

Odds and Ends

Brief Editorial Comment on the News of the Week

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Mud Slingers

Creation of a Bureau of Commerce to determine whether the Empire State is failing to maintain its dominant position in business, commerce and industry and, if so, to formulate a program to check this trend, was recommended by Mark Graves, president of the State Tax Commission, in a Labor Day speech. For many years New York State has been "first" in virtually every field of endeavor and in natural advantages, but of late there have been dark clouds on the horizon. Appropriately, the move to study this state's decline is to be undertaken by the Tax Commission, because a large portion of the responsibility for those dark clouds undoubtedly comes from high taxes. Industries that have moved away because of cheaper labor in other sections of the country, are also the cause of the slump. New York State will never regain what it has lost, but it may stem the tide that is flowing out.

It was an ironical twist of fate that overtook Frank Fisher last Saturday. For many years Mr. Fisher, who was an inspector for the State Labor Department, had made regular visits to the factories, stores and shops of the community in the interest of safety. In his official capacity he required the installation of safety devices and enforced the rules governing the health and welfare of all employees. Saturday he was struck and killed by a New York Central train in East Utica.

Few readers are acquainted with the stringent postal rules that govern what a newspaper may or may not print in its columns. Since the pseudo gambling craze started, inspired by the bingo games and prize lotteries in the theaters, it has become generally known that newspapers may not mention such matters. However, just to point out how the law goes in that direction, it is illegal for a paper to print a picture of say an old-time group and offer a prize to the first one who identifies the individuals shown. Furthermore, it is unlawful to carry unpaid subscriptions more than one year.

Elm leaf beetles and tent caterpillars have fed on the trees, blight rust has ravaged some of the grain fields, but it remained for a real farmer to find a new menace to the corn crop. Discovery was made one morning recently of something eating away a stalk of corn that was difficult to classify as a reptile, fish or beast. It was described as a lobster, certain characteristics favoring both descriptions. The creature was finally brought to Dr. Harvey Bowman of the high school faculty, who identified it as a hermit crab, a salt water inhabitant common enough near the seashore, but far from its customary habitat when in a Clinton cornfield. The mystery was solved when it was learned that a privately owned aquarium lost a crab which had started out to test the benefits of a corn diet.

Only occasionally is originality exhibited in selecting the name of a newspaper. In a list of 120 titles are found 14 bearing the name "News, nine Herald, and eight other. Times and Journal tie up seven each, while five are named Tribune. There are four independent, as compared to two Republican and three Democrat. One of the three titles listed is in Clinton, Tennessee. The other two are in other parts of the state. The names include Pilot, News-Boy, United Union, and Town Crier.

At intervals there is published an interesting document on the life of the union. Between issue the public has to turn to papers for information. It appears, therefore, that the Democrats are participants in a plan of corruption. The Republicans are promoting a general condition

of moral obliquity. The right of the states to regulate their own affairs is in jeopardy, but statements to that effect are nothing more than hysterical nonsense. The land is being run into debt which can be unloaded only by repudiation, and the money is being spent in an ungoverned orgy; or, if one prefers, the indebtedness can be cancelled easily, and the funds are being expended in a way that will bring justice and equal opportunity home to every man's door. Indeed, until the Democrats told us about the Republicans, and the Republicans about the Democrats, a few suspected that either had sunk to so low a level. The real state of the union would be more apparent if reports contained less mud slinging.

Things to watch for: "Fuzz-less peaches", a new, smooth variety said to ripen a week to ten days earlier than the ordinary kind. A device which locks two auto doors simultaneously when a key is turned in one. A cap for medicine bottles that shows when the next dose is to be taken; a tiny steel ball in a ribbed groove is moved to the hour or half hour mark as a reminder. A new type oil filter for automobiles, said to cut down consumption, clean and recondition the old oil, thus eliminating the need for frequent changing.

Headlines—Radio Corporation of America acquires rights to new patent which may overcome the almost "prohibitive" cost of establishing a network of stations for commercial television broadcasts. Nickel Plate Railroad defers interest payment on 4 1/2 percent bonds; Lehigh Valley and Baltimore & Ohio Railroads move for temporary scaling down of interest payments. California bonds sell lower as State Supreme Court approves inclusion of the "\$30 every Thursday" pension plan on November ballot. Silk mills more active in August. Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation purchases 10,000,000 pounds of butter. Potato growers in 15 late producing states refuse to support proposed AAA marketing agreement. Government takes loss of four from seven cents a bushel as wheat export plan begins with shipment of 451,000 bushels.

