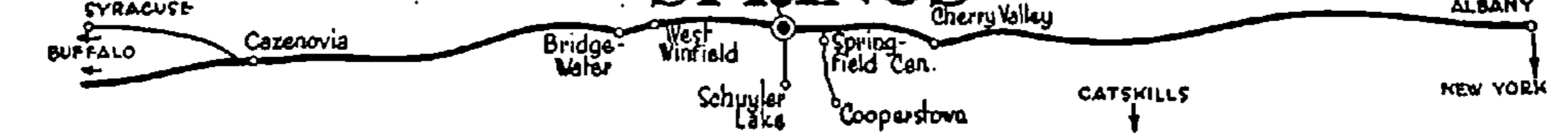


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ONEONTA DEFEATS RICHFIELD SPRINGS

Wins First in Series of Checker Matches by Substantial Margin—Won 47, Lost 27

Friday evening of last week in the American Legion rooms in the Berkeley Block, Richfield Springs, there occurred checker matches between teams representing the Richfield Springs and Oneonta Checker Clubs that is of front page importance. Checkers is very popular at the home of the Great White Sulphur Springs just now and there were so many players on hand to defend for the local team that Captain Fred Turner used 27 men. Oneonta won, however, with 47 victories, 27 losses and 20 draws.

W. Quaff of Richfield Springs came through with the only clean state of the match, winning all four of the games he played. J. F. Roberts of the home team, New York State champion, in six games played, scored five victories and one draw. Arthur Fenton made a good record, with three wins and three draws in six games.

Former Oneonta city champion Perry was the visitor who played to a draw with Roberts. M. Anderson made the outstanding record for Oneonta, winning thirteen games, losing three and drawing one. There were but twelve players in the Oneonta group.

The score:

Oneonta	W	L	D
G. Lough	4	2	0
W. Perry	2	1	1
E. Michelson	3	3	2
E. Barker	2	5	3
A. King	2	4	1
P. Hyatt	5	2	2
M. Anderson	13	3	1
H. Hall	5	1	0
J. Polo	3	2	6
G. Frear	4	2	2
W. Hughes (Capt.)	3	1	2
O. Harmon	1	1	1
Totals	47	27	20

Richfield	W	L	D
T. Coagrove	2	2	0
G. Palmer	0	2	0
D. Steele	0	2	0
J. Flynn	0	3	1
W. Quaff	4	0	0
G. Yourno	1	3	2
F. Palmer	1	2	1
A. Fenton	3	0	3
J. F. Roberts	5	0	1
J. Yourno	2	3	0
R. Monahan	0	1	0
W. Beach	3	3	1
C. Richardson	1	1	0
H. Yule	1	1	2
L. Winne	1	2	1
C. Gorton	0	2	0
K. Mayne	1	1	2
J. Raubacker	0	4	0
F. Darling	0	1	1
H. Dufoort	0	4	0
O. Darling	1	1	0
A. Moore	0	2	0
W. Monahan	0	2	0
C. Raubacker	1	1	0
F. Turner (Capt.)	0	2	0
L. Gagan	0	1	1
E. Roberts	0	1	1
Totals	27	47	20

PUBLIC CONTINUES BUREAUS' SUPPORT

All county boards of supervisors continued appropriations for Farm and Home Bureaus, and 4-H clubs in as many New York counties as have so far voted, according to report of L. R. Simons, director of extension of the New York State College of Agriculture.

Buffalo was first to vote support to continue the work with farm women with an appropriation of \$5,500 for the Home Bureau. Delaware led the counties with a \$4,000 appropriation for 4-H clubs, and Chautauque was first to support the Farm Bureau program, with a \$4,500 appropriation.

Leaders at the college say that the need for economy has prompted supervisors to scrutinize extension budgets and extension activities more closely, but that the scrutiny has brought a better understanding and appreciation of the educational facilities offered by the county groups in co-operation with the State College.

