

Proposed Bank Merger Released

Clyde C. Brown, chairman of the board of the Cuba National Bank, and Alvah F. Brown, President, together with Ellis J. Hopkins, chairman of the board and Harold L. Bloss, president of The Citizens National Bank of Wellsville, announced this morning in a joint statement a proposed consolidation of the two banks. Such consolidation, according to the joint statement, would make the consolidated bank one of the strongest independent banks in the area. The proposed consolidation has been approved by the boards of directors of the two institutions, subject to the further approval of the various regulatory authorities and the stockholders of each bank. The consolidation would be under the name of "The Citizens National Bank and Trust Company."

The proposed consolidation contemplates no change in personnel. Alvah F. Brown would remain in charge of the Cuba facility with the title of Vice President and would be a director of the consolidated bank. Mr. E. S. Moses, currently a director of the Cuba Bank, and President of Cuba Cheese & Trading Company, Inc. would also be a director. The total board of the consolidated bank would consist of the above two directors and the present board consisting of:

Harold L. Bloss, John D. Bradley, C. Mat Burrows, Edwin F. Comstock, M.D., Finla G. Crawford, Paul M. Davis, Louis B. Dunn, C. Richard Fenner, George B. Harris, Jr., William B. Harrison, George W. Holbrook, Ellis J. Hopkins, James V. Joyce, Edward K. LeBohner, Hon. William H. MacKenzie, Theodore M. McClure, Montgomery E. Mitchell, James E. Searle, Elmore A. Willets Jr.

Mr. Clyde C. Brown, the senior banker in Allegany County and long time president of The Cuba National Bank, will become an honorary director of the consolidated bank.

Mr. Brown is a past director of the Buffalo Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank and has long been regarded as a leader in banking in Allegany County. As a result of the consolidation, the bank's total resources will exceed \$33,000,000 with capital funds exceeding \$2,700,000. The present board of Directors at the Cuba Bank would become members of the Advisory Board there. Mr. Clyde C. Brown would be Chairman of the Advisory Board which would be comprised of W. J. Ackerman, A. F. Brown, C. C. Brown, J. A. Comstock, F. L. Gere, G. L. Hendryx, D. J. Mitchell, G. N. Mabey, E. S. Moses, L. C. Older, F. G. Pugh and H. S. Rinker.

The Cuba National Bank is the oldest existing banking institution in Allegany County. It received its first charter as a state bank in 1855. It received its national charter in 1865.

The joint statement points out that the change in name of "The Citizens National Bank and Trust Company" reflects the increasing rate of growth of the trust activities at each banking institution.

The joint statement points out that directors of both institutions feel the consolidated bank will be of benefit to the entire area by increasing independent banking services available to meet the credit and other financial requirements of the communities served. The statement continued, "The influx of industry, and more recently the rapid expansion of educational facilities in the county have created a tremendous demand for increased services. The area is experiencing a steady rise in retailing and recreational activities and these require specific banking services tailored to meet their needs." The Cuba Bank has long been recognized a leader in the trust field. Renaming the combined bank, "The Citizens National Bank and Trust Company," a joint venture emphasizes the interest in bank development services.

The consolidating plans must be approved by the several regulatory

C of C To Sponsor Hallowe'en Parade Tuesday, Oct. 31

The Annual Hallowe'en Parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held Tuesday, October 31, beginning at the Legion Park at 6:30 P. M.

The Firemen will lead the parade, followed by the High School Band and Andover pupils to the Athletic Field where the usual bon-fire will be lit, after which cider and donuts will be served by the Chamber of Commerce Committee consisting of James H. Kessler, Walter Gath, Robert A. Baker, Elmo Barden and Frank Russell.

The Hallowe'en Parade in the Andover Central School will take place at 12:45 p. m. Tuesday.

Also school children will have uniform UNICEF Boxes and if they do not have the designated boxes, do not contribute.

A.C.S. Children Again Take Part In UNICEF On Hallowe'en

Mrs. Robert Common is Chairman of the international assistance to governments for the improvement of child welfare, by providing medicines, materials and training facilities in more than 100 countries (UNICEF).

This year the children will be collecting coins in official UNICEF boxes such as those shown on TV programs. On Hallowe'en night Andover children will exchange thoughtless mischief for the "Hallowe'en Magic" of UNICEF.

Here is what your coins can do:

10c - Antibiotics to prevent Trachoma
25c - Vaccine to protect 220 children from TB
50c - DDT to protect 1 child from malaria for 1 year
75c - Sulfone to treat a case of leprosy
1.00 - 100 Vitamin capsules
2.50 - Penicillin to cure Yaws
5.00 - 6 Glasses of Milk

Mrs. Common wishes to thank everyone who gave to UNICEF last year. The total was \$114.65 which was more than in 1965. She also wishes to thank the girl Scouts who prepared the boxes for collecting coins.

