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Serious

A remark made in this column some weeks ago in relation to the strange manner in which Clinton streets have been renumbered drew several kinds of responses—most of them unexpected.

Our comment was in a somewhat playful spirit, to the effect that the job of numbering was adding to the confusion instead of removing it. Because we have advocated a study of the subject and correction of errors that have long been a source of complaint, and because the village authorities thought enough of the suggestion to purchase a set of plastic numbers for each street, we were naturally interested in the project. So, when we noted the lack of care displayed in renumbering, we were considerably shocked.

But we were not prepared to be jumped upon from three angles. One is the customary number. Now, having been run through the wringer of public opinion, we feel that we must devote a little more serious attention to the project. We are not particularly concerned about the matter of leaving an unpainted spot where old numerals are removed, for a little paint can remedy that; nor do we feel too strongly—although we are sympathetic—about fancy, custom-made markers, now outmoded; nor can we moan because we are charged with having "started the whole thing." But we do feel that our village solons should reconsider, study the matter, and have the job done thoughtfully, carefully, and with a forward-looking eye.

While we do not feel that proof is needed, we advance the case of Williams street (because we live there and are familiar with it) as an example. Even numbers romp merrily down the west side of the street as each door of the Allen block receives a number; then on to the telephone building, Dr. Francis' office, over a wide lot on the Hayes property, implanting a "22" on the Hayes home, and continuing up the street (jumping across the Masonic temple without leaving a trace, and so to the end of the street, ending with "48" at the Rooney residence. Going back to the place of beginning, we see the long Williams street frontage of the Stone church completely ignored, and the Slater residence given a "1" and the next a "3" (opposite the Hayes' "22"), galloping along over several residences and the broad expanse of the St. James' Church lawn and the wide Stevens holdings, to end at Chestnut street with a mere "25" (opposite "48").

Another example is found in listing Dawes' Market and the Hayes National Bank as on West Park Row (which has already come to an end with the O. Gregory Burns building), instead of on Kirkland avenue. According to the usual practice, the side of the fire house might be accorded at least one number, Dawes' store next, followed by the bank, a vacant lot, then the Courier building, etc., and all on Kirkland avenue—for they are in a row as straight as a string. By giving the Courier building "1", both the Dawes market and the bank are left hanging in the air, so to speak, identified with a street a good block away.

These are but two examples of Clinton citizens' cause for complaint, but they should suffice to prove the need of recon-

sideration.

One might think it funny. But serious contemplation calls attention to the fact that such things as deeds, insurance policies, telephone listings, tax rolls, etc., bear numbers assigned to lots. With renumbering, many of these will have to be corrected as a matter of record. We would suggest that serious and thoughtful consideration be given to it, and that the job be done over with care.

Well Done

The complete success of Clinton's Welcome Home Day calls for a hearty "Well done!" for General Chairman-G. Verne Moulton, sub-committee chairmen, and members of the various committees. They did a splendid job and deserve every one of the expressions of approval being showered upon them.

Working unceasingly for weeks, planning, overcoming obstacles, boosting the morale of everyone with whom he came in contact, Mr. Moulton performed an enormous task by sheer drive. His enthusiasm carried all of his helpers with him, and his energy served to attain the results enjoyed by the great crowd attending the event.

As chairman of the parade committee and grand marshal, Fred C. Dawes did a splendid job of organization and performance. Objections of "too busy" were overruled, initial lack of interest was spurred into real action by his insistence that this parade should stand at the top of similar Clinton enterprises. That he achieved his goal was proven by the applause of the crowd and the comments from all sides.

Not only did Saturday's big affair bring credit to the men who directed it, but to the entire community. Proving again that the co-operative effort of Clinton citizens can really accomplish things in a big way.

Random Thoughts

Everett Radley, transmission supervisor for WIBX, probably still has a headache as a result of attempting to explain to young Clintonians the principles of wire recording. His chief difficulty seemed to be in convincing watchers that the wire on the spools had actually stored-up the makings of sounds.

Cooperstown has incorporated a community sing with its band concerts. Sounds like a suggestion worth considering.

From Others' Pens

A JEWISH PALESTINE
Christian Science Monitor
For over 500 years, one million square miles of territory populated by Arab peoples was under direct control of Turkey. For the last 200 years of this period, Turkey was in a state of decline so apparent that small groups, much smaller than the Arabs, as the Greeks and Romanians, the Bulgarians, and the Serbs, all achieved their independence. All during this period, millions of Arabs, occupying a territory much larger and potentially much more wealthy than Turkey itself, never stirred themselves.
Of this territory that only a few years ago was subservient to Turkey, 99 per cent is now completely independent. The remaining one per cent of territory that the Arabs claim as their own is Palestine.
The Arab claim of course is not justified. Historically, the Jews lived in Palestine 2,500 years before an Arab ever heard of the land, and the Jew has continued to live there continuously to this day. Legally, through the Balfour Declaration, the statements of King Feisal (an Arab) pledging Arab co-operation in building a Jewish Palestine (1919 at Versailles), and the provisions of the mandate, plus the findings of 19 commissions, all uphold the Jewish State. Morally there is never an argument.
Why is there so much protest from the Arabs on Palestine? We must first consider where the protest comes from. The demonstrations are not from the Arab peasant, for his lot has been considerably improved in Jewish Palestine. His average daily wage for common labor is now \$1.50 to \$2.00 a day in comparison to 10 to 20 cents a day in the rest of the Arab world. He has opportunities for schooling (90 per cent of the Arabs can neither read nor write) and for medical care.
The protests are from Egypt, Syria and Iraq, as wealthy political figures attempt to create a world crisis over a matter in which their people will not follow them.
Basically the Arab politician is not fighting the Jew, for to the Arab the Jew only represents civilization. No matter what national group might be involved, his attitude would be the same. The problem is not only one of Arab nationalism, but basically one of democracy. Shall two per cent of a land block the progress of civilization of the other 98 per cent?