At the same time, they point out more farmers and farm women are actively supporting the county organizations and taking part in the programs. Montgomery County farmers themselves increased the Farm Bureau membership nearly 75 per cent; the Home Bureau has organized 1,037 active community groups, and more than 27,000 farm boys and girls are now learning better farm or home practices in 4-H clubs directed by nearly 800 voluntary leaders.

TO FORM HOME BUREAU UNIT AT VAN HORNESVILLE

A new Van Hornesville unit of the Herkimer County Home Bureau was formed Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Owen Miller. Those instrumental in getting this group organized included Mrs. Eugene Eutermark, Mrs. Andrew Shaul, Mrs. Frank Hemingway, Mrs. Floyd Wagner and Mrs. Miller. The Home Bureau has been quite active during the past year under the leadership of Miss Grace Smith, county agent.

Assemblyman F. M. Smith was elected president of the new Farm and Home Bureau Association at the joint meeting in Oneonta on Wednesday.

PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR

Chief Executive Proclaims December as Period for 26th Annual Christmas Seal Sale

Governor Roosevelt proclaimed Monday the 26th Annual Sale of Christmas Seals for anti-tuberculosis work in New York State and urged the public to purchase Christmas Seals. Pointing out that poverty and tuberculosis go hand in hand, he declared that any relaxation of effort against this disease would be extremely unwise and the consequences would be disastrous for years to come. The proclamation issued at Albany, New York, reads as follows:

"Christmas seals are again on sale for the 26th holiday season throughout the State and Nation. The proceeds enable National, State and local tuberculosis associations to co-operate effectively with the official health authorities in the warfare against tuberculosis. These citizen organizations help to secure sanatoria, clinics and public health nurses. They also carry on health camps, preventoria for pre-tuberculous children, and public information services to show the people how to protect themselves against tuberculosis.

"Extraordinary gains have been achieved by united action of these official and voluntary forces: tuberculosis, twenty-five years ago the greatest single cause of death, has fallen to sixth place; the death rate has been cut in half, with a result of an annual saving in this State alone of nearly 9,000 lives. I am advised by the State Health Commission, in its final report to me last April, that the battle is just about half won, and that, if these gains are followed up with wise and prompt action, this devastating disease before long will be controlled and become an insignificant cause of sickness and death.

"But, the current depression threatens to step further progress on this program, even to nullify some of the gain already achieved. Poverty with all its implications and tuberculosis go hand in hand. The doubling up of families in a household, where there is a case of the disease, multiplies the chances for infection, especially of little children. The inevitable letdown in habits of cleanliness and personal hygiene, the weakening of family solidarity that come from over-crowding and continued extreme anxiety and mental distress, are favorable factors for the spread of tuberculosis.

"There should be no letup in the campaign against this disease. The facilities for dealing with it should be maintained and strengthened. Any relaxation of effort at this time would be extremely unwise; the consequences would be disastrous for years to come. Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim the month of December as the period for the twenty-sixth annual Christmas Seal Sale, and I urge the citizenry of the State to support liberally this great movement to save lives and to prevent the suffering and tragedy caused by tuberculosis."

(Signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt.

MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The first prize Dr. Morris scholarship was first awarded to Joseph Naghski of Garrattsville. This prize totals \$200.00 and is to be used by the winner toward an agricultural course in advance of high school training at one of the State schools or Cornell University. The second prize of \$100.00 was awarded to George Lowe, a graduate of the Edmeston High School and is designated for the same purpose as the \$200.00 scholarship. A committee composed of Mr. Chester Backus and Mr. Lee Starr of the Morris Fair Association and Mr. George Preston, superintendent of school and supervisor of the Dr. Morris prizes, judged the applications and announced the winners as above.

