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The man who wanted to buy The Patriot

For a number of weeks this writer has been witnessing a foray of innuendoes and half truths about the county legislators, about the paper and the writer's wife, who is the associate publisher of The Patriot. We know the legislators can take care of themselves. So we figure it's about time it was our turn to say something.

The publisher of the Oswego County Weeklies is one Everet Backus from around Mexico who is upset that he did not get the county official designation. As they say in publishing circles, he owns a string of newspapers, although we must admit the string is pretty thin. He has something, also that he calls the Salmon River News. I think that's what it is called and that could make a good fish story in itself.

The whole problem with Mr. Backus is he once sent an emissary down to Fulton to purchase The Patriot and when Mrs. Roudomanski said, "it wasn't for sale," the emissary said something like "you'll be sorry." If he wants to send someone down again, it's okay with us. With the Backus purchasing power, who knows? Mr. Backus writes about smoke-filled rooms. He should know. He was Republican State Committeeman, Oswego County Republican Chairman and Republican candidate for the Assembly, all about this time of the year. Accordingly, he must be beseeched constantly by adoring throngs of admirers. Apparently he wasn't, because for the first time in the county's history a Democratic assembly candidate was elected.

He is still a Republican State committeeman, which just doesn't seem to satiate his hunger for power. The state law on county newspaper designation says: "Section 2141-...Members of the two principal parties shall annually designate the newspaper published within the county as official newspaper."

Caucuses are held wherever there are political parties, by majorities and minorities. We suggest that if Mr. Backus wants to change the law around he can form his own "Back-up with Backus" party and become one of its leaders and then he himself can become one of the leading parties of the county and then Mr. Backus can hold his own caucuses. He can even fill the room with smoke; he can become the people's choice. Until then, The Patriot continues to be read by an awful lot of people. The required Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation published by The Patriot on Oct. 23, 1974 said, "The total circulation of The Patriot was 9,000." The forthcoming directory of the New York Press Association will record The Patriot's circulation as 9,600 in 1975.

Parents: remember March

One sector which is not being reached by so-called recession gangs in Oswego County is the State University College of Oswego. In fact recently released figures show that student registration has now gone up to 9,143. However, there is a "planned" decrease of 100 new students compared with registration of fall, 1973. Be as it may, Oswego State continues to be a significant cultural and learning center for the county and this part of the state. But it also provides some economic bounce to the area which is not totally appreciated by many of us. One more thing. As far as we know, although stringent requirements are getting somewhat more stringent, we haven't heard of a contrary that county high school graduates get better than a fair shake if they want to get into this excellent college. Remind your youngsters of that because March is the deadline for filing entering freshmen applications.

What Others Think

BY MSGR. REV. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

Last week I met Father Dan Backus twice within the space of 24 hours. The first encounter came in Boston at Logan Airport as we both boarded an Allegheny plane for our common home base in Upstate New York. I was certainly a study in contrasts. Dan wore his familiar black beret, desert boots, sport shirt, heavy sweater and slacks, with an apparently underground newspaper tucked into a small, battered suitcase. I was dressed in my customary Roman collar, black suit, long sleeved white shirt, long euffed links with the New York Times in one hand and a neat, efficient looking suitcase in the other.

Those external differences reflected equally divergent inner attitudes and approaches. Dan is today's prophet, a poet, philosopher, master of prose, he speaks sharply, even if beautifully, cuts critics' our consciences, raises questions, makes us uncomfortable, challenges the status quo, walks alone, infuriates establishment people, leaves one wondering if he is a proud, self-appointed judge and maverick or a humble, English martyr and true follower of Christ.