Hospital Notes

Glenn Covel, a medical patient at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, returned to his home last Friday.

Mrs. John G. Potter sustained injuries in a fall near her home Wednesday afternoon and was taken to the Jones Memorial Hospital for treatment and observation.

Roger Fittle, a medical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, has returned to his home.

William Lang, a surgical patient at Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, returned to his home Sunday.

Mrs. Richard Ball underwent surgery Sunday at the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Attention Leaf Rakers

The Village Crew is picking up leaves on the Streets of Andover. If the residents will rake their leaves to the street, the Village truck-loader will pick them up. The crew will make one more complete pick-up of all the Village Streets.

Frank Cahill

Don't Forget Your Clocks Saturday Night

Daylight Saving Time ends this Saturday night, October 28th, so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour and gain the hour lost last April.

agencies prior to its being placed before the stockholders. The statement gave no indication when this would occur.

News That's Print To Fit

Boy Oh Boy! What a week this has started out to be! First we have company from New York arrive in at 4 a. m. Monday morning — then during the morning we get word about the Vandalism at the State Highway Department barns — followed shortly afterwards by a call from a friend of ours in Almond about the Erie train wreck there — and to top it all off, just a short while afterwards, the report comes in about the disastrous fire in Almond.

Here we are — only about ten minutes away from two of the biggest stories in this area for a long time — and we have to spend the whole day cooped up in the shop and office talking business.

Then of course, with traffic halted on the Erie Railroad, it meant seeing our customer to the Elmira Airport that evening — so-o-o, that was the end of a frustrating day — from a Newspaper standpoint. And the sad part of the story is that no one cares to make a re-run of it so we could take pictures the next day! Oh well, maybe nanana?

Speaking of to-morrow we even forgot about last week! Yep, after the final two days of registration we stopped off at the Town Hall and checked up to see how things made out.

According to the records, there were a total of 118 voters that registered at both registration districts for both days. Thus, that would mean that there are still 150 people in the Town of Andover that neglected to register — and will be ineligible to vote in the General Election on Tuesday November 7th.

While on the subject of the Town Hall we noticed that the State Auditor that has been practically "living there" — guards have been auditing the books for about 4 weeks or more — has finally gone. Oh yes, he even had an assistant for several days during the last two weeks — but he was sent out on another assignment.

We were introduced to him and asked him what the reason was for such a lengthy stay and he informed that his audit was for a 3 year period and that when he was finished, a copy of his audit would be sent back to the Town Officials from his Central Office. He also said that it should be advertised in the local Newspaper when it was returned and was considered a "public document" that could be examined by any interested taxpayer.

Thus we will be anxious to see the results of the audit and will keep you folks posted when we find out anything, since we feel that the public has "the right to know" whether reports are good or bad!

Oh yes, for the "good of the public", don't forget to read the new proposed Village Ordinance that is on page 8 in this week's issue of the "Andover News". And while you are at it, in case you missed the two previous ones that have been passed already, it might save you some money if you dig up a copy to peruse at your leisure. Cause after all, we have noticed several violations with bicycle riders riding down the side walks on Main St. — and that shouldn't be done anymore!

And while on our public service kick — we have been informed that the Dog Census will start this coming Saturday before bad weather sets in — with Dog Licenses to be available in the month of December. Any barker for this "dog-biscuit"?

We noticed that three youngsters were apprehended for acts of Vandalism in Wellsville last week which evoked Editorial Comment in the Wellsville Reporter last Thursday night.

Their thoughts were under the heading of "What Are Your Children Doing". And we also understand that this same theme is being carried over into spot an-

James J. Lynch

James J. Lynch, of 37 Elm St., Wellsville, died Wednesday, October 25, 1967 in the Wellsville Nursing Home following a long illness. He was a retired farmer.

Born April 10, 1884, in Andover, he was a son of Michael and Cecelia Gallagher Lynch. A resident of Andover most of his life, he moved to Wellsville nearly three years ago.

Mr. Lynch was married to the former Irene Dower, who preceded him in death. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Walter Shine of Wellsville and Mrs. George Karcanes of Yorkshire; two sons, Don Lynch of Lancaster and Thomas Lynch of Wellsville; 11 grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Michael Murphy of Wellsville and Mrs. Catherine Lynch of Andover.

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10 a. m. Friday in Immaculate Conception Church by the Very Rev. Norman J. O'Meara, Pastor.

Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Andover.

