

N. Y. Governor Gets Plush Office, Home

(The second in a series on the New York State Governorship.) by DAVID H. BEETLE, Courier Albany Bureau

Albany—If any one wants to know what the Governor of Vermont said to the Governor of New York, there's one good answer.

In a joint press conference, two or three years ago, he observed that "the Governor of New York has a better office."

At this point, a correspondent reminded him that the Governor of New York has more taxpayers.

In any event, while the New York Governor's accommodations and equipment are modest by Hollywood standards, they're not exactly seamy either.

To begin with, the governor gets a \$25,000 salary (the last "raise," a \$15,000 one, came in 1925).

He acquires an "Executive Mansion." Half-a-dozen blocks from the Capitol, it's an aging red brick residence which the state bought in 1860 for \$50,000.

At the "office," he's granted a trifle under \$400,000 to pay for a staff of about 50 and to cover everything from embossing proclamations to buying paper clips.

How things were when the Revolutionary War's Hudson Valley commander, George Clinton, stood on an upturned cask in Kingston and took the oath of office as the state's Governor.

been markedly "up." Lehman was fairly skimpy, though. Once he deleted a \$25,000 repair item for the Executive Mansion and the plaster subsequently fell during the annual state dinner to the Court of Appeals.

Architecturally, over the last half century, governors have been pre-empting bigger and bigger offices on the State Capitol's second floor.

The original "Governor's Office" has been variously called "the Red Room," "the Governor's Room" or "the Executive Hearing Room."

The last to transact routine business seriously there was Governor Sulzer, who sat with an Aldale, "Patsy" under his desk and two secretaries (one uniformed; one plain clothes) on either side.

Today governors use the big room mostly to meet visiting school children and to conduct clemency hearings.

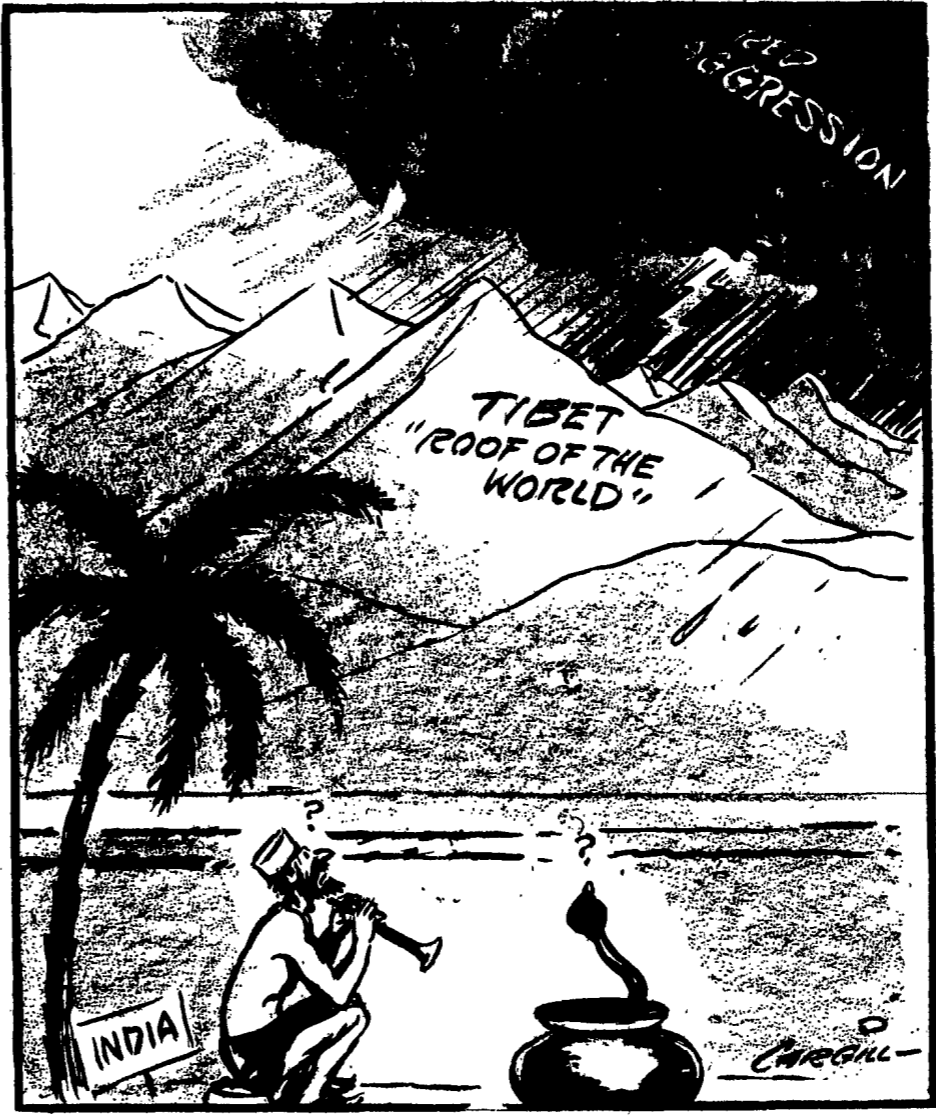
The real Governor's Office is a carpeted, air-conditioned retreat not much bigger than a master bedroom. It is approached by the public from the Capitol corridors via a row of secretaries' offices and outer offices.

