

# THE CLAYTON NEWS

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## CLAYTON SEAMAN SURVIVES SINKING OF AMERICAN SHIP

Alex M. Derosia, 44, of 864 James St., sailor for 20 years, was one of those rescued after the sinking of the Steel Seafarer and is now safe in port, it was learned here today. He was first assistant engineer of the Seafarer.

Derosia left for Baltimore in July to board the ill fated craft.

Derosia sailed on Great Lakes steamers immediately after graduation from Clayton high school, but did not enter deep sea work until 10 years ago.

Derosia has a son, Robert A. Derosia, who lives with Derosia's nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bertrand in Derosia's home.

Derosia returned in April for a 3 months' leave and while at Clayton addressed the Rotary Club here on voyage experiences.

## NEW MARVEL IN SLOT MOVING PICTURE IN CLAYTON

Monday night, at the Clayton Hotel, was installed one of the new slot moving picture machines, just recently on the market, and Jerry was successful in being the first in the county to get one for the entertainment of his guests.

It will pay you to drop around and enjoy this new marvel in entertainment. The distributor for the North Country is former state trooper, Leo LeVasseur, Theresa, Lawrence Gillman, Theresa, is the service manager.

It is a dime machine with a 16 M. film, bringing to you nationally known artists of the stage, screen and radio.

## PICTURE PRODUCERS WEEK END AT GOLDER'S

"Febbe" Lalonde, caretaker at Lew Golder's Island, had several prominent producers of the moving picture there on a fishing trip over the week end.

## GOLDEN ANCHOR CLOSED

The Golden Anchor Restaurant of Miss Mary Fitzgerald closed Saturday night, after a successful season.

## BREAKS RIBS

Lawrence Garnsey, Grindstone Island, is suffering from broken ribs sustained last week Wednesday night, when he slipped on his boat while landing.

## VARIETY SHOWER HELD

A variety shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Daroha, Sr., Saturday evening in honor of their daughter, Miss Mary Daroha, who is engaged to Kenneth Walts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Walts of Lafargeville.

Those present at the shower were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Walts, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Daroha, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sheley, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walts, Steve Daroha, Tony and Steve Vaadi, Mr. and Mrs. John Vaadi, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gable, Mary Sellon, Vanessa Streeter, Eugene Sanford, Alice Backus, Mr. and Mrs. George Aubin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Amo, Everett Tracy, Tony, Matilda, Elizabeth and Margaret Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Zelecoovich, Kenneth Walts, Mary Daroha and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Daroha, Sr.

## MOSE GOKEY, 58, FORMERLY OF CLAYTON, PASSES AWAY

Mose Gokey, 58, 2 Riverside Park, Mechanicville, formerly of Clayton, died Saturday at 2 A. M. at his home after an illness of six years.

He was born in Clayton on Aug. 13, 1883, a son of Mose and Eliza Daniels Gokey. In 1908 he married Miss Victoria Gauthier of Troy. He was a brakeman for the New York Central railroad until he retired because of illness.

The survivors are his wife, three sisters, Mrs. Mary Catherine Grassi of Mount Clemens, Mich., Mrs. Henry Lucy Moorman of New York City, and Mrs. Margaret Murray of Watertown, and one brother, Joseph Gokey of Clayton.

Funeral services were held in Mechanicville Monday morning.

## FRED STERNBERG ON COMMISSION

Fred Sternberg, Depauville, former Clayton supervisor, is on the appraisal commission taking testimony upon the value of land owned by Madison Cooper, Calcium, which the government has seized in its Pine Camp expansion and claims worth \$1,500. Mr. Cooper demands damages of \$5,529. Attorney Francis K. Purcell is chairman of the commission and Daniel F. Griggs, Adams, the other member.

Conboy, Wise and Conboy represent Mr. Cooper, whose claim includes damages to the base ball park, through which the government ran a railroad spur. A. J. Hutter and N. J. Haven, federal attorneys, appear for the government.

