

Food, cars rank high in local spending

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NEW YORK -- Residents of Oswego County were in the marketplace in greater force in the past year, according to a report on local retail store activity, just released.

With most local families enjoying bigger incomes than in the previous year, they were in a position to spend more and they did so. They were far less cautious in that respect than they had been in 1971, when they kept their spending under tight control and put a record amount of money into savings.

The facts and figures, with a breakdown of their outlays for automobiles, food, clothing, furniture and other goods and services, are from a new consumer markets survey conducted by the Standard Rate and Data Service. It gives comparable data for every section of the country.

In Oswego County, it is shown, stores selling food and automotive equipment captured a large part of the consumer dollar. Between the two of them, they attracted 49 percent of all local retail business.

Their combined share, elsewhere in the United States was 41 percent and, in the Middle Atlantic States 40 percent.

The amount spent for food alone, in local supermarkets, bakeries, butcher

shops, delicatessens and the like, totaled \$45,159,000 compared with the prior year's \$43,888,000.

These expenditures refer only to food that was bought for home consumption. They do not include the amount that was spent in restaurants, lunch rooms, and other dining and drinking places.

The report shows that automobile dealers and those selling motorcycles, boats, trailers and related equipment also had a good year, accounting for a total of \$36,776,000 as against the previous year's \$34,511,000.

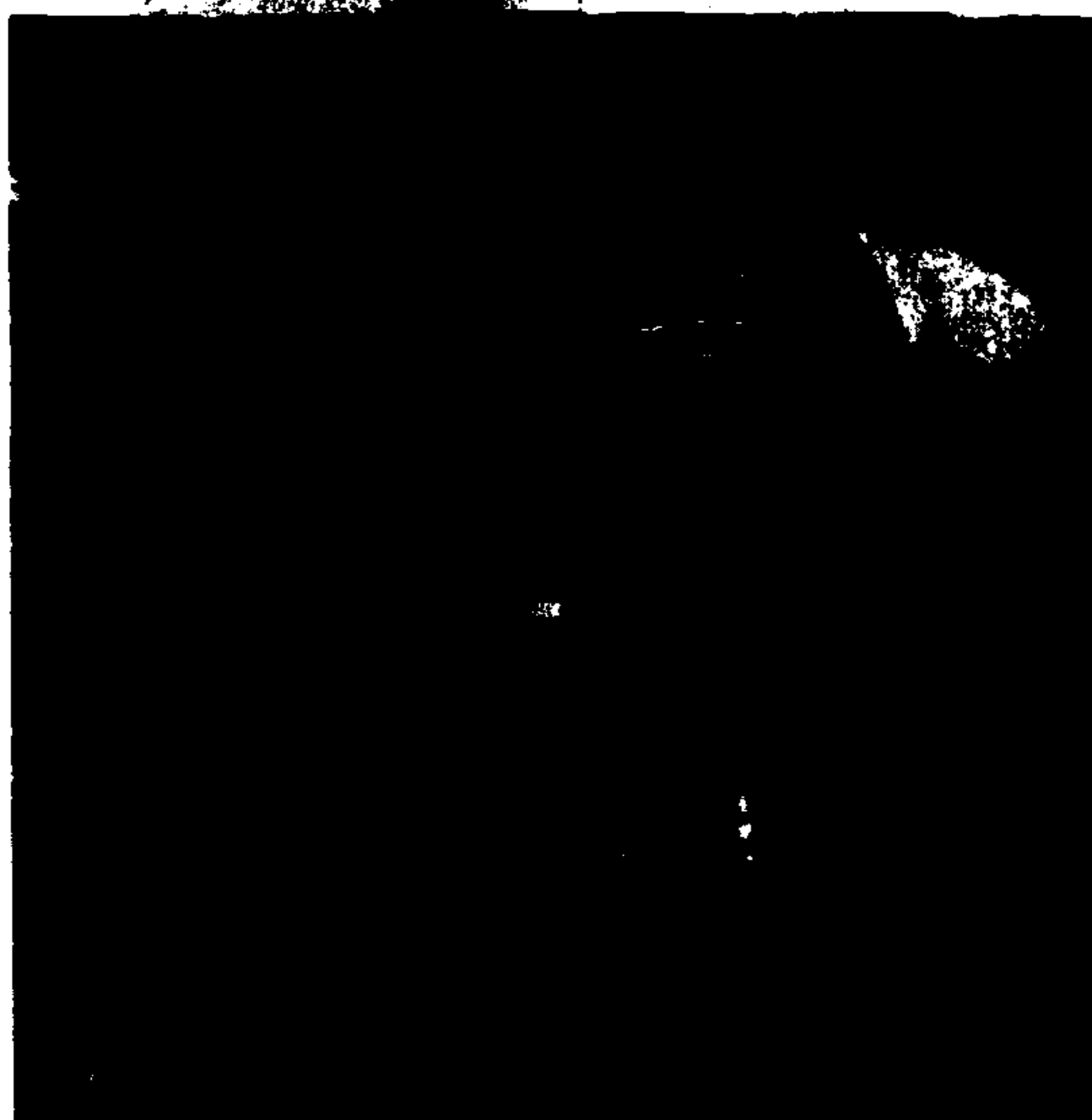
Most other retail lines in the local area also turned in good figures for the period.

