

FROM OUR EARLY FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 30, 1970 — The engagement of Frances Karen Woods of Cooperstown to Norman Johannessen has been announced by her parents.

Janina Piazza, daughter of Mrs. Janina Piazza, has been accepted at Ulster County Community College.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perry and three children of Syracuse plan to move this weekend into the Lottridge house on North Main Street.

Mrs. Ellen Lloyd spent her spring vacation in Key West, Florida visiting her sister Mrs. Marion Boerner.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Richer Mitchell returned Monday following a trip to Spain, Southern France and Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. David Edwards of Burlington Flats are the parents of a daughter, Denise Mary, born at the M. I. B. Hospital on April 20.

Lloyd Ramsey, Delbert Austin, Fred Pope, William Bice, John

Alishauskas, Donald Ramsey, Carl Sutton, Harold Parry, Jr., and James Lyon bowled in the New York State Firemen's Tournament in Rochester over the weekend.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 28, 1960 — Mrs. Dorothy Walkden and Mr. Nathan Clark were married April 21 in the First Methodist Church.

Miss Catherine Ballister was one of six girls nominated by the student body to be chosen Miss R. I. T. at the College's fourth coming spring weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sargent and son have moved from the apartment in the Jay Camp home to Baldwinsville where Mr. Sargent will continue his work with the Victory Chain Company.

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Elliott and daughter were Sunday guests of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Underwood at King Ferry.

Betty Lou Angell spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Angell in Binghamton.

Mr. Clifton Palmer remains a patient in the Veteran's Hospital in Syracuse.

Miss Jeanne Parker will show slides and tell about her experiences at the Senior Girl Scout Roundup at Colorado Springs last summer, at the Girl Scout Court of Awards meeting next Saturday evening.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 27, 1950 — Donald and William Norman lost their lives by drowning in the Unadilla River last Saturday, April 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Burke of Johnson City were guests of her relatives in Amberville last weekend.

Work was started by the contractor, Neil R. Neilson, this past week on the new addition to Chase Memorial Hospital.

The annual Rotary Minstrel show will be presented in the school auditorium here Thursday and Friday evening, May 18 and 19. Director of the show this year will be Principal Fred Feltz and Rev. Kenneth Sniffen.

Frederick Headley will assist with the music.

Pfc. Bruce Huggins, U. S. Marines is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Huggins in Columbus.

Officers elected for the Frank H. Arnold Legion Post are: Russell Todd, Jack Hughes, Lawrence Mowry, Monroe Dixon, Harold Clark, Bradford Tite, Roland Chase, Charles Gadsby, Ray Willard and Frank Ackerman.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 25, 1940 — Spring went into reverse over the weekend when over six inches of snow fell Saturday and Sunday.

Sam D'Amore has given up his Quick Shoe Repair Shop here due to lack of business and his family will return to Utica.

Several from this vicinity visited the scene of the disastrous New York Central train wreck at Little Falls the forepart of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Chase of Portsmouth, N. H., were weekend guests of her sister, Mrs. Donald Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faber of Oneonta were weekend guests of Mrs. Carrie Colegrove.

The first rural free delivery of mail out of New Berlin took place 48 years ago on the first day of March 1901 with Ray Angell first rural route operator.

Gov. Lehman has signed the Wagner bill banning the sale, distribution and possession of fireworks.

Ned Whitten will go on tour with the Colgate Band to the midwest.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 24, 1930 — A son was born to Dr. and Mrs.

Francis Reed of Morris at the Cooperstown Hospital, April 5. Hundreds of patterns in fine wool rugs at F. A. Ballards and Co., 9x12 size, \$19.50 to 43.50.

The big minstrel show will be held at the opera house next Monday and Tuesday. In the cast are Harry J. Mosher, A. L. Oliver, Harold Oakley, Elbert Spicer, Ben Lennon, Charles Backus, Kirk Thompson, Lee Matteson, George Mitchell, Don Liddell, Stanley Janney, Pete Wilkinson, William Davis, Fred Hoadley, Bessie Smith, Roy Reidenbach, Hubert Holdridge, John Ellsworth, Fred Ennis, Milton Fish, Henry Williams, Bert Ackerman, John Ball, Brown Hurt, Robert Page, Carl Chase, Elizabeth Wilber and Helen Purcell. Charles Mitchell, John Spurr, Herbert Butts, Frank Adams, James Adams and Ray Willard are the burnt cork artists.

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Fragments of History

Business Part II

New Lisbon Township was gleaned from the Freeman's Journal, by Hilda Watrous.

1869, June 4: "Licenses - New Lisbon, Edwin Gregory, Martin Gardner, Hotels".