## ANNUAL FRINK CLUB STAG PARTY NEXT SATURDAY

The fourth annual stag party of the Carl H. Frink Club, will be held next Saturday, September 13th, at Frontenac Crystal Springs Inn.

Steaks and clam dinner will be served from 12:00 noon till 9:00 P. M., and all men are invited to participate in the day's fun. The tickets including everything, are \$1.25 and the proceeds are to be used for the local U. S. O.

## SCHOOL TAXES OUT

Mrs. Bertha L. Cuperhall, Fishers Landing, has received the warrant and is now collecting taxes for Clayton Central School District. Places and dates are listed in the notice appearing under our Legal Column.

## MORE SOLDIERS WILL BE HERE FOR WEEK

Clayton has become a popular place for the soldiers from Pine Camp, thanks to President Streets, of the Clayton Chamber of Commerce, and the U. S. O. committee. Many are expected this week, when the weekly dance will be held in the town hall, Saturday night. This week end entertainment is in charge of the ladies of the west side of the town, with Mrs. Delia Denny in charge. The dance will start at 9:00 P. M.

There is a need for tables and chairs for the recreational center at the town hall, and townspeople who can are asked to help supply this need. Let's all get back of this All-Together Movement at its weekly good neighbor events.

Special programs will develop for entertainment from week to week.

## MAKING FISHING RECORD

R. O. Osborn, plant engineer of the Newton Falls Paper Mill, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ashley, Westfield, Mass., registered at the Lou Phelps Hotel this week, the gentlemen coming for a fishing trip. And did they find Clayton fishing all they could hope for, with the skilled guide, Roland Garnsey.

Monday they pulled in a 29½ lb. muskie and Tuesday they came in with a 35 pounder, besides bringing in large wall eyed pike and two good sized pickerel. The record two catch of the season.

## CONTEST IN CLAYTON FOR REP. COMMITTEEMEN

### Primary Election Next Tuesday

One of the few contests in the Primary Election in Jefferson County this coming Tuesday, September 16, is in district number two in the Town of Clayton. There are three candidates running for the two Republican Committeemen to be elected. The three candidates are Mrs. Helen Blake, Clarence F. Hall and E. A. Streets.

## H. PERCY ON FURLOUGH

Orlin Percy received a happy surprise when his son, Harry Percy, blew in Friday from Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands, on a 26 day furlough. He has been stationed on the air craft carrier, Lexington, where maneuvering has taken place for the past 5 months. Harry stopped in Beaumont, Calif., to visit his mother, Mrs. Jessie Percy, on his trip to the East.

## "TOM" REES, 63, PROMINENT CITIZEN, DIES SUDDENLY



Thomas C. Rees

Clayton was shocked and saddened last Saturday morning when news rapidly went around town of the sudden death of Thomas C. Rees, 63, from a heart attack, at his home in Huggunin street.

He was taken suddenly ill early Saturday morning, and had his brother Carl, who lived with him at the family home, summon Dr. Harold Westcott, who lives across the corner. The doctor administered relief, and within a brief time was again called, and found Mr. Rees rapidly failing and advised Carl to call the family. Mr. Rees passed away before his sister, Mrs. George Kenyon arrived, around 7 o'clock.

Mr. Rees, a prominent insurance man, real estate broker and farm owner, was about the streets as usual Friday and went to bed apparently in his usual health. He had suffered from gall bladder trouble for several years, and has suffered severe pains from time to time, which he attributed to that ailment, but his friends now believe the severe attacks came from his heart.

"Tom" as he was popularly known about town, was one of Clayton's fixtures, knowing nearly everyone in town personally from a youth up, and well liked and welcome in most every home. Not much of the history of the town, from the old shipping days, former town characters and humorous incidents that have happened through the years in the town and along the river, Tom knew and could retell in his own witty vocabulary, imitating voices long gone, and vivid descriptions of personalities.

