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THE ROUNDUP

Gaylon Griswold Supplies A Few Missing Links In Who Was Who In Canton of Yesterday—From This Sprintboard The Roundup Takes Off To Bring Up Some of Those Memories From Along Main Street When It Had Wooden Awnings And Hitching Posts.

It was two or three years ago that P. S. W. Judd, who recently celebrated his 91st birthday at his home in Hartford, Conn., and who lived in Canton as a boy and young man, sent on a list of Cantonians whom he could remember, and it was published in the Plaindealer. He closed by saying: "Why not hear from a few of the boys with long memories?" Gaylon Griswold cut the item from the Plaindealer and made out a list of Canton's businessmen he could remember, and brought it to the Roundup, very recently, since his return from Florida. Here it is:

Heman Foote, a shoe maker on Court street.
T. Caldwell & Sons, grocers, at the corner of Main and Hodskin streets.
A. J. Gage had a furniture store in Union Block.
M. K. Balcome was a butter buyer.
J. W. Barber was a jeweler in part of the Geo. W. Seymour drug store.
Nathan Barber was a harness maker on Lower Main street.
G. V. Rich ran a bakery next to Barber's harness shop.
H. L. Sackrider & Sons were hardware merchants at the corner of Hodskin and Main streets.
Ingalls & Dunn were grocers at the upper end of Main street.

S. E. Corbin was a barber where the Heaton jewelry store now is.
J. S. Gale was a doctor with offices in his house, the brick house on Park street where W. C. Cook used to live.
Jane Sims was a milliner on Court street.
H. H. Judd had a book store second store from Court street and had the telegraph office and express office in the back of the store. It was where the Stevens store now is.
H. P. Matthews was a butter buyer and did business in the basement of his block.

H. H. Platt was a grocer in the middle store of the Mathews block.
J. B. Ellsworth was a shoe dealer in the upper store of the same block.
MacFarlane ran a restaurant in the basement under the store of J. C. Jewett in the Mathews block.
Safford & Havens ran a dry goods store in Miner block.
G. C. & M. D. Packard were dry goods merchants in the Packard block on upper Main street.
H. J. Messenger & Co. were bankers where the St. Lawrence County Bank now stands.

A. Fowler was a manufacturer of axes on the Island and lived where the Merrill hardware store now stands.
Harry Smith had what was called a drug store but he had most everything in it.
L. B. Holmes was a dentist and lived where Geo. Bowers now lives, on Park street.
John M. Haven was proprietor of the Haven House.
A. Z. Squires was a lawyer with his office in Miner Block over Safford & Havens' store.
W. C. Cook was a lawyer with office in Miner Block and he lived on Park street in the brick house where Clara McMonagle now lives.

Sawyer & Russell were lawyers with office over Conkey & Sherman's drug store.
J. P. Bugbee was justice of the peace with office in Miner Block.
Kate and Ellen Fields had a fancy goods store on the south side of Main street where the First National Bank now stands.
The first I remember of Jones & Perkins was in the basement and it was D. M. Jones hardware in the Jones block, and F. J. Perkins & Son, hardware in the store at the east end of Main street.
E. W. Perry bought butter in the basement of the Mathews block.
VanBrooklin was a shoe dealer at about the center of Main street.
L. B. Storrs was a clothier in the store under the Plaindealer office.
Geo. Gilson's father, T. J. Gilson, was his tailor.
Conkey & Sherman had a drug store next west of Miner Block.
Wilson & Ellsworth were clothiers in Miner Block, corner of Court and Main streets.
J. P. Howard & Co. ran a dry goods store in Matthews Block.
Henry Clark ran a billiard and pool room over Safford & Havens in Miner Block.

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FOX BLOCK GETTING A NEW FRONT
Frank C. Fox whose penchant for improving real estate property is represented in many respects in this community, is now having the entire front of his Hodskin street block formerly the Gilmore store, replaced. The entire facade of the building including the front stoop and the old office room, have been taken away, a cement foundation laid and now Frank is preparing to install a modern and fine store front. With this addition and the beautiful new Beaker residence Hodskin street is looking up.

DR. F. F. WILLIAMS ON HEUVELTON COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

On School's Faculty When First Class Graduated and Later Became Principal.

Wednesday evening Heuvelton High School will hold its 61st annual graduating exercises and will on that occasion have the unusual and remarkable experience of having as the person delivering the commencement address Dr. Frank F. Williams, of Canton who as assistant principal helped prepare the program of the first graduation exercises held in 1880 and as principal had complete charge of the school and the program in 1881. And the most important thing is that the Heuvelton audience can look forward to a vigorous, able address. Dr. Williams is a real speaker, as much so today as in 1880, and probably more so.

