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Recalling prohibition

Prohibition became effective in the United States on January 16th, 1920. It was an idealistic experiment, and a hopeless one, for it sought to legislate morals and personal behavior.

Younger citizens find it hard to believe Congress ever voted a ban on alcoholic beverages, and that thirty six states (three-fourths of the forty-eight), quickly ratified the amendment. (Only Rhode Island and Connecuticut never ratified it). But that's what happened under emotional pressure of that day.

As many had warned, the experiment was a failure. Bootleggers and gangs sneaked booze illegally into "speakeasies" and the results were gang wars, bad booze, corruption and a widespread breakdown in law enforcement. The 21st amendment of 1933 repealed the 18th, effective again with the ratification of thirty-six states on December 5th, 1933.

Foreign cars

Foreign-made cars have enjoyed a growing snob appeal in this country for several decades. Some are willing to pay twice the price of a U.S. built car for a foreign make the same size.

Foreign cars are usually good on gas mileage (they have to be with gas at $2 a gallon in many countries) and low on horsepower (horsepower is taxes in many countries). Their greatest appeal to some has been interior decor, but in recent years American models have matched them in leather, styling and appearance (if not always in seats).

The greatest current myth about foreign cars is that they are better engineered. If the test of good engineering is minimum maintenance, however, then U.S. built cars are the best engineered in the world. With so many foreign models, some are almost constantly in the shop, if only for some small malfunction-and the cost of repair is generally much higher.

American is still the land of mass production superiority. Mass production may have its good and bad points, but practically all cars are made that way today. A precision, machine-made part or fabrication, moreover, is often better than the much-ballyhooed hand-made counterpart.

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HINTS FROM COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Attracting birds to your home with plants and shrubs

Rapid urban sprawl has seriously reduced the natural habitats that once existed for birds, says Sue E. Finck, Cooperative Extension Agent, Oswego County. If you enjoy watching birds feed and nest, or if you delight in their spring and summer songs, you may want to plant trees and shrubs around your home that will recreate a natural home for birds. There are a number of trees and shrubs used in home landscaping that will also provide birds with shelter and food during winter months. To create a desirable habitat for birds in your back yard, provide shelter by planting dense evergreens such as spruce or hemlock trees. These trees: as well as shrubby thickets of spirea, mock orange, viburnum, and privet; provide good nesting sites for many species of birds.

Fruit bearing shrubs and trees also attract birds, and often provide fruits and berries well into the winter months when birds have the hardest time finding food. Varieties of dogwood and viburnum, as well as small crabapple and hawthorn trees, also provide a plentiful food supply.

What you plant will depend on your interest as a gardener and your land resources, as well as how much time and money you can devote to home landscaping. You may decide to use the money usually spent on bird houses and bird food to buy a new tree or shrub instead. This way, you'll have a new tree as well as a shelter or feeding spot for the birds. You may also be able to save some wild plants on your property that are attractive to birds--sumac, juniper, holly and even poison ivy, for example.

If you use bird feeders, be sure to place them where the birds won't be ambushed by cats. Food that is thrown on the ground should be out in the open where birds can feed in relative safety from hiding predators. Bird feeders placed in trees often end up feeding squirrels. One way to avoid that is to put the feeder on a smooth iron pole, and even grease it to further frustrate the squirrels.

If you are interested in a planting plan for your home that will include the shelter and feeding of birds, write to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., 20402. Publication #PA940, entitled "Invite Birds to Your Home" is available for 25 cents.

COUNTY PROFILE:

Social Services

The Social Service Department is responsible for the administration of welfare programs within Oswego County. Program areas include: Public Assistance programs such as Aid to Dependent Children, Home Relief, and Emergency Aid to Families; Medicaid; Foood Stamps; Children's Services including Foster Care and Protective Services.

Rupert Collins serves as commissioner for this department. The Social Services budget compromises nearly half of the total county budget. It's headquarters is located on Spring Street in Mexico. Telephone numbers for this mandated department are 963-7271 (Mexico) and 343-2150 (Oswego).

Commissioner Collins is appointed to his position by the County Legislature and his term of office is for five (5) years.

A separate department that is run under the jurisdiction of Social Service is the Andrew Michaud Nursing Home. This is a full service, 81-bed facility located adjacent to Lee Memorial Hospital in Fulton. It was constructed to fill the void created by the discontinuance of the County Home and Infirmary (Now part of Bishop Cunningham High School in Oswego).

Mr. Fred L ckwood serves as administrator for Michaud and was placed there by competitive appointment. The phone number for this facility is 592-9521.