1872, Sept. 5: "Commissioners of Highways of New Lisbon have contracted for building of two wrought iron bridges across Butternt Creek, one at Noblesville and other at Garrattsville. To be completed October 1. Cost \$3000."

Oct. 24: "The iron bridge at Garrattsville across the Butternt Creek, completed. One at Noblesville will be up this week."

1874, March 19: L. P. Seaton of Oaksville purchased the hotel of E. Gregory at Garrattsville and will take possession the first of April.

1875, Feb. 25: Post's Sap Spouts and Bucket Hangars at Messrs. Gregory and Holdrige Garrattsville. March 18: Hotel for sale. Seaton's Hotel with 2 1/2 acres of land, store occupied by Gregory and Holdridge as a hardware store hotel repaired throughout last season. Young orchard set out last season. Sand Bank on premises worth \$1000. Garrattsville, L. P. Seaton.

1877, Dec. 6: Adam Elliott of Garrattsville raised this year 1000 bushels of Swedish turnips from 1/2 an acre. At 30¢ a bushel worth \$300. (Later article corrected this to 600 bushels on 2/3 acres - better than hops, 8¢ a pound).

1878, May 17: 10,500 pounds of milk are received at the factory from which 24 cheeses are made. Dec. 5: A. J. Edmonds, who drives a four horse team hauling freight from New Berlin to (Garrattsville) was thrown from his wagon by the wheel dropping into a deep rut. The team ran a short distance, dragging Mr. Edmonds who held the reins; he received severe injuries. Dec. 26: The failure of Sage and Company (cheese factory had caused) a petition (to be) circulated in the town of New Lisbon for the purpose of deferring the payment of taxes until June 1879 which will give farmers a chance to raise money for that purpose which it is almost impossible for them to do under the present circumstances the failure of Sage and Company, cheesemen, has thrown the whole community into confusion, nearly every man who sold his milk to the factory is a loser! We are sorry, but farmers should more generally do a cash business.

1879, Oct. 9: Platform spring wagons and phaetons from factories of Lull at New Lisbon. Nov. 27: 2000 turkeys shipped (from Garrattsville) to Providence, Rhode Island.

1882, Jan. 14: Garrattsville. A petition to extend the mail route from Welcome to Mt. Vision via Potter's school house is being circulated in this town, people in the east part of town are not very near a post office, one at Potter's school house would be very convenient. If such arrangements

are made, the mail will be carried by A. A. Jackson, the mail carrier from this village to Welcome. April 1: Notary Public John F. Mather, April 22: Farmers in this vicinity have made a large quantity of maple sugar. Joseph Whitford has made over a ton. The telegraph office has been newly painted and papered and Miss Nellie Breeze is the skillful operator. We almost wonder how we lived so long without a telegraph line which brings us in closer connection with the world.

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1884, June 28: Thirty years since William Pattingill planted 16 square rods of land to Rhode Island locusts and he has just harvested the crop which consisted of 400 fence posts and 100 fence stakes. Forty five years ago he built a door yard fence using locust posts. The fence is still standing and the posts are sound. Aug. 2: The Post Office at Garrattsville has been made a money order office - a great convenience. Aug. 30: The abutments of the iron bridge are being rebuilt, over 50 piles have been driven which are covered with three thicknesses of plank, now ready for masons to build the wall which will be laid in cement.

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build a new building for their machine shops at Noblesville and new machinery will be added to the plant.

1896, April 23: (The Loss) in New Lisbon population is attributed to fewer farmers, fewer factories. Farmers have gone west to take up cheap lands. Small manufacturers across the county have been driven out of business by competition of larger concerns using improved machinery, new processes.

June 8: "The Butternut Valley News is the name Will Pope gives to that neat little paper he now issues at Garrattsville".

1894, May 10: A. H. Gregory has accepted a call to travel for a glove and mitten firm in Norwich. Sept. 13: Albert Hinman has a brood sow, now 11 years old. She has raised him 30 litters of pigs and never killed one of her offspring. She has had about 200 pigs in 10 years at \$2.50 per head—\$500. Sept. 27: George Myers, bucket commissioner, is putting up fine iron bridges - one at Braddock's mills and one near where the hamme-factor used to stand.

1895, May 23: E. E. Steele will commence his new hardware store next week. Frank Nearing has done the mason work and is now laying a basement under a barn for Norman and Ferris. Coy and Reed are to build a store. June 13: Frame is up for Steele's new store at Garrattsville. July 18: E. E. Steel has moved his goods into his new apartments, also postoffice, even more room now, everything convenient with home and business under one roof. Moved his barns father back and will build a shop on the back of the store. Oct. 31: Martin and R. L. George are making arrangements to

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