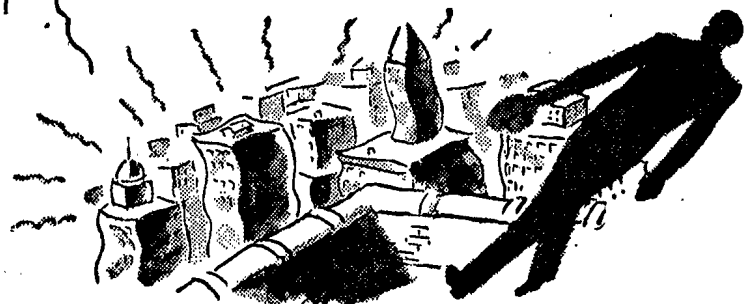




When The Town Begins To Melt



... Do you melt too? Well, come to the sanctuary of our cool walls and let us fit our popular summer suit to you. It's so light weight you'll feel positively naked in it but the mirror will prove to you that you are wearing one **very** goodlooking worsted suit! Don't take our word for it—come in and see for yourself!

Kaplan's Department Store

Market Street Potsdam, N. Y.

IN DAYS OF YORE

Turning Back the Clock

25 Years Ago

A total of 150 students and teachers registered for the summer session of Potsdam Normal School.

A bolt of lightning struck an umbrella carried by Donald Barker in Somerville near Gouverneur. Barker recovered from the shock.

Irving Bacheller wrote the script for a pageant, "The Builders," which depicted, in a dramatic manner, the history of the United States.

Roman Catholics of Raymondville bought a building from Thomas LeClair to be made over into a church, St. Raymond's. The name was selected by Rev. Father Lantry, pastor.

A total of 175 members attended a reunion of the Rutherford family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rutherford, Broad street, Potsdam. Rutherford from Potsdam, Norwood, Madrid, Waddington, Canton, Gouverneur, Watertown, Gloversville, Norfolk, and Antwerp, and from Boston, Mass., were present.

Oscar Selleck of Parishville was champion sheep shearer of northern New York. Although 74 years old, he had sheared 455 sheep that year and had more work to do.

German brides of American soldiers of the army of occupation were arriving in the United States in great numbers.

A special term of federal court was scheduled in Canton to try a list of war profiteer cases.

Charles H. Turner of Malone, formerly of Potsdam, received a payment of \$39,000 to settle his suit against the New York Central Railroad Company, filed in 1908, for damages to timber land in Township 19, Altamont, caused by forest fires allegedly started by sparks from N. Y. and Ottawa railroad locomotives. During the long litigation the soft and hard woods remaining on the tract were sold.

Two sugar dealers in Oswego paid fines totaling \$16,500 in federal court for profiteering in sugar.

50 Years Ago

The Courier carried several articles on the necessity of improving the average American's speaking voice. One item suggested the basic cause of this was the fact that many parents neglected to train their children in the use of their voices. Another article stated we needed to open our mouths more, when speaking and to form our words with the tip of the tongue and the lips, instead of back in our throats.

The editor of the Courier didn't feel well this week. One editorial scored the terrible condition of the opera house in Potsdam; another warned that someone had better fix an iron grating sticking above the sidewalk level near the postoffice. He called it a "man trap."

County correspondents of The Courier were given to writing cheerful little items like "W. H. Nye is at the point of death; no hopes of his recovery."

Butter was selling at 18½ cents a pound on the Potsdam exchange.

E. G. Blankman of Constantia was collecting data for a new map of St. Lawrence county.

The St. Alban's Messenger had a short article, reprinted in The Courier, which said in part, "A most enjoyable musicale was given by Mr. F. T. E. Sisson, the present choir master of the Congregational Church. Mr. Sisson is a young singer of great promise. He has a fine tenor voice, even through its whole range and capable of great delicacy of expression, as well as dramatic power."

An article noted that 150 electricians had congregated at Niagara Falls to watch a 5,000 horsepower dynamo tested. The Courier expressed the opinion that if this method of generating electricity was shown to be practical, there would be a great opportunity for local capital in developing water power sites on the Raquette and other North Country rivers.

Potsdam residents invested more than \$300,000 in enterprises in the western territories of the U. S., now states, and had suffered very heavy losses.

Frank Healy and Homer Womack caught a muskallongue weighing 24 pounds in the Grass river near Canton.