NEWS VIEWS

William G. Milliken, Michigan Governor, member Nat'l Governors' Assoc. meeting with Carter:

"I got the impression the President would be recommending a very conservative budget with very little growth in it."

DIAMOND JUBILEE 1902 - 1977

The 75th Anniversary of the incorporation of the two villages of Fulton and Oswego Falls into a city on February 27, 1902.

THE Patriot WAS THERE

The Knife Works

This photograph of the employees of Foster Bros. & Chatillon Co. shows the group was taken in the 40's at Walter's Inn, Hannibal and West First Streets North. Seated from left; David LaRock, Fred Fish, Paul Moon, Hamilton Keeney, Ivan Hardwick, Homer Rowley, Earl Rowley, Ben Sawyer, William Walsh, Ray Jennings, Archie Davenport, Rex Ives, Frank Battles. Standing, A Ives, Erwin Richards, John G. Greene and Clair Brown.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Raymond N. Schofield Sr. would like to thank the many people who helped us through a very sad time. A very special thank you to Dr. McGovern, Dr. Mead, Father Brown and Father Patane, the Fulton Police Department, Menter's Ambulance Service, the Emergency room staff at Lee Memorial Hospital, and Mr. Clifford Foster for your help, concern, and words and acts of comfort. To all our friends, a heartfelt thank you for offerings of time, food, cards, Mass cards, flowers and your prayers during our bereavement. We sincerely appreciate all you've done more than words can say. God Bless all of you.

Mrs. Velma Schofield
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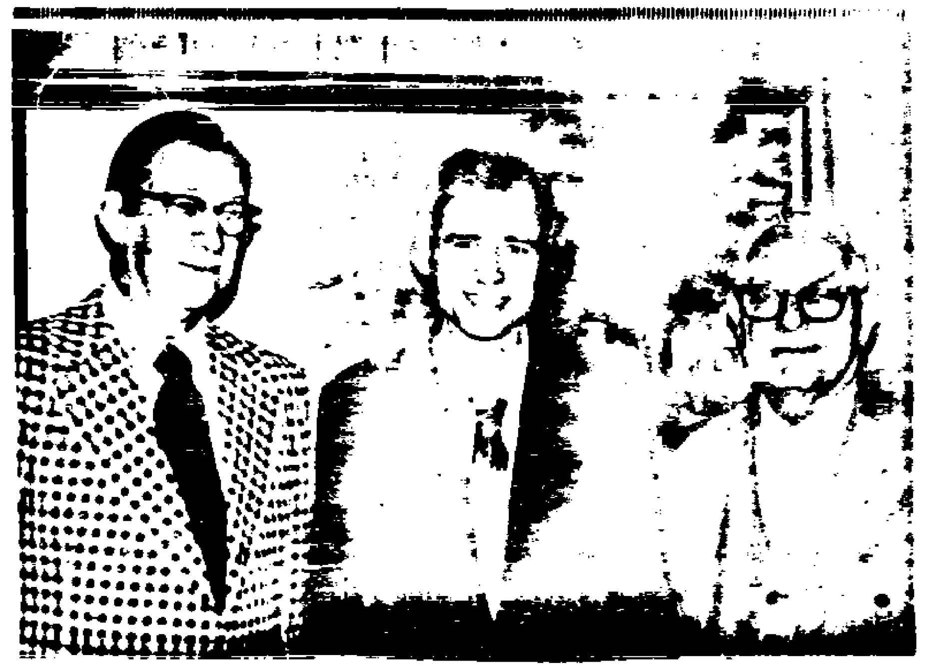

Two retire

Pictured above are two of the most respected legislators to ever serve on the Oswego County Legislature. Mr. Donald Gleason, left, from the Town of Hannibal, and Edward McGann, right, from Oswego's Fourth Ward flank County Budget Officer and Auditor James Blackburn.

The retirement of these two legislators from public life also signified the end of their service of several years on the powerful Ways, Means and Budget Committee. Along with fellow committee members of Robert Jones, William McCarthy, Bruce Soule and Chairman Ralph Schmidt, they have helped place Oswego County in one of the best financial positions of any County in New York State.

Gleason and McGann have devoted countless hours and valuable contributions to the deliberations of both the legislative body and the Ways, Means and Budget Committee. In fact, except for his heart attacks, Edward McGann registered 100% attendance while serving nine (9) years in the Legislature, including all committee meetings.

"Their actions on the Ways, Means and Budget Committee were very nonpartisan," Blackburn said. "Both these men wanted what was best for all the citizens of Oswego County."

