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LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Dear Editor:
It was Ralph Waldo Emerson who said: "The only way to have a friend is to be one." A young man, a student in engineering at Syracuse University, walked slowly along one of the business streets in that city one Spring day in 1949. His father had passed on a few weeks before and the young man had to decide whether he should give up his hope for an engineering degree a few years hence, or have his mother sell the farm in Cayuga County so that he might continue.

What Edward Jameson needed most, however, and perhaps did not realize it was someone to talk to. He needed a friend. He needed someone to either agree with his half-formed plans or to tell him where he erred. He stopped at a large farm implement agency which was managed by the man with whom he lived. The two men were friendly with one another and chatted for several minutes before a farmer came in to purchase a tractor plow. The farmer, a rather elderly man, was a bit nervous as he told that he had just given up his horses for a tractor, and although he had learned to drive the big machine, he wanted a plow.

The salesman explained the manner in which the implement was connected to the tractor, but the elderly gentleman was plainly in the dark. The young student stood watching the transaction and saw the agitation of the farmer in the seedy denim suit.

"How far do you live from here?" the student asked.

"Seven miles toward Marcellus," the farmer answered.

"I just thought," the student said, "I am free today and if you want me to I would be glad to go home with you and start you off. Dad had a tractor of that make and I have used almost every tractor attachment there is. I will be glad to go. I'm Ed Jameson."

The farmer's eyes lighted up and in a few minutes the plows were in the farmer's truck and the men started for the farm. By noon the plow was connected and the young farm boy struck several furrows around the field, to the joyful amazement of his elderly friend. During the afternoon he taught Farmer Henry Neilson how to run the tractor and plows, so that by milking time the farmer was quite efficient as a modern plowman. His gratitude to young Jameson was without bounds.

That evening as the two men rode in the farm truck back to Syracuse they were both happy. Henry Neilson had renewed his faith in modern youth, and Edward Jameson had renewed his faith in himself. He felt he could think clearly now, and telephoned his mother that he would be home the following day, which was Sunday.

Ed Jameson remained in school through an arrangement with his hometown bank. But in the two final years in school no one had stauncher friends than young Jameson had in the Neilsons. The farm of this fine couple became his second home. He could get off the bus near the farm any time he chose and his clean white bed was ready. He helped the Neilsons during harvest, not for money but because he had come to love them. He had a pair of overalls hanging behind the door in the woodshed. He had become one of the family, and often brought his widowed mother to stay with Mrs. Neilson for days at a time, each woman enjoying immensely the company of the other.

Henry Neilson is gone. Edward J. Jameson is a valuable engineer with the Niagara Power Company with an office in Buffalo. Edward's mother is living in a comfortable home for aged people in Auburn. The friendship formed that day nearly twenty years ago when a mixed-up student stopped long enough to help a puzzled farmer adjust his farm implements has been a lasting and a trusting one. He is a dearly beloved son to two fast-aging mothers, and Edward's children call both ladies "Grandma."

It isn't hard to be a friend, nor is it hard to get a friend. It calls for (Continued on Page 8)

R. W. Arthur Morse Receives 50 Year Masonic Button

R. W. Arthur Morse, attorney, banker and director of the Tri-County Motor Club among other activities, received the distinct honor of receiving his 50 year lapel button, symbolic of his long Masonic record at a recent Father-Son-Friend meeting in the Masonic Temple in New Berlin.

Mr. Morse, who was made a Master Mason in 1904, has served as Master of Phoebus Lodge, District Deputy of the Broome-Chenango District and on many important Masonic committees during this fifty-two years. Due to a change in the issuing of 50 year awards, Mr. Morse's has been delayed for two years.

R. W. Frank Ackerman entertained the large group of Masons, sons and friends with a history of Masonry and of special interest to all the history of the Masonic Temple in New Berlin. He also had the honor of presenting R. W. Arthur Morse with his 50 year award.

Following Mr. Ackerman's talk the group was entertained with movies shown by the Wilber Visual Service.

Worshipful Brother James Honeywell, acting in the capacity of master of ceremonies, introduced the distinguished guests and the entertainment program. R. W. Kelly, Past Master of the Binghamton Lodge, entertained the group with his many fine magician tricks.

Otsego Fair Ass'n Elects Directors, Amends By-Laws

New directors of the Otsego County Fair Ass'n were elected at the annual meeting held in the Grange Hall at Hartwick Seminary last Saturday afternoon.

Re-elected for three years were four directors whose terms expired this year: Dave Brown, Oneonta; Russell French, Schenectady; Stanley Wilber and Robert M. Halbert, Gilbertsville.