When asked about his connection with the Heuvelton school the Doctor laughed a little yesterday and went on to say:

"Well, this is the way it happened. Back in 1879 I was trying to invent some way to attend medical school, the necessary money being the important item. In June of that year I had graduated from the Potsdam Normal, and had already begun studying up on medicine on the side. In order to scramble up some money I had attempted to start a select school over in the Congress District near Potsdam but that fell through. Willard Sellick, another Potsdam Normal grad, had been signed up at \$12.00 per week to become principal of the Heuvelton school which was in pretty bad shape. It had been run as a Union Free School and the Board of Education had decided to organize a High School there.

"Sellick felt that it was a two-man job so he came over and offered to divide his salary with me if I would be his assistant; that meant \$6.00 per week each and we roomed and boarded together for \$3.00 per week each. After seven weeks, during which we had gotten the new high school pretty well organized and the students properly classified and classes running he received an offer to teach at Lisbon at an advance in wages. The Board decided they wanted to keep us both so they voted me the munificent stipend of \$7.00 per week and Sellick got his full \$12.00 salary.

"He signed a contract to be principal of the Gouverneur high school and on New Year's Eve 1880 after I succeeded in getting Sellick's Heuvelton position as principal at \$12.00 per week. I served as principal for five terms, saved enough money to go to New York and complete my medical studies, and had also formed a friendship with my assistant principal and choir mate, Lilla Thornton. She became Mrs. Williams.

"The first class graduated from Heuvelton High School consisted of the following four students: Gertie Giffin, her cousin, Milford Giffin, Jennie Rich and Frank Bell. In 1881 the following graduated: Edward L. Thornton, Clarence Giffin, Wilnot Giffin, Herbert Allen, William Pitt Rich, Eva Shepherd, Laura Judson, and Clara Monette Thornton.

"Eva Shepherd married William Pitt Rich and in a year so died. Rich then married Gertie Giffin and she is the only one of the twelve still living. She resides at Verona, N. J. Clara M. Thornton became the wife of Joseph P. Brown. She was sister to Lilla Thornton, who became my wife.

"There, that is pretty much the story of my experience as teacher at the Heuvelton school where I will speak Wednesday evening."

RIVER COTTAGE SCENE LAWRENCE-CHARTER NUPTIALS
Young Canton Man and Potsdam Flance Married Saturday.
When Miss Ruth Lawrence arrived at the family St. Lawrence River cottage at Morristown Saturday afternoon she found everything in a state of excited expectancy. Rev. John A. Erickson was present, and so was her brother, Russell Jr., and his fiancée, Miss Dorothy Charters of Potsdam. Others were there, and at four o'clock the reason for all of this surprise preparation was climaxed by the marriage of the two young people. Everything had been informally arranged, and the ceremony was all the happier thereby. Otis Wood and Miss Lawrence were the attendants.

The bride wore a dainty blue chiffon dress of white print with white accessories and a corsage bouquet of red roses. Miss Lawrence wore a white cotton print dress with white accessories and had a corsage bouquet of pink roses.
Mrs. Lawrence is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Charters of Potsdam. Is a graduate of the Potsdam Normal and has been teaching at Woodstock, Russell, Lawrence, Jr., graduated from Canton High, attended St. Lawrence University and then transferred to the Cincinnati College of Embalming from which he graduated in 1938. Since then he has been assistant to his father, Russell Lawrence, Sr. and is the fourth generation of Lawrences to be engaged in the undertaking business in Canton.

CRANBERRY LAKE AND THE BROWNS

FAMOUS GUIDE TELLS HOW THE BIG FISH GOT THERE

Part of the Saga of the McAleese Family As Residents of the Lake Section.

The conversation began with the story of the first brown trout ever caught in Cranberry Lake waters and ended up with a delightful bit of matrimonial romance. As the readers of the Plaindealer well know Cranberry Lake and its environs have been close to the interest and sympathies of this paper almost since its beginning in the eighties when Editor Williston Manley began his annual fishing and hunting pilgrimages to the Lake with other Cantonians, such as Ed Heaton, Mert Farmer, brother Mark Manley, and others.

From those original experiences came friendships with that fine group of fellows found at the lake, the guides and woodmen who loved the forest and stream, and who became Cranberry Lake institutions. There were the Howland boys, Willard and Neil, and Chan Westcott, Sam Barcroft who tended the dam, Barney Burns, and many others, who today have largely become part of the legend or saga, which has grown up around Lake history.

