

Those Who Would Tip The Scales

IN THESE DAYS WHEN GOVERNMENT PLAYS SO IMPORTANT a part in the lives of all of us, an increasingly greater responsibility rests upon the shoulders of every American who serves in public office. For the people of the United States are dependent upon the men and women who represent them in government not only in the carrying out of public responsibilities in the positions they hold, but also in the opinions they express, as the official representatives of the people.

All things considered, it would be easy enough, right now, for the American people to talk themselves into another major depression. Yet there is absolutely no real justification for it, other than the testimony of certain politicians who, in an effort to make political capital, tend to talk down the current state of affairs in the American economy. It seems to be far more important to some of these people that their own party be placed in power next year and the year thereafter than that the American people themselves should prosper.

This is a dangerous business, as anyone who remembers the fantastic debacle of the late '20s and early '30s will readily agree. For in those days the bottom fell out of what appeared to be an extremely prosperous economy, great fortunes diminished to pennies and plentiful jobs vanished into nothing almost overnight, despite the fact that the United States was then, as it remains today, the wealthiest nation on the face of the earth, still possessing demand for goods seemingly adequate to sustain a steadily increasing prosperity.

The economists had their own explanations, but certainly one of the greatest reasons for the crash of 1929 and the subsequent difficulties in making the long climb upward back to and beyond the former peaks was a lack of confidence and a lack of understanding, too, of what America could accomplish if she set her mind to it.

Today, bank deposits are high, accumulated savings are high, a growing population indicates its own demands for both present and future; indeed, everything points to sustained prosperity. At the same time, and as a consequence of the 1929 debacle, we have built into our present economic situation such things as unemployment insurance, old age benefit and a wide spread welfare program in state and nation, in addition to additional and similar privately administered programs sponsored by most of our industries, large and small. Yet in the face of all this, and for the sake of votes in the forthcoming Congressional elections, some of our political leaders are attempting to make it appear that the American economy is all but on the rocks.

As one example among many, newspapers have given considerable space to the statements of Senator Symington (who would (Continued on Page Four)

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
There will be special services in the Universalist Church tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock in observance of the World Day of Prayer.

Noble Hospital's Loss For January Is \$4700 Board Re-Elects

A net loss of approximately \$4,700 was reported for the month of January for the Canton Edward John Noble Hospital, by the Administrator for North Country Hospitals, Leon Bennett-Alder. This loss compares with a figure of \$520 for January, 1957. All officers of the Hospital Board were re-elected at the organization meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday night. They included L. Grover Hatch as chairman, Dr. E. G. Bewkes, vice-president Sidney Kitay, secretary and Everett Howard, treasurer. Dr. Robert Rogers, chairman of the Hospital staff attended the meeting and reported there was a high order of cooperation between the hospital staff and the administrative staff. Dr. Rogers is in charge of the St. Lawrence County Pathological Laboratory.

The Board resolved that any two of the following four Trustees be authorized to sign appropriate documents and papers for the hospital board: L. Grover Hatch, Sidney Kitay, Robert Coakley, Everett Howard.

The Board voted to make the St. Lawrence County Bank depositor for all construction and endowment funds and the First National Bank for all operational funds. The Board voted that the Administrator, Assistant Administrator, and the Superintendent of the local hospital be authorized to act as guarantor for the hospital on notes from local banks.

Leon Bennett-Alder, hospital administrator for the North Country Hospitals, indicated that the medical staff was making successful efforts to meet rigid accreditation requirements. On the recommendation of Mr. Bennett-Alder, the hospital board approved an appropriation of \$1,507.90 for several items. The meeting was attended by Trustees Robert Coakley, Dewey Cornell, Dr. Eugene G. Bewkes, Everett Howard, Joseph J. Romoda, and by Leon Bennett-Alder, hospital administrator, Mrs. Carolyn Cates, hospital Superintendent and Dr. Robert Rogers.

Knights of Columbus Sponsors Scouting Unit

The Canton Council of Knights of Columbus recently voted to sponsor a Cub Scouting Pack. An organizational meeting was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Canton, on Wednesday evening, February 12, in conjunction with the formation of a pack. It is expected that a charter will be officially presented to the unit at the pack meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 1958.

Charles Bartlett, National Scouting Executive of St. Lawrence County addressed the meeting and showed picture strips of scouting activities. The meeting was attended by thirty parents and twenty-two prospective cubs. Other speakers at the meeting included Rev. Griffith Billmeyer, R. C. Chaplain, the Rev. Roger Martin, diocesan director of scouting for the Ogdensburg Catholic diocese, and Clem Flanagan, Grand Knight of the Canton Council of Knights of Columbus. Pack committees will be Robert Dwyer chairman, Edson Martin, Jr., Cub Master, Reginald Kirkey, assistant Cub Master and Treas. Anthony Scalise, asst. Cub Master, Roland Lee, assistant Cub Master, Lawrence Touchette, Kenneth Reasoner, William Kotz, Lolla Frank, James Cunningham, Norbert V. Woods is the Institutional Representative.

Den Mothers are Mrs. Kenneth Reasoner, Mrs. Willard Besaw, Mrs. Leo Kenyon, Mrs. R. Lee. Cub Dens have already been formed and the first meeting was on Wednesday afternoon. Pack meetings will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Miner street, Canton, every third Wednesday of the month. All members of the Knights are invited to be present at the hall on March 19, to witness the presentation of the charter.



Pictured above is a group of Canton women who have been meeting for the past six Monday afternoons at the Red Cross Rooms in the Town Hall for a sewing project. Mrs. Ralph Howard, spokesman for the group reports that they have been meeting for over nine years and sewing for the Canton Chapter of the American Red Cross. In the picture by Jubenville Photos are seated (l.-r.) Mrs. W. rd Hamilton, M. A. Archie Alen, Mrs. Milton Pitts, Mrs. C. H. Rogers, Mrs. J. W. Dunham. Standing (l.-r.) Mrs. J. A. Fisher, Mrs. Roy Pike, Mrs. Roy Bassett, Mrs. Rollin Noble, Mrs. John Scott, Mrs. Ralph Howard and Miss Maude Emerson.

Girl Scouts To Observe International Friendship Month With Program Sunday

In recognition of International Friendship Month celebrated by Girl Scouts and Girl Guides throughout the world a program is being planned to acquaint Canton Girl Scouts with the Middle East, Holland, Argentina and France. All parents of Canton Senior, Intermediate and Brownie Scouts are urged to be at the Canton Jr.-Sr. High School on Sunday, February 23rd, in the auditorium at 3 p.m. to see their scouts in the program and to hear the guest speakers.

Mrs. Gardner Wells will speak on the Middle East, Mr. and Mrs. Arrie Westdijk and their daughter Yvonne, recently of Holland will tell of this country. Miss Cora Makinson of Argentina and Miss Arlette Santille of France are exchange students attending St. Lawrence and will present information relative to their respective countries.

Six Canton Girl Scouts will conduct the program. Senior Scout, Anne Romer represents her Troop III and the Intermediate Scouts and their troops are Anne Woods of Troop I, Susan Mooney, Troop II, Linda Paddock Troop IV, Leslie Spandorf, Troop VI and Karen Miller, Troop VIII. Brownie Scouts will sing the songs that Mrs. Gerald Poole has taught them for the program. The first year troop will do the French song, Vive L'Amour, the Second Year Troop sings the English National Anthem, God Save the Queen and the Fly-Ups or Third Year Brownie Troop will render a Czechoslovakian Folk Dance Song, Tancuji.

The General Public is also cordially invited to attend the program as well as the parents of the Scouts. The Fly-Up Brownie patrol led by Mrs. Maurice Gardner enjoyed their program last week Thursday at the Presbyterian Church parlors when pre-law student, Gregg Carmen, of St. Lawrence University who is majoring in Government under Dr. Harry Reiff gave a United Nations Talk emphasizing Children Around The World. The girls and their guests were most interested in the model of the UN which Gregg brought as well as the stories he used to illustrate his talk. Gregg spent three months in Europe last summer and even got a five cent haircut in Yugoslavia. Mrs. Gardner served refreshments of punch and cookies to Andrea Coler and her guest and sister, Cheryl, Sandra Clutt, Barbara Cunningham and her guest, Kathryn Barr, Diana Cota and her guest and sister, Linda, Sandra Ellsworth, Sandra Gardner, Sally Barnhart, Carol Murdock and Dietra Thorbahn.

TO ADDRESS CHEMICAL SOCIETY
Dr. L. B. Rogers, associate professor of chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be guest lecturer at a meeting of the Northern New York section of the American Chemical Society Monday, February 24.

Plan Easter Sunrise Church Services at Beech Plains Church

Though our present North Country weather hardly sets a proper mood, plans are being made for the annual Easter dawn service to be held at the Beech Plains Presbyterian Church. Invitations are being extended to all area churches to participate in this welcome to the Easter Morn. The official time for sunrise on April 8, Easter will be 5:38. Services will begin at the church at 5:30 a.m.

This will be the 4th year that a dawn service has been held at the church. Plans are being made this year for a combined choir from the various churches participating. All persons interested in singing in this choir are invited to take part. Rehearsal times will be announced in the Plaindealer. A brass choir is also being invited to participate.

If the weather allows the dawn service will be held outside of the church using a natural area on the north side of the church. If the weather is bad or severe cold prevails the service will be held inside the church. An automatic oil furnace has recently been installed within the church.

Over \$2000 Received In March of Dimes Drive in Canton

The 20th anniversary of the March of Dimes annual campaign for contribution for the prevention and cure of polio was brought to a successful close in the Town of Canton this week. Final figures indicate a total of \$2,183.79 collected through the various activities sponsored and donations of time by community minded individuals. Donald Gilman, Anthony Scalise and John Oliver III, co-chairmen for the annual drive along with Mrs. Clarence Murphy, acting coordinator of the drive are pleased to announce the following accounting and credit to individuals for work effort during the drive.

The following school children made the house-to-house canvass which netted \$552.18. Sharon Binion, Sharon Kennedy, Paul Wickes, Joan Metley, Karen Miller, Jamie Angus, Barbara Dommeyer, Susan Rose, David Cornell, Mary Alice Carroll Carol Curionis, Anne Romer Donald Gilson, Alfred Bloomer Connie Trampe, David Bartlett David Patterson, Rycroft, and David Eno.

Also, Maryann Spellacy, Lee Datush, Keith Sapsin, John Caneen, Shirley Hicks, Wall Shannon, Susan Hicks, Floyd MacTavish, Mary Mousaw, Margaret Williams, Carol Conant, Penny Bobian, Judy Warner, Nola J. Risley, Charles Smithers (See-OVER-Page 4)

This group was concerned that the needs of people in Canton would be overlooked since so much stress had been put on the shipment of warm clothing to countries overseas. At first the ladies met during the Lenten season, but the meeting days were advanced to make the dates more convenient.

The ladies will hold their last sewing bee next Monday when a picnic lunch will be served, and Norbert Woods, Chapter chairman of the West St. Lawrence County Chapter of the American Red Cross will address the ladies on their splendid work and to acknowledge their effort as part of the work of the Canton Branch of the Red Cross.

Mrs. J. Albert Fisher, who is in charge of the Red Cross clothing store house at the Town Hall and also a member of the sewing circle reports that this year the quilts have been completed and the last two bees have been work on pieces for baby layettes.

Mrs. Fisher explains that while a reserve supply of clothing and bedding is located at the Town Hall for the emergency work of the Red Cross disaster work, there is continuous distribution of the materials when minor disasters such as fire and sickness strike families here in Canton.

Mrs. Howard reports that of the usual fourteen women that make up the group, Mrs. Mabel Smith is contributing funds for material since sickness has kept Mrs. Smith at home, Bessie McLellan is sewing at home, and Lena Salls has been unable to attend this year's meetings. Those present have been Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Ward Hamilton, Mrs. Roy Bassett, Mrs. John Scott, Mrs. Roy Pike, Mrs. C. H. Rogers, Mrs. J. W. Dunham, Mrs. Archie Allen, Mrs. Milton Pitts, and Mrs. Lollan Noble.

Supervisors Oppose McEwen-Wilcox Bill

St. Lawrence County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution opposing the bill introduced in the legislature by Senator Robert C. McEwen, Ogdensburg, and Assemblyman Orin S. Wilcox, Theresa, exempting school buses from road weight limits posted in the spring.

The board opposed a similar bill last year, that went through the houses, but to be vetoed by Governor Harriman.

Opposing the resolution and supporting the McEwen-Wilcox bill, were supervisors Donald Young, Parishville and Willard Green, Lisbon. All other supervisors present voted for the resolution.

County Highway Superintendent, Earl Mattis spoke in opposition to the McEwen-Wilcox bill, who felt that exempting school buses from road posting regulations would be granting special favors to one group. He also pointed out that the extra cost to school districts caused by compliance with road posting is small, compared to the cost of rebuilding roads which are broken up by carrying heavy loads during the spring thaw.

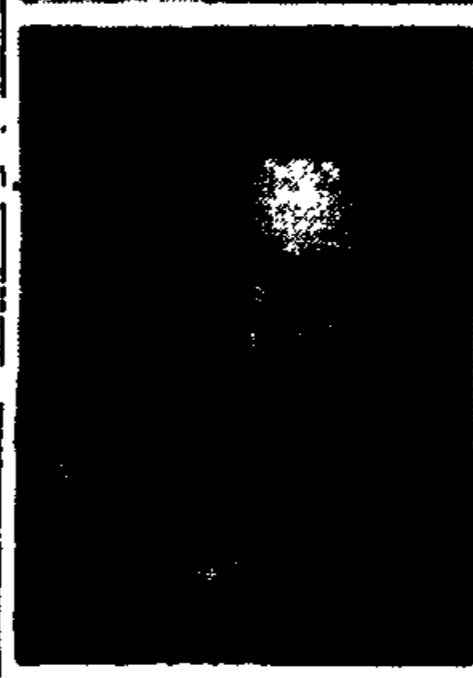
Possible Solutions to Growing Student Body Facility Needs Discussed Here

Statistics on school enrollment totals and building needs of the Canton Central School District now and within the next five years were discussed at a meeting held at the Junior-Senior High School Auditorium Monday night which was attended by forty representative citizens of the rural and village areas of the central school district board of education members and school administrators.

Dr. Herman Kirkpatrick, a board member, and head of the education department at St. Lawrence University, spoke on the findings of a board population study and the possible solutions to the growing student body facility needs.

To Reign Over Winter Carnival This Weekend

Nancy