

# Simple Arithmetic

By MASON ROSSITER SMITH

INDICATIVE OF A DANGEROUS TREND IN AMERICAN political thought is an editorial last week in a leading magazine of nationwide distribution, which urged imposition of a federal tax, which would touch the pocketbook of every person living in the support of large business organizations who fear further deficit financing, and of other groups who claim that the sales tax is a fairer method of sharing the cost of government.

If it is a question of one kind of tax as being fairer and more preferable than another, a good case can assuredly be made for the sales tax to meet the rising cost of government. Such a tax also in the United States. If taxes are to be levied equitably, and on the basis of "ability to pay", obviously the present system which gives the major portion of its revenue from taxes upon real estate, personal and corporate income, is not an equitable one. For the estate, in view of the income restrictions placed upon it and the tendency to use landed property as a base for further taxation, is no longer a criterion of "ability to pay". Nor are personal and corporate income, principally because the taxes on individual and business earnings have continued to bear a steadily increasing share of the tax burden. It may well be that a sales tax would provide wider distribution of the burden of government expense—even though the tax would hit the little fellow harder than the individual best "able to pay", since family expenditures do not increase geometric progression sufficiently to take more from the man who has the most.

But the form of the tax is not the basic issue. The great danger in the present trend lies in the fact that not only leaders of the federal administration and the Congress, but also leaders in business and private life are attempting to find new sources for government revenues, rather than to seek new means of reducing the cost of government. The fact is that taxation is taxation regardless of the form it is given, and it eats into personal and national income, regardless of whether it is levied upon real estate, incomes, the sale of merchandise. Essentially, there is actually no such thing as "new sources for taxation"—the money all comes out of the same barrel. And the amount of money siphoned out of the barrel for tax purposes merely reduces the amount of available purchasing power, whether it be used to buy a toothbrush, an automobile, a basket of groceries, or a theatre ticket. The number of such necessities and luxuries purchasable by the average resident of the United States is directly in proportion to the amount of money required to pay taxes to one form of government or another.

Paraphrasing, it may well be a sign of the times, as indicative of the average American's concern for steadily increasing taxation, that the people of Canton Central School District No. 1 last week voted down a \$1,525,000 bond issue for a proposed new junior-senior high school—which would have jumped the school tax on real estate in the district from about \$15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation last year to about \$30 in 1952. An attempt to discover the "why" of the sizable negative vote against the proposal reveals that few people actually oppose construction of

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## SPOTLIGHTING BUSINESS PROGRESS

By CHARLES ELLES

### CANTON GIRL JOINS 1ST NATIONAL BANK

Miss Gloria Shoulette, following her graduation from the Wallace Secretarial School of Ogdensburg, a June has joined the staff of the First National bank. Miss Shoulette was a member of the 1950 graduating class of Canton High school, and an honor student in secretarial school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shoulette of Canton.

### WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT BARTMAN'S GARAGE BOWLING OF RAMBLER COUNTRY CLUB

The first showing in Canton of the new 1951 Nash Rambler, was held last week-end at Bartman's Garage on Riverside Drive. The following received lucky tickets in the gasoline give-away. Mrs. Noel Whitman 100 gallons; Walter "Ray" Patterson, 50 gallons; and Roy Cummings 25 gallons.

### BURT A. AND RICHARD C. GRAY JOIN FATHER IN BUSINESS INCORPORATED

Gray Brothers Garage and Bowling Alleys will be known as Roy S. Gray and Sons, Inc. according to an announcement made this week.

### THE FIRM WAS INCORPORATED, EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1, 1951 WHEN BURT A. AND RICHARD C. GRAY JOINED THEIR FATHER, ROY S. GRAY, AS PARTNERS IN THE GARAGE BUSINESS

operating the bowling alleys. Burt A. Gray will supervise the bowling alleys, while Richard will continue in the service department of the garage.

### GRAND UNION CO. PURCHASES 35 GROCERY STORES AND SUPER MARKETS

The Grand Union Company, a food chain with 286 stores in six western states, has taken over the operation of the 35 grocery stores and super markets of the Eastern States, all located in northern New Jersey. It was simultaneously announced this week by Lansing P. Shield, President of The Grand Union Company.

## County Fair to Celebrate 100th Birthday This Year

How does it feel to be 100 years old? If you'll put that question to "ole Mr. St. Lawrence County Fair", long about next August 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, he'll not only tell you, and in mighty plain terms, that he's "feelin' purty chipper", but he'll give you a convincing demonstration that he gets younger and stronger and healthier with every passing year.

