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Boy Scouts Deserve Anniversary Praise

Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6-12, marks the 41st anniversary of the introduction of scouting to the youth of the United States. Although there are innumerable "weeks" celebrated more or less enthusiastically these days, the scout anniversary deserves more than casual notice.

In 41 years scouting has become an important part of the scene here in Potsdam as well as throughout the nation. And the comradeship and high moral purposes for which the Boy Scout organization stands have reached into foreign lands, to bind boys of all languages, faiths and colors closer together.

Scouts have proved their worth in times of national emergency. During the dark days of the depression, scouts collected food and clothing for those in need. During the last war, they distributed war bonds and civilian defense literature; they collected aluminum, waste paper and rubber to bolster the war effort.

In time of peace groups of scouts have done good turns in all seasons. As individuals they have followed precepts of truthfulness, consideration and loyalty in relationships to their homes, their schools and their communities.

As the view of the future darkens, the ideals of scouting become more important. Upon today's scouts is the heavier burden of moral leadership for future peace.

Boy Scouts, and those who have preserved the ideals of scouting in their adult lives, can carry these responsibilities.

To scouts, former scouts and those who believe in scouts, a happy birthday. May the future outshine a bright past.

Classic Carnival is Set; But Weather Haunts Gay Collegiate Festivities

Students with icy fingers have put the final touches on frigid works of art in front of fraternity and sorority houses. The queen and her twin kings are nervously awaiting coronation. A multitude of committees are looking at the weather reports, fearing a thaw or a rain-storm which could wash out the festivities.

Potsdam's winter production is set to go.

The Potsdam State Teachers-Clarkson College Winter Carnival has long been a North Country classic. It's always a good show. We welcome its gaiety and its youthful cleverness back for another year.

We hope the carnival will get the impossible: cold weather—but not too cold; sunlit days and starry nights—but two inches of light powder snow to help the skiers.

It's Dental Health Week for Children, But Can Parents Lead Them to Chair?

The ever-moving calendar has brought us again to National Children's Dental Health Week. Observances are taking place in schools in Potsdam and throughout the nation. The object is to make children more conscious of the need for proper dental hygiene.

For schools to teach pupils to brush their teeth after eating and to visit the dentist twice a year is a practical educational endeavor.

But can the schools ever outweigh the insidious influence of the pupils' parents, all of whom, undoubtedly have a morbid fear of the white-coated doctor and his collection of drills, immense pliers and anesthetic needles? Perhaps the educational process should begin on the adult level.

Letters to the Editor

Brighton, Mass. Feb. 1, 1951 To the Editor: With regret I will have to cancel my subscription to your paper as my eyesight is getting weak. I have seen five generations read your paper. I am not sure, but it might be six. I left Potsdam in 1885 and came to New England. Not long after that I subscribed to the Courier and Freeman. I well remember when Danny Donahue was the printers' devil. I believe you were in the corner store of Market and Depot Sts. He would talk to me through a window on Depot St.

I was with the Lenny boys as a clerk, and went down to the French village and got orders in that language and delivered them.

In 1881 I came back to the store when they were in Main St. Tom Woods was there then. I well remember the saw mills on Raymond St. and Maple St. and the logs in the river both below and above the dam. Went

swimming off the logs below the depot. My last year in Potsdam was in a laundry on Depot St. opposite the old steam mill run by G. B. Bishop. Some of the men I came in contact with: Gen. Merrill, J. G. MacIntire, W. H. Henry, Truman Jones and even P. T. Barnum when his circus came in town, which was a great honor. I could tell you many things of the late 70's and early 80's. Respectfully yours, George W. Hayes.

Brighton, Mass. Feb. 2, 1951 To the Editor: A change of heart. My wife says take it another year. As she has helped me for 43 years and her judgment has been of great help, so enclosed is a check for \$2.50. This supercedes letter of Feb. 1. Maybe you can see something of interest in it. If not destroy same. Yours truly, George W. Hayes.

IN DAYS OF YORE Turning Back the Clock

1 Year Ago This Week

February 9, 1950 Buses may continue to stop at the J & G restaurant if they park in the alley beside it instead of on Main St. At Monday's meeting of the village board, Charles B. Cleveland, Grayhound traffic and operating superintendent suggested that James Mitros and G. Planty lease the space between their property and the new theater as a parking area.

Fire did \$6000 worth of damages at the Seven-Up St. Lawrence County Distributors plant, M. E. Coblentz, who heads the agency, estimated yesterday.

He had just completed a survey of his losses in Potsdam's worst fire of the season. It occurred Friday night.

Aiming to top its quota for the second straight time, the American Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its fourth visit to Potsdam on Feb. 28.