Although for years one of the town's most prominent business men, he really never grew up, in so far as he enjoyed the fun and antics of youth, seeing a joke most everywhere, and spreading his good cheer constantly. When it came to loyalty and helping the underdog, he was outstanding in our midst, never seeing or hearing of friends, and that included most everyone, in trouble, but he was one of the first to assist, offering all he had to those in need. Many a poor soul has come to him, when kind words and assistance could be obtained from no other source, and found him right ready to do all possible.

For 40 years he was manager of the prominent C. A. Ellis Co., drug and grocery stores, and here he was in a position to make a wide acquaintance, not only with townspeople, but among the summer colony where he was as popular as with the home folks.

After retiring from the Ellis Co. a few years ago, he purchased from Harrison Cole the established insurance business of Ellis & Cole, which he has since conducted, greatly enlarging the policy holders.

He was born in Clayton, Nov. 28, 1877, son of the late William H. and Charlotte Caswell Rees. His father before him was one of the leading business men of the town, and justice of the peace, before whom most local cases were tried, and meted out justice and mercy, as the cases warranted.

He was a member of Clayton Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 296, and

Clayton Chapter, No. 301. In later years he demitted from the higher masonic bodies, including the Shrine, in which he was a member for years.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon, at 1:30 from the home and at 2:00 from the Methodist church, Rev. William Eddy, pastor, officiating. Mr. Eddy also officiated at the funeral of Mr. Rees' mother, who died March 7, 1940, at the advanced age of 81 years. His faithfulness to his aged mother, through life and in her declining years, and to his brother Carl Rees, handicapped by blindness, is one of the outstanding tributes of his useful life.

Bearers at the funeral were: Geo. Schafer, Ira Russell, Robert Fitzgerald, Glenn Howe, Ned Hawes, James Graves, Clyde Graves, and Kenneth Petrie. Masonic rites were held at the grave at Clayton cemetery, where he was buried in the family plot.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Geo. R. Kenyon, and a brother, R. Carl Rees, Clayton; nieces, Miss Ruth Kenyon, Watertown; Mrs. Warren Cobb, Fulton; Mrs. Gordon D. Cerow, Clayton; nephews, George W. Kenyon, Jr., Clayton, and Albert Kenyon, Syracuse.

## L. M. VINCENT, 4-H CLUB MEMBER, TO MAKE TRIP

Depauville. — Miss Louise Marie Vincent, one of three from the Jefferson Co. 4-H Club, has been selected to make a tour of the Adirondack Mts. The group, consisting of selectees from Lewis, St. Lawrence and Jefferson Counties, will leave Watertown Thursday, returning Sunday.

On Sunday evening they will broadcast over station W. A. T. N., Watertown, relating their experiences while on the tour. Miss Vincent is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Vincent of this village.

## NEW ROAD IN PROGRESS

Work, under the able supervision of Superintendent of Public Works, Damas Turgeon, is in progress in the construction of the new macadam road leading from James street to the new Central School.

## VIOLATER FINED AND JAILED

William F. LaQuay, about 27, Utica, driver and weighmaster of the Smith Coal Company of Utica and Alexandria Bay, was arrested last week Wednesday on a charge of violating Section 197-A of the state coal law, relating to weights.

Pleading guilty before Justice of the Peace James Graves of Clayton, he was fined \$50 and sentenced to 30 days in the county lock-up at Watertown. Authorities said he paid a \$25 fine on July 30 after he had pleaded guilty to a similar offense before a Redwood peace justice.

He was taken to Watertown by Clayton police. It was charged that LaQuay had improperly weighed a load of coal consigned to Mrs. Sarah Delaney, Clayton.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Frontenac Islanders, Inc., Syracuse, to William M. Thompson, and Daisy S. Thompson, his wife, city, parcel, Clayton.

Estelle Pelow, Clayton, to Charles W. Brandt and Freda Brandt, his wife, Route 3, Kingston, parcel, Cape Vincent.

