

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1952

Prove Potsdam Truly Is a Friendly Town By Taking a Fresh Air Child or Donating

With summer coming, Potsdam once again has the opportunity of proving that it truly is a friendly town by providing vacations for underprivileged children from hot, crowded New York City.

In its 75 years the New York Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund has made life a little easier for thousands of children in the city by arranging summer vacations in hundreds of eastern towns like Potsdam. Last year the local Fresh Air committee brought 77 children to this area for vacations two weeks long or longer.

The goal this year for the committee, which is headed by Mrs. Merle Harder, is vacations for 100 children.

Children coming to the Potsdam area will arrive in two groups. The first group will come on July 10 for a two-week stay. Arrangements can be made for them to stay longer. The second contingent from New York will reach Potsdam on Aug. 7. All new invitations for Fresh Air children should be in the hands of the local committee by June 20.

Those persons who just don't have the space or time to invite a Fresh Air child to the North Country this year still can help a lot. The Fresh Air committee is asking for contributions to pay the cost of transporting children on their vacations.

This newspaper is publishing coupons for the convenience of those who wish to take children into their homes this summer and for those who wish to contribute to the Fresh Air fund.

Find these coupons and use them. Many underprivileged youngsters will thank you for your kindness.

A City's What Citizens Want It to Be; Apathy Must Always Breed Corruption

The Ogdensburg investigation of slot machine operations and police conspiracy that began with "clean-up day" more than a year ago, that furnished headlines last summer with the arrival of Governor Dewey's State Crime Commission, and that led to the indictment of a former Burg police chief and a slot machine distributor came to a climax last week as a jury brought in a "guilty" verdict and a judge passed sentence.

Ex-Police Chief Herbert Myers and Charles (Brooky) Livingston have been sentenced to a year in jail and fined \$500 on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice. They plan to appeal their conviction.

Commenting on the situation, Livingston's attorney, Edmond Shea, told the court that it was "the shame of the whole community for which one man stands before the court." There's more than a small element of truth in this statement, although it hardly could be called an impregnable defense for a man accused in a court of law.

The fact is that a city or town is pretty much what its citizens want it to be. If they want gambling, they'll have gambling—or at least until state or national authorities crack down. If they want dishonest politicians, ticket-fixers, groups with special privilege and the many other symptoms of a run-down political system, they can have them.

It isn't hard for a city or a town to get all these things. All the citizens have to do is stay away from the voting booths and let a few men take over the reins. Don't kick when the first symptoms of corruption crop up. Just figure that the corruption (masked in drawing room names) will help you personally and forget about the other people.

After they have studied the recent history of corruption in Ogdensburg and in the federal government, it should be clear to residents of the city and residents of the United States that apathy, the "let-George-do-it" attitude, must invariably rot out the insides of a community and the people who live in it.

It must be clear, too, that only through constant vigilance can such corruption be prevented.

Freedom of Choice

The U. S. Supreme Court, overruling New York's highest court, has found unconstitutional the Board of Regents' refusal to license the motion picture "The Miracle" on the ground that it is sacrilegious.

The ruling extends to the motion picture industry for the first time the constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and of the press. Films thus take with other forms of communication under the protection of the first Amendment.

Lawyers will be interested in the resulting legal situation. Churchmen will search the discussion of sacrilege both in the ruling of the court and in the concurring opinion by Justice Felix Frankfurter.

But to the average citizen the ruling returns not only the right but the responsibility for making his own choice as to what he will see. This right and this responsibility have been under heavy attack. Any number of agencies and organizations are ready to relieve him of this responsibility and tell him what he can and cannot see, hear or read.

When this pressure comes as advice and admonition it is one thing—although Dr. Henry Wriston of Brown University says we are in danger of becoming a "vigilante state." But when the advice and admonition comes as an order from a government agency it transgresses the free choice which is both a right and a responsibility.