GRANGE PROGRAM FOR NEXT MONDAY READY

The three Graces, the Misses Betty Burrows, Eleanor Lloyd and Betty Churchill, will be in charge of the program for the Grange meeting Monday night. The Grange Quartet, which recently won honors at the State Fair in Syracuse, will sing their winning number, "Steal Away". The rest of the program consists of a reading by Miss June Kimball; "The Finnish of Patsy Barnes"; a stunt "Watch Your Step"; a reading by Mrs. Claude Wood entitled, "The Legend of Ceres"; a vocal solo by Edward Burrows; a talk by Raymond Church; a duet by Miss Bertha and Joseph Beha and a concluding selection by the quartet, "Auld Lang Syne". Refreshments will be served with Mrs. Charles Williams, Miss Joyce Judge and Stanley Judge as the committee in charge.

MISS ELIZABETH MORSE WED IN CLARK MILLS

Miss Elizabeth Morse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morse Jr., Clark Mills, formerly of this village, was married to Harold C. Healer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Healer of Whitesboro, in the Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills, Tuesday. Following the ceremony, a reception took place at the home of the bride's parents. After a brief wedding trip, the newly married couple will make their home on Staten Island.

THE BAD NEWS



Schools Open Wednesday With 60 Teachers On District Faculty

School days are here again! Schools in the Clinton Central System resumed their customary activities Wednesday morning. The halls once more resounding to the gay chatter of pupils, the greetings of teachers, and the bustle and bustle of opening day. When four o'clock rolled around in the high school it was a rather tired group of teachers that made its way to the study hall for what was probably the briefest faculty meeting of the year. Although the school opened at 8:45 with seemingly everyone present, there was one member of the faculty absent. Her absence was conspicuous, too, because without her the school did not seem the same. For the first time in many years, Miss Josie Restle was absent on the opening day. Her inability to be present was necessitated by the illness of her sister. Meanwhile her place is being filled by Mrs. Raymond Coe, a former member of the faculty. In the grammar schools, it was difficult to determine whether it was mother's day or just another school day. Some mothers took the children as far as the door, while many stayed until the morning was over to see how their proud youngsters were going to behave in their so-called "new world". Some of the tots were timid, while others marched in bravely to show that they weren't afraid.

In the high school, the day opened with assembly, a general get-acquainted affair, which meant an introduction to the routine of the school as well as the new pupils and teachers.

The opening of this new fall term marks the beginning of a new educational venture. In addition to the usual college preparatory course, a course that will fit the needs of the students who are not aiming at professional education, will be instituted.

The complete faculty of the central school system is composed of 60 teachers: 30 in the junior-senior high school, 15 in the Clinton Grammar School; seven in the Clark Mills Grammar School; and eight in the rural schools. Following is a list of the teachers:

- Junior-Senior High School: Howard G. Shineman, supervising principal; Richard Ralph, assistant principal; Mary Paula Delahunt, social studies; Harold Baletti, social science; Margaret Moore, head of English; Alicia Andrews, English; Beale Griffin, English; Margaret Rodger, English, dramatics and speech; Marion Gordon, English, and social science; Helen Rimkus, librarian; Eva Blackard, Latin; Ellen Parker, French; Renwick Arnott, physical science; Harvey Bowman, biological science.

Miss F. R. Beebe Dies Day Before Her 93rd Birthday

Widely Known Clinton Resident Passes Monday After Two Weeks Illness

Death claimed another of the village's older residents Sunday when Miss Frances Rebecca Beebe died at the age of 92. She had been ill for two weeks.

Miss Beebe, born in Poquonock, Conn., daughter of the late Henry C. and Rebecca Soper Beebe, would have been 93 years old Monday. She was educated in Westfield Normal School, Westfield, Mass., and taught several years in the Advanced School in Utica. She had resided in her College street home for 68 years. She attended St. James' Episcopal Church.

Miss Beebe's constant interest in village affairs and her active support of all public institutions made her a valuable citizen and one who will be sorely missed. Throughout her long residence in Clinton she enjoyed the acquaintance of an unusually large number of persons, and until the time of her death was looked upon as a capable leader by a host of close friends and all of her College street neighbors. Her passing marks an irreplaceable loss to the community.

Surviving is a sister, Charlotte S. Altman, Hartford, Conn., also a niece, Mary Ella Altman, and several grandnieces.

Funeral services were conducted from her home on College street, Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Robert J. Parker, rector of St. James Church, was in charge of the service. Bearers were Robert U. Hayes, Herbert E. Allen, Robert O. Barber, H. Platt Osborne, Charles H. Baumbler and Leo Roberts. Burial was in the family plot in Forest Hills Cemetery, Utica, where Mr. Parker conducted the committal service.

NEW STREET BOY HURT BY TRUCK ON TUESDAY

Daniel Moriarty, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Moriarty, New street, was injured when struck by a truck in front of his home Tuesday night. Lawrence Clarey, R. D. 2, this village, driver of the truck, reported to trooper John Wheeler that the boy ran from behind a parked truck into the path of his machine as he drove west on New street. He was treated by Dr. R. D. Guido for lacerations about the head and a bruised arm.

Exceptional Value In Premium Offered Readers of the Courier

Through an exceptionally fortunate arrangement the Courier is able to give absolutely free to its readers, the handsome, most useful and durable premium ever offered by a weekly newspaper.