### Fifty-Eight Boys Attend Opening of Camp Vigor

C. I. Allen of Massena, Chairman of Camping for Boy Scouts supports a successful opening of Camp Vigor for the first week. Boys from Troops 26, Canton; 27, Canton; 11, Potsdam; 6, Ogdensburg; 13, Norfolk; 15, Potsdam; 29, Newton Falls; 23, Massena; 49, Massena; 21, Gouverneur and 25 of Edwards. Fifty-eight boys in all gathered for a busy week of Scouting and fun.

### Reverend Returns Prisoner to Jail

A 24 year old Massachusetts man, who last week walked away from the St. Lawrence county jail farm after serving 12 of his 30 day vagrancy sentence, was today back in custody, thanks to a Catholic priest.

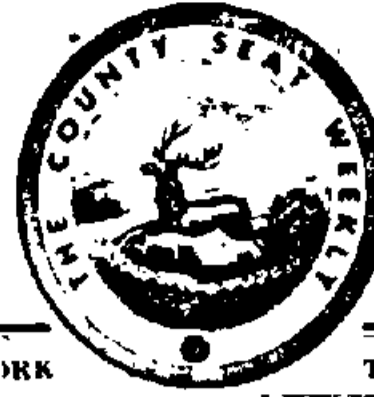
### WELCOME WAGON HOSTESS GREETES NEW FAMILY ON ARRIVAL

MR. AND MRS. JAMES WATERBURY, APT. 55, Vets Village, is welcomed to Canton by Mrs. Janet Kelly. Welcome Wagon hostess for Canton Mrs. Kelly is shown presenting Mrs. Waterbury with the welcome message from Mayor Charles Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury moved to Canton from Pearl River, N. Y. Mrs. Waterbury is formerly from Portsmouth, England. (Photographer photo).

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In the meantime the Rev. returned that of the prisoner who had escaped Monday. Rev. Dewey asked the man who admitted his identity. Rev. Dewey then returned Straton to Canton.

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## Fair Premium Books Placed in Mail

The 1951 premium books for the Gouverneur and St. Lawrence County Fairs have recently been placed in the mails according to an announcement by Bligh A. Dodds, Secretary.

The 4-H and F. P. A. Booklets were sent out two weeks ago and with the distribution of these all premium books carrying prize offerings in all open class competition at the Fairs, more than 3,000 exhibitors will be reached with the addition of the regular important premium lists.

The total premiums this year will be \$20,000 and the Fairs will run from August 6 thru August 11. The closing dates for cattle and horse entries is July 30, a few days earlier than usual in order to make a printed program listing all exhibitors who will show horses and cattle at the Fair. This is practiced at many of the best fairs in the state and is believed to be the best.

## Historical Association To Tour Rossie Area

On Saturday, July 14 the members of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association will convene at Rossie for their mid-summer meeting. The day will start with a tour of the area, including Oxbow, where relatives of Napoleon and Joseph Bonaparte are buried. Following the tour a luncheon will take place at Classen's hotel, after which a historical program will be presented.

Some of the most picturesque sections of St. Lawrence county are well removed from the main highways and are, therefore, missed by many people as they travel about. One such section is Rossie and vicinity.

One hundred and fifty years ago this little hamlet gave promise of becoming an important community in the county because of the iron and lead processing and lumbering. This was one of the places where the Parishes conducted their large undertakings. Here was the starting point for steam boats which operated down the Indian river, through Black Lake and the Oswegatchie river to Heuvelon, carrying freight and passengers. The story of Rossie is intimately connected with the history of Black Lake. Rossie, like Popes Mills, attracts large numbers of people at least once a year—when the "pike run" is on.

Many people have never visited the little hamlet nestled among the ancient rock hills of the western part of the county at the upper end of Black Lake. Its dramatic history will be recounted on July 14, and all interested persons are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

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Reservations for the second and third week of Camping are still being received.



VOTERS OF THE CANTON CENTRAL SCHOOL VOTE decided that this building would be the high school for this area at a vote Friday. A proposition for a new junior-senior high school was defeated when the necessary two-thirds vote needed to pass the proposal was not forthcoming. This was the second time within seventeen months that a new school proposition has been defeated by the voters of the school district. (Plaindealer photo).

## New Junior-Senior High School Proposal Defeated Again; Smaller Vote Cast

For the second time within 17 months Canton's second junior-senior high school referendum failed to gain a two-thirds majority. Friday taxpayers went to the polls and defeated the proposition by 189 votes. 680 persons were in favor of the proposal while 619 were against it. Five ballots were void.

In February, 1950, the referendum failed by 132 votes. A total of 1,304 persons went to the balloting booths at the Grammar school between the hours of 10 a. m. and 10 p. m. Friday. To carry the issue 863 votes were needed.

