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EDITORIAL COMMENT!

It would seem that in the matter of discussing presidential candidates, the sort of man best fitted for the office of President of the United States at this time when the whole future outlook is upon a scene of coming disaster—We haven't taken a lesson from what has happened to many countries during the past few years. We haven't taken into consideration that the evidence is clear and overwhelming as Irving S. Olds, chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Steel Corporation puts it—"The evidence is clear and overwhelming throughout forty centuries of human experience, price controls at their best have always been a miserable failure. At their worst, they have led to famine and bloodshed; to defeat and disaster!"

Then Mr. Olds continues with this comment on what we have and what we should get rid of, in this manner: "To my way of thinking there is only one way to stop inflation, and that is to attack it at its source; and today the greatest source of inflation is the Bureau of Printing and Engraving at Washington. As long as our Government is unable or unwilling to live within its means—As long as it continues to pile up huge deficits as it has in seventeen of the past twenty years—And as long as it must finance these deficits by inflating the money supply, there will be no end of inflation in America. In short, until the Government balances its budget, the rest of us will never be able to budget the balance."

Olds goes on in this manner: "No government on earth has ever had such a fabulous income to spend. Up to the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt in the spring of 1945—seven years ago—there have been thirty-one Presidents of the United States, and these thirty-one Presidents had financed, in whole or in part, the cost of seven major wars—The American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, World War I and all but the last three months of World War II. Yet during the administration of all those thirty-one together, from Washington to Franklin D. Roosevelt, inclusive—not as much money was taken from the American taxpayers during the entire period of 156 years, as the Federal Government has collected in the last seven years. And I make the statement as authority of Senator Harry Flood Byrd of Virginia—a Democrat.

"But in spite of the lavish fashion in which our Government has satisfied its unbridled appetite for more taxes, it faces in the present year another staggering deficit; and we are told that this deficit is unavoidable for two reasons: first, because taxes cannot safely be raised any further, which I devoutly hope is true; and second, because expenditures have already been 'cut to the bone,' which certainly is far from true."

Olds goes on offering illustrations of the condition, as follows: "In this connection, it may interest you to know that a salmon, swimming up Columbia River to spawn, passes under jurisdiction of twelve Federal agencies. And please remember this: the salmon spawns and ultimately dies; but the agencies which also spawn—don't even fade away!"

An added illustration, quite appropriate here: "Representative Clarence Brown of Ohio—I quote a Republican this time—has counted 75 different Government Bureaus which deal with transportation, 65 which compile statistics, 37 dealing with foreign trade, 34 with acquisition of land, 22 with insurance, 15 with housing, 14 with forestry and six with business relations."

And looking the condition over, the American people are being led down the road to national ruin because they haven't thought it worth while to select a man for president who can be depended on to perform a major operation in government, stop inflation, balance the budget, clean up government bureaus, take hundreds of thousands of bureaucrats off the Federal payroll. We ought to hark back to the days when such men as Andrew Jackson were on earth. Under the second Adams the country was nearly bankrupt, conditions were recognized as grave. The election of Jackson was the turning point to sensible, sound government. Jackson performed the major operation, it saved the country for the time. Jackson smashed the hideous head of treason in the south when southern Democrats, John C. Calhoun determined on secession—Jackson is quoted as sending word to Calhoun "Secede and I'll hang you as high as Haman. Calhoun didn't attempt to have his state withdraw from the Union. He knew Jackson would have kept his word."

November to ponder well the value of a vote for the right kind of candidate, not one with no experience in government, just decorations and the glamor of military service—selected on the theory that to "select our man is all there is to it." That might be the final step—We are at the crossroads—We must ponder well how we act.

Truman gives his National Democratic chairman a back hand slap across the mouth for a statement that a truce in Korea might mean much for the future course of H.T. as a presidential candidate. Recalling the many back hand slaps in the face the Truman predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt who charged all his political blunders to Jim Farley and Farley never made open resentment. In fact, Farley, the most able man in the Democratic party for the period—this is meant able politically—was the Roosevelt whipping post and Farley was both post and bad boy being whipped. It is further recalled that later on, Farley took a walk, as Al Smith did previously. But, after all, what is a little "cuffing" between pals? Watch out and if H.T. is a candidate Mac will be in the campaign driver's seat, and if the GOP doesn't look out we may have a third term for Harry, et al.

