

COIN CORNER

by George McLaughlin



HEY YOU LOVELY PEOPLE, HAPPY, HAPPY, JOYOUS NEW YEAR!

Gold prices are slowly but surely climbing despite all the efforts of our great leaders in Washington to deter them. Several of the larger gold buying and selling countries are getting sick of the U.S. telling them what the price of gold should be. Bully for them. Silver coin prices are holding steady despite the lousy shape of our economy. Speaking of our economy, it reminds me of Pres. Ford, falling all the time.

Another facet of our economy, right here in N.Y., you can bet your last cotton-picking buck, New York City will be bailed out, even if us northern apple knockers don't have enough money left for food. Just ask Carey. He probably will lie out of it. Why not. He lied out of every other promise he made before he was elected; he almost makes me wish Rockefeller was back. I said almost.

Speaking of our beloved governor, he is trying his darndest to fire special prosecutor Nadjari. Do you suppose he is getting too close to home?

Judging by a recent article in Coin World, gold could take a jump real soon. The International Monetary Fund has released some gold to be sold to interested banks, and this has not been done before. The date this deal was made, gold prices jumped from \$139.50 to \$148. The deal was made too late in the day to affect the London gold market, but this just may be the breakthrough needed to get gold prices up where they belong, all this despite meddling by the U.S. government.

Postage went to 13 cents, effective last Wednesday, when a higher court overruled the decision by Judge Sirica made just the other day. Debate will continue but we all know what the final decision was, to whit, 13 cents per letter. Just another show of affection from Uncle.

There is much chatter about the

elimination of the cent as part of our coinage. The only gripe I have is that goods must be marked up or down and it won't be down. One guy suggests we make a 9 cent coin to replace the cent. All gas is plus 9 cents among many other prices such as \$2.99, \$3.99, etc. Maybe not too bad an idea at that.

The Canadian two dollar bill shows the denomination 285 times while our two dollar bill only shows it 26 times. Man oh man, if one can't find the value with 26 times; well, you know what I mean.

VFW NEWS



The annual Christmas party was held at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Syracuse on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. Members of various organizations distributed canteen books, candy, cookies and ice cream to the patients. Those attending from Fulton were Helen Allen of the VFW Auxiliary, Seam Squirrel Ed Doud of the Cooties, President Bernadette Zufelt and Leona Davis of the Gold Star Mothers and Bert Marotta of VFW Post 569.

Cooties Visit Michaud

Despite a heavy snowfall and slippery driving conditions the Military Order of Cooties paid a Christmas visit to the Michaud Nursing Home on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. Gifts and candy were given to the patients by Seam Squirrel Ed Doud, VFW Commander Louis Duciaume, Bert and Loretta Marotta, Helen Allen, Alice Vescio, Tom Knosp, and Ray Furlong. Also attending was Cootie Mascot Joe Marotta, nine years old, who was dressed in a Cootie uniform. Helen Allen, hospital chairman for MOCA, also visited several other small nursing homes in Fulton where she presented the patients with candy and gifts.

Crusade Supports Enzyme Research Against Cancer

Researchers at Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, are investigating an enzyme that is essential for cell reproduction and say they will attempt to produce chemicals that can prevent the enzyme from performing its key role.

Dr. Yung-Chi Cheng, senior cancer research scientist at the Institute, was awarded a two-year American Cancer Society grant in the amount of \$71,270 to study the enzyme, thymidine kinase, and to find analogs (similar but not identical chemical relatives that could replace the enzyme in the production of thiamine, an essential "building block" in the cell's genetic material, DNA.

In addition to blocking production of the cell's DNA, the enzyme analogs will have also be effective against the DNA of certain viruses which have been associated with cell growth, namely the Herpes virus.

The enzyme, thymidine kinase, will be purified from six different sources including cells from patients with chronic leukemia, other human immature cells, and from laboratory-grown cells infected by Herpes virus.

Following intensive research to analyze the qualities of the enzyme, the work of chemically constructing blocking analogs will be launched.

Funds for this and other American Cancer Society research grants are raised during the Society's annual Cancer Crusade in April.

Personals

CHRISTMAS DINNER guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cronk of Demster were: Mr. and

Mrs. Wayne Watson and son, State Rd., New Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rank and family; Mr. and Mrs. James Searles and family and Mr. and Mrs. James Cronk and daughter Billy-Jo, all of Demster.

MRS. KATHERINE HYDE was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Parkhurst of Shore Oaks Drive. Guy Dennis of Syracuse and his father A.G. Dennis, Woolson Rd., were callers at the Parkhurst home in the afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. ALLEN CRONK of Demster Beach spent Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cronk, North Rd., Demster.

CHRISTMAS DINNER guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cronk, North Rd., Demster, were: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Zeller and family and Miss Shirley Zeller of Fulton and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cronk of Demster Beach. On Christmas day, Mr.

and Mrs. Richard Cronk had a telephone call from their son Mike who is stationed in Guam. The family all enjoyed talking with him on the phone.

MR. AND MRS. WARD PARKHURST of Shore Oaks Drive and Mrs. Katherine Hyde of Demster spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parkhurst, Nine Mile Point Rd.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM REED III of Oswego, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Reed of Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Balcom and Christopher of Fulton, Joanne Cronk, R.N., of Albany Medical Center, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith of Fulton, and Mr. and Mrs. William Reed and family of Demster were all Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cronk of Demster. Their son Leslie Cronk of Utah telephoned Christmas day and son Allen Cronk telephoned last week from Alaska wishing their parents a Merry Christmas.

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