From the Fulton Album

- 5 Years Ago**
Robert Masteller has been named general manager at the Alcan Aluminum Corp. plant in Oswego. He succeeds A. R. Grant Morehouse.
- 10 Years Ago**
Mrs. Barbara Rogers was the Christmas guest of her son, Gilbert and family in Oswego.
- 15 Years Ago**
A tea will be served at the annual meeting of the hospital auxiliary by Mrs. Robert Morin, chairman, Mrs. William Haskell, and Mrs. Thomas Johnson, Jr.
- 20 Years Ago**
Miss Jeanette Famin had a brunch for friends, Tuesday morning. Miss Famin is a student at Colby College.
- 25 Years Ago**
Mrs. Jeanne Diffin was re-elected president of the Sealright-Oswego Falls.
- 30 Years Ago**
World War I and auxiliary the following officers were elected: Commander Claude Mastler, and Judge Advocate, Frank Wallace.
- 35 Years Ago**
Mrs. Arthur Weiden entertained friends at her home recently at a birthday dinner party in honor of Mrs. Harwood.
- 40 Years Ago**
Mrs. Dorothy McCallum has returned from Honolulu, Hawaii where she has been visiting her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCallum.
- 45 Years Ago**
At the recent meeting of Barracks 104 Veterans of



When the snows came

It was nine years ago this month when Fulton, along with most of the Northeast, was paralyzed by the "blizzard of '66." Harry Seabury and son Bob of Baldwin Rd., are shown taking advantage of the huge snowfall after the storm finally subsided.



Catholic Sun

PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT

It is the intention of the City of Fulton to submit an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development prior to April, 1975 setting forth a three-year community development plan identifying community development needs and specifying both short- and long-term community development objectives with the community's objectives with the community's comprehensive strategy for meeting these needs.

Pursuant to Section 104 (6) (B) of the "Housing and Community Development Act of 1974," the Fulton Common Council will hold public hearings at:

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL BUILDING FULTON, NEW YORK

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DATES: Tuesday, February 4, 1975
Tuesday, February 18, 1975

TO OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF CITIZENS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS.

FULTON COMMON COUNCIL
2/12/75

Albany Open Line

by Alex Rankin

If Republican Sen. Warren Anderson's promise holds up there will be no 10-cent hike in the state gasoline tax this year.

Anderson, of Binghamton, made the pledge after Democratic Gov. Hugh Carey made the proposal in his first State of the State message to the Legislature.

It is worth noting that Carey did not put his gasoline tax hike proposal in the taxation section of his message, but instead buried it in the conversation section.

Hiking the price of gasoline might cut down on consumption, but curiously, the \$500 million in additional revenues it would bring in to the state treasury would just about bridge the budget gap predicted by State Comptroller Arthur Levitt.

Carey, by the way, was the man who went up and down the state during the campaign last year crying that Republicans had hidden millions of dollars of surplus funds in their budget.

Now he's in office less than two weeks and warning everyone of an "enormous"

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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor: Regarding your editorial of the 15th, "Keep Some of Us Awake"...

I was disturbed with the attitude revealed in the above mentioned article. It seems that you seek to change the program that the Syracuse Symphony presents to appease those who find it beyond their grasp to remain awake during concerts. It is my contention that those who fall asleep during concerts are the most part attending under false pretenses...

I see no reason to sympathize with these individuals doing so. You will accomplish one of two things: you may convince the symphony to change its program in favor of a string of "lullabies," thus disappointing those (of us) who want to enjoy the more serious music which in your "friends" possesses such terrific sonic qualities. Or perhaps you may convince the symphony that Fulton isn't worth bothering with. Indeed, this is a possibility: your editorial makes Fulton out to be a cultural hamper room.

Your editorial also lends credence to the baseless myth that "Classical music is boring." Granted, to the non-attentive individual who walks in, takes his seat and proceeds to vegetate for three hours, it is. However, to the person who listens to the music and function simultaneously, music is a total experience in emotion and beauty. Trying to explain music in words is inherently impossible. Come to the

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 22
Ecumenical Dinner sponsored by the Fulton Council of Christian Churches, 6:30 p.m. Polish Home. Please bring dish to pass and table service.

Monday, January 27
Syracuse Symphony Orchestra giving a concert under the direction of Calvin Custer, G. R. Bodley School Auditorium, 8:30 p.m. Tickets at Greco's Fulton.

Tuesday, January 28
Art Guild of Fulton holding a meeting, Municipal Building, Local Artist Howard Rose will demonstrate the art of Silk Screening, 7:45 p.m.

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