A youthful page hired by Governor Sulzer tells of being greeted personally by the "great man" and advised not to take the job but, if possible, to go back to school.

All in all, the odds are that George Clinton, if he could return, would never recognize the old place.

(Next: The Days Stint.)

The plushy "Red Room" is the governor's official office, but in recent years has been used only for clemency hearings and welcoming visiting school children.



Potsdam Preview

(Each week the Courier and Freeman will print in this space notices of meetings and other occurrences of interest to Potsdam residents.)

THURSDAY, FEB. 1. Clarkson Invitational Hockey Tournament at Clarkson arena.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2. Racket River Lodge 213, Free and Accepted Masons meets at 7:45 p.m., Masonic Temple, Elm St.

Hospital Guild meets in women's club room, Potsdam Civic Center at 3 p.m. Dr. Robert Collins will speak.

Clarkson Invitational Hockey Tournament at Clarkson arena. Games at 4, 5:30, 7 and 8:30.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3. "Night in Havana" party at Potsdam Club.

Clarkson Invitational Tournament played at Clarkson arena. Semi-final game at 10 a.m. Finals of class B at 3 p.m., class A at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 5. Village board meets at the Potsdam Civic Center. 7:30 p.m.

Frank Barclay Post 74, American Legion and auxiliary meet in the Legion rooms, Potsdam Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6. Szymon Goldberg, violinist, presents recital at Potsdam Civic Center at 8:15; program sponsored by the Community Concert Association.

Knights of Columbus auxiliary meets at the K of C home, Elm St., 8 p.m.

Potsdam Lions Club meet at the Potsdam Club, Elm St., 6:30 p.m.

Potsdam High School plays basketball against Norwood-Norfolk at high school gym at 8 p.m.

Clarkson plays Middlebury in hockey, Clarkson arena at 8 p.m.

Potsdam State Teachers College plays basketball against Champlain in the Clarkson gym at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7. Womens Society of Christian Service meets in the Methodist Church, Main St., 8 p.m.

Potsdam Rotary Club meets at the Potsdam Club, 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8. Clarkson-Potsdam State Teachers College Ice Carnival. Stunt night in the Clarkson arena at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9. Vega Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star meets at the Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.

Stunt night in the Clarkson arena at 7:30 p.m.

Student performance of the "Minto Follies" of the ice carnival at Clarkson arena at 8 p.m.

Potsdam High School plays Gouverneur in basketball at the PHS gymnasium, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10. "Minto Follies" at Clarkson arena at 8 p.m.

Clarkson plays Brockport in basketball at Clarkson gymnasium, Pierrepont Ave., 8 p.m.

IN DAYS OF YORE

1 Year Ago This Week

February 2, 1950. The Town Board granted a tax exemption to Clarkson College for five staff residences at the board meeting yesterday.

10 Years Ago This Week

January 29, 1941. The second annual meeting of the Little Theater of Potsdam was held in the Legion room of the civic center Monday night with over 60 of the organization present.

25 Years Ago This Week

February 3, 1926. The municipal board of the village is advertising for bids for the construction of the filter plant for the village authorized at the election last year.

50 Years Ago This Week

January 30, 1901. WE'RE SORRY HARLEY. Mr. H. B. Isham, who had a slight run of grip last week at his home on Clinton Street, must have been interested to read in Friday's Herald.

Mutual Aid Stymied; Needs \$500 Fund

What's happened to mutual aid? In September representatives of fire departments in St. Lawrence County met in Potsdam and completed plans for a mutual aid program for the county.

Those who set up the plan inventoried all the equipment in the area. They figured mileages between fire stations in order that a department would be able to call in aid from the nearest firehouse.

As we commented editorially at this time, the plan is a good one. And it is now complete: the paper work is finished and the cooperating departments are ready to go.

Only one thing is holding up its adoption—a lack of funds.

The mutual aid program needs \$500 for minor expenses. The Canton center must have a telephone to which all emergency calls for aid can be charged.

The board which plans to administer the program also needs money for printing letters. As one of the originators of the plan is this county said last week, "A letter on plain paper with a typed heading doesn't make a group like this look like much."

The program's board asked the Board of Supervisors in mid-September for this money. But, so far, the supervisors have not acted on the proposal.

Although the mutual aid program is not primarily a civilian defense measure, the wartime protection it offers all villages and cities in St. Lawrence County is tremendous.

It provides for orderly routing of fire calls to any section of the county.

It makes the individual volunteer fire company a more efficient unit because the plan calls for standardization of equipment and fire-fighting methods throughout the area.

It turns the small, separate fire companies of the county into a coordinated unit during an emergency.

Whether in peace or war these aspects of the mutual aid plan make it invaluable. No other county in which the plan has been proposed has refused to put up the money for this work.

The appropriation should be expedited, not only because of the threatening war, but also because as a peacetime measure the mutual aid plan can save property and lives.

The supervisors should act soon.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat THE FLYWHEEL. NEARLY EVERY ENGINE HAS A HEAVY WHEEL ON THE DRIVE-SHAFT TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM AND KEEP THE FLOW OF POWER STEADY. IN THE ECONOMICS OF OUR NATION, THE 'FLYWHEEL' IS THE SAVINGS OF THRIFTY PEOPLE.—THE FUNDS THEY PUT ASIDE IN LIFE INSURANCE AND SAVINGS ARE INVESTED TO KEEP IT RUNNING STEADILY.

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