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# Courier and Greeman

SECOND SECTION

POTSDAM, N. Y., June 20, 1945

## IN DAYS OF YORE

Turning Back the Clock

### 25 Years Ago

Warren G. Harding was nominated for President and Calvin Coolidge for vice-president at the Republican national convention. Congressman Bertrand H. Snell, representing the 31st Congressional district, voted for Nicholas Murray Butler on the first ballot; for Wood on the second and third ballots; for Coolidge on the fourth and fifth ballots for Lowder on the sixth and seventh and for Harding on the eighth, ninth and tenth ballots.

The firm of C. H. Elliott with plants in Tupper Lake and Canton was considering the establishment of a woodworking plant in Potsdam. Most of the Elliott products were shipped to England.

The growth of crops in St. Lawrence county was being retarded by lack of rain.

Cheese dropped to 24½ cents on the Gouverneur board.

The graduating recital of the Hawthorne pianoforte school was held in the Potsdam Normal auditorium.

General John J. Pershing wrote to Secretary of War Newton D. Baker for permission to retire.

Bids were let for the resurfacing of the Potsdam-Norwood road. Arthur McConville was low bidder with a price of \$75,236.

Edward Paquette bought a new Peerless touring car.

Prof. Charles N. Lamphere gave a lecture on music of the Bible in the Norwood Congregational church.

Agricultural training was planned for pupils in the school on the St. Regis Indian reservation. The Indians of this reservation had a tradition of being progressive, having had Governor Dewitt Clinton sell the site, on which Massena village was built, in 1802 so their children could have a school.

In Norwood, E. J. Holt purchased the A. D. Covey house and lot on Spring street. Mr. Holt planned to move his store on the vacant lot. Mr. Covey purchased the Seaver house on Park street, occupied by Mr. Clifford.

The North Lawrence postoffice, Esther L. Smith, postmistress, was one of the winners in a treasury savings certificate selling contest.

### 50 Years Ago

The Courier short story of the week was "Once Aboard the Lugger" by "Q."

The annual convention of the St. Lawrence Baptist association was held in Potsdam. Rev. E. E. Brown was chosen moderator.

Bicycles were advertised for sale at \$60 to \$75.

The Francis Baconian, the Roger and other societies of Potsdam Normal were holding the final meeting of the school year.

The Altar Society of Trinity church, Potsdam, planned a visit to the Thousand Islands.

Plans were being made by Northern New York Roman Catholics for an annual pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Ann de Beaupre in Quebec.

Bert Lemon caught a seven pound trout in the Raquette river in the boom above Potsdam.

Some contracts for the building of Clarkson college were let. J. G. Grew got the excavation job; Andrew J. Train the foundation work up to the ground level, and Edmund Martin got the drainage contract.

Butter was quoted at 18 7/8 cents on the Potsdam Exchange.

### 75 Years Ago

The Courier listed as dates worth remembering: 1629—News-papers first established; 1749—Steam engine invented; 1820—Bread first made with yeast, and 1832—Telegraph invented by Morse.

A long article listed the strange, to Americans, customs of the Chinese.

Word was received of the death of Charles Dickens on June 10 at his country residence, God's Hill, near London. He suffered a stroke at a party at his home and did not regain consciousness.

The Potsdam fire department bought a new bell from Menely and Sons, Troy, for \$251. The bell weighed 511 pounds; the weight of the bell and mountings was 800 pounds. The Courier said the bell had a "peculiar" tone, different than that of any other in the village, and expressed the hope it would only be used for fire and firemen's meetings calls. A cow, owned by Rolla P. Goodale of Colton, bore triplets.

## 64 Graduated From School Of Practice

Sixty-four pupils of the eighth grade of the Campus School of Practice of Potsdam State Teachers College were graduated in exercises held Friday morning in the auditorium of the school. The pupils will enter their freshman year in high school in September.

The program opened with a professional and the singing of "America," led by Barbara LaDuke. Diane Elliott, who tied for salutatory honors with Shirley Williams, gave an address, "The Contest—Its Preparation."

A string quartet composed of Joan Gurley, 1st violin, Deborah Smith, 2nd violin, Betty Horr, viola and Ardra Rogers, violoncello, played "Presto" from string quartet No. 2 by Hayden, and Shirley Williams gave the address, "The Contest—Its Obstacles."

Ardra Rogers, violoncello and Betty Horr, piano, played "Romance and Paroles" by Davidoff, and the eighth grade choir sang a tory address, "The Contest—The Victory" was given by Lorraine Paquin, and a group of instrumental and vocal solos was given.