Dr. Morris also gives prizes for special 4-H projects in corn, potatoes and milk-testing. The winners of his special prizes in these projects are as follows: Corn raising, first, Joseph Naghski of Garrattsville, yield 300 bushels per acre; second, Norman Cady of Edmeston, yield 240 bushels per acre; and third, John Fredericksen of New Lisbon, yield 237 1/2 bushels per acre. Potato raising: first, Claude Stephens, Edmeston, yield 382 bushels per acre; second, Roscoe Chapin, New Berlin, yield 389 1/2 bushels per acre; third, Joseph Naghski of Garrattsville, yield 326 bushels per acre; fourth, Frederick Docksteder, New Lisbon, yield 360 2/3 bushels per acre; and fifth, James Webb, Gilbertsville, yield 325 1/3 bushels per acre. Cow testing: first, Henry Nichols of Burlington; second, Norman Cady, Edmeston; third, Douglas Harrington of Burlington; fourth, James O'Hara, Otisco; fifth, Vincent O'Hara, Otisco; sixth, Helen Halbert of South New Berlin; seventh, Frank Reeves, Otisco; eighth, Clark Jester of Otisco; and ninth, Robert Halbert of South New Berlin.

The interest in Dr. Morris' special prizes was exceptionally keen this year with more participants than ever before. A total of fifty individuals competed for the seventeen prizes offered. It costs \$40 a month to peddle in Canada.

Matters Before Supervisors In Third Week of Session

Farm Bureau Agent Thompson Shows Bureau Members 70 Per Cent Farmers—Rules of Procedure Changed—County Sanatorium Report—Other Matters Brought Before Board

70% Farmers

A communication was read from M. E. Thompson, Otsego County Farm Bureau agent, in which he stated that at the time he presented his report of the Farm Bureau Association, November 17, the question was raised as to what proportion of the membership of the Farm Bureau consists of farmers. At that time, he states, for various reasons he was unable to provide the figures, but since then he has made a thorough examination of the membership list and is glad to submit this data for the board's information.

"In 1932," writes Mr. Thompson, "there have been 1,672 members in the organization. Of this number there were 731 farmers which represents 70 per cent of the total membership. In arriving at these figures I have included all business and professional men whom I know to own farms and are members. There are other business men who have used the Farm Bureau service, but they have not been included in the above figures. The lists are available for your inspection at the Farm Bureau office at any time."

"The fact that 321 business and professional men," continues the communication, "belong to the Farm Bureau, is an indication of its strength. Agriculture is the basic industry of Otsego County and I cannot think of any other business which is not dependent upon the farmer either directly or indirectly. The fact that these business and professional men belong to the farmer's educational organization, demonstrates to me that they are interested in a progressive agriculture, a better understanding and closer relationship which should exist between farmers and city or village people."

Mr. Thompson also invited the members of the board to attend the annual meeting of the Farm and Home Bureau Association at the United Presbyterian Church at Oneonta Wednesday.

Melvin C. Bundy, chairman of the Otsego County Democratic committee, recommended P. James Gallagher of Oneonta for appointment as a commissioner of elections of the county.

Attention is called to the fact that the proposed budget of the Otsego County junior extension board as submitted to the board of supervisors anticipates an appropriation of \$5,500, which is \$500 less than the appropriation voted by the board last year. This statement is made in correction of a statement to the effect that the asking was the same as that of last year in the course of the account of the proceedings of the board of supervisors for that day. The appropriation for the 4-H clubs for several years has been \$5,000, but the organization is closing the year with an anticipated balance of over \$500, which makes the reduction possible.

By the bare two-thirds majority needed, Lawrence W. Barrett's resolution amending section 65 of the rules of order was adopted on Tuesday by the county board of supervisors. All of the 27 members were present and on the roll call the following nine, Messrs. Beach, Dickson, D. Green, Palmer, Russ, Starr, Taber, Thompson and Wilcox, voted in the negative.

The amendment changes the rule in such a manner that hereafter reports of standing committees on the auditing of accounts, the report of the equalization committee and resolutions appropriating funds must lay over one day before being acted upon. Hereafter they might be acted upon when presented unless a request that they be laid over was made by one of the members. Under another rule, any resolution could be acted upon immediately after its presentation, a provision which removed objection to the amendment on the part of those who saw in it the prolonging of special sessions of the board an extra day.