Watertown is about to have another government housing project running into a million dollars or more—That is, if the Rev. Mr. Gair and some others can be placated about the removal of that old rookery or the Hillside locality. A local paper of the area prints pictures of some of the buildings that clutter the projected housing site and they are no credit to the locality and are all evidence that "slums" is about the right description. And there is another side to this matter of housing. When the government gets into building housing projects the cost is inordinately high. It is no excuse to say, "the government shoulders the burden of cost. What has the government done in the matter of the Ogdensburg housing project or that of Massena, take over or turn the key in the door and let the "damned thing rot and rust down." It is recalled during the First World War a housing project was executed at Watertown—it was probably back further than that as it was named "Lansing Dory" for Robert Lansing, Watertown's first citizen and for German cousins—That project was under hard criticism for some time after its building on account of faulty plumbing and faulty construction that allowed the breezes through "the whiskers" of those who entered. Government controls have gradually driven the builder of homes, contractors and constructors out of business. We now find a three room house costing ten to fifteen thousand dollars and there isn't anything you can do about it. Recalling days when you could hire a good carpenter, buy your material and build a good house for from three to five thousand dollars—"Them good days have gone forever!"—Let's hope not "forever."

Reading in the evening paper of the death of Corliss P. Stiles, former major of Rensselaer Falls, St. Lawrence University alumnus and good citizen, one may honestly remark "There was one who might be likened to the salt of the earth. He came of good stock. Recall the old Stiles home, the brick home on the road from DeKalb Junction to Hermon—Corliss Stiles had a sister, Jessie Stiles, also St. Lawrence graduate, teacher of schools, who married Elmer E. McBride. The editor cannot allow men and women like the Stiles family members to pass without a word of hail and farewell. They, those mentioned, were genuine Americans who loved the home, the village, the land where they were born and its institutions and never failed in their loyalty to home, country and friends."

There is general approval of the bill sponsored by Senator Paul D. Graves of Gouverneur, which enacted into law, by passage of both houses of the legislature and the signature of the governor, increasing the number of justices in the Fourth Judicial District from six to seven. The district is a large one with eleven counties including St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Schenectady, Montgomery, Fulton and Hamilton.

Another justice will relieve overworked supreme court justices who face heavy calendars and are delayed in passing on to the next assignment. At the same time it will make a justice just so much more accessible, as for instance in St. Lawrence County. It is recalled that way back to the days of Judge Amariah B. James of Ogdensburg, who was the first justice to serve under the constitution of a hundred years ago, and St. Lawrence had a supreme court justice all the way down the line, Judge Sawyer of Canton, following James, then came Judge Tappan of Potsdam and followed Judge Leslie W. Russell of Canton, Judge John M. Kellogg of Ogdensburg and Judge John Coleman Craspe of Massena who was followed by Judge Ellsworth C. Lawrence of Malone, all good

men and true and whose courts were popular with the bar and those who came to trial. St. Lawrence County should have a resident supreme court justice, and probably will when things get leveled off. It should be a matter of fair distribution. One more justice will help make this possible. One more justice helps, time will come when another may be added.

St. Lawrence County Sesquicentennial

Canton's week of the St. Lawrence Sesquicentennial Celebration will be held during the week of May 4 through 10, with a program of variety shows, civic programs, displays, and concluding on Saturday, May 10 with a parade in the afternoon, followed by an old-fashioned square dance in the evening. At a meeting of Canton merchants and businessmen held in the Board of Trade Rooms, Monday night, the following committees were named: Finance, Abner Segal; parade, Thomas Patterson, John Coakley, Jr., Gary Barcomb; dance, Charles Dishaw, Donald Gilson and Richard J. Peggs; village, Mayor Charles Lewis; town, Karl Mayhew, Sr.; St. Lawrence University, Dr. Joseph Romoda; State Agricultural and Technical Institute, Prof. Albert French; Canton Central Schools, Hugh Williams; promotion, Roger Dufort; publicity, Sidney McGill, Robert Murphy, W. A. Barton, Phillip McMaisters, and Paul MacClennan; Protestant laymen, Rev. A. J. Coffey; Catholic laymen, Rev. George Whittaker; floats, Dewey T. Cornell, Austin Todd, Arthur Robinson, and Russell Lawrence; sales committee, Lit Aleyah, chairman of the retail merchants committee. Historic committee, Mrs. Nina Smithers, Mrs. Karl Mayhew, Jr., and H. M. Pitman.

The affair this year is being sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The tentative program thus far: May 4, (Sunday), "Go To Church Sunday"; Monday, May 5, County Board of Supervisors program; Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6-7, Rotary Club Variety Show; Thursday, May 8, 6-9 p. m., Annual Dinner Meeting of Canton Chamber of Commerce; 8:00 p. m., Variety Show by students of the State Agricultural and Technical Institute, and St. Lawrence University; Friday, May 9, County-wide Boy Scout Jamoree; Saturday, 2:30 p. m., Parade; 9:00 p. m., Old Fashioned Square Dance, at Appleton Arena.

Again this year, residents of the village and vicinity are urged to dress in old fashioned attire for each of the events, and while doing their daily shopping. Clerks in the stores are also requested to 'dress in the old fashioned attire, similar to 1931's fabrication.