Dr. Paul West, principal of the school, presented the awards and diplomas and the program closed with "The Star Spangled Banner" led by Sally Villeneuve.

Supervisors in the eighth grade of the school are: Ivah B. Borst, Rena Larue, Bernice Van Housen, Laura Woolsey, art; Maurice H. Baritand, music; Eunice L. Badger and Dr. John W. Maxcy, physical education, and Leithia Murray, librarian.

Student standard bearers for the year were Diane Elliott, Lorraine Paquin, Deborah Smith and Shirley Williams.

Following is the list of pupils who received diplomas with marks before the names who earned honors by getting an average of B or better for two out of the three last years in subjects in which Regents examinations are taken. The valedictorian and the salutatorians were chosen on final standings based on average marks for the last three years.

The list:  
\*Regina A. Akey, \*Donald M. Barnett, George Joseph Barney, Barbara J. Brown, Stuart A. Collins, Gerald D. Corbett, Frederick R. Dart, \*Patricia Marie Delosh, Martha L. Dixon, \*Carol Joy Dorothy, Wayne Anthony Eddy, \*Diane Elliott, \*Robert C. Fielding, \*Barbara J. Forbes, Shirley Ann Forbes, \*Donald J. Gallagher.

Louise Ann Gardner, Ramona Ann Goulden, Derwood N. Grant, Joan E. Gurley, Lawrence R. Hadley, \*Mary Jane Hayes, \*Elizabeth Jane Horr, Rosemary M. Hough, Merrill F. Hughes, Emogene J. Jarrett, \*Barbara Ann LaDuke, Beverly M. LaDuke, Manetta Ann LaPoint, Margaret F. Laramay.

Roger J. Lavine, David Jerome Lenney, \*Frank Delbert McCann, \*Jean N. MacDonald, Theresa A. McGowan, \*Richard L. McIntyre, Harry R. McKenna, James J. McQuade, \*Stanley C. Merrill, Lawrence Charles Mussaw, Therese Ann Narrow, Elise L. Olmstead, Kenneth E. Paige, \*Lorraine A. Paquin, Naomi Ann Phillips.

Gerald L. Regan, Joseph John Robinson, Agnes J. Roderico, \*Ardra Jane Rogers, Corinne Jane Sanford, Rollin R. Sanford, Lawrence M. Scanlon, \*Mary E. Sellers, Frances C. Shatraw, \*Deborah A. Smith, \*Ruth M. Strauss, \*Clare E. Sullivan, Irene A. Trimm, Sally Ann Villeneuve, Kenneth T. Wadleigh, \*Patricia A. Walker, Chloe Clementine Wells, \*Mary Jane Whalen, \*Shirley Ann Williams.

Awards for most outstanding progress in instrumental music in 8th grade this year went to Frederick R. Dart and Joan E. Gurley.

Awards for perfect attendance in the 8th grade this year:

Barbara J. Brown, George Joseph Barney, Patricia Marie Delosh, Shirley Ann Forbes, Robert C. Fielding, Donald J. Gallagher, Barbara Ann LaDuke, Lawrence Charles Mussaw, Lorraine A. Paquin, Mary E. Sellers, Frances C. Shatraw, Ruth M. Strauss.

### PFC. PAUL CLAFFEY GETS PURPLE HEART

The Navy Department has announced that the Purple Heart medal has been awarded to Pfc. Paul Elmer Claffey, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, whose home address is Box 134, Norfolk, N. Y., for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the Asiatic-Pacific area last March 2.

## Died Overseas



JAMES J. FINNEGAN

## New Mail Rules On Sending Paper Overseas Strict

Following is the text of the new rules governing the mailing of newspapers and other publications overseas:

"Effective July 1, 1945, the following arrangements between the Navy Department and the Post Office Department shall govern the acceptance in the mails of newspapers and other periodical publications addressed to personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard overseas:

"1—Individual copies of newspapers and magazines offered for mailing by publishers, addressed via the fleet post office at New York, N. Y. or San Francisco, Calif., to Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Personnel on duty overseas, shall be accepted only when they are sent in fulfillment of written requests INITIATED BY THE ADDRESSEES for subscriptions or renewal of subscriptions.

"2—Postmasters at the office of mailing shall require publishers to present for their examination the requests from the addressees for subscriptions or renewal of subscriptions.

"3—Relatives and friends may PAY for the subscriptions or renewals of subscriptions provided the addressees have INITIATED the requests therefor.