The defeat was more decisive than in 1950 as more votes were cast against the proposal than last year, although fewer voters went to the polls. The plan the voters rejected called for the construction of a \$1,491,000 junior-senior high school and a \$33,800 bus garage. The school tax rate which was \$12 per thousand would have to be increased to \$30 a thousand to finance the new plan. This figure was very instrumental in the negative vote.

In 1950, a total of 1,816 persons cast their ballots, or 512 more than appeared to register their choices Friday. While 1,024 voted in favor of the first referendum, 244 fewer approved the second. There were 82 fewer negative votes Friday because 711 ballots opposed the 1950 issue.

Results of the balloting was announced at 10:35 p. m. by George H. Phillips, president of the school board. He revealed the figures to a group of about 50 persons who had collected at the auditorium. The referendum this year was not attended by the vigorous campaigns which marked the contest.

## Rev. Theodore Webb Accepts Pastorate At Universalist Church

Rev. Theodore Webb has accepted the pastorate at the First Universalist church and will begin his duties in September. He succeeds the Rev. Edna P. Bruner who resigned April 30th after being pastor for six years and is now doing field work for the Universalist church of Amherst, Mass. Rev. Webb is a native of Bangor, Maine, was educated in the Bangor schools and was graduated from Bangor Theological school in 1943. He has earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Connecticut and a bachelor of divinity degree from Bangor Theological Seminary. Rev. Webb also studied for a time at the University of Chicago.



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## Local Reserve Unit Leaves for Training

Canton's B Company, 314th Military Police Battalion, left by motor march Sunday, July 8, for two weeks of Summer field training at Pine Camp.

The unit began the march at 1:15 p. m. when it rendezvoused with Massena's Company C at the junction of Rt. 56 and Rt. 11. A patrol car from the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's office guided the march all the way to Pine Camp, where the Reservists were met by advance elements of the 314th.

From Canton, B and C Companies proceeded on Rt. 11 to the junction with Rt. 87, 12 miles south, where they met with the 314th Headquarters, Headquarters Company, and A Company from Oades. The entire convoy then proceeded on Rt. 11 to Pine Camp, via Gouverneur, Antwerp, Philadelphia, and Evans Mills. The trip was conducted under standard military procedure for motor marches.

## 85 Students Register At H. S. Summer Session

Eighty-five students are registered at the Summer session of the Canton High school which got underway last week. Supervising Principal Hugh C. Williams has announced.

The students are from Canton, Ogdensburg, Massena, Potsdam and other communities in St. Lawrence county. Most of the students are repeating subjects, while some students have registered to accelerate their high-school course. Regent examinations will be conducted August 23 and 24.

The faculty consists of Harold W. Keech, science; Walter VanOrnum, commercial; Herbert Dewey, English; Robert Murphy, social studies; and Winona Mahoney, mathematics. All are members of the regular Canton High school faculty except Mr. Dewey, who is a member of the Potsdam High school faculty.

## Obey Bicycle Law Police Tell Riders

Concerned over the increased use of bicycles within the village during school vacation, Chief of Police Pierre Maltremer today asked parents to cooperate in keeping Canton free of bicycle accidents.

Parents were asked to warn their children to drive carefully at all times and to obey the traffic laws.

Riding double on Main street is forbidden by village and state laws. Chief Maltremer pointed out. Riding on the sidewalk is also against the law for children over ten years of age. All bicycles must have lights and reflectors if they are used after dark.

The police chief warned that all violators of the law will be held responsible. And children will forfeit the use of bicycles until their parents agree to see that the children use and equip them properly. Friendly cooperation between parents and the police department can make this another year without bicycle accidents, Chief Maltremer concluded.

## Voters Reelect Three School Trustees; Approve Estimated Budget of \$401,350

### Weekly Press Magazine Features Canton, County

Canton and St. Lawrence county appear prominently in the July edition of the New York Weekly Press, official magazine of the New York Press association, which holds its annual mid-term convention at Alexandria Bay Sept. 6-8.

In addition to articles on Alexandria Bay, Clayton and the 1,000 Islands area, the edition carries a series of stories on North County educational institutions, including St. Lawrence university and ATI here in Canton, Clarkson College and Potsdam Teachers College in Potsdam.

The St. Lawrence article, prepared by J. Robert Williams, carries with it photographs of the men's residence, Cole reading room and Dean Eaton hall. The college is described by Mr. Williams as one of the North Country's "primary resources" both as a cultural influence and as an economic factor in northern New York life.

Miss Eloise N. Courter authored a special article on ATI, which is accompanied by an overall air view of the campus and another aerial view of the ATI model farm. Miss Courter points out that ATI is revising its two-year curriculum, expanding its services to North Country businessmen and farmers, and supplies the North with trained workers on farm and factory.