County Sanatorium
Dr. F. L. Winsor of Laurens, superintendent of the Otsego County Sanatorium, presented the annual report of the board of managers and the budget for the coming year. The financial statement shows the total cost for the year to have been \$19,212.57 from which is deducted the sum of \$3,611 collected from other sources, leaving the actual cost to the county at \$15,601.57. Dr. Winsor in his remarks compared this cost with the cost of similar institutions in Delaware and Chenango which revealed the information that the Otsego cost is several thousand dollars less here than in these neighboring counties. The average cost to the county for the past 14 years, he showed, has been \$13,395.91 per year.

Various Matters

County Clerk W. O. Hintermiller submitted his annual report showing fees totaling \$11,835.83 collected during the year and turned over to the county treasurer. He also reported that no fines or penalties had been paid to him during that period.

Pletcher A. Blanchard of Cooperstown, chairman of the Republican county committee, recommended the appointment of J. Dana Whipple of Cooperstown as a member of the election commission of the county.

Resolution were read from the Fly Creek Valley Grange and the Richfield Grange favoring the usual appropriations for the Farm and Home Bureaus and the Junior Extension work of the county.

A petition addressed to the town boards of the towns of Oneonta and Milford and the city council of Oneonta favoring the improvement of the highway leading from the Oneonta reservoir to Edson's Corners was read, calling attention to the points that it would be of value to adjoining property and that it was the most direct route from the city to Milford. The petitions were signed by a large number of property owners.

The board on motion of W. L. Smith accepted the invitation of the Susan Fenimore Cooper Foundation to attend an entertainment and sale on Wednesday afternoon, and Chairman Cushman appointed the following committee to arrange for the visit: Melvin C. Bundy, Levi Platt and Frank Peterson.

Upon behalf of County Welfare Commissioner Ray C. Rose, Mr. Platt extended the members an invitation to be Mr. Rose's guests at luncheon at the county home Tuesday, December 6, at 1:30 o'clock and upon motion of Ernest G. Russ the invitation was unanimously accepted.

GIVES REPORT ON NATIONAL GRANGE

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Simmons of Brighton represented Richfield Grange at the sixty-sixth annual convention at Winston-Salem, N. C., last week and state that a rural weekend was accorded all Patrons of Husbandry by the citizens of the Tar Heel State. Every State in the United States was represented at this great meeting of the farm people. A reporter for the Winston-Salem Sentinel remarked that he did not know what the Grange was and was asking the question, "What is the Grange?" for he was amazed at the loyalty shown by the members of this great farm organization.

Despite the fact that the Grange was born in the South during the reconstruction days that followed the war between the States, it rose to a position of power and influence, spread to the East and West, then became dominant in the South. To the gratification of untold members, it is returning to the South with the same determination that characterized its leaders half a century ago.

Among the outstanding features of the program was the conferring of the seventh degree, 2100 taking this degree which was conferred at the beautiful Reynolds' memorial auditorium at two o'clock Friday afternoon and again at 7:30 Friday evening.

At five o'clock Friday afternoon an immense barbecue was held on the Reynolds' athletic field adjoining the auditorium and attended by between three and four thousand Grangers, and a jolly crowd of Patrons, too. Though obliged to wait on the stairs entering the athletic field for over a half hour, everyone was singing or whistling "It's Good to Be a Granger" and "Smiling Thrift" and then the band struck up "Dixie" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

At 7:15 o'clock, previous to the conferring of the seventh degree, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, representing the National Economy League, discussed the Nation's finances. His speech was broadcast over a nation-wide hookup. The South Carolina State Grange staged a cotton style show on Saturday afternoon at the Reynolds' memorial auditorium. National Master Louis J. Taber expressed his great pleasure in having the opportunity to witness such an interesting event.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons also stated that Winston-Salem is a city of beautiful homes and the roads are far ahead of any in New York State. In driving through the different states they passed over several pieces of highway construction which was all being done by manual labor and mule teams with only a steam shovel or grader on each job. On the farms the plowing was being done by horses or mules, no tractor; also that the produce from the farms was being transported in local markets by mule teams or horse.

