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## New Highway Provided For In Munsil Bill

Bill for Appropriation of \$40,000 for Construction of Improved Road to Canadian Border—Rouses Point Deeply Interested

Sen. E. C. Munsil, member of Assembly from Clifton, N. Y., has just introduced a bill in the New York State Legislature to provide for the construction and maintenance, by the state of New York, of the mile of highway extending from the Rutland railroad tracks in the village of Rouses Point westward through what is known as the Commons property to the Canadian line.

The reconstruction of this piece of highway is made necessary because of the fact that the Province of Quebec is resurfacing with concrete provincial highway No. 14 which leads from Montreal through the city of St. Johns, Quebec, to the International Boundary at Rouses Point where it meets with U. S. highways Nos. 10 and 11. When the St. Johns highway is completed some time this summer the new thoroughfare will provide a direct route to Montreal which, it is estimated, will carry a large part of the through tourist traffic. Because of its scenic beauty and because of the fact that it will provide a concrete boulevard more than 50 miles in length between Plattsburgh and St. Johns, it is believed that it will be the most popular route between United States points and the Canadian metropolis.

The present road from this village to the Canadian line is very narrow and of gravel construction, subjected to heavy tourist traffic. It will go to pieces quickly and will be practically impassable at a few weeks' travel. It is now part of the town highway, but neither the town, the village or the county have the necessary funds available to resurface it with concrete or macadam. It should be re-

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## LEWIS DELIVERS FIRST NEW FORD CAR

The first Model A Ford car to be delivered outside of the metropolitan districts was brought to Rouses Point day before yesterday by Ralph E. Lewis, Ford dealer of Morrisville, and turned over to the staff of the Rouses Point Station.

The Food, Drug and Insecticide Administration. This car, which is a coupe model, is one of five purchased by the department for the use of the staff of the local station in the enforcement of the Import Milk and other acts under its jurisdiction. The remaining four cars, also coupe models, are expected to arrive in Rouses Point within a short time.

The new coupe attracted much attention on the streets of the village and the attractiveness of its design and its sturdy appearance occasioned much favorable comment. Owners of the new Ford in all the styles are now on their way to Rouses Point and Mr. Lewis expects to be able to fill orders promptly.

purchased a large grand of standard make from one of the local musical instrument houses. The purchase price was said to have run into four figures. The piano was set up and tuned and had been in use only a couple of days when a stranger appeared in the manager's office and stated that he had been sent by the concern from which the piano was purchased to inspect the instrument and to make sure that it was in perfect shape. The manager led him to the banquet room and was an interested spectator while the stranger thumped the keyboard and looked into the works.

"I'm sorry," he said, "but we'll have to send it back to the factory. There's a defect in the sound board and a new one will have to be put in. If it's going to inconvenience you I'll have another instrument sent up from the store, but if you can wait a couple of days this one will be back and it will save us the bother of sending around another one."

The manager thought that he could wait.

An hour or so later a truck pulled up at the baggage entrance to the hotel and the manager very obligingly called four porters and even lent a hand himself in getting the piano down a flight of stairs and onto the truck which shortly disappeared in the direction of St. Catherine street. The manager thought no more about the matter until a week later when he called the music store to find out why the piano had not been returned and was surprised to learn that the concern knew nothing about the removal of the instrument, and had never heard of the stranger who had taken it away.

## THIEVES STEAL GRAND PIANO FROM HOTEL

It didn't appear in the newspapers and its through no fault of the manager that the story leaked out, but—

A clever thief stole a brand new grand piano right out of the banquet room of one of the largest hotels in the city of Montreal a few days ago and, what's more, the hotel manager and a part of the staff very obligingly helped him to get away with the job.

And this is how it is said to have happened.

The hotel, which is one of the largest in the Dominion of Canada, found that it headed a new piano for one of its banquet rooms and

## Mooers Makes Protest Over Train Service

People Ask Public Service Commission to Direct Rutland Railroad to Restore Former Passenger Train Schedule