V. F. W. News

VFW AUXILIARY NOTES On Saturday, March 15, the following Auxiliary sisters attended the annual mass meeting of the VFW Auxiliary in Syracuse. Fana Cornell, Myrtle Gilson, Ruth Ayers, Florence Howard and Areolene Potonok.

Following the meeting a testimonial dinner was held in honor of the National VFW Auxiliary, president, Mrs. Ethel Griffith, and department president, Mrs. Phyllis Belcher. Monday evening, March 17, a St. Patrick's party was held in VFW hall, which was prettily decorated with green and white streamers, little top hats and all sizes of Shamrock leaves. A bountiful covered dish supper was served at 6 p. m. by chairman, Belva Thomas, assisted by Irene Dishaw, Anna Lobdell and LaVerne Woodside. This was followed by a card party in the recreation room and dancing on the other side of the hall. Music was furnished by the VFW orchestra. The highlight of the evening was the acknowledgement of the birthdays of Sister Madeline Wheeler and commander, Jay Todd by the orchestra and guests. The crowd was swelled to capacity by the arrival of the K. of C. group who joined us in the late evening.

On the bowling team, the girls took two points from Murphy's Appliance. Helen Waske had high single and triple. On Tuesday evening the shuffleboard team won over the Blue 93 to 60. Vivian Nowlan had high score of 53 points, Viola Lewis 40. Mrs. Harold Santimay of Gouverneur auxiliary was a guest.

Send in that essay. All must be postmarked before midnight, March 31. April 1 is the deadline. Mail to Essay Chairman Mrs. Belva Thomas, 57 Judson street, Canton, N. Y. Saturday evening was climaxed by a beautiful birthday cake and rose corsage presented to Mrs. Myrtle Spicer by Mrs. Esther Rood in behalf of her co-workers at the Dorm. Every guest in the room received a piece of the cake. Later the regular lunches were served by Hostess Pauline Lambert with co-workers, Orpha Tipson and Belva Thomas. Next regular meeting is April 1. Will the candidates for initiation please get in your cards. Belva B. Thomas, publicity agent. Vivian Nowlan, assistant.

St. Lawrence Univ.

ST. LAWRENCE DRAMA AND MUSIC GROUP TO PRESENT PLAYS AT WATERTOWN

The St. Lawrence University Music and Drama department will travel to Watertown Tuesday, April 1, to present three one-act plays in the College Center at Watertown Senior High School. The plays, Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury," Burrill Phillips' "Don't We All," and Bernard Victor Dryer's "John Doe," will begin at 8:30. Stars in the cast of "Trial by Jury" are Donald H. Parker, Bronxville; Kirk Hudson, Holley; David C. Engel, Essex Falls, N. J.; and Douglas Gallagher, Corinth. Burrill Phillips' comic opera "Don't We All" revolves around an old American folk song enacted by Donald A. Laidlaw, Kingston; Jane A. Mitchell, Albany; Kirk Hudson, Holley; and Louanne Brown, Newfane. "John Doe," an after-death drama, features Robert Pendell, Beacon; Edwin Pomerantz, Bay Shore; Joanne Van Noppen, Larchmont; William Lane, Rutherford, N. J.; Richard Jacoby, Niagara Falls; Valdemar Jacobsen, West Nyack; and Donald Bersing, Amsterdam. Jointly directed by Mrs. Marguerite G. Holmes, director of dramatic art at St. Lawrence University, and Charles Warner and J. Richard Gilbert of the St. Lawrence music department, the production of the plays include Betsy Gysi, stage manager; Albert Marino, lighting; Edwin Gruppe, scenery; Shirley Richardson, properties; James Hutchison, pianist; and Winifred Trutmann, practice accompanist. Music will be furnished by an orchestra composed of St. Lawrence students and teachers. The performance is sponsored by the College Club of Jefferson County. St. Lawrence University College Center.

ST. LAWRENCE FENCERS PARTICIPATE IN NA CONFERENCE AT SYRACUSE

Five fencers from the St. Lawrence University fencing club participated in the North Atlantic Intercollegiate Fencing Conference tournament, held last Saturday at Syracuse University. The St. Lawrence team, composed of Captain Ronnie Pitkin and Pete Parker in foil, Don Granger and Crawford Rose in sabre, and Ellis Ferre, Jr., and Pete Parker in epee, took third place in the tournament, behind the first-place University of Buffalo and Syracuse University. Three Larries, Ronnie Pitkin, Don Granger, and Crawford Rose got past the elimination round. Pitkin went on to win first place in foil, but the others failed to place. Last year Pitkin also took first place in foil. Within NAIFC St. Lawrence has won four meets, two against Syracuse, one against RIT, and placed second in the tournament, and has lost two, one to Cornell, and the triangular meet at RIT. In addition, during the regular season, they fenced McGill University, losing 14-13. Pitkin will be doing his last collegiate fencing this Saturday, when he enters the NCAA tournament at New Haven. The other members of the team will be returning next year.