Of course, we speak of that one who came to join that band of hardy inhabitants dwelling around the lake, one whom though a newcomer then, still carries on, and who better than any other living person has brought down to the present that wonderful and pleasing touch of old-time tradition—the real Adirondack guide of yesterday.

Mac spent a good part of last week in Canton, and paid this office several visits. If he hadn't we would have scratched his name from our mailing list. It was inevitable that there was a good deal of reminiscing, and that plenty of Lake history was dished up with that delightful flavor which Mac and only Mac possesses.

It is not often that he gets very far away from the Lake, or his wife, Eliza for he loves them both. But last week Mac was here in Canton. He came to town for three reasons, any one of which might have been an alibi for the other two. The ostensible purpose of this temporary migration was to get his feet under the same table with a hundred or more other justices of the Peace and swap notes (and votes) on the business of improving town government. The records of the town of Clifton, in which Cranberry Lake is situated, show that W. J. McAleese has been a rather consistent town official for many years. He has served as high-

Talks on Local Government

By EARL S. MacFADDEN

[This is one of a series of articles Town Clerk Earl MacFadden is writing for the Plaindealer on town laws.—Ed.]

So many questions have been asked about the abolition of the five justice board for the town of Canton and so many stories have been advanced as to how Canton came to have five justices in the first place, that I am devoting this article to the story of the five justice board in Canton. The most popular story as to how we came to have five justices of the peace is that with the building of the Pyrites mill and the rapid growth of the village there, a demand for a justice in that section of the town resulted in the legislature granting Canton the right to have an additional justice. The fact is, however, that before a single stone had been laid in the foundation of the Pyrites mill Canton had had five justices for nearly fifty years.

In 1848, each town had four justices. One elected each year for a term of four years. In that year Lorenzo Fenton was elected in Canton. In 1849 Nathan Howe was elected. In 1850 Elias Baldwin and in 1851 Winslow Barker were elected, completing the four justices. On the 10th day of February, 1852, Lorenzo Fenton was elected to succeed himself and on the same day Cornelius Van Waters was also elected a justice of the peace. On March 20th, 1852, the Legislature passed a bill which became Chapter 79 of the Laws of 1852 which legalized the election of Cornelius Van Waters and authorized the town of Canton to continue to have five justices. This act has been in operation ever since.

In 1938, with over thirty-seven hundred justices in the state of New York, the Constitutional Convention was considering no less than four amendments: to abolish the justice court. An agreement was finally reached to leave it alone, with the understanding that legislation would be introduced reducing the number of justices in the state. At the next session in 1939 the Reoux bill, allowing towns to decide to have their

PRODUCER MASS MEETING CALLED

DAIRY FARMERS' UNION DEMANDS FLAT \$3.00 PRICE

Seeks Cooperation of County Dairymen Regarding Marketing Order.

A county wide mass meeting for all milk producers has been called by the Dairy Farmers' Union for Wednesday, June 25, at 8:00 p. m., standard time, at the municipal building, Gouverneur. The call says: "Farmers get ready dig out your separators, be ready for action. We have been fooled almost made paupers of patiently waiting for a living price for milk. Our patience has been tried to the utmost. County meetings are being held on this same date throughout the New York milkshed for this purpose. All dairymen are urged to attend."

The Dairy Farmers' Union demands a flat price of \$3.00 for milk for 10 months beginning July 1st. It proposes to set this price independently of, and without regard for, the Federal-State Milk Marketing Order according to the information furnished this paper yesterday by William Jenner of Potsdam.

THE FLOWERS GO THROUGH

Florist John Lawrence of Ogdensburg had an interesting bouquet knot to untie last week, and the knot had Canton connections. By radiogram Mr. Lawrence received instructions to deliver a beautiful bouquet of roses to Miss Jeanne N. Posselt, a senior who graduated from St. Lawrence University ten years previously. Miss Posselt lives at Pelham Manor, N. Y. Of course Mr. Lawrence did not know this. All he knew was that the radiogram sent from the mid-Pacific aboard the S. S. Chattanooga City had been relayed to him via San Francisco with a message to Jeanne from a friend who said he was sending this little remembrance from the Malacca Straits. When one young friend goes to so great an effort to remember another young friend on her college graduation, something certainly has to be done in the matter. Although college was closed, and although Jeanne was not to be found at the Tri Delta House, Florist Lawrence lost no time in seeing that the message and the flowers reached her at Pelham Manor.

way superintendent as well as justice, no doubt has held other offices. While here in an official capacity he also found time to visit his son, Young Bill, who is aide to Sheriff Floyd San Jose. But one of the innumerable reasons for this sojourn was to check up, or in, at the Hotel R and locate the room where 48 years ago and his bride spent their first honeymoon days.