Lowell Huntington, principal of the Schenectady Central school, who was elected for a three year term at the 1955 annual meeting, resigned and Tena Carvin of Unadilla was elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

Four amendments as revisions of the By-Laws were acted upon at the meeting. All were passed except amendment number three. The proposition and amendments follow:

- "Shall Section 2 of Article VI and Section 4 of Article VI of the By-Laws of this Association be amended so as to allow the transfer of stock to or the ownership of stock by an individual or organization in any of the following classes:
 1. Any Grange member in good standing residing in Otsego County.
 2. Any Grange member in good standing regardless of residence.
 3. Any approved prospect whether a Grange member or not."
 4. "Shall Section 1 of Article 1 of the By-Laws of this Association be amended to read 'the second Saturday in December' instead of 'the first Saturday' as at present."

Robert M. Halbert, Secretary
Another meeting of the board will be called either this week or next for the purpose of electing officers for ensuing year.

N.Y.S. Veterans Re-Employment Rights Cited

The New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs has cited a recent ruling by the Solicitor of Labor which provides re-employment rights under the Federal Law for members of the National Guard and the Air National Guard who perform various types of military duty.

The veterans' officials pointed out that the Labor Department's opinion emphasized the fact that re-employment rights covering Guardsmen are "limited ones". Members of the Armed Forces or Army Reservists have 90 days after separation of discharge to file for job reinstatement, but National Guardsmen have only 30 days after release in which to apply for their former position with their employer.

Counselor Robert L. Johnson and Deputy Director G. Wayne Butler pointed out that duty of a purely State or local character, such as parades, inaugurations, flood or riot duty are not covered by the Federal re-employment statutes.

Dam Project Very Much Alive Letters to Supervisors Indicate

A letter received by Guy Rathbun, Chairman of the Board, was read before the Otsego County Board of Supervisors at their meeting at Cooperstown on Monday.

According to Mr. Rathbun this did not appear to be a letter in answer to the Board's protest on the building of dams in Otsego County but rather was information forwarded by the Corps of Engineers on their continuing plan to build a dam.

Perhaps the most significant part of the letter was a warning that people should not undertake new building projects in the areas which might be affected.

Following is the information which accompanied plans also submitted with the letter.

Under the corp's construction plans, the Copes Corners project on Butternut Creek would control a drainage area of 118 square miles.

It would affect the flow of Butternut Creek into the Unadilla River and then into the "north branch" of the Susquehanna River.

The dam near Copes Corners would be an "earthfill structure 1,150 feet long rising 75 feet above the stream bed," according to corps data.

The reservoir would store 37,900 acre-feet or 12.4 million gallons of water, the corps said. At full capacity it would spread over a 2,040 acre area.

Figures made known by the corps

were slightly lower for the proposed West Oneonta reservoir. The dam there would be built on Otego Creek directing the waterflow in the "north branch" of the Susquehanna River from a 108 square-mile drainage area.

Construction would be of earth-fill and concrete to hold 34,500 acre-feet of 11.3 million gallons of water, the corps data revealed. At high water level, the reservoir would cover 1,575 acres.

The West Oneonta dam would be 1,200 feet long, rising 86 feet above the stream bed. The main embankment would be joined at the left abutment by a 6,700 foot low dike.

The corps said these two dams would "form a part of the protection for Binghamton, and will reduce flood heights throughout the "north branch" of the Susquehanna River downstream from Butternut and Otego Creeks.

These views, however, have been scorned by opponents of big dam construction. Foes include Representatives Bernard W. Kearney, Gloversville, and Katherine St. George, Tuxedo Park, who have pledged to seek anti-dam legislation in Congress next year.

Otsego County Supervisors as well as representative groups from this area have constantly opposed the building of dams.

History Of Medicine In N. Y. State Feature Of Sesquicentennial

Among the important public events scheduled for the annual convention of the Medical Society of New York State is the Exposition of the History of Medicine in the Empire State. Designed expressly for the general public, the Exposition will be the first of its kind ever sponsored and conducted by the Society. Depicted will be medical progress "from Colonial Times to the Atomic Age."

In 1957 the Medical Society, official association of the physicians in the state, will observe the 150th anniversary of its founding at Albany in February, 1807.

A cordial invitation to attend the Exposition is extended on behalf of the Society by its president, Dr. James Greenough, of Oneonta (Otsego County), to all residents of New York and neighboring states. Admission will be free of charge, with no tickets required. The event will be held daily throughout the Convention in the huge Penn Top of the Hotel Statler, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street.

Accentuating the romance rather than the science of Medicine, the Exposition of the History of Medicine in the Empire State will consist of non-technical individual exhibits tracing the histories of various types of medical, health and allied groups throughout the state.

Also being planned are a number of special events and attractions of both general and special interest. Included among these is a fashion show, with live models and a commentator, of uniform dresses, caps, shoes and other hospital apparel as worn by nurses in the different eras from the beginning of nursing history to the present.