DRAWN UNDER ICE CHILD DROWNS

Six-Year-Old Gordon Walker of Richfield Meets Death in Creek West of Village

Gordon Peasley Walker, six years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walker of Richfield Springs, was drowned at about four o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the waters of the creek at a point near the D. L. & W. railroad crossing on the Monticello road west of Richfield Springs. While chasing a cat on the ice covering the creek, as his companion, five-year-old Richard Van Valkenburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Van Valkenburg, played on the railroad track above, Gordon fell into open water where the stream swirls and turns in its passage under the railroad bridge. He was quickly drawn under the ice by the rushing water and he had long been extinct when, more than a half hour later, his body was recovered after a rescue party had chopped away several feet of ice. Coroner Harrie V. Frink rendered a verdict of accidental drowning.

The little Van Valkenburg child ran to the home of his uncle, Floyd Crausway, a short distance from the bridge in Honesville, and told him what had occurred. Mr. Crausway summoned help from Richfield Springs. The drowned boy's body was found in about three feet of water and determined effort was made to revive him.

Gordon Walker was born on April 5, 1926. The parents and four sisters, Dorothy, Emily, Jennie and Bertha, survive.

The funeral will be held at the Walker home in Union Street at two o'clock on Friday afternoon. The Reverend George H. McCleave will officiate. Interment will be made in Lakeview Cemetery.

D. L. PRICE SCHEDULE CONTINUED IN DECEMBER

Despite the stories that have come out of New York City, to the effect that a collapse of the milk price structure was impending, the directors of the Dairy-men's League have decided to continue the November schedule as the December price basis. According to the reports made to the directors market conditions are not brightening, and in view of the possibility of having to make a reduction in prices later, authority was given the executive committee to make such changes in the schedule as it may find necessary.

It was stated that there has been the usual seasonal drop in the supply being shipped into New York, but, it is alleged, advantage cannot be taken of the lessened production because of the cutthroat methods of some dealers who are slashing prices in order to gain a market. Because of the determination of the bootleggers to make sales, League men claim, reputable dealers who are trying to maintain the market are put to their wits' end to meet the unfair competition. It is for this reason that the threat of the League to make a possible cut to meet the disrupting competition is held as a sort of Democles sword over the heads of the price cutters.

4-H BROADCAST AT NOON SATURDAY

A special 4-H broadcast program on National Club Congress being held this week at Chicago, Ill., in connection with the International Livestock Show, will be broadcast on December 3rd from 11:45 to 12:45 p. m. over a national hookup of radio stations. The program will be conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the delegates to the National Club Congress, the U. S. Marine Band and the National Broadcasting Company. This program will be the last of the 1932 series featuring the theme "4-H Club Work Has Economic Value." The program will inspire 4-H leadership and will have for its speakers the club boy and girl who won the 1932 Moses 4-H Leadership award, H. A. Moses, donor of the trophies, and G. E. Farrell in charge of extension work in the Central States will be speakers on this program.

GORTON CASE SETTLED

The settlement of the actions brought to recover damages for negligence by Charles D. Gorton and Emogene Eckles of Cooperstown, and Minnie Gorton of Richfield Springs against LeRoy J. Cairns and Donald J. Cairns of Albany and Troy was announced at the opening of court at Cooperstown Monday. Joseph P. Leary of Cooperstown represented the three plaintiffs.

the people had their garden plots consisting mostly of collards, and their Jersey cow. Some had a few hens by means of which it was evident they were trying to get a living. They saw acres and acres of tobacco and cotton which had not been harvested on account of prices being so low. Farmers were complaining of the low prices which they were getting for their produce and said they would not get enough to pay their taxes.

"It is the Grange which is endeavoring to remedy these conditions for agriculture through the nation," says the Mercury's reporter, Mrs. Simmons.