Yes, and the Lord be willing, Mac said Thursday, "we will be back there two years from now to spend our Golden Wedding anniversary right there in the same room."
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COMMENCEMENT BRINGS CANTON SCHOOL YEAR TO A CLOSE

U. S. O. SOFTBALL BENEFIT

A benefit game Tuesday night, June 24, on Priest Field, Varsity C vs. Billy's Lunch is next up.

The postponed game of June 16 caused by a wash out will be played between the two leading undefeated teams of the league—Varsity C and Billy's Lunch.
This game will be put on a benefit for the U. S. O. and a small admission of a dime will be charged, the entire proceeds going to the U. S. O.
For this occasion permission has been given to use the rate at the rear of the Universalist church. Game will be called at 6:30 fast time. Everybody come and help this very worthy cause.

COUNTY BANK FILLS TWO EXISTING VACANCIES

Bassett Elected Vice-President and R. M. Barr Director.

To fill the vacancies created by the death of the late George E. Robinson the members of the Board of Directors of the St. Lawrence County National Bank last week elected one new member, and as such selected Roy M. Barr. For the office of vice-president a position held by Mr. Robinson, the Board chose one of its most recently elected directors, but one of Canton's best known financiers, Roy H. Bassett.

Thus did the Board of this old Canton banking institution keep the number of its members filled by adding men well known to the community for their business judgement and high standing. One need hardly comment upon the selection of Mr. Bassett to serve as vice-president. His record as President of the Canton Savings & Loan Association is conspicuous, not just in Canton or northern New York, but in the whole state, so much so that he has served as President of the State League of Savings & Loan Associations, and is today a member of the executive committee of the Federal Home Loan Bank and is a director of National League of Savings & Loan Associations.

In Mr. Barr the St. Lawrence County National has long had an interested and active stockholder. Besides conducting a most successful pharmaceutical business Mr. Barr is president of the Canton Cemetery Association, is a member of the Lions Club and the Canton civic matters, such as the church and the Stillwater Club.

SEND AID TO REFUGEES FLEEING GERMAN GESTAPO

Canton Rotary Club Members Respond to Emergency Appeal.

At yesterday's luncheon meeting of the Canton Rotary Club a new member, Luis Demitro Aguirre of the University faculty was welcomed.

The club voted to send each of the service men who have entered military service from the town of Canton a six months subscription of the St. Lawrence Plaindealer.
It was voted that the secretary of the club accept and forward volunteer contributions received yesterday by telegram received yesterday morning by Professor Robert W. Brown from Dr. Kingston, president of the Newark N. J. College.

The club voted to authorize its committee on improvement of the Sandbank Swimming Hole to proceed with the construction of some bath houses.
For luncheon talks the club enjoyed remarks by Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Robert Becker, who spoke of some of the duties of a supervisor; and from William Mead, who told of some of the early meetings of the St. Lawrence County Board of Supervisors from 1814 to 1839.

U. S. O. BENEFITS PRODUCE FUNDS

The two benefits put on last week under the auspices of the Canton village committee—the U. S. O. will total that fund nearly \$100. Mrs. W. A. McPhee was checking up on the proceeds of the ladies' card party held at the Hotel Harrington Friday afternoon and found the returns had reached nearly \$47.00. "You can announce that we will contribute \$50," she said. "I will see it is \$50." Richard Walsh and Harry Bolton find that as chiefs in charge of the Wednesday evening sax card party at Frank Crump's restaurant a total of about \$45.00 had been raised.

GIFT TO SERVICE MEN

The Canton Rotary Club wishes to announce that it is sending a six months subscription of the St. Lawrence Plaindealer to each man from Canton who has joined the service of Uncle Sam's military forces within the past year. We trust you will enjoy this weekly news letter from home.

William Mead, Pres.
Canton Rotary Club.
Mr. and Mrs. John Krausbaum and son of Syracuse spent Thursday with Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Atwood.

HAPPY EIGHT MONTHS' NEATH YELLOW AND BROWN ENDS

Many Friends And Parents Enjoy Several Programs.