Department stores and variety shops dealing in general merchandise chalked up \$16,578,000, as compared with their 1971 volume of \$15,781,000.

Those specializing in clothing, shoes, hats and other articles of apparel grossed \$4,484,000. The year before it was \$4,465,000.

Sales of furniture and other home furnishings came to \$7,855,000, as against the previous total of \$6,932,000.

Much of the increase in gross sales is attributed to the higher costs of goods and services.



POWER LIFT AT OSWEGO STEAM. A giant 50-foot, 930,000 pound electric generator stator is inched into position by a special gantry crane which straddles it like a champion weightlifter at Niagara Mohawk's Oswego Steam Station expansion project. The stator is the fixed portion which will enclose the spinning rotor of the new 850,000 kilowatt generator unit

at the plant. Shipping by Westinghouse via rail on a special 90-foot car from Pittsburgh to Oswego, the unit was lifted 40 feet to its position in the steam station's cathedral-sized turbine hall. Total lifting time was about three and a half hours, a maneuver done so slowly and carefully that the eye could barely detect its movement.

FROM THE POLICE BLOTTER

Two Fulton Patrolmen traveling past Dandy Donuts last week saw what appeared to be a pair of blazing trashcans. As they approached the scene to gain a closer look, their suspicions proved valid. The fire was quite real. Shortly thereafter the pyro-kindler was apprehended, the flames were distinguished and a report, dated Friday, 13, 1973, was submitted to the police files.

Friday the thirteenth, combined with a full moon, provided impetus for a woman to be the host of several threatening phone calls. The first, delivered at approximately 3:30 by a male voice, said "Good... we'll get you tonight baby." The woman recipient then called in a complaint to the Fulton Police Department after a second call related a similar message reiterating, "We'll get you tonight for sure." Police requested a phone trap, a device that allows calls to be traced. However, it does not record the message as a phone tap does.

At 9:15 a.m. 7/13/73 the Fulton Police received word

that a home had been robbed of a radio-tape recorder worth about \$200, several bottles of whiskey, and an assortment of gold coins. The value of the coins fluctuates so rapidly with the present inflationary economy that no official dollar value was able to be given.

A number of bicycles have been stolen this summer and the trend is in no way lessening. Problems for police have been caused after the stolen bicycles have been recovered with the serial numbers sanded off. Lock those bikes.

The Fulton Police Department has developed a green thumb and everyone is invited to see the results of that of a foot high, three week old marijuana plant.

The new addition to the police office provides for stimulating conversation and according to one police spokesman, "it looks alot better than that rubber one we used to have."

Service News

Navy Seaman Apprentice Musician Sheila V. Peacock daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Peacock of 306 Walradt St., Fulton N.Y. is a student at the Navy's School of Music here.

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By RICHARD KAMIENSKI

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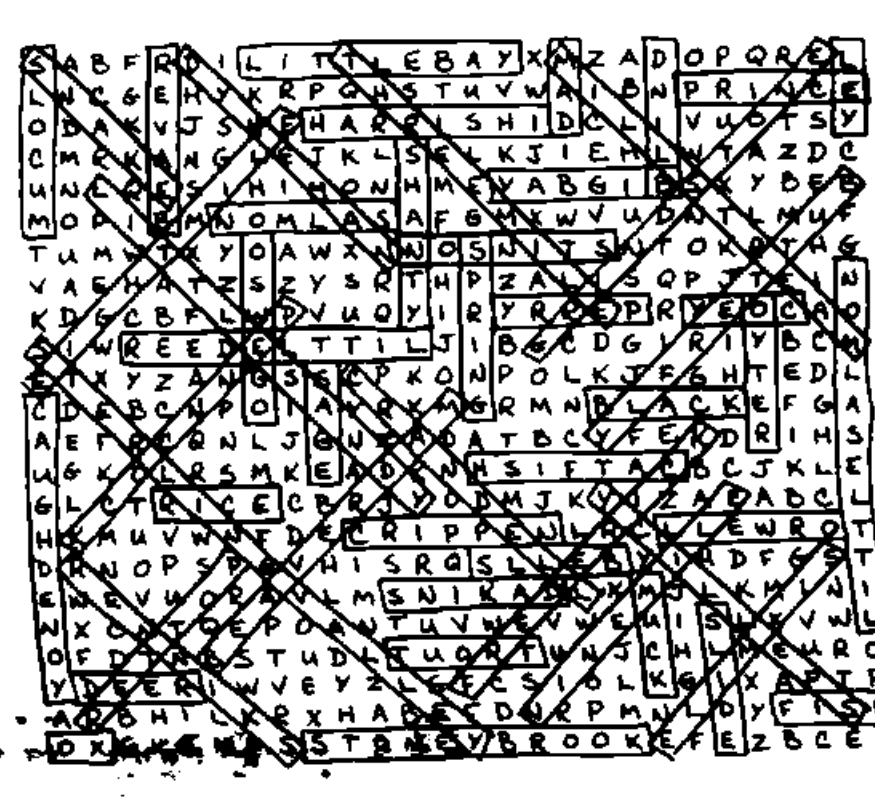
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- Martin VanBuren
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- George M. Dallas
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- Andrew Johnson
- Schuyler Colfax
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