The Racquette River Paper Company established a safety record when its employees completed 81 days and 228,000 man-hours without a lost time record up to Feb. 6. The announcement that the previous 150,000 man-hour record had been surpassed came from the safety committee last week.

10 Years Ago This Week

February 5, 1941 Potsdam Lions Club announced recently that it had adopted the project to purchase at a cost of \$375 for Potsdam Hospital, a new modern Humidicrib. The committee, headed by Deidrich Towne, Ray Williams, Edward Dona and James Lahey, has investigated and determined that the Castle Humidicrib is given as the latest in incubators for hospital use, and it is expected this piece of fine equipment will be purchased within early weeks and installed for service at the local hospital by spring.

Members of Potsdam and Canton town boards met at Canton Tuesday and considered the possibility of joint action in the establishment of an airport between the two adjoining towns.

25 Years Ago This Week

February 10, 1926 The Albany correspondent of the Watertown Times sends his paper the following: Northern New York legislators were deeply interested in the report which reached here today that Congressman Bertrand H. Snell of Potsdam is being considered as a possible candidate for the gubernatorial nomination by Republican leaders of the state and nation.

This section was in the grip of a cold snap Monday and Tuesday, thermometers stood as low as twenty-four below zero. While the mercury was not as low yesterday, a piercing wind made it seem about as cold.

The Normal girls were again victorious when they defeated the St. Mary's team of Ogdensburg in a fast game of basketball with the score 17-5.

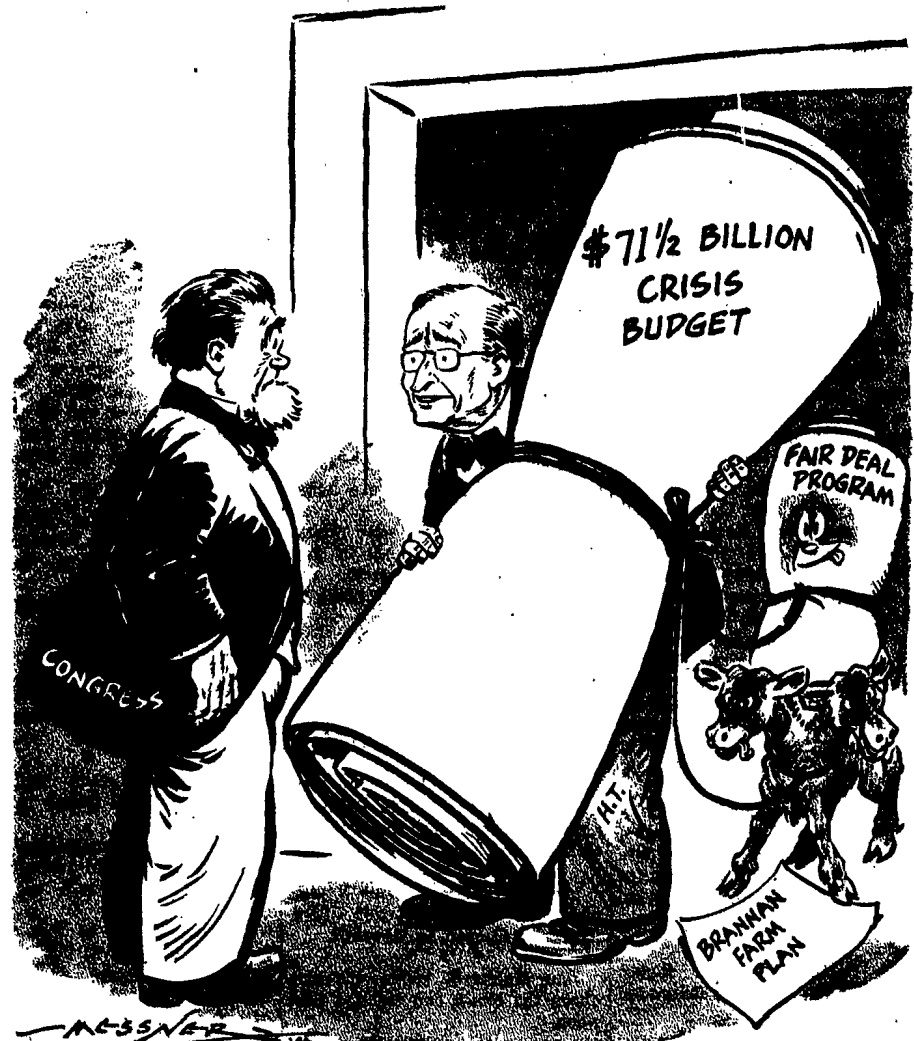
50 Years Ago This Week

February 6, 1901 Sheriff Harder has sent out word that so long as there is any danger from small pox, no more tramps will be received at the county jail.