This amazing premium is a beautiful fountain pen and pencil set packed in an attractive box. The illustration appearing elsewhere in this issue will provide some idea of these sets, but it will require a visit to the Courier office to see the many bright and sparkling colors and their high quality general appearance to permit a full comprehension of the value of this writing material.

The sets are very appropriate for school use; will give long and sturdy service, and so the Courier has chosen this particular time to distribute the sets, thus giving every school child in this community the opportunity to secure absolutely free much needed writing equipment for the school term. This means a saving to every family that will be truly appreciated.

Everyone has almost daily need of a good fountain pen and mechanical pencil. Everyone from the child in school on up to the man and woman in business and social life. The need is ever in evidence but a great many are denied the use of the equipment due to the cost generally associated with first class writing equipment. Not all can afford to pay the prices usually asked, especially when there are a number in the home in need of sets.

Property Owners to Vote On Bond Issue Sept. 20th

\$28,000 Maximum Set As Amount Village Must Raise For Its Share of Cost of Proposed Sewage Disposal Plant; Only Persons Owning Assessed Property Eligible to Vote

COLLEGE BEGINS 127th YEAR NEXT THURSDAY

Hamilton College will throw open its doors next Thursday morning to the returning student body and the entering freshman class as the 127th college year gets under way.

In addition to the opening of college, the occasion will serve as the beginning of the administration headed by Hamilton's newly elected president, Dr. W. H. Cowley. President Cowley has indicated that several new plans and undertakings will be inaugurated with the starting of the college year, but, awaiting faculty action, they have not been announced.

The registration for the new year is expected to approximate 450, an increase over last year when 421 students began or resumed studies. Over 100 of the number will be new men, entering Hamilton through applications received and accepted this year.

With the exception of the return and replacement of Professor Berrian R. Shute of the music department for acting Professor Ernst Basen, no changes in the faculty are made this year. It is pointed out that this is the first year no new men have been added to the teaching staff in several years.

One change in the administration was made last commencement when William E. Weld, Jr., replaced Fendall W. Yerxa as field secretary and assistant secretary of admissions. Later this month it is expected that a new library assistant will replace Miss Helen Loomis who resigned September 1.

At a meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held Wednesday night, a resolution was adopted authorizing the holding of a special election to vote on the bond issue to provide the village's share of the cost of building a sewage disposal plant with the aid of the Public Works Administration. The date of the election is Tuesday, September 20.

In the official notice of the election, the sum of \$28,000 has been set as the total amount of the proposed bonds. This issue will be retired in 30 years, according to plans, and an interest rate not to exceed four per cent per annum is specified.

According to the plans that have been prepared and submitted to the Public Works Administration, the disposal plant will cost approximately \$50,000. Of this amount, the PWA will pay 45 per cent, the village being required to raise the balance. As has been mentioned in these columns recently, it is anticipated that the engineer's estimate of the cost of the project may be substantially reduced when the work is let to a private contractor. Therefore, the \$28,000 bond issue should be ample to cover all contingencies.

The sudden call for the special election was necessitated by the request of the New York office of the PWA for assurance that the village will underwrite its share of the cost of the project before approval is granted by the government agency.

Village officials are firm in the belief that this is an opportune time to undertake the construction of a sewage disposal plant. The village has been warned by the State Department of Health that the present custom of dumping sewage in the Oriskany Creek will not be permitted, and numerous villages of similar circumstances in this section have already been ordered to build such plants. If this bond issue is not favorably acted on by the taxpayers, it is feared that the entire cost of a disposal system will have to be met by the village within a few years.

Only owners of property are entitled to cast a ballot at the bond issue election, it is pointed out. The voting will be from 8 o'clock in the afternoon until 8 o'clock in the evening.

MRS. JOHN SHERIDAN DIES AT HOME HERE

The death of Mrs. John Sheridan occurred at her home on Fountain street, Monday night. She had suffered a relapse after an operation performed about two months ago.

Mary F. Pryor was born in the Town of Kirkland, January 7, 1896, the daughter of the late Thomas J. and Harriet Crane Pryor. She was married to Mr. Sheridan in St. Mary's Church June 4, 1924, and has since made her home in this village. She was a member of St. Mary's Church and its societies.

She leaves her husband, two children, Rita and Robert, and a brother, James Pryor of Milford, Conn., and a sister, Mrs. Charles F. Pratt of Utica.

The funeral will be held from her late home tomorrow (Friday) morning at 9:30 and from St. Mary's Church at 10 o'clock where a solemn high mass will be celebrated.

22 DAYS LEFT TO RENEW 1-YEAR DRIVING CARDS

Attempting to speed up renewals of one year operator licenses which expire September 30th, officials of the State Motor Vehicle Bureau made it plain today that no extension of the renewal period would be granted this year. District offices at Albany, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Utica as well as the New York and Brooklyn offices reported that renewals were lagging and that few drivers had thus far secured their licenses.