A statewide program of celebration is being prepared by the 24,323-member association and its 61 component county medical societies. The high point will be the State Medical Society's Sesquicentennial convention, Feb. 18 through 21, at the Hotel Statler in New York City.

S. N. B. Teacher To Wed In Tennessee During Holidays

Invitations are being issued for the wedding of Miss Jane Pfeiffer of Chattanooga, Tenn. and Mr. John B. Davis of South New Berlin, N. Y. on December 26, 1956 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Robert Lee Pfeiffer.

The bridegroom is the son of T. W. Davis of Oswego, N. Y. and the late Mrs. Davis. He is a graduate of North Arlington High School of North Arlington, N. J., and received a B. A. degree from the University of Illinois. He also served four years in the Marines as sergeant. At present he is the teacher of Social Studies in the South New Berlin Central School.

Hall Of Fame Official Announces 1957 Game At Cooperstown July 22

Paul S. Kerr, vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc., has announced that the 1957 Major League Baseball Hall of Fame Game will be played at Cooperstown on Monday, July 22. Teams selected to participate in the sixteenth production are the St. Louis Cardinals of the National League and the Chicago White Sox of the American League.

Selection of teams for this annual game is made by the respective presidents of the major leagues, William Harridge of the American, and Warren C. Giles of the National.

Application for tickets should be forwarded to the Cooperstown Baseball Committee, Cooperstown, N. Y. effective Monday, Dec. 3. Howard C. Talbot, Jr., assistant treasurer, stated that all seats are reserved, excluding grandstand. Capacity of Doubleday Field is 8,500.

Ticket applications will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis, Mr. Talbot announced. They will be filed in order of receipt, and tickets will be mailed on or about May 1.

This Major League Baseball Hall of Fame Game series started in 1940, and has been played annually, except 1944 when rain interfered, and 1945 when the event was canceled because of travel restrictions during World War II.

Contesting clubs are owned by August A. Busch, Jr., St. Louis, and Mrs. Grace Comiskey, Chicago. The Cardinals are managed by Fred Hutchinson, and Al Lopez is the managerial successor to Marty Marion with the White Sox. Lopez directed the Cleveland Indians from 1951 to the close of the 1956 season, winning the pennant for the Indians in 1954 when his club established a record for victories at III.

This will be the second appearance of the Cardinals in the Cooperstown classic. They appeared here in 1942 when the team managed by Billy Southworth defeated the Philadelphia Athletics, directed by the late Connie Mack, 5 to 2. The White Sox bowed to the Cincinnati Reds, 16-6, in 1953, and lost to the Brooklyn Dodgers, 7-5, in 1943.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The Legion Auxiliary meeting will be held this Thursday evening in the Legion Rooms at 8 p. m. Members are asked to bring Christmas gifts solicited for Homer Folks Hospital patients, at Oneonta.

E. C. S. WINS BASKETBALL GAME

Edmeston Central School played the first game of the season, a non-league game with Cooperstown on the Edmeston Court, winning 56-45.

Edmeston	15	12	9	18-56
Cooperstown	9	10	14	8-45

Officials: Patrick and Ryan.

Services Held Wednesday For Garrattsville Minister

J. R. McCloy, 52, Has Heart Attack While Driving Car

Funeral services were conducted in the United Presbyterian Church of Garrattsville on Wednesday afternoon for the Rev. J. Ross McCloy, 52, pastor, who died from a heart attack while driving his car between Garrattsville and West Burlington at 3:20 p. m. last Monday afternoon.

Officiating at the services were the Rev. Harold Giffin, Davenport, Presbyterian Moderator; Rev. Mark S. M. Ray, Oneonta, clerk of the Presbytery and the Rev. Wilfred Lyon, Morris.

According to Dr. Joseph Phelps, Edmeston, Otsego County Coroner, who was called to the scene of the accident, Mr. McCloy suffered a coronary embolism and died at the wheel of his car, which ran off the road striking a pole opposite the Ralph Rose farm on route 51.

Mr. McCloy was enroute to Edmeston to have some work done on his car at a garage there, according to neighbors.

Mrs. Nellie McCloy, stepmother of the minister, was located in Philadelphia where she had returned recently from England. She arrived in Garrattsville Tuesday night and stayed at the home of Mrs. Nellie Garlock.

Andrew McCloy, a cousin, from Watervliet arrived Wednesday for the service.

Pallbearers at the funeral were George Turnbull, Robert Woodrow, Herman Salisbury, Richard Turnbull, Frederick Webster and Donald Elliott.

Following services the body was taken to the Toppitzer Funeral Home in Drexel Hill, Philadelphia, Pa., and another service was planned from there at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Burial will be in Arlington Cemetery, Upper Darby, Pa.