The trustees of Clarkson College, then the Clarkson Memorial School of Technology, were studying bids for the erection of buildings which were to comprise the school plant. (Continued on page 11)

Four Generations of Thompsons



Four generations of the Thompson family who posed for the above picture at a family gathering. Left to right are: Bower A. Thompson, 22, with his son, Donald Dwight Thompson, one year old, on his knee; Donald O. Thompson, 47, and William A. Thompson, 69. The three adult Thompsons are farmers and they hope the newest generation will be a farmer too. Bower Thompson, his son and his father live on their farm on the Bagdad road, Potsdam. William A. Thompson lives at his farm at Fowler. The Bagdad road Thompsons moved to Potsdam ten years ago from Fowler.

Lieut. Pelotte Is Awarded Silver Star

Lieut. William H. Pelotte, husband of Mrs. Bette Waite Pelotte, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pelotte of Potsdam, has been awarded the Silver Star Medal.

The citation accompanying the award reads:

"William H. Pelotte, Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on April 14, 1945, near Terre Iussi, Italy. During a fierce battle across the mountainous terrain, a platoon which had won a commanding hill was forced to withdraw from the forward slope because of intense machine gun fire which had caused heavy casualties. Lieutenant Pelotte was then ordered to take his men across the hill and down into a draw on the far side. Organizing his men, he fearlessly led them forward, braving the heavy machine gun and mortar fire to accomplish this maneuver quickly and skillfully. Then he led his men in the attack of a small village nearby.

"In the first building he and his men cleared twelve enemy from a strong position. Continuing on, in the face of the most deadly hostile action, he led the way through a mine field to attack and wipe out an enemy machine gun nest. Throughout the attack, his gallant example and inspiring leadership spirited the men under him to fight and win against terrific odds, and enabled the completion of a difficult and dangerous mission. Lieutenant Pelotte's heroism and aggressiveness are truly worthy of the finest traditions of the United States Army."

Lieut. Pelotte enlisted in the service in his senior year at Niagara university. He received his commission as 2nd Lieut. in Oct. 1944 at Ft. Benning, Ga., and was made a 1st Lieut. in May 1945, while serving in Italy.

North Stockholm

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor motored to Potsdam Friday on business.

Aletha Lewin of Maple Tree Hill District, visited Mrs. Martha Chase this week.

Wendell Bombard of Norwood is also visiting his uncle, Gerald Chase.

Mrs. Etta Osgood was entertained at a six o'clock dinner Tuesday by Mrs. Howard Taylor, it being her birthday.

Janice Fuller of Saranac is spending some time with her aunts Mrs. Gerald Chase and Mrs. Howard Taylor.

Buckton

Mrs. George Martin of Watertown spent a few days with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jenkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wade and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jenkins and Carol, spent the Fourth at Higley Falls.

Herman Porter is recovering from an operation.

Charles Greene was a week-end guest of Edmond Jenkins, Jr. Aletha Greene was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Greene, Knapps Station, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Greene of Buffalo. Archie expects to leave for induction July 11.

Guiney Brothers Earn Military Honors Overseas

Military honors have been earned by T/4 John J. Guiney and Sgt. Edward D. Guiney, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Guiney of South Colton.

A certificate of merit has been awarded T/4 Guiney, who is 38 years old. He received the certificate from his commanding office, Lieut. Col. Robert N. Skaggs, for ability shown in action as a driver of a medium tank in Co. B, 741st Tank Battalion of General Hodges First Army.

T/4 Guiney landed in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and served right through the big Allied push until May 8, this year. He fought through France, Luxembourg, Belgium and deep into Germany with his outfit. He is believed to be in Czechoslovakia at present. He wears the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat.

Sgt. Guiney, who holds a good conduct medal, has been awarded a Bronze Star for gallantry in action while serving with Battery A, 918th Field Artillery of General Mark Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

He received the medal for an action April 22, this year, near Bolongnina, Italy. Following is part of the text of the citation accompanying the medal, signed by Major Gen. Paul W. Kendall:

"Sgt. Guiney has proved himself worthy of special recognition by his outstanding devotion to duty and by his understanding of the importance and necessity of artillery fire power in support of the infantry. Only by his untiring efforts, initiative and proper technical knowledge has his section been able to properly accomplish all missions."