—Ogdensburg Journal

THE COURIER and FREEMAN EDITORIAL PAGE

Speaking of Cleanups

IN DAYS OF YORE Turning Back the Clock

One Year Ago

June 7, 1951

William F. Anderson warned the Village Board of Trustees Monday night that Potsdam's sewers are inadequate for the additions which the board has already authorized and may authorize in the future. "You're going to run into trouble," Mr. Anderson said as he called for an auxiliary sewer along Elderkin St. to drain the area north of Pleasant St.

The end of Proctor case litigation which began in mid-1949 was forecast by Village Attorney Allan L. Gurley speaking before the Village Board of Trustees Monday night.

Mose LaValley's Nazarene Church, which he built himself on Market St., will open at 2:30 p.m. Sunday with a dedicatory service to which the public has been invited.

10 Years Ago

June 3, 1942

Herbert Wardner, Jr., 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wardner of 57 Bay St., this village, has the honor of being the youngest man to enlist in service in Potsdam and vicinity. His enlistment was made in Watertown May 15 in the United States Navy, the date being the 25th anniversary date of the enlistment of his father, Herbert Wardner, Sr., in the U. S. Navy, sixteen days after the United States declared war on Germany in the first World War.

St. Lawrence University baseball men scored a 5-3 win over Clarkson Saturday at Snell Field. Clarkson with bases loaded was in a position several times to go ahead of the scarlet and brown rivals, but failure to hit when hits were needed cost the Engineers the game.

The parade and demonstrations of the Annual Firemen's Review held Thursday afternoon were most colorful and spectacular.

25 Years Ago

June 8, 1927

Gifts of six hundred acres of land comprising most of the Clarkson estate in this village and of \$40,000 to complete an athletic field were announced at the commencement exercises of Clarkson College by George H. Stebbins of the board of trustees. Deed of the property is given by Miss Annie Clarkson. The athletic field is given by Congressman and Mrs. B. H. Snell.

It was reported today that an agreement has been reached between Sylvester Nicholette and the Rialto theatre interests by which the new building now being completed by Nicholette on Fall Island will not be fitted for theatre purposes.

50 Years Ago

June 4, 1902

N. L. Stone photographed the High School in a group and also the building at Brasher Falls Monday.

A very charming party was given in Forester's hall Thursday night by Miss Virginia Kirby and the Misses Streibert. Guests were received by Miss Josephine Kirby, Mrs. Streibert and the hostesses, and a large number enjoyed the pleasures of dancing till a late hour.

75 Years Ago

June 7, 1877

Ice cream and strawberries at the session room of the Baptist church, on Friday evening of this week. The ladies in charge invite all to come.

The Ogdensburg Journal appears in new and attractive dress. We are glad to note this evidence of prosperity and thrift. It greatly approves the general appearance of the paper and our neighboring brother editors of the Journal and Republican never fail to get up a first class local, county paper. May continue, county paper. May continue to that effect.



Potsdam Preview

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 5 Racket River Lodge 213, Free and Accepted Masons, meets in the Masonic Temple at 7:45 p.m.

Men's night at Potsdam Country Club, golf and dinner. MONDAY, JUNE 9

Roy D. Graves Post 1194, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets in the VFW clubhouse, Main St., at 8 p.m.

Marsh Woman's Relief Corps 91 meets in the civic center at 2:30 p.m.

Potsdam Lions Club meets at the Knotty Pine Lodge at 6:15 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meets in the K of C hall, Elm St., at 8 p.m.

Union Rebekah Lodge 22 meets in Independent Order of Odd Fellows hall, Market St., at 8 p.m.

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

Potsdam Grange meets in the civic center at 8 p.m.

Potsdam B's Home Bureau Unit meets for a work meeting in the civic center at 7:30 p.m.

Potsdam Country Club holds men's night, golf and dinner. FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Vega Chapter 98, Order of the Eastern Star, meets in the Masonic Temple at 8 p.m.

Village Board of Trustees meets in the board room of the civic center at 7:30 p.m.

St. Lawrence Court, Order of Amaranth, meets in the Masonic Temple, Canton, at 8 p.m.