The Directors of the People's Bank met for election of officers Thursday, the election resulting as follows: Pres. C. E. Sanford; Vice-Pres., F. L. Dewey; Cashier, F. M. Peck; Bookkeeper, F. L. Collins; Asst. Bookkeeper, W. H. Hand.

Gen. E. A. Merritt has gone to New York to attend a meeting of the Loyal Legion. While there he will also participate in the festivities of the Normal Alumni banquet.

WATCH OUT FOR STRINGS ATTACHED!



Potsdam Preview

(Each week the Courier and Freeman will print in this space notices of meetings and other occurrences of interest to Potsdam residents. Organizations wishing to list an event should send in the name of the group and time and place of meeting. The deadline for these items is Monday noon of each week.)

THURSDAY, FEB. 8 Clarkson-Potsdam State Teachers College Ice Carnival. Stunt night in the Clarkson arena at 7:30 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 Potsdam Lions Club sponsors food sale at St. Lawrence Electrical Appliances, Inc. store, 38 Market St., at 10 a.m.

"Minto Follies" at Clarkson arena at 8 p.m.

Clarkson plays Brockport in basketball at Clarkson gymnasium, Pierrepont Ave., 2 p.m.

Potsdam State Teachers College plays basketball against Plattsburg at Clarkson gym at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11 "Minto Follies" at Clarkson arena at 3 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 12 Roy D. Graves Post 1194, Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at the post home, Main St., 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 Knights of Columbus meets at K of C home, Elm St., 8 p.m.

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

Marsh Womens Relief Corps meets in the Legion room of the Potsdam Civic Center, 2:30 p.m.

Union Rebekah Lodge 22 meets at the Odd Fellows temple, Market St., 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 Potsdam Rotary Club meets at the Potsdam Club, 12:15 p.m.

Auxiliary of Roy D. Graves Post 1194, Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at post home, Main St., 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15 Racket River Lodge 215, Free and Accepted Masons, meets at 7:45 p.m. at Masonic Temple, Elm St.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16 Potsdam High School plays basketball against Canton in high school gym at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17 Potsdam State Teachers College plays basketball against Genesee State Teachers College.

Clarkson College plays hockey against Hamilton College in the Clarkson arena at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 19 Frank Barclay Post 74 and auxiliary meet in the Legion rooms, Potsdam civic center, at 7:30 p.m.

Village Board of Trustees meets in Potsdam Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

(No. 3 in a Series on the New York State Government) by DAVID H. BEETLE Courier Albany Bureau Albany—What's the job of governor like?

Well, judging from the current sample, you'd get up rather late by dairy farmer standards, read the morning papers, breakfast, and sweep several blocks down Eagle St. to the Capitol in a chauffeur-driven black sedan.

By now it would be about 10:30. You'd spend the next hour reading the mail; talking with your staff (personal secretary, press secretary, counsel, patronage-liaison man, and so on) about what's doing.

Perhaps you'd dictate a few letters (30 to 50 a day is par); make a few phone calls (these may run as high as 50 a day; half out); sign a few papers.

Then at 12:30 you'd probably get a first edition of the Albany Knickerbocker News and a mansion-prepared lunch (salad, sandwich, fruit cup).

About 1:30 you'd start a three-hour stint of appointments, disposing of commissioners, legislators, politicians, old friends of the family, visiting firemen, influential VIP's—all at the rate of one every 15 to 30 minutes.

The next hour and a half you'd probably finish dictating letters and go back to the mansion. The letters themselves—all neatly typed—would trail you by perhaps an hour and a half. You'd sign them at the mansion after dinner and off they would go to the postoffice.

Then you'd be free to play chess, swim (PDR installed a pool), see a movie (the mansion has a built-in-theater), work on a speech or read documents. From a part briefcase you'd probably pull such things as a clemency brief, a report on highway construction, some extradition proceedings, or a monograph on soybean bread. And so to bed by 11:30 or 12.

All this assumes that you won't have to dash off to your New York hotel suite for a conference in Buffalo for a Lincoln Day dinner or to Oregon for a primary. It also assumes there's no crisis at hand—a hot fight in the Legislature, a wreck on the Long Island Railroad, a feed shortage in Governor, a fuel famine in Utica, or something else to which you deem it wise to give your time.

Week-ends, with luck, you may be able to get off to Pawling to see how the cows are coming.

While this "life" fits the current pattern, it doesn't mean that different governors can't have different ideas about how to operate.