Vandals Damage Set Near \$1,000 At NYS H'way Shed

The damages caused by the willful destruction of property at the New York State Highway Department Shed at the edge of the Village Sunday afternoon by four local lads has been set at between \$800 - \$1,000. This includes the replacement of smashed and broken items, and the maintenance and repair of the vehicles and the building.

According to eyewitness reports that greeted Highway Department Employees and Representatives upon arrival at the scene late Sunday afternoon, "the entire inside of the building was a complete shambles with broken glass debris and oil scattered all around. All of the windows on the rear side of the building had been smashed and entry having been made through one of the larger smashed windows."

"The spigot for 2 large drums had been open 1 which released oil all over the floor of the vehicle storage part of the building. Large glass windows in one vehicle had been smashed directing signals smashed, keys had been taken from vehicle ignitions and thrown away a battery in another had been chopped up. A newly mounted truck tire had been slashed with an axe, one of the members transistor radio had been crushed in a vice, a large 1/2" electric drill was smashed; a large electric clock in the office had been torn from the wall and smashed; a gasoline card machine was smashed with gas slips strewn all over the floor, all of the papers on the Superintendent's desk had been scattered on the floor, and then a fire extinguisher had been sprayed all over the walls in the office."

All of the above destruction and damage was given orally from a partial list in the process of being compiled which could also include more items and further damage as the investigation progressed.

According to authorities, when the four youths, around 12 years old, who were apprehended for this "vandalism spree" no reason for their actions could be given.

It is understood that the youths will be petitioned into Family Court.

ouncements on TV Stations.

Thus, we are not alone in our thoughts on this — one of the fastest growing problems that is sweeping across our country.

And, quoting directly from the above mentioned comments: "But the only people who can act effectively to prevent acts of vandalism are the parents, who are responsible for the acts of their youngsters, and should be aware of where they are, and what they are doing when allowed outside the home."

Almond Business Block Swept By Fire Monday

The main business block in Almond on the East side of Route 21 opposite the Coslo Inn, housing the M & D Auto Supply Store; Palmer's Sporting Goods Store; and Smitty's Barber Shop; and four second floor apartments were completely destroyed by fire Monday afternoon.

Almond firemen responded to an alarm at 11:40 a. m. as fire broke out in the M and D Auto Supply Store and Andover Firemen received a summons to the fire thru the County Mutual A'd System around 11:50 a. m.

Engine 5, Andover's new fire truck was dispatched to the Almond fire, while their tanker was sent to Alfred Station as standby since the tanker had also been dispatched to Almond. In the meantime, the Dyke St. Hose Co. from Wellsville was ordered to Andover to act as standby.

Firemen from Alfred and Alfred Station rushed to aid the Almond Fire Department as soon as the fire was reported with Andover's pumper arriving at the scene shortly afterward. These companies were joined later by other companies from Canisteo, North Hornell and Arkport, each with one truck and crew.

State 1 and 2nd and 3rd corners of the Main St. and Route 21 traffic north to Hornell and south to Andover back thru Greenfield.

As the fire spread to the old wooden frame buildings to the Barber Shop and the Sporting Goods Store, eyewitnesses said that the sound of exploding could be heard through the village with ammunition from the steel of the sporting goods store exploding and adding to the noise that resounded in the air.

Only one family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williamson and their two young children were at home when flames broke out and they were able to escape to safety with just a few articles of clothing.

Other occupants of the buildings were listed as Mrs. Marion Dickerson who was at work with her four children in a home; Alan Knight, co-owner of the store who is visiting in Florida; and an unidentified Alfred University student who were attending classes.

The devastating fire was fought, brought under control some time after 5 p. m. with Andover's engine 5 being released around 4:30 while their tanker had been released from standby at Alfred Station around 4:15 p. m.

While Andover's tanker was on standby at Alfred Station, they were called out to assist the Alfred Fire Department at a blaze on Randolph Road where a shed attached to a farm building was destroyed. Before returning from this call, they were also called for another farm fire on Cornelius Road in the same general vicinity.

Reid Mattison Chairman For Girl Scout Drive

Bert Taber, Council Chairman of the Southern Tier Girl Scout Council, Inc., has announced that Reid Mattison has been named as Chairman of the forthcoming Girl Scout Drive in Andover from November 5 - 13.

The volunteer people and their fellow workers will be calling on families in their communities from Sunday, November 5, through Monday, November 13, for support of Girl Scouting — a Nationwide, worldwide movement for girls age seven through seventeen. Girl Scouting is an organization dedicated to making better citizens and finer women for the future.

The Southern Tier Girl Scout Council is the local source of Girl Scouting in Allegany and Steuben Counties.