"4—Complimentary copies, or copies sent under any other kind of arrangement whereby the requests of the addressees are solicited shall not be accepted.

"5—Copies mailed in fulfillment of subscriptions which are unexpired on the effective date of this order shall be accepted until the subscriptions expire.

"6—Publishers mailing copies in accordance with the foregoing shall include with the address a certificate reading: "Mailed in conformity with P.O.D. Order No. 27851." Copies not bearing this certificate shall be returned to the publishers."

## West Stockholm

Elmer Austin and mother, Mrs. Lydia Austin, went to Ogdensburg Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Richard Matthews and family.

Allen Bogart, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany, has been liberated and came home Saturday.

The school closed Friday with the teachers and pupils enjoying a picnic at Coney Island.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Canton were callers Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Postor.

Ansel Simonds spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deloss Russell, wife and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bicknell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hicks and Eugene Hicks of Potsdam spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bronson.

Donald Bronson has returned to his work at Rome after spending a week or so with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bronson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dorothy spent last week in Plattsburg.

Dinner guests on Sunday with the Jesse Bronson family were Eugene Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hicks of Potsdam and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hicks of Sanfordville and supper guests the same day was Sgt. Allan Bogart, who has been in service for nearly five years and was a German prisoner for two and a half years.

## James Finnegan, Bataan Warrior, Officially Dead

Technician Fifth Grade James J. Finnegan, 26, son of Mrs. Dennis Finnegan of Lawrence Avenue, Potsdam, died in a Japanese prison camp July 25, 1942, of malaria and dysentery, according to an official letter received by the family. He was one of the first casualties from this area in the war.

He was a welder in the 304th Engineer Battalion of the Army Air Corps, and was at Clark Field on Luzon when the Japs bombed it on Dec. 8 and 9, 1941, right after Pearl Harbor. He took part in the bitter battles on Bataan and was taken prisoner after the fall of the islands. He was taken with others on Mindanao.

The family last year received a letter from a Major M. Dohervich, USMC, one of the ten men who escaped from a prison camp, telling them he believed Finnegan was alive. The story of the escape of the ten was revealed last winter after being held up for years for military security reasons. Because of the lapse of time in the revelation of the men's escape and the writing of the letter there is no way to get exact dates here.

Finnegan was born in Potsdam Feb. 13, 1919, a son of Dennis D. and Isabella Dame Finnegan. He attended schools in Norwood and Potsdam and was graduated from Potsdam high school in 1938. He took a course in welding later and went to work for Henry Hunter in Potsdam, later transferring to the machine shop of the Raquette River Paper Company.

He entered the service on March 13, 1941. He served at Fort Belvoir, Va., and at Westover Field, Mass., before going to the Philippines on Sept. 27, 1941.

He is survived by his mother. His father died in February of this year. He is also survived by his wife, the former Miss Lillian Moore of Canton; his sister, Mrs. George Garner of Lawrence Ave., Potsdam, a niece and a nephew.

Technician Fifth Grade Finnegan was one of the most active and popular of his age group in this area. It was recently stated in a country daily paper that he had appealed going in the draft as a newlywed and that his case was a test case relative to newlyweds. Official records show that this report had no basis in fact whatsoever.

## West Potsdam

Mrs. Fred Trumble and Kathy Jo of Brownville recently visited her father, B. R. Hazelton and Mrs. Hazelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Philpot of Washington, D. C., spent four days here last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Philpot and other relatives.

The W. S. C. S. entertained the society of the Norwood church last Wednesday evening at a supper in the church dining room. Following the supper a program was held in the church auditorium. About fifty women were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hogle, Nancy and David were guests of his grandmother at West Pierrepont last week Sunday.

On Sunday, June 10, the children of the Sunday school presented a Children's Day program during the church service hour. All who took part are to be commended for their fine work.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Planty and two daughters of Highland Park, N. J., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Planty.

Mrs. William Barnes has received word that her brother, Pfc. Otis Richardson has arrived in the states and is located at a hospital in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bicknell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hogle, Nancy and David, visited Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bicknell at North Bangor, on Sunday. Mrs. Bicknell remained to spend a few days.

The Home Bureau met last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Earl Blanchard.

Mrs. Arthur Thompson, Barbara and Bonnie and her sisters, Miss Aletha Strader who is spending some time here, were Sunday night supper guests of their sister, Mrs. Clayton Trombley and family of the Potsdam-Norwood road.

Beverly Hinman, who was severely burned about the face, neck and arms, is some better and able to be out a little.

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