## MORE ENTRIES IN FISHING CONTEST

The latest in the 5th annual fishing contest being held in Clayton was a 29 lb. 5 oz. "Muskie" measuring 49 inches in length with a girth of 19½ inches. It was entered by R. O. Osborn of Newton Falls. The guide was Roland Garnsey. This is the 5th "Muskie" Roland has brought in this season, but the largest and the second largest thus far to enter the contest.

"Jerry" Marshall came in late Monday evening with a 12 lb. "Muskie", 7 pickerel and the limit of bass. He had a party of two on the trip, a mighty fine catch to say the least.

## METHODIST CIRCLE O. C. GROUP BEGIN FALL ACTIVITIES

The first supper meeting was held on Monday, Sept. 8th at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carter. Fourteen members attended and after a social supper, a business meeting was called to order with Mr. Carlton Butts, Vice President, in the chair. Plans were made for a public supper to be held in the church dining room on Wednesday, Sept. 24th. The supper will feature Swiss steak and many other popular home cooked dishes.

The next meeting of the Class will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Butts.

## THOUSAND ISLAND REBEKAH LODGE MEETS SEPT. 16

At the regular meeting of Thousand Island Rebekah Lodge Tuesday evening, Sept. 16th, the annual election of officers will be held besides the other important business. At the close of the meeting a picnic supper will be served. Each member will bring buttered rolls, a covered dish and table service.

## "DOC" CHURCHILL WINS CLUB TROPHY

Spencer (Doc) Churchill won the Clayton Golf Club trophy for the second consecutive year by defeating Robert Mance in a 36 hole match played Sunday. Most of the game was played in a rainstorm and ended when last year's champion defeated his opponent five up and three to go at the end of the 33rd hole.

J. Leslie Cummings, president of the club, presented the trophy to the winner.

## ALEX. BAY CLERIC, FERGUSON'S ROTARY GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Edward Swartout, Alexandria Bay, was guest speaker of Clay Ferguson at Clayton Rotary Club, last Thursday afternoon at Hotel Clayton. Rev. Mr. Ferguson gave an interesting talk on "The Power of Knowledge," illustrating it with motion pictures.

Ned Hawes was appointed chairman of the Crippled Children committee, which also has in charge the work of caring for the eyes and teeth of local children in the school.

In his weekly letter to Rotarians, secretary, Dean Bell, gives a fitting tribute to Thomas Rees, one of the charter members of the local club.

Leonard Rombard, last week earned his 300 per cent button, and Rupert Gardner 100 per cent.

Guests last week were, besides the speaker: Fred Estes, Sterling Garlock, Alexandria Bay; Arthur Ives, Watertown; James W. McChnel, Gananoque; Bernard Grant, Westport, Ont.

## NEW BORN INFANTS DIE

The twins born to Mr. and Mrs. Aulden Shaw Saturday morning, died. The babies were born at the home of Mrs. Frank Schryver at Omar.

Prayer services were held Monday forenoon at 11:00 (E. D. T.) at the Butts Funeral Home. Rev. William Eddy of the Clayton Methodist church officiating. Burial in the Omar cemetery.

Mrs. Shaw is the former Miss Ida Powell of Clayton.

## FALL AND WINTER SCHEDULE OF ARRIVAL AND DISPATCH OF MAILS

Standard Time		Close for Dispatch
Arrive		9:00 A.M.
9:00 A. M.		3:00 P. M.
3:00 P. M.		6:30 P. M.
6:30 P. M.		7:45 A. M.
9:00 A. M.		7:45 A. M.
Window Service		
Money Order Window		
Standard Time		
Opens		Closes
7:30 A. M.		5:00 P. M.
All Other Windows		
7:30 A. M.		7:00 P. M.
Arrival and Dispatch of Mails		
Down River Offices		
Standard Time		
Mails Arrive		Mails Close
8:30 A. M.		8:00 A. M.
3:13 P. M.		6:15 P. M.