



**Valley Views**

... of Stuart C. Thompson

Assemblyman Edward F. Crawford has come up with an interesting idea that seems to me to contain quite a bit of real merit.

It seems that Ed would like to make it a holiday for New York school children every four years when a new president is inaugurated.

It seems to me that it would serve to increase interest in the Washington ceremonies with many families probably taking in the program due to the fact that their offspring would be out of school for the occasion.

In fact, it wouldn't detract from the education program as teachers probably would not be reticent about asking their scholars to write an essay on the inaugural, which could be viewed on the home sets or studied in the newspapers.

There is also another law pending before the State legislature that would aid buyers of used cars as it would make the practice of turning back speedometer readings, a misdemeanor.

It has always seemed that such a practice was a petit larceny move and I don't imagine that it is practiced too widely.

However, there are other ways and means of determining the extent that a car has been used so the number of buyers to be fooled by low mileage readings on beat up vehicles are few.

TV advertising can be confusing. A friend of mine, a husky boilermaker—couldn't find the dog food he was looking for in the super market. No wonder! He was looking for wagon train instead of gravy train.

With 1962 off to a good start by escaping some of the big storms, Fulton area residents will likely be taking a keen interest in future spending programs of local, State and National governments.

Fulton is faced with several problems that include water and garbage improvements while school construction and bomb shelters also appear as possible costly items during the coming year.

There is little doubt but that Fulton needs a new senior high school but as I have stated before—here is considerable doubt that the residents of the consolidated school district will change their minds and approve such a school in the next 12 months.

However, there is hope for the senior citizens that the medical aid to the aged program under Social Security will go through and ease financial worries for many.

One big hope for the rest of the winter is that it can stay as free of heavy snowstorms for the area as has been the case during the 1961 part of the winter. Maybe, the total snowfall will be under 100 inches for a welcome change.

That last is of course with apologies to the Boy Scouts who are trying to operate a ski tow and could probably use a bit more of the white stuff.

There probably is another safe prediction. That Fulton will talk of a new fire station and perhaps a new city hall in 1962 but that the same setup will carry over into the coming year.

Mayor Rowlee has pointed out that improvements must be made in the fire department in order to keep the present favorable fire insurance rates.

Most people realize that Fulton has one of the best fire departments of any city of its size in New York State. However, new State regulations make it necessary for improvements that must be made without much delay.

I wonder how many Fultonians were caught New Year's Day in Syracuse by that Greyhound bus bobo over buses not having 1962 plates? It seems to me that making passengers wait six hours was some kind of cruelty not expected by bus patrons.

A belated move to obtain Syracuse And Oswego buses came 15 minutes after eight had left for New York to return students to the Oswego college. They deadheaded down but a little faster thinking would have loaded them with happy travelers.

It would also seem logical that the bus companies should have a reasonable period after Jan. 1 to make the switch in plates and not have a reoccurrence of the Syracuse situation.

Sterling are spending the week with their cousin Ronnie Richards.

Clifford and Robert Mansfield of Harris Hill Rd. enjoyed the evening Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. George Mansfield and family of Fairdale.

**Personals**

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dunn, So. Hannibal entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Parsons Sr. and members of their immediate family, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gates, 8 N. 4th St. were Tuesday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hackett, 110 Pathfinder Cts.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Chirello and children of Whitcomb Rd., Miss Mary Chirello and Mr. and Mrs. William Langdon and children of Letch St. spent Sunday, Dec. 24th, in Oswego as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Zieno.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Retino of W. 3rd St. received a phone call on Christmas Day from their son Joe who is stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base in California. He spent Christmas Day with his cousin Andy Vesio of Los Angeles and recently of Fulton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morris of Pratt St. called on the Langdon family of Letch St. last

Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Green and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Parsons Sr. recently spent a two weeks vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McEwen and daughter Sandy, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parsons and Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw and son Ricky were Christmas evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Parsons, Broadwell Ave.

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