ERKED OVER PALESTINE
It wasn't announced, but Prime Minister Attlee sent a confidential message to President Truman informing him that British troops had taken repressive measures against Jewish elements in Palestine. However, the message arrived only after British troops already had moved in.
Attlee asked Truman for a public statement of support, but the President was so irked at the way Attlee acted first and advised him afterward, that he phoned acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson and told him to "issue a statement keeping American skirts clear of the British move."
MERRY-GO-ROUND
John Snyder kept bobbing into the cabinet room, fusing drafting of Truman's OPA veto message. He wanted to lend a hand in writing the speech but nobody gave him any encouragement. The speech was written largely by OPA Boss Paul Porter, Incorporated. Chief John Steelman and Judge Sam Beaman. . . . The FBI already is digging into large-scale hoarding. Some very big manufacturing concerns may be implicated.



HEATE OVER PROSTITUTION
WASHINGTON—Admiral Nimitz is trying to hush it up, but a hot row has broken out in the navy's chaplain division over alleged discrimination against chaplains with combat records, some of whom have been denied admission into the regular navy and others transferred to minor posts.
Four well-known chaplains already have resigned as a result of the dispute. They are:
Capt. William A. McGuire, Catholic chaplain of the 11th naval district at San Diego—a 29-year naval veteran who served as fleet chaplain at Pearl Harbor at the outbreak of the war.
Capt. Maurice Witherspoon, Presbyterian, former All-America football star at Washington-Jefferson college and one of the most popular chaplains in the navy.
Capt. William W. Edell, Methodist, who also chalked up a fine record as a combat chaplain.
Capt. Raymond Drinan, Catholic, former chaplain of the battle-scarred airplane carrier Enterprise.
In addition to the claim of combat chaplains that they are being relegated to minor roles while their non-combat colleagues get the top commands, many also are sore over the navy's failure to crack down on prostitution in Japan.
A number of Protestant and Catholic chaplains who served in the Pacific contend that the navy is abetting the growth of prostitution in Tokyo by an indifferent policy in regard to the Yoshiwaras.
These chaplains further charge that those who have fought prostitution in Tokyo have been disciplined for their efforts—among them, Comdr. O. B. Cook, who was transferred from Tokyo to Guam.

PAUL PORTER A-BOMBED
Chester Bowles, who stepped out of government after tough years of battling inflation, is a close friend of Paul Porter. The two fought side by side—Bowles as economic stabilizer, Porter as administrator of OPA. When Bowles resigned, Porter, left to fight the inflation battle alone, wrote a note.
"I now feel," Porter told his former chief, "like a native whom the navy forgot to remove from Bikini just before the atom bomb exploded."

FILIBUSTER AGAINST A-BOMB
It's Southern who have the reputation for filibustering, but three northern Republicans are conducting a filibuster more secret and just as skillful as that of any Dixie Democrat. It's against the atom control bill—vital to the nation.
They know the house will pass the senate-approved McMahon bill for control of atomic energy if it comes to a vote; so for two weeks three Republicans have kept the bill bottled up in the military affairs committee by stalling at every turn.
The three filibusters are Parnell Thomas of New Jersey, Forrest Harness of Indiana and Charles Elston of Ohio.
Many committee members gave up an evening for a special session in order to complete the bill and give the U. S. a policy to back up Barney Baruch in the United Nations.

Half an hour after the time set for the meeting they lacked a quorum, and Ohio's recalcitrant Elston would not let them proceed. Only one more member was needed.
Finally, Congressman Clare Booth Luce of Connecticut phoned that she was on her way to the committee room from her office five floors above. But while she was in the elevator, Elston grabbed his hat and left so there still would be no quorum.
Thus a dozen conscientious congressmen were forced to waste more than an hour, and Bernard Baruch was left high and dry before the United Nations with no law on the statute books to back him up.

CATCHES RECORD TROUT
A brown trout, twenty-eight and one half inches long, and weighing eight pounds, was caught last Friday by William Ellis, of Iliou, in the Unandilla River, Ellis, an amateur fisherman, who admitted borrowing the reel, pole and tackle and even the worm with which he caught the trout has entered it in the Iliou Fish and Game Club big fish contest, and it will undoubtedly take first prize, being the largest brown trout ever entered in the club's contest.

