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EDITORIAL

A friend of ours came into the office and said, "Well, I nearly lost my vote last week, when that Zangara took a pot shot at President-elect Roosevelt."

Twice now within a couple of weeks, the life of Mr. Roosevelt has been in danger. A party up in Watertown sent him a bomb a few days ago.

Looks like they want to get him even before he assumes office. Now that he has been duly elected we would like to see him have a chance to see what he can do in the present emergency.

If he isn't President, then it will be someone else. They're not going to get rid of the Presidency by shooting the President.

When the Board of Supervisors met a couple of weeks ago they took up the matter of the printing of the minutes of the board.

Two Auburn print shops sent in bids and it seems that they were only a few cents apart per page, the lowest bid being \$6.96 a page.

The Board waxed wroth about the steep price and some of the members wanted to send bids out of the county and see if the proceedings could not be printed cheaper. After considerable arguing, they gave the printing to the Auburn shop that submitted the lowest bid.

There are four shops in Cayuga County, outside of the city of Auburn, which are equipped to handle the printing of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors. And for years the Board has been kicking about the prices charged the county for printing by the Auburn print shops. If they want the printing done cheaper why don't they ask the country printers to submit bids. The four shops we mentioned could, if requested to bid, submit a price for printing the pro-

ceedings at least \$3 per page cheaper than the Auburn shops and still make a fair profit.

If the sellers really want to save the county money on their printing bills, then we would suggest that they request ALL the shops in the county to submit bids on ALL county printing.

Everybody has gone jig-saw puzzle crazy. And a neighbor of ours says that the country is a jig-saw puzzle that they can't solve.

The State Assembly has passed the law that all trucks under two tons weight will pay the same license as last year. And probably by the time this paper is printed the Senate will have passed the law, which will give the farmer a little respite.

Have you tried balancing your budget? Then you know what's going on down in Washington. The big parade of expenditures starts right after March 4th and President-elect Roosevelt says that the budget must be balanced by July 1.

If they perform that stupendous task in that time then we're going to send them a few orchids.

Well, Senator Hawitt pulled a hot one when he went on the pension list for three days and then assumed office again.

He is certainly looking after the interest of Senator Hawitt. And all legal and above board, too. He simply took advantage of the law that permitted him to do that.

Senator Hawitt was Chairman of the powerful Finance Committee up until the Democratic majority automatically took that chairmanship out of his hands to give it to a Democrat. His salary was \$2500 a year and expenses, which made it a nice job. From January 1 to January 3 he was pensioned on the amount of that job, which, during all his life, will amount to more each year than the salary he drew, \$2500. If he had waited until after January 3 he would have drawn a pension on his present salary and expenses, which are very much smaller than before.

In other words, what bothers us, is why can a man retire on a pension and then resume his old job?

You've got to be a politician to figure that one out.

Few Truck Licenses Sold Business at the Cayuga County Auto Bureau at Auburn is rather dull, papers of trucks are holding off waiting for the Legislature to reduce the license.

Job Printing at Citizen.

County and Vicinity

Believe Gas Caused Blast Investigators now think gas caused the \$10,000 explosion in the Sam Siro block in Auburn last week, which blew the building all over the universe.

Taxpayers Committee Organized A Taxpayers' Economy Committee has been organized at Baldwinsville for the purpose of working in harmony with town, village and school boards for the reduction of taxes.

Rural Routes Reduced Three rural routes out of Watertown were increased in mileage up to 17.1 miles and one route was abandoned.

Fulton Auto Show The Fulton Auto Show will be held at the Auditorium at Recreation Park during the week of March 13 to 18.

Mrs. Frances Drake Mrs. Frances A. Drake, 88, a life resident of the town of Brutus, Cayuga County, died Saturday morning at her home, one mile west of Jordan. She is survived by a niece, Mrs. Mary LeLouch.

Jobless Form League A rally of Auburn's unemployed held in the auditorium of the Junior High School Friday night was largely attended. The purpose of the rally was to organize a league of jobless as a means of providing recreational, social and educational activities for the idle. The speakers included Prof. A. J. Anthony, chairman of the mayor's recognition, John A. Bennett and Shannon Graham.

Grocer Victimized A man went into a State Street Grocery store in Auburn Tuesday morning and handed the grocer a long list of groceries he wanted. On the list was 6 dozen eggs and a gallon of vinegar. When the eggs were done up the man started for the door to get his jug for the vinegar, saying "I might as well take the eggs out and save a trip." He hasn't come back yet and the grocer is out \$6 dozen eggs.

Name Bridge After Priest On the 300th anniversary of the birth of Etienne (Stephen) De Courbel, courageous Jesuit priest to the Iroquois, the mammoth new Free Bridge between Auburn and Seneca Falls will be named after him or one of his associates. If plans suggested to the Finger Lakes Association are carried out. The new bridge will be completed this year and unless steps are taken formally to christen it with a name of historical significance, will probably automatically be called Free Bridge, because no tolls are charged.

