chosen Clerk of Board of Supervisors.

Frank L. Gere, serving his third term of six years as supervisor from the town of Cuba, was elected chairman of the board of supervisors at Tuesday afternoon's January session without opposition. His name was the only one to be presented before that body as nominee for presiding officer. Supervisor Denzil G. Perkins of Clarksville nominated Mr. Gere and Supervisor Morris Voss of Granger made the seconding speech.

Mr. Gere has been one of the leading members of the board during the past year, serving as chairman of the important county officers and compensation and town expense committees. He has been the board's auditor of the Farm and Home Bureau accounts and a member of the ways and means and work bureau committees. He is 47 years old and is assistant cashier of the Cuba National Bank.

L. C. Allen was re-elected clerk of the board at a salary of $1,800 per annum. He has served for 15 years in that position after being assistant clerk for two or three years. He has re-appointed Leon A. Ackerman as his assistant clerk.

When Mr. Gere was escorted to the chairman's desk he spoke briefly in thanking his fellow members for the honor bestowed on him, expressing his hope for a successful two years of work together, and in welcome to the five new supervisors seated at the opening 1934 meeting. The new solons are: I. D. Karr, Almond; William H. MacKenzie, Amity; Fred Tucker, Ward; J. Hobart Rockwell, Wellsville; Paul C. Regan, Willing. All were in attendance; in fact, only one supervisor was missing from Tuesday's session.

Dr. Frank H. VanOrsdale, Belmont, secretary of the board of managers of the Allegany County laboratory appeared before the board to voice the unanimous opposition of board members to a change to a fee basis for that useful public servant whose efficiency and general helpfulness they sought to preserve. Dr. E. K. Kline, Olean, director, read a letter from the state Board of Health in which it was stated that all fees would have to be deducted from expenses before the state aid of one-half of outlays could be computed. He told how Wyoming, Cayuga, Montgomery and other counties made no charges for the work done in the laboratory. Cattaraugus county charges no fees where the physician and the patient are both residents of the county. No action was taken.

The $10,000 bond of county Commissioner of Public Welfare Dr. Ivan G. Howe, after OK as to form by County Clerk Bush, was approved by the board.

No action was taken on the approval by state authorities of an application for aid from a blind person in the town of Caneadea.

Early in the meeting a motion was carried that election of officers and appointment of committees be for two years.

Chairman Gere promised selection of his committees at the earliest possible date.

Adjournment was taken until Wednesday, January 10th, at 10 a. m.

Chairman J. E. Thompson Resigns

Following the adjournment Tuesday of the Board of Supervisors a meeting of the CWA committee of the board, formerly the work bureau, was held at which time Supervisor John N. Thompson of Angelica, its chairman, presented his resignation because his private interests forbade his taking the time necessary to continue as head of the CWA work. It was accepted with regret. Mr. Thompson, chairman of the charities committee of the board, has been of great aid to the county in dealing with the problems of unemployment and welfare during the past two or three years.

William H. MacKenzie of Belmont was named to take up the work Mr. Thompson felt compelled to relinquish. He assumes his duties at once.

Regional Meeting of I. O. O. F. at Hornell

The regional meeting of the ninth I. O. O. F. area will be held at the lodge rooms at Hornell next Monday evening Jan. 8th, 1934.

Grand Master J. W. LeSeur of Batavia will be present and deliver the message of the evening. Other speakers are also on the program.

The annual meeting and fruit show of the New York state horticultural society is in Edgerton Park Rochester, Jan. 10, 11, and 12.