NEW CELEBRATION DATE
The date of Hamilton's official "Welcome Home" for veterans of World War II has been changed from August 17 to August 31, to insure a larger attendance of veterans who will be home for the Labor Day week-end.

Vacation Time



(WNU Service)

THE WEEK'S DATE PAD
Dates of coming events are published in this column without charge. For listing or inquiries, phone 122.
August 2 - August 9

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2
Concert at Hamilton College Chapel. Dr. Ernest Bacon pianist, and his wife Analee, cellist, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
Baseball—Clinton Termites vs. New Hartford, at Clinton, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
Work day for European relief, Presbyterian church rooms.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
Athletic competition, New Hartford playground, 10 a.m.

WATCH FOR THESE
August 10—Westmoreland Old Home Day.
August 14—Clark Mills pre-school clinic, Legion Memorial Hall.
Sept. 4—School opens.

A Large Peach Crop Expected; Home Canning Is Urged

The peach crop for the latter part of July is expected to exceed the volume for the same period a year ago, and canners are advised to prepare their canning equipment and be ready for peak supplies when they arrive. The total harvest this year will be only slightly under the record peach crop of last year, which totalled more than 81 and a half million bushels.
The July peach production will come largely from early producing southern states, and shipments from later producing areas will be available during August and September. Housewives are expected to store away a substantial part of an exceptionally large peach harvest and are warned that commercially canned fruits are expected to be short even after this canning season.

JOHN MASON BROWN
Columbia's book critic returns to WIBX Saturday afternoon at 2:30

Court House To Add New Room To Hold Trial Prisoners

A special room to accommodate prisoners awaiting arraignment in county court is being constructed at the court house, and should be completed by the October term.

A skylight above a third floor corridor opening was removed and a floor will be built in the lighting shaft, thus providing a well-ventilated room for the prisoners.

The prisoners, instead of being herded together in the courtroom, will be held until arraignment and will be taken into court one at a time. This will eliminate the present problem of keeping prisoners segregated from spectators.

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TODAY AND TOMORROW IN RADIO

By JACK MCKINNEY
Clinton's Welcome Home Day, held last Saturday, benefited in no small way from the cooperation of WIBX, whose facilities were made available for a remote public service program originating at the village park in the morning and broadcast by transcription at 2:45-3 in the afternoon. Participants were Elliott Stewart, WIBX; Mayor Fred Goering; Verne Moulton; Walter J. Hones, editor of the Courier; Bernie Burns, representing Army veterans, and Donald Pryor in behalf of Navy returnees.
The WIBX mobile unit, equipped to handle special events broadcasts originating outside the studios, was on hand, and a General Electric wire recorder was used to make the original record of the proceedings. The wire recorder, as its name implies, is a recently developed device for recording sound on a strand of wire. Its great advantages for work of this kind are its compact portability and simplicity of operation, and economy resulting from the fact that sound may optionally be "erased" from the wire and the latter used over and over again.
Ordinary transcription equipment of the type formerly used involved the cutting of wax blanks, a process that can become a major headache under the circumstances often encountered in special events work. With the wire recorder used on the scene, the program can be re-recorded on the conventional disc later at the studio—the procedure followed by WIBX on Saturday.

Speaking of public services, especially the Thursday WIBX broadcasts of the Civic Band concerts, at 8, are currently one of the spots on the station's schedule. These are the only instances this summer in which WIBX sees fit to drop a CBS program in favor of a locally produced program, and it leaves one to wonder how much more. With Columbia home-grown offerings of the air especially welcome.

"You and the Atom" of nightly programs designed to give the American public a story of atomic energy, launched by WFBL-CBS, Dr. Lyman Bryson, noted author and CBS counselor on atomic affairs, in charge, the series outlines what has been done in atomic energy, and attempts to clarify present issues of atomic energy and world control.
To be taken up on the program at 11:15-11:30, are lowering topics for the week: Friday, "Is There a Bomb?"; Monday, "Secret Atomic Bomb"; Tuesday, "Atoms of an Atom War"; Wednesday, "What Role Are Necessary With U.S.?" Thursday, "What Are Necessary in the World?"
NEWS NOTES—Starting Thursday, "Crime Photographs" without starring Statesworth will be heard Thursday 9:30-10 p.m. on WIBX-CBS replaces "Hobby Lobby" by chor-Hocking Glass. Earl Moore, M. D. of the Hopkins University School, will discuss "Recessions in the Field of Disease" on "The Doctors Over," Tuesday at 9:30-9:45. WJZ-ABC. . . . Book critic Mason Brown has returned his vacation and will be Helen Howe's "We Happen on Saturday" afternoon at 2:45 on WIBX-CBS. . . . Today's serial, "Tina and Tina" be withdrawn from WIBX after tomorrow morning's cast. Replacement at 11:30 will be Milton Bacon's program American folklore, "Time member."