These two individuals are richly deserving of the many good wishes for a retirement of good health and happiness. They will be sorely missed by their fellow legislators, be they Democrats or Republicans.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

To The Patriot:
To Chet Rondomanski:

I have just got to write and tell you how much I like what you write in the Patriot. The one you wrote about Christmas was real good and it made me laugh. I have one thing to say- your column is not long enough. I like you and I don't even know you.

Name Witheld

(Dear Withheld-Thank you and I am putting your note in my wallet.)

To The Patriot:

It was at the War Memorial in Fulton, Sunday, January 8, 1978. The Gauchos Drum & Bugle Corp held a very important meeting of the 1978 season.

Contrary to the rumors that have been circulating the area the Gauchos are not disbanding or calling it quits, as a matter of record, they will be coming out with a stronger, and more powerful outfit than in past years. They also will have a new look.

Corps Director Wes Dean, received an overwhelming vote of confidence from the membership, for his statement that the Oswego County area needs an organization such as the Gauchos to represent the youth of this area throughout the Drum Corps world.

The Gauchos when they start their 1978 competition season in June and in the months of July and August represent the Oswego County area in as many as 15 states as well as Canada.

The members also voted to purchase new uniforms; this cost is somewhere around $14,000. All of the members have voted to help raise the necessary funds. Monies will be raised through Bingo, raffles, glass collection, as well as hoping to receive donations.

Throughout the meeting the members voted to put on an all out campaign to recruit new members. It is hoped that more members could be recruited from the Oswego-Fulton area, but will not hesitate at a moment to draw members from the surrounding towns and villages.

If you are between the ages of 12 and 22 stop in and have a look at the offerings of the Gauchos. All meetings and rehearsals are held on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. at the Gauchos Hall on West First Street next to the Pizza Hut, or on Sunday afternoon 598-8229 for an interview. No experience necessary.

Gauchos Drum & Bugle Corps, Fulton, New York

Zagame calls for stricter waste controls

Assemblyman John R. Zagame has proposed legislation calling for more comprehensive control of hazardous industrial and municipal waste.

"Unless the state acts now to provide for the proper handling of these wastes, we may be faced with serious health and environmental problems arising from leaching and unauthorized dumping of hazardous waste into ground and surface water," Zagame said.

Zagame announced his intentions to develop a state policy on transport and disposal of hazardous waste following an intensive three-month investigation by his staff.

The bill also authorizes the Department of Environmental Conservation to study the feasibility of regional waste-treatment centers for the ultimate long-term disposal of hazardous waste in New York.

He stressed the need to develop an innovative program of long-term management because of the environmental harm which results from improperly designed landfills and inadequate disposal facilities.

Zagame noted his proposal will be aimed at preventing environmental disasters like Pollution Abatement Service's near spill of highly-contaminated industrial pollutants.

His program, Zagame added, would greatly reduce future hazards associated with such chemicals as Mirex and PCB's, which are both present in New York waters. Zagame was chairman of a special Assembly Task Force on Mirex last year.

Wastes are classified as hazardous if they have acute or chronic effects on humans or wildlife. "Acute hazards" result when persons or wildlife touch, eat, breathe or absorb these wastes. The effects are seen almost immediately.

Public hearings changed

Commissioner Rupert J. Collins, Oswego County Department of Social Services, announces the rescheduling of the two public hearings on the 1978 Child Protective Plan concerning neglected and abused children, to be held on Wednesday, January 18.

The afternoon session will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Oswego County Department of Social Services, Spring Street, Mexico.

The evening presentation will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Harold Guilfoyle Room, Fulton Municipal Building, South First Street, Fulton.

The public is invited to participate by presenting their views and comments in regards to the 1978 Child Protective Plan. A film strip on child abuse will be shown.

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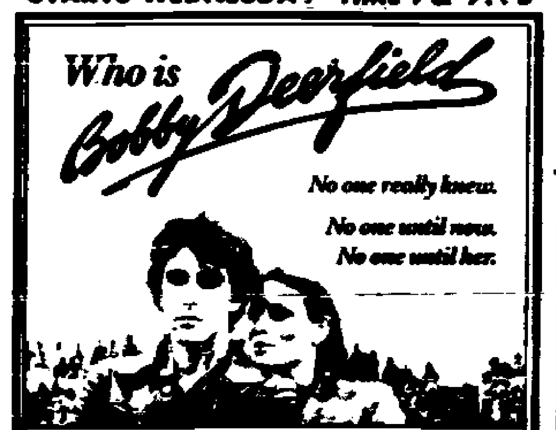
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