Throws Water On Snorer An Auburn man went to Recorder W. Frederick R. Davis last week and complained that he was rudely aroused from the arms of Morpheus by his wife and that he did not care for the uncouth measure she adopted in getting him awake. He was frank in his admission that he probably does snore and perhaps the racket does annoy friend wife, but his complaint was: "Has my wife got any right to pour a pan of water or whatever it was, in my face every night just to stop the snoring?" Judge Davis, with a broad grin advised the luckless husband to return home and snore no more than reality is necessary.

Country Schools May Close Acting promptly on the plea of a district school teacher who said that if State funds did not arrive soon she would be forced to close her school, Oswego County Treasurer M. P. Neal communicated with the State Department of Education. He was advised that delay was due to the fact that the State did not have the money available and that it would probably be sent next week.

Small Renews Fight George Small, the crippled Auburn Prison felon who was convicted of unlawful escape from Auburn Prison during the big riot of July 28, 1929, by a jury in County Court, has filed notice of appeal from the verdict and also from the judgements of Judge Kennard Underwood, seven years more in Auburn Prison for unlawful escape and an additional 10 years for being armed with a dangerous weapon at the time of said unlawful escape. The notice of appeal was filed in the county clerk's office. With the notice of appeal was a request for a transcribed copy of the minutes of the trial.

No Taxes For Skaneateles White federal, state and municipal governments throughout the rest of the country are wondering how much more taxes they can collect from taxpayers, the problem confronting Skaneateles Village is whether to levy any taxes at all.

The Village levied no taxes for 1932 and it still has a surplus of \$40,000, preserved intact because most of the village's operating expenses were borne by its municipally-owned light and water systems.

Mayor Samuel Kane said he had not made up his mind definitely yet, but he expected no taxes would be levied again this year.

O'Hara Creditors Get Nothing

A final meeting of creditors in the matter of J. P. O'Hara & Co., Inc., of Moravia, bankrupt, will be held Friday morning, at the offices of Francis J. Smith, U. S. referee in bankruptcy, at Auburn.

Three Lose Lives In Lake The body of George Lawrence, 42, of Solway, was recovered Monday in Oneida Lake at the spot where his automobile broke through ice Sunday, carrying him and two companions to death.

With Louis Eckert, 43, of Syracuse, and Allen Crozier of Solway, Lawrence was fishing. Two other fishermen called for assistance when the rear wheels of their car broke through the ice. Lawrence, Eckert and Crozier drove toward them, but the ice was too thin and the car plunged into the lake.

Script Money At Syracuse An organization has been formed in Syracuse by the business men to inaugurate script money.

Supervisor Wants Change Reorganization of the county government, including what would amount virtually to abolishing of the board of supervisors, was proposed to the economy committee of the board of supervisors of Onondaga County by Supervisor Charles T. Major of Skaneateles.

The proposal was not considered by the economy group, and the fact that such a suggestion had been made by a Republican member of the board might not have become known except for the interest which was stirred up by an almost identical proposal made by William G. Stuart, also of Skaneateles, a prominent Democrat.

Reduces Light Bill \$12,000 Assurance that a national reduction in the cost of street lighting is in sight was given by Mayor Kirk Bowen at the City Council meeting in Auburn last week. In a communication to the Council he stated that negotiations with the Empire Gas & Electric Company have resulted in an offer of \$12,000 a year reduction in price of present street lighting, approximately 25 per cent under what the city is now paying. The present cost is about \$2,000 a year. The contract has not yet been renewed.

Cheap Lights At Hannibal Hannibal has a \$1.50 monthly minimum for electric lights and it costs them three cents a kilowatt. This is the cheapest rate within a hundred miles.

Evans Walker Leaves \$4,750 Evans Walker killed by collision at Martville, by his newspaper accident policy leaves \$1004 to his son aged seven years. From the Aetna Insurance Co., insuring party who struck his dogcart, setting him and resulting in death to him of his frightened horse three weeks ago, all five children receive and divide \$3,750 as soon as surrogate W. E. Woodie approves settlement without suit.

Injured In Crash Eleanor Smart, 4, received head lacerations, and George Smart, 18, received a laceration over his left eye when the automobile operated by Ernest H. Smart of Jordan, R. D., collided with a machine driven by Lester F. Curtis, 204 Waverly av., Syracuse. The accident happened at the intersection of the Auburn-Syracuse and the Senett village highway.

Mr. Curtis tried to pass the Smart automobile shortly before the Senett village road was reached. Wheel Smart turned to the left the machines came together, the Jordan man's car being overturned.

The injured were treated at the Auburn City Hospital. The accident was investigated by Sheriff G. Earle Riley and Deputy Sheriff Ingalls of Fleming.

Tries To Get Arrested "I just stole a car and I want to go to prison until this depression is over" was the gist of the story recited Tuesday to police at Auburn by a young man. He said he is Guy D. Pelham, 22, of Missoula, Mont. He was found wandering around the basement at the police station. His story was told to police shortly after a car was reported stolen, and an investigation proved the stranger's story correct.