Drive to Make Milk Products Popular Seen

St. Lawrence county dairy farmers worrying about prospects of a post-war milk surplus and price decline were advised today to "take a tip from the orange." The tip is this: It pays to advertise.

Newell Hutchinson, of Heuvelton, vice-president of New York State American Dairy Association, said that "broad and continuing advertising by California growers helped immeasurably" to multiply America's per capita consumption of oranges three and a half times in 30 years.

Dairy farmers have an opportunity to protect their post-war income by market-building methods similar to those used by the orange industry, he said, which helped to boost consumption from 12.5 pounds per person in 1909 to 43.4 pounds per person in 1939.

"The increase," he said, "is credited largely to the thorough, long-ting promotional campaign on which the California Fruit Growers' Exchange spent as much as \$2,000,000 a year on advertising."

Holding up this experience as an object lesson of what dairymen can do to build their own sales "by hitching the dairy cow to the powerful force of advertising," Mr. Hutchinson urged all dairy farmers of St. Lawrence county to back the farmer-controlled and farmer-financed American Dairy Association program of advertising and research.

Producers of New York and adjoining states in the Milk Shed have formed the American Dairy Association of New York to join the ADA movement for the first time this year, amid growing concern that a heavy milk surplus may develop when the government halts heavy buying of dairy foods for war purposes while milk production is at an all time peak.

In St. Lawrence county, a Big Drive is now under way to enlist united farmer backing of the business-action program which utilizes all accepted and successful methods of promotion for milk, butter, ice cream, and other dairy foods.

Mr. Hutchinson pointed out that the cost of the program is small to the individual farmer—two cents per hundredweight on milk sold during June. "This small payment, made during one month, finances a whole year's ADA program," he stressed.

The drive in St. Lawrence county is spearheaded by a committee representing leading dairy and farm organizations.

Buy United States War Bonds and Stamps

Motorcycle Club Holds Meeting

A regular meeting of the St. Lawrence Motorcycle Club was held at 8:30 Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Roach, Canton. Two more members joined the club, Howard Paige, and Stanley Cornell, Canton.

A dance was voted to be held July 19th at Lisbon town hall to raise money for the club.

Stanley Cornell showed a picture of a motorcycle club organized before world war I. It consisted of 47 members. He said, "Short rides and dinners were enjoyed by this club, many members were called into the army and after the war ended, the club members never got together again." Stanley Cornell was one of the active members in this former club.

After the business meeting the committee formed the rules and regulations for the new club.

Stanley Cornell volunteered to make the club's membership cards. Refreshments were served and meeting closed. The next meeting will be held at Leo Woodard's home, DeKalb. A ride was enjoyed Sunday p. m. by club members. Several Potsdam residents are active in the club.

Pierce Brothers Meet in Manila

With the 1879th Engr. Aviation BN in Manila—The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. Pierce of Route 4 of Canton, Lt. Sumner Pierce of the Army Air Corps and Cpl. Rodney Pierce of the 1879th Engineer Aviation Battalion, met together in Manila.

Lt. Pierce is a navigator on a C-47 and Cpl. Pierce is a grader operator in the engineers. Cpl. Pierce's unit builds airstrips and the outfit of Lt. Pierce lands their planes on these strips.

Lt. Pierce joined the army in July of 1939 and took his flight training at Monroe, La. He later became an instructor at George Field, and then came overseas where he has served in New Guinea and Luzon.

Cpl. Pierce entered the army in February of 1943 and took basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., and later was sent to Geiger Field, Wash. He came overseas in January of 1944 and has seen action in New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon. He is authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign ribbon with four battle stars and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one battle star.

FIREMEN FIND SMOKE, NO FIRE

Potsdam firemen led by Chief James J. Doyle, Jr., were called to the O. P. Benson store on Market street Sunday afternoon when a tenant in the building smelled smoke.

Entering the building, the firemen found that a belt on a compression motor for a refrigeration system in the basement was running loose and the friction had set it to smoking. The odor of burning rubber spread through the building. There wasn't any damage.

W. C. T. U. PLANNING TEA TOMORROW

Members of the W. C. T. U. will hold a temperance and missionary tea Thursday, July 12, at the home of Mrs. Carroll Maine, 15 Chestnut street, Potsdam. Members of missionary societies are especially invited.