Elsewhere in the edition appear articles on the paper and mining industries, the Aluminum Company works at Massena, the Seaway project, together with a broad discussion of northern New York agriculture.

In the preface to the July edition, the convention committee had this to say: "In this issue we have tried to tell you a little of the North Country story. We hope you will live up this way... think (northern New York's) scenic grandeur is incomparable, we reveal in its romantic legends, its historic importance in the winning of the West... we take pride in the rolling farm acres of its countryside, in the diversification of its industry... (At the September convention) we want all of you to share with us in our proprietary share—WEEKLY PRESS—Page 11

Voters of the Canton Centralized School district reelected three trustees for three years approved an estimated budget totaling \$401,350 for 1951-52, and authorized the purchase of one 31 passenger school bus at an expenditure not to exceed \$6,000, or one 43 passenger school bus at an expenditure not to exceed \$7,000, at the annual school meeting. Two hundred and fifty attended the meeting in the Grammar school auditorium. Sid Kitay was elected to preside.

Mrs. Miriam Pries, George H. Phillips and Harley J. Bennett were the three trustees reelected. Mrs. Pries was nominated from the floor to succeed herself by Mrs. Myles Rodehaver. Mrs. Rodehaver spoke briefly for Mrs. Pries stating, "The candidate had served faithfully during her last term and as she was the parent of one child in high school, one in the eighth grade, and one in kindergarten and that she followed school functions with a great deal of interest not only as a board member but as a parent as well.

Mrs. Edward Blankman presented Mrs. Edwin Smith as a candidate to succeed Mrs. Pries. Mrs. Blankman upon nominating Mrs. Smith stated, "Mrs. Smith is very interested in school operation and policy. She is the parent of two children one now in school and one ready to enter. She has gone beyond the complaints of the average person against the school system and has worked with the board in trying to make the school system operate the way it should."

Mrs. Blankman said upon closing, she felt that Mrs. Smith would make a good official for the school."

Chairman Kitay then asked for a vote on the two candidates and upon counting of the ballots Mrs. Pries was declared trustee for three years to succeed herself. The vote totaled 154 for Mrs. Pries and 72 for Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Phillips was nominated by Lena Chrysler and he ran unopposed with 25 votes being cast for him.

Norbert Back nominated Harley Bennett to succeed himself and George Hazard nominated Lita-fallah Aizaz.

Mark Phalon on speaking for Mr. Bennett stated, "Harley Bennett has been a member of the See—TRUSTEES—Page 4

## Brotherhood, Understanding Goal Of Rotary, States District Governor

With international brotherhood and understanding as its principal goal, Rotary International's slogan "He profits most who serves the best" in the future, if it is not implemented by active service, Rev. J. Kingston Lattimore, governor of District 290, told members of Canton Rotary during his official visit here Monday noon in Hotel Harrington.

Introduced by Past President William Gardner in the absence of President Albert E. French, Rev. Lattimore recalled that Rotary now encompasses 7300 clubs in 83

principles of right." While, according to the old maxim, it is impossible for man to serve two masters, God and Mammon, it is entirely possible, the speaker declared, for a man to love God, his country and Rotary, for there is nothing in Rotary which does not seek to serve God and country.

In fact, where God and freedom are not observed, Rotary cannot live. Since the Rotary year begins in July, Rev. Lattimore urged his hearers, "on the threshold of the new year, to lift up your eyes to the hills of achievement or at least endeavor." He suggested three principles of achievement:

1. Faith in one's self, in one's fellow men and in life's possibilities.
2. Goals. Within the ideal of service lies the secret of greatness and power. Greatness, the speaker declared, lies not in the power to dominate people, but rather in the grace to serve them. Service, whether conspicuous or obscure, is the only legitimate purpose of Rotary, and it demands self-sacrifice in the interest of others.
3. Great expectations. Man has the unfortunate tendency, Mr. Lattimore declared, to be content with common levels, but in any age, self-satisfaction marks the deadline. The vision of something ahead saves us from stagnation, and we should give more thought to the satisfaction which comes of achievement.

This world, he said, needs accomplishment, not hope; achievement, not wishful thinking. Suggested maxims to further the Rotary ideal:

1. Disburse without being dis-thanked by action founded upon



## SAVE A LIFE—DRIVE CAREFULLY!!

THIS IS THE RECORD of injury and death in highway accidents in the village of Canton to date. This toll CAN BE REDUCED if YOU, driver and pedestrian, follow the simple rules of traffic safety. That can mean the saving of a life—perhaps your own.

	Total accidents	Dead	Injured
Week of July 1st	3	0	0
Year of 1950	133	0	14
Jan. 7, 1951 to date	21	1	8