He has been lodged in the lock-up and a charge of vagrancy has been put down against his name on the police blotter. He told police he had driven past the station twice but failed to get arrested. Disappointed he abandoned the car and went into headquarters to give himself up.

Finding every one busy, he went into the hall and waited. Soon State Trooper Fred Kelly of the Waterloo patrol entered and led him Pelham to his story.

The car reported stolen said which the man from Montana said he took from its parking place in Exchange Street at noon, is the property of H. J. Shadwick 46, 1234, Golden Street, Syracuse, who is employed in a local store. The car was returned to its owner by the police.

Bogus Dollars Secret service agents from Washington and New York, co-operating with the Syracuse office, were closing in on a veritable "mint" operated by a gang of clever counterfeiters, which has been turning out great quantities of bogus silver dollars, either in Auburn or Syracuse. The dollar contains only 16 grains, by troy weight, less

Farmers To Market Their Own Produce

That the operations of the "dollar foundry" plotters are being conducted on a large scale has been evident to the Federal agents for several days. Quantities of the bogus dollars have been received by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from its Syracuse and Auburn member banks. Careful analysis of the coins made by John A. Adams, secret service agent in charge of the Syracuse office, reveal that the workmanship, while evidenced as false to an expert eye like his, is so clever and adroit that the average bank teller would be deceived 99 times out of 100, as indeed has been the case in upstate institutions since the "foundry" began turning out the dollars.

Mr. Hinkson's remedy is for the farmers to organize a sort of chain store system of their own, selling their produce directly to the consumer. He says it would work out something like this:

A central warehouse would be established and the farmer would deliver his crops there, receiving warehouse receipts. As sales were made he would be paid, say, 25 per cent, at the end of 30 days, and a like amount with each successive month, till the receipts were covered and surrendered.

The cost would be only a small fraction of the present middleman's spread, and both farmer and consumer would profit by the saving, the former getting much more for his crops and the latter buying more cheaply than now.

Canneries could be interested and furnish their goods. Indeed, the stores, one at least in each central market town, would handle every sort of food. In effect, the whole thing would be gigantic co-operative.

Mr. Hinkson says that, of course, a national organization is necessary, but it could quickly grow into that. The thing to do is to make a start.

Small Gets Sentence Of 17 More Years Brought before County Judge Kennard Underwood Saturday morning, George Small, 24, crippled convict, was sentenced on a charge of unlawful escape from Auburn prison in the July, 1929, riot.

Judge Underwood gave Small the maximum sentence, seven years for escaping and 10 years for carrying a gun.

A jury convicted Small, who acted as his own counsel, late Thursday afternoon, after 25 minutes deliberation. Small made a motion to have the verdict and sentence set aside as contrary to law. The motion was denied by Judge Underwood.

The conviction is Small's third, the first felony was robbery, second degree, for which he received 12 years, and the second was for carrying a 14-year sentence. Four years of the 12-year sentence had been served when he escaped from Auburn.

RAYMOND CHARLES STILES Raymond Charles Stiles, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Stiles of 3 Wheeler Street, Auburn, died Sunday afternoon at the Auburn City Hospital following an illness of six days.

Born in Aurelius, he had attended the Division and Seymour Street Schools in Auburn. Surviving besides his parents are one sister, Doris; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Young of Aurelius and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stiles of Auburn; and his great grandmother, Mrs. Flora F. Kibby of Cato.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday at the home. Burial was in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn.

LYSANDER GRANGE A regular meeting of the Lysander Grange will be held at their hall, Tuesday, March 14. Lecture program highlights will be roll call and spring work hints.

Also State Grange report by Past Master Lloyd F. Jettett and a travelogue, "My Trip to Washington and narrations of the inauguration" by Overseer Gerald Hotelling.

If what you do is always right, you'll read about it with delight, but if you cut a naughty paper, you'll want it kept out of the paper.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank all the kind friends, who sent Will Halstead flowers, fruit, suit, letters and cards, while he was in the hospital. He told us one day, when he got home he'd put a piece in the paper and thank his friends. He always seemed so pleased to show us the things that were sent to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hunter and Billy.

Presbyterian Church Cate

Sunday, March 5th. 10:45 A. M. Regular Church Services conducted by Mr. Hornighouse. 11:45 Sunday School Session, Prof. C. A. Abbott, Supt.

In Monday's issue of the Auburn Citizen-Advertiser was a review of the sermon, preached last Sunday by Mr. Hornighouse, on "Wholesome Economy."

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clinton B. Turner. The following officers were chosen: President, Mrs. Ira J. Kingsley; vice president, Mrs. Anna Wright; treasurer, Mrs. William B. Sprague; pianist, Mrs. Georgie Haseman; secretary of literature, Mrs. Martha Wright. Mrs. William W. Legg, Jr., was re-elected secretary. Mrs. Legg has been secretary of the society since 1912.

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