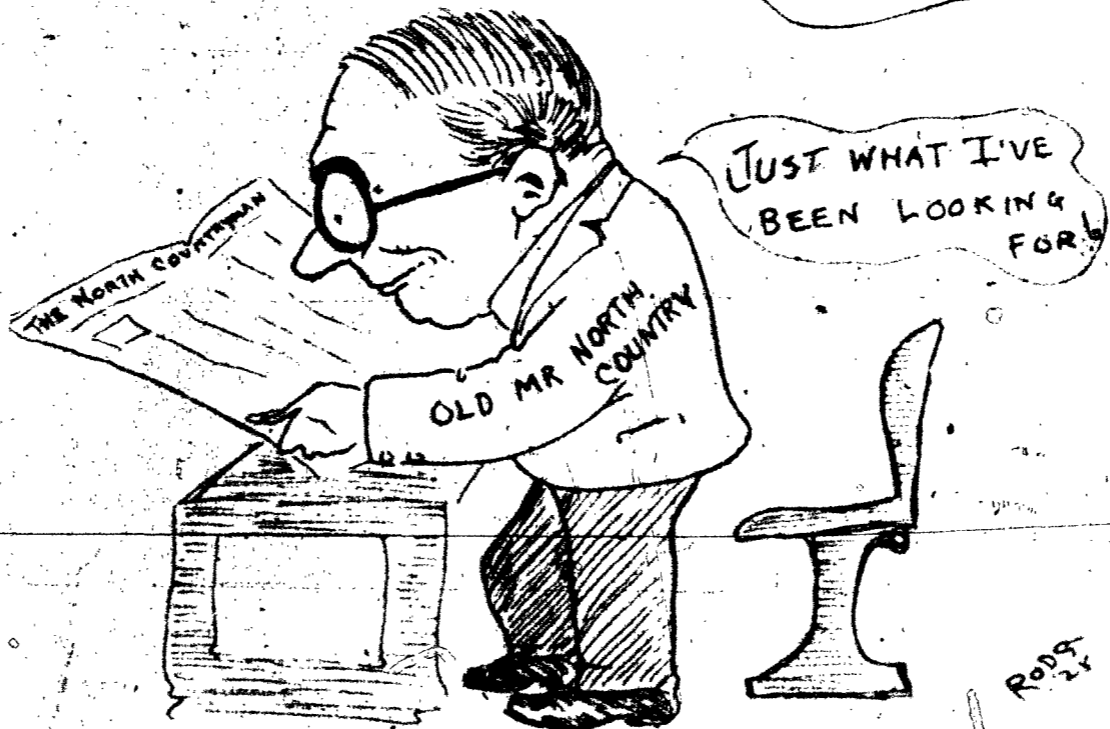
Residents of the town of Mooers, acting for themselves and other communities along the line of the Rutland railroad between Rouses Point and Chateaugay, have filed with the Public Service Commission a protest against the present schedule of passenger trains in operation over that road, as under it residents of towns lying along the line of the road are unable to visit the county seat of the county and return to their homes on the same day, although the distance to Plattsburgh from any of the border towns of the county is only from 25 to 30 miles.

Prior to the floods which last fall devastated the greater part of Vermont and put the Rutland road out of operation for a short time, the railroad maintained a schedule which was entirely satisfactory to the people of the north part of this county. Patrons of the road could then leave their homes in the morning, spend practically the entire day at the county seat and return to their homes the same day, but under the present schedule they must spend the night either in Plattsburgh or

Rouses Point, not reaching their homes until well into the forenoon of the day following their start from home. There is apparently no justification for the present train service which accommodates no one, but on the other hand is a real hardship on the residents of the border towns who have been used to the convenience of the county seat. There is no doubt that the complaint of the people of Mooers will be investigated by the public service commission and that such complaints are being made we may expect the possibility of an order in the near future directing the Rutland Railroad Company to restore the passenger train schedule which up to a short time ago existed, and which best served the wants of the people of the North Country.

## THE NEW WEEKLY

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## ROUSES POINT WINS FAST BASKET BALL GAME

Local A. A. Team Takes Morrisonville Aggregation Into Camp

The Rouses Point A. A. basketball team won one of the fastest games seen on the local court this season when they took the crack Morrisonville town team into camp last night by a score of 54 to 39.

The local basket tossers went after the scalps of down county aggregation from the sound of the whistle and the victory was particularly sweet because of the fact that they were forced to take the short end of a close score from the same team just a week ago last night in Morrisonville.

Ralph Clifton acted as referee while Professor Coddling, of the local high school, held the stop watch. Leo Goho was score keeper and got a big hand when he chalked up the final score.

- The box score:
- Rouses Point
    - R. E. Moore and Christy
    - L. F. Christy and Barney
    - C. Barney and Leonard
    - R. G. Leonard and H. Moore
    - L. G. Hunter and Dennis
  - Morrisonville
    - R. E. Lafortain
    - L. F. R. Light
    - C. Leigue
    - R. G. Bayette
    - L. G. J. Light
    - Fouls: R. Light & Lafortain