Frank Barclay Post 74, American Legion and Auxiliary, meets in the legion rooms of the civic center at 7:30 p.m.

Potsdam Lions Club meets at 6:15 p.m. at the Knotty Pine Lodge.

Excelsior Lodge 548, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, meets in the IOOF hall, Market St., at 8 p.m.

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Conservation essay contest winners for Granges in New York have just been announced by State Lecturer Florence Pickett:

First place, plus \$100 and a chance to place as regional winner, goes to John Peplin, 15, West Falls, submitted through Springville Grange Erie County.

Second: Lynford Worden, 17, RD 1, Swain, from Birdsall Grange Allegany County, and \$25.

Third: Dama Zefers, 20, RD 2, West Valley, from West Valley Grange Cattaraugus County, and \$25.

Sponsored by the National Grange in cooperation with the American Plant Food Council, the 1952 contest had for its subject, "Conservation Farming for Abundant Living." John Peplin, being the New York winner, will be judged with top essayists from the six New England states, from which will be chosen a regional winner, eligible for the national awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$300.

New York judges were Ralph C. S. Sutliff, chief of Bureau of Agricultural Education, Albany; Prof. Hugh Wilson, extension soil conservation specialist, Cornell; and Claire G. Harting, Fort Edward, district soil conservationist.

Good news for farmers who are greatly interested in the latest developments in mechanized farm machinery, comes word that for the first time since before World War 2, there will be a full scale display at the State Fair in Syracuse Aug. 30 through Sept. 6. Farm implement dealers have settled their differences with fair officials and once more a major concentration of farm machine exhibits will be available to the public. With the exception of local field events and county fairs, New York farmers have had to journey to neighboring exhibitions to keep abreast of progress in field tools.

Community service contest project reports are lagging behind last year and State Master Leonard Smith urges all Subordinate Granges to send in their entries to him at Brasher Falls, without delay. You may have a winner and not know it. Strangely enough, one of the top national winners last year had to be coaxed to enter because it didn't feel its efforts would merit consideration. You never can tell.

The Big Lie in Russia -

America Does Little To Combat Red Lies

by CHARLES E. SEIB

Courier Washington Bureau Washington — What are Americans doing to break the Kremlin's stranglehold on the minds of the Russian people? Frankly, not much.

Our main effort centers in the "Voice of America" radio broadcasts. Putting aside the dispute over whether the "Voice" costs too much or mismanaged, the fact is that it reaches a woefully small number of Russians.

Whether that number can be increased materially or whether there can be another, more effective counter-propaganda device, are unanswerable questions now. At the moment the obstacles seem insurmountable.

Yet there is a bright side to the picture. Although the "Voice" is but a tiny whisper compared to the ceaseless thunder of the Kremlin's domestic propaganda machine, there is evidence that cracks are being forced in "Iron Curtain" thought control. Truth from the outside world has done a little to undermine the Soviet home-consumption fairy tale of hate and lies.

The "Voice" will cost \$30 million dollars to operate during the coming fiscal year and an additional \$36 million is budgeted for new equipment.

The operation covers almost the entire world, but the Russian program is the largest single item on the budget.

Technical efficiency of the "Voice" is growing constantly. The Russians are reported to be using 1,000 transmitters in an effort to "jam" the American broadcasts so they will be unintelligible.

Latest step in the move to ring Russia with powerful "Voice" stations was the commission of the "Courier," a floating broadcast station. U. S. experts hope the "Courier" and ships like her will force the Russians to keep moving their land-based jamming equipment and thus cut its effectiveness.

Soviet jamming now kills about 75 percent of "Voice" reception in Moscow, but in the provinces 60 to 80 percent of the broadcasts get through. The "Voice" transmitters change frequencies and broadcast times often and "sausage up" to Soviet home radio frequencies in order to escape the jammers.

A problem more serious than the jamming is that the Russians are using an increasing number of wired speakers operated from monitored central receiving sets which, of course, are never tuned to the "Voice."