Mr. McCloy had been minister of the Garrattsville church since 1951.

Sidney C Of C Elects Directors, Officers, Raises Annual Dues

Rae B. Storie, manager of the New York State Electric and Gas Corp in that community, was elected head of the Sidney Chamber of Commerce at a directors meeting following the annual dinner of the membership in the Rose Room of the Victory restaurant Tuesday evening.

Mr. Storie succeeds Thomas Moncho, manager of the Sidney office of the Chenango and Unadilla Telephone Corp., who refused to allow his name to be presented for another term on the strength of heavy business commitments.

Elected at the meeting were five directors to serve three year terms. Four of them were re-elected to succeed themselves; Dr. R. H. Gelder, Murray Goldshine, Thomas Mirabito and Herman Winkler. William H. Phelps, attorney, was elected to fill the office vacated by George Steiner, who had asked that his name be not considered for re-election due to heavy responsibilities at the Scintilla plant.

However, he was unanimously named an honorary director by those present at the meeting.

Murray Logan was elected vice-president by the board of directors and Richard Cordes was re-named secretary-treasurer pro tem. Consideration will later be given to dividing these two offices.

The members also voted to increase dues from \$15 to \$25 per year starting with 1957.



Dr. and Mrs. Paul N. Berry of Pittsfield, Mass., are parents of a son, born November 26. Mrs. Berry is the former Madeline Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Hoose of Mt. Vision are parents of a son, born at Bassett Hospital, November 23. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 1/2 ozs. and has been named Randall Stephen. Mrs. Hoose is the former Mary Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones of Index Road.

Prior to that he had served for 13 years as pastor of the church at Mundale near Walton. He had received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Philadelphia Seminary on May 26, 1938. He was born Feb. 21, 1904.

Denies League To Join Milk Strike — "Plants Stay Open"

Individuals representing at least two small splinter dairy organizations in the New York Milkshed have made statements in recent meetings that the Dairymen's League had agreed to support threatened strike action by these two groups.

"Such statements are not true," declared Stanley H. Benham, League president in a statement last weekend. "No matter what action is taken by these splinter groups, Dairymen's League plants will remain open to receive milk from all League members who wish to deliver."



D. A. R. NEWS NOTES

Tianderah Chapter N. S. D. A. R. met with Mrs. Wick at Morris. Saturday, Dec. 1. The meeting was opened with the usual ritual, Miss Lucinda Johnson, Regent, presiding. Mrs. Hovey, Chairman of American Indians, read a list of articles wanted for the Indian work - pieces of material, beads, toys, clothing. Anyone wishing to contribute to this work should consult Mrs. Hovey for names and addresses. There will be a collection at the February meeting.

After discussion it was voted to send \$18 per member as requested to the fund for approved schools.

Mrs. Sanderson read an original article on our American Christian traditions tracing many stories from early Roman and Jewish times, about holly and other plants. She mentioned the carols, the turkey, the tree and the Yule Log as contributions from various countries to our American customs.

The guests were Mrs. Edna Gregory, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Orleman and Mrs. Westcott. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses Mrs. Klindt, Mrs. Olds, Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Bartholomew and Miss Johnson.

Lena Grange News

Lena Grange met Saturday night, Dec. 1, at Mrs. Lida Salisbury's. Worthy Master Lynn Tilley presiding at the business meeting. Supper was served to twelve persons.

The program included: readings by Claude Hickling, Miss Lucy Tilley, Mrs. Hickling, Lynn Tilley, Mrs. Salisbury, Mrs. Lynn Tilley.

The Rev. Walter A. Miller, Pomona Grange chaplain, reported upon the Pomona Grange sessions which were held in Portlandville, Nov. 27. Mr. Miller invited the Grange to hold its next meeting, Dec. 15, at his home.

MRS. BUSH HOLDS MEETING

The November meeting of the Hartwick Unit, Otsego County Extension Service was held at Mrs. Ralph Bush's Nov. 19, with 16 present. Plans were made for a Christmas party at Mrs. Thomas Mottram's Dec. 10.

The first lesson on Block Printing of Christmas Cards was given by Mrs. Ford Risley. Refreshments were served.

HARTWICK O. E. S. MEETS

At the regular meeting of the Hartwick Chapter O. E. S., Nov. 27, plans were made for the annual Christmas party.

In formal dress, the officers initiated three new members into the order: Emory Bloomer and his two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Vibbard and Mrs. Robert Travis.

The refreshment committee for the Christmas event includes Mrs. Velasco, Mrs. Byron Fuller, Mrs. Grace Lamb and Mrs. Emory Bloomer.

A white stole made by Mrs. Howard Smith and presented to the order was won by Mrs. Lena McRorie of Cooperstown.