EVERGREEN O. E. S. MATRONS' NIGHT

Former Officers of Springfield Center Chapter Recall Past Events—Supper and Program Enjoyed

Between 70 and 80 O. E. S. members were present at Past Matrons' Night last Tuesday evening at Masonic Hall, Springfield Center. The supper was served at 6:30 and the dining-room looked very pretty with decorations of cut flowers and greens. After the members and friends were seated, W. M. Katherine Wood read two very interesting letters from Mrs. Edward Fetters and Mrs. Ella McKellip of Los Angeles, Cal., both ladies being charter members.

After a delicious dinner served by the committee, the several past matrons were called upon by the toastmaster, H. M. Hecox, to give a short talk about events while they were in office. These talks were all good and recalled many things in the past. A cake bearing 30 candles was then brought in and placed on the past matrons' table. This was to represent Evergreen Chapter, No. 251, as being 30 years old. At the close of the remarks, all adjourned to the hall. While members and friends were being seated, Mr. and Mrs. Burrill Root (Mrs. Root playing the piano and Mr. Root playing the violin) gave a couple of selections, then Mrs. Root and Mrs. Southworth gave a pleasing piano duet.

Chapter opened with Mrs. Carl Smith as worthy matron and H. M. Hecox as worthy patron, all other officers being filled by past matrons and other officers. Again we enjoyed a very fine program: a solo by Mrs. Root and a violin duet by Burrill Root and Prof. Southworth. Mrs. Emma Quaff of Cooperstown then gave three selections which charmed her listeners and showed her ability as a teacher of dramatic art. Mrs. Robert Gros sang two solos and Mrs. Lillian Tyson was called upon by W. P. Hecox for a few remarks. This being the last of the program, chapter was closed. This certainly was one of the pleasantest affairs the chapter has ever had.

BUCK KNOCKS HUNTER DOWN

"There's deer in them thar woods," and Dewitt A. Diamond, of Roseboom, will substantiate this statement regarding the Phelon Mountain near Cherry Valley.

Being knocked eight feet by an on-rushing, startled buck, deer, is an unusual experience, especially for a man carrying a gun and a lantern. Mr. Diamond was hunting raccoons in the vicinity of Phelon Mountain, about one mile south of Cherry Valley, Tuesday evening of last week. His dog was several rods ahead of the hunter who was carrying a lantern and his gun. Suddenly the barking of the hound was accompanied by a thunderous crashing through the underbrush. Dumfounded himself, by this unusual noise, Mr. Diamond hesitated a moment to better learn the cause of this unusual disturbance in the dead of the night. At this moment a buck deer crashed through the hush and straight into Mr. Diamond, knocking him from his feet, tearing his ear lobe and bruising his collarbone. Somewhat dazed, Mr. Diamond gathered together his belongings, turned in the direction of his home and three hours later arrived at the farmhouse, with a story that was hardly believable.

The only explanation the man could give for this unusual "charge of the deer," was that the animal becoming frightened by the dog, ran directly toward the lighted lantern.

We are pleased to report, however, that Mr. Diamond is rapidly recovering from the injuries received—Cherry Valley News.

1933 LICENSE PLATES ARE NOW ON SALE

Early purchase of the 1933 licenses for passenger automobiles is urged upon all vehicle owners in this State by Charles A. Harnett, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, who also stated that on Thursday morning, December 1, in every issuing office in the State, the plates will go on a sale in strict numerical sequence beginning with number 101 of the letter prefix assigned to each office. Applications for the plates will be available Monday. Commercial, omnibus, trailer, semi-trailer, tractor, suburban and ambulance registrations for 1933 are not due until March 1, 1933, therefore plates for these types of vehicles will not go on sale until February 15.

Specific and detailed instructions have been forwarded to the offices of the Motor Vehicle Bureau in the seven cities and to every county clerk and other official where issuing offices are located to begin the sale of plates December 1 and to sell the licenses beginning with number 101 in numerical order. It is hoped to have a heavy sale of plates early in December so as to eliminate the last minute rush that always prevails during the several days preceding the first of the new year and the issuance of choice numbers on the first day will, it is thought, encourage the public to procure the plates. Because of the change in the law enacted last winter and which becomes effective in July, the commercial plate year begins March 1, 1933.