To counteract this, the U. S. government is investigating the possibility of dropping cigarette-sized receiving sets behind the "Iron Curtain." Last accurate estimate of listenership in Russia was set at 10 million. Since then, however, there has been a crackdown on clandestine listening, and several Russians are known to have been killed for defying it. Also, jamming has been stepped-up since then.

On the other hand, there is evidence that the secret listeners to the "Voice" are intensely loyal and its material is widely spread by word-of-mouth once it is received in Russia.

There is some argument in this country as to whether the "Voice" broadcasts are effective. An impartial observer probably would have to come up with the middle-of-the-road answer that "some are good and some are terrible."

Former Assistant Secretary of State Edward Barrett defined

the objectives of the "Voice" this way.

"1. Exposing to the world, directly and indirectly, the truly reactionary, vicious and phony nature of Kremlin Communism.

"2. Building up a spirit of unity, spirit, determination and confidence in all the nations of the free world.

"3. Incubating in other peoples a readiness and desire to cooperate with America—by disproving Soviet lies about us and by making clear that we are a resolute, strong and honest nation. . . .

"4. Building behind the Iron Curtain psychological obstacles to further Kremlin aggression." Government officials who run the "Voice" appear to feel that they should avoid the "skywriting school of propaganda" and use the presentation of truth to truth-hungry people as the primary technique.

Here are some examples of evidence that "Voice" broadcasts do get through to the Russian people:

1. When Mrs. Kasenkina jumped from a window in the Soviet consulate in New York, The "Voice" flashed the news to Russia and it was all over Moscow before Soviet sources even acknowledged that the event had occurred.

The "Voice" flashed the news to areas showing shock-hours resurges to pay for some everyday items. It showed, for example, that shoes cost 126 hours of work in Russia and about four over here. The Russians spent months denouncing this as a lie, declaring it might be true for U. S. capitalists but not for the common people.

2. When Foreign Minister Vishinsky said at a UN meeting in Paris that U. S. peace proposals made him "laugh himself sick," the Russian press did not carry it. But the "Voice" broadcast a recording of his speech and finally the Red press acknowledged that Vishinsky "had to laugh" during his speech.

3. Last August Congress passed a resolution of friendship toward the Russian people and sent it to the President of the Soviet Union. At first the Soviet press ignored it, but when the "Voice" played it up, the press admitted the resolution had come—and devoted four columns to saying what nonsense it was.

There also is evidence that the Russians are becoming restive under the iron hand of the Red thought-controllers.

One observer reports that failure of the Soviet government to improve living standards and housing, unpopular land reforms, oppressive ideological restrictions, and, of course, the forced-labor camp system are all contributing to a reservoir of discontent.

These realities, which can be compared by the Russian people with what the Soviet propaganda experts say about their homeland, probably have more to do with discrediting the Kremlin's "information" than has the "Voice of America."

The "Voice" seems useful, however, to insure that a tiny trickle of truth about the outside world keeps moving into the Soviet Union to feed the ferment of unrest and distrust.

There can be no doubt that the huge Soviet "administration" has planted a "hate" and fear toward the United States deeply into the minds of the Russian people. Only time will tell whether truth can weed them out.

... Are YOU Voting This Year?

"I wish I could impress upon the women of the country, and upon the men as well, just how essential it is to go to the polls and vote on Election Day. I remember that in 1946 only a little over one-third of the eligible voters cast their ballots in the Congressional elections. In 1948, we did better, but even then only about half of those who were eligible voted.

"This indicates that many people do not appreciate how important it is to have the right kind of government. I hear of many cases where men fall to

vote because they would lose time from their jobs. I know that it is frequently difficult for women to get away from their homes to go to the polls. "But the future of your jobs and your homes depend on the kind of government you have. Having the right kind of people in public office is worth much more, in terms of your own future welfare, than any time or trouble involved in getting out to vote."

Harry S. Truman, President of the United States.

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