

FEATURES

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28 COURIER-FREEMAN, POTSDAM, N. Y., Thursday, June 24, 1965

LBJ, Rocky, Others Honor Nathan Buck

by Mrs. Bernice Raymond Winthrop — Some 157 friends and relatives gathered at the United Church of Christ on June 16 to honor Nathan G. Buck on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

A large birthday cake made and decorated by Mrs. Bessie Gilne, served as a centerpiece at the covered dish supper's head table. The three layers represented the three steps of life, youth, middle age and old age, with the numeral '100' gracing the extreme top.

The Rev. William Watson, a former pastor of the Winthrop church, now at the United Church of Christ, spoke briefly for the Rev. William Felton, pastor, Mrs. Sartan, wife of a former pastor of Marietta, greetings to the guest.

Tributes Paid Asa Moulton, rep. the Winthrop Grange, mentioned that Mr. Buck is the oldest living Grange member in the State, having joined Jan. 17, 1891. He is Master in 1964.

Arthur Cassada tribute from Brashe F and A.M. No. 541, mentioned Chapter 666 C. Buck is a 50-year member of the Masons and joined Star in 1921, set Patron from 1939 to 1945.

Mr. Buck was a trustee of the church for 40 years, and recently named Deacon.

He was for 35 years pastor of the Winthrop church and president of the V. Cemetery Association.

Relatives attending included Mr. and Mrs. Hibbert and family; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon and family; Mr. and Mrs. Hoy and Mr. and Mrs. McCoy, Chateaugay; Brainerdsville; Miss Hoy, Massena.

Out of town friends

Whether he was the Lost Dauphin of France or half-bred Indian, there is no more colorful chapter in North Country history than the legend that the heir to the throne of France was hidden away in Northern New York.

Until 1851 no one questioned that the Rev. Eleazar Williams was anything but what he appeared to be, the son of one Thomas Williams, an Oneida Indian, and the grandson of Eunice Williams, daughter of a Deerfield, Mass., clergyman, who was stolen by the Indians at the time of the infamous Deerfield Massacre.

In 1851 during a chance meeting on the new train from here to New York the Rev. John H. Hanson, an Episcopal rector, was told by Williams that his mind was blank until he was 14 years old but that he had certain vague memories of seeing troops drilling in a garden and resting on a carpet with his head against the silken dress of a lady.

There was much evidence that Eleazar might have not been born with Indian blood. Known in the tribe as "Lazare" he had none of their features, but strongly resembled members of the House of Hapsbourg. He foresook his education which had been paid for by "mysterious" funds at Deerfield, and in 1812 operated among the St. Regis Indians keeping them loyal to the United States. He was wounded in the Battle of Plattsburgh. When he died in 1858 he was buried in the little Episcopal cemetery in Hogsburg.

As late as 1946 descendants of the French royalty visited the site there. The Duke and Duchess DeMour were making a study of legends concerning the lost son of King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.

They visited the steep-gabled Queen Anne style frame building which was once the home of the missionary Eleazar Williams and the site of his church near Hogsburg. They spent hours talking with villagers and at the Murphy Hotel about the story.

The Lost Dauphin Cottage, Murphy Hotel and the gravesite of the Rev. Mr. Williams

Museum Lists Special Exhibits

A special collection of antique railroad equipment is still on display at the Potsdam Museum, corner of Elm and Park Streets.

The collection is owned by Thomas E. Dunstone, 14 Clinton St., Potsdam, and includes lanterns, a morse code sounder, timetables, signal devices, and other railroadians used in this area in the past.

Potsdam and area residents are cordially invited to view this special exhibit. Museum hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, and 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays.

Currently the museum is preparing a special exhibit on the history of banking in Potsdam for display in the new office of the Marine Midland Bank, which opens next week. Still needed are pictures of the Frontier, First National, Citizens National and People's Bank, all former Potsdam banks. Persons wishing to loan their old photos for this display are asked to call Mrs. George Little, CO7-4325, Mrs. Jack Covell, CO7-2030 or the museum CO7-2935 today, if possible.

will all be visited on a tour of the season of Lawrence County Hi Association on Saturday 26.

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Masonic Lodge Dedicates Organ In Honor Of Prof. A. R. Powers

High tribute was paid Prof. A. Raymond Powers for his work in Masonry, his work in the community and in the area during the organ dedication ceremony last Thursday night.

The new electric organ in Hackett River Lodge 213 was dedicated in honor of Professor Powers.

Theodore Renzema, past master, served as master of ceremony. The Rev. William Caldwell was the invocation.

November, 1928, was elected master in 1932, served as assistant grand lecturer in 1932-3 and as district deputy in 1933-34. He was then on the committee of charters for grand lodge until 1939, on the board of general activities from 1941 to 1950.

In response, Professor Powers said that for everything he had ever done as a Mason he had been repaid a thousand times over.

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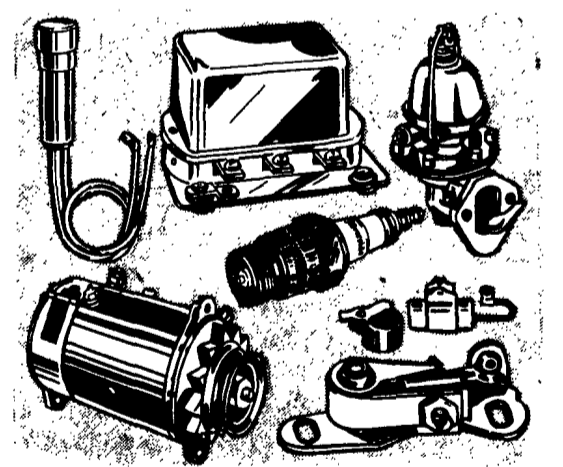
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