ANN LATIMER AND JIM FRASE Y. C. WINTER CARNIVAL ROYALTY

Senior class candidates Ann Latimer and Jim Frase were revealed as the winners of the student election for the Youth Commission Winter Carnival royalty to reign over the proceedings at Appleton Arena last Friday evening. The action-packed carnival with participants from the grade school level through the high school was well attended as an audience of 900 parents and friends were present at the carnival. Members of the St. Lawrence Junior Skating Club put on a colorful and entertaining exhibition of ice skating based on the theme "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe." The group was under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Blankman. Plenty of thrills were packed in the skating races for all ages, the musical chair contest, and the hockey matches. There were three in all, a Pee Wee League event, and a High School boy team match, plus a novelty match between a girls' team and the male members of the school faculty.

The game was played with brooms and a basketball and both teams had some clever costumes. The affair produced plenty of laughs, and some of the faculty are still rubbing liniment into their sore muscles and bruises. THERON C. LEONARD PASSES AT CANTON NURSING HOME Theron C. Leonard, 80, retired cheesemaker and later librarian at Crary Mills, died Friday morning at 12:10 a. m. at the Canton Nursing Home, where he had been a patient since Jan. 11, 1952. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 2 p. m. in Crary Mills Church, Rev. C. H. McVey officiating. Burial will be in Crary Mills Cemetery. Mr. Leonard was born Dec. 17, 1871 in the town of Canton, a son of the late Theodore and Hattie Baker Leonard. He was married to Miss Lettie Leach on Feb. 15, 1893. Mrs. Leonard passed away on April 17, 1935. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Abbie L. Willmarth and Mrs. Beattie L. Gibson, and one brother, Charles Leonard, all of Canton; also nieces and nephews.

Church and Society

Food Sale—Girl Scout Troop I at Co-op March 29, 1952.

Baptist Church Rev. A. J. Coffey, pastor 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 10:45 a. m., morning worship service. The pastor's sermon will be "What is a Christian Church?" Clothing is being collected for overseas. Anyone having anything to donate is asked to bring it to the church this week. Next Sunday morning the Youth Fellowship will hold a Communion breakfast at Huletts Lodge at 7:00 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church Rev. Earnest E. Eells, pastor The pastor will preach the fourth in a series of Lenten sermons this Sunday. The topic will be "Kindness, a Christian Virtue." The Sessions will meet at 4 p. m. Friday, April 4th to examine the Confirmation Class. The Westminster Fellowship for High School will meet at 5 p. m. Sunday. The College Westminster Fellowship will meet Sunday morning for a Communion breakfast with the other church groups. Flowers and gifts of money for flowers will be welcome and should be made to Mrs. Dorothy Lawrence—phone 2822 so that plans can be made for Easter and Palm Sunday. In Holy Week, a Community Communion will be held in our church on Thursday evening. Other services are planned for Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

First Methodist Church C. Stanton Williams, minister Methodist men will hold Communion breakfast, and listen to sermon of Bishop W. Earl Leddon of Syracuse. Men are urged to be in church at 8:00 a. m. Bishop Leddon will speak to the churches in Syracuse area of which St. Lawrence District is a part. W.C.S.C. will serve breakfast to the laymen following the Communion service. The men of the DeKalb Methodist Church will unite with the Canton laymen for this service. Morning worship, 10:45 a. m. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Sermon theme: "Glory of the Unconsidered." Following tea at 6:30 p. m., Mrs. Donald Crossman, chairman; Rev. Clyde Sparling, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Ogdensburg, guest speaker. Lenten service in the sanctuary at 7:45 p. m. The public is invited to these services. Week day school will be held on Wednesday from 10:00 a. m. Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p. m. and 2:25 p. m. The Young Adult Fellowship will meet at the parsonage on Tuesday night. Dr. Francis Prays will be guest speaker. On Friday night, Men's Club will observe Ladies' Night. Covered dish supper at 7:00. All ladies of the church are invited. Larry Pries will show slides taken in Korea.

Christian Science Services in the Church Edifice, Potsdam Sunday Lesson/Sermon, 11:00 a. m. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Wednesday evening testimony meeting, 7:30 p. m., reading room, 28 Elm street. Open week day afternoons from 3 p. m. to 5:30. Monday and Thursday evenings, 7 to 9. You are cordially invited to attend the church services and enjoy the privileges of the reading room, which include a free lending library.

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From the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, will be read the following: "The conceptions of mortal, erring thought must give way to the ideal of all that is perfect and eternal. Through many generations human beliefs will be attaining diviner conceptions, and the immortal and perfect model of God's creation will finally be seen as the only true conception of being." (p. 260:7-12).

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