

# FEATURES

...and fun



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 Cline, 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, in Moore's, spoke the Rev. William ent pastor. Mr. ton, wife of a now of Mari-greetings to guest.

Tribute Asa Moulton the Winthrop tioned that Mr oldest living G in the State, ha Jan. 17, 1891. Master in 1894. Arthur Cas tribute from l F and A.M. No renthian Chapter Buck is a 50-y the Masons an ern Star in 19 Patron from 1945.

Mr. Buck wa the church for 4 con for 30 year cently named I us.

He was for rector of the Cemetery Assc years.

LBJ Pe liams was anything but what he appeared to be, the son of one Thomas Williams, an Oneda Indian, and the grand-son 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 1813 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 DeMieur 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 railroaders 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 Potadum 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 CO7-9935 today, if possible.

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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 gave 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

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