Whitman and Miller, for example, used to go back to the mansion for lunch, Smith—more than most governors—used to have "bigish lunches brought in and played host to whoever had contrived to be around at the right time. And, of course, one's "Pawling" could be anywhere. With Smith and Lehman it was more likely to be New York City; with Lehman sometimes Westchester.

Lehman, reputedly, got most of his news from the New York Times. Dewey runs the journalistic gamut of eight New York and Albany papers; sometimes takes matters up personally with the correspondents if he reads anything about Albany he

doesn't like. In press conferences, when speaking "of the record," Dewey is informal and chatty; when speaking "on the record," wary and brief.

Coping with the day's correspondence can be something of a chore. The Governor's office usually likes to answer all communications, but when one bill brings in 100,000 letters there's no much to do except run up a white flag. Close-to-home issues, like Sunday baseball or anti-vaccination pack the mailbags.

"One sincere letter showing thought and reflection means more than 50,000 stimulated post cards," Gov. Lehman told us.

Smith, if he couldn't say what he wanted to in four or five short paragraphs, would call the person in. Whitman rarely dictated letters. He told a secretary what he wanted to say and then signed it.

When it comes to speeches, Dewey has most of his typed giant-size and delivers them from a portable lectern which his aides take on the road. Whitman—maddeningly for newspaperman—would have everything written up neatly in advance and then proceed to ramble at will.

Smith would jot down half a dozen notes on the back of an envelope (notes which he would catch up with later) and then launch forth with an amazing command of facts but no special inhibitions as to grammar.

As to appointments, the legend is that most governors start out determined to see everyone and begin to see fewer and fewer each year as the burden catches up with them. Present estimates are that of every several hundred persons who want to talk with Dewey, about 10 make the grade. Many, of course, get what they want at lower levels.

Sulzer, who worked with the office door open and called the Executive Mansion "the people's house" was probably as easy to see as anyone in recent years. Smith got caught up by weekend open house sessions in the New York City Hall to which anyone could come.

About 400 did each week—most of them intent on getting a pardon for someone.

Lehman, also pretty approachable, loved to welcome school children. Much to the consternation of his aides, he would wonder at large over the Capitol showing them "the Flag Room" or "the Million Dollar Staircase." Dewey reached the height of affability when in an hour and a half he shook the hands of 600 farmers and 4-H Club members. He does no corridor wandering; in fact, his trip to the Legislature to deliver the annual message is almost in the nature of a parade.

Updaters are more likely to drop in than New York City folk—that is, not counting Left Wing inspired "marchers." The theory is that updaters are handier, that being rather largely home-owners they are more tax-conscious, and that they are less likely to think of government in terms of "the mayor."

Almost annually there arrives a hopeful couple who thinks it would be nice to be married by the Governor. For this, he has an open-and-shut answer. He can't! No one ever gave him that power.

(Next: A Soft Snap?)



Turning a bill into law, as Governor Thomas E. Dewey is doing above, is only one of the many daily duties of New York's chief executive.

Table of names and numbers, likely a list of contributors or a directory. Includes names like Stark, Grant, Cohen, Cogswell, Green, Breesee, Rose, Handicap, Totals, Fiocco's Tax, LaCoss, Dwyer, LaDuke, Driscoll, Absentee, Ferry, Hamlicap, Totals, Firemen, Frank, Taylor, Baxter, Taylor, Hiler, Sullivan, Hamlicap, Totals, Maytag No., Sovie, Lahey, Shelly, Matcot, Blackmon, Hamlicap, Totals, Breckenric, Nichols, Merriman, Low, Kay, Riggs, Hamlicap, Totals, Com. Ic, Bronchetti, Jones, Bullard, Simpson, Absentee, Hamlicap, Totals, Hilltoppe, Smith, Mathewson, Shatrow, Daniels, Peary, Hamlicap, Totals, V. F. W., Charlebois, Wylie, Crossett, Wheeler, Wright, Holden, Hamlicap, Totals, Oman, Powers, Phillips, Bacon, Thomas, Hamlicap, Totals, Loblaw, Stevenson, Cummings, Clark, Grant, Fournier, Hamlicap, Totals, Kaplan's S, Etherton, Murdie, Burand, Gorwin, aBrake, Hamlicap, Totals, Wiles, Lewis, Humaris, aushomb, Strickler, Hamlicap, Totals, Lions, Zickard, Eld, Traubler, East, Smith, Hamlicap, Totals, St. Lawrence, Forfelt, TEAM ST., McManus, Jacob's Tavern, Maytag No. 1, Breckenridge, Hatto Theatre, Jons, Jon Cubs, Am. Legion, Kaplan's, am. Ice, Maytag No., Firemen, Hilltoppers, W. W., Hamlicap, Totals.