Last evening brought to a close the annual Commencement of Canton's Grammar and High Schools. With the granting of diplomas came the end of four days of ceremony which made from eight graders full fledged freshmen and ushered the high school seniors into the world. The graduation exercises of the grammar school were held Friday evening in the Grammar School auditorium. To the "March of the War Priests" from "Athalia" played by the school orchestra, reinforced by alumni, the grammar school class of 1941 marched down the aisle. After the invocation by Rev. Mr. Dobbs with Robert Farmer, valedictorian, acting as master of ceremonies, the speakers enlarged on the theme which they had chosen to represent their efforts and aims, automobiles. Zola Shipman greeted the audience in the salutatory address.

The speakers and program were as follows: Highway Development, John Oliver; Seventh and Eighth Grade Chorus, the Angelia Stratt; Diesel Engines, Roland Watson; Automobile Racing, Betty Nash; Violin Solo, Sarabande, and Courante, Corelli, Malcolm McCormick; Henry Ford, Shirley Thompson; valedictory, Robert Farmer. The class then sang its song written by Eleanor Chaffee. Then the diplomas were passed out by the valedictorian and salutatorian.

The Wendell Forbush prize of \$5.00 for scholarship in history in the seventh grade was won by Alex Corey and Barbara Hunt. The Florence Dingman prize of \$5.00 for greatest improvement in music during the year was awarded to Malcolm McCormick and Alan Meade. The recessional march, "Triumphal March" from "Sigurd Jorsalfar" brought the 1941 grammar school graduation to a close.

Those receiving diplomas from the Grammar School were: Claire Besaw, Clifford Bissett, Bruce Bridge, Leonard Bush, Evelyn Denny, Ariene Dismaw, Gloria Douglas, Francis Doyle, Stamatoula Duskas, Robert Farmer, Roland Frank, Carl Gillett, Lillian Gillett, Vernon Gray, Jeanne Lumley, Malcolm McCormick, Roger Meade, Betty Nash, John Oliver, Lyle Paro, Garland Peterson, Paul Santimaw, Mary Segar, Zola Shipman, Stanley Spencer, Shirley Thompson, Pauline Tobin, Roland Watson, Maxine Weston, Mary Jo Whalen, Robert Whalen.

High School Commencement

The high school Commencement began on Saturday night with the annual Class Night. The program started with the class song which was written by Mary Perry. Then it progressed as follows: Class History, Irah Weeman; Class Prophecy, Marion Laberde; Class Poem, Helen Carraber; Class Poem, Dorothy Carpenter; James Kelly, class president, then presented the key which represents dignity and authority of the senior class to Jack Harrington, who as president of the junior class accepted it. The program closed with two selections by the high school chorus, "Dark Water" and "You are Music" by Betty Black.

The baccalaureate sermon was held in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. Here the graduates appeared in their caps and gowns for the first time. Reverend Walter E. Dobbs preached the sermon, "Looking At Our World."
Monday evening the final exercises took place. The program presented by the students took the form of a discussion on a theme in which all are interested at the present time, preserving democracy. An outline of the program's participants follows:

Processional—March from "Athalia" by Mendelssohn; School and Alumni Chorus; President Officer, John Hunter; Class President, James Kelly; Secretary, Janet Sawyer; Chairman of the Committee on Russia (9th Member), Brayton Stevens; Chairman of the Committee of Italy (18th Member), George Watson (Salutatorian); Chairman of the Committee on Germany (25th Member), Esther Howard; Chairman of the Committee on America (29th Member), Richard Robins; Other members taking part in the discussion—Betty Bergman, Lou Verne Hobbs, John Duskas, Dorothy Carpenter, George Collins, Lillian Clark, Gerald Peterson, Rita Colston, Mary Perry, Ernest Krag, Cecile Gratto, Irah Weeman, Bertha Paro, Marion Haney, Shirley Whitemore, Pauline Riley, Pauline Mousaw, Jean Merrill, Alvin Cornell, Carlton Bretset, Marion Laberde, Nadine Smith, Marjory Wright, Mabel Gilbo, Eileen Maroney, Frederic Sykes, Harold Ayers, Jean Brown; Presentation of Awards and Diplomas, Ward Hamilton; Song, "God Bless America, The Class Benediction, Rev. W. P. Stanford; Recessional—Triumphal March from "Sigurd Jorsalfar"; Glee, School and Alumni Chorus.

The staff in charge of the presentation were: Stage Manager, Harlan Infantine; Assistants, Jack Moore, and Harold Wilder; Electrician, Thomas Lawrence.

Prizes—The Robert B. Dezell Prize for Scholarship in High School, presented by Mrs. Fannie M. Dezell, was won by Richard Robins; The Father O'Driscoll Prize of \$5.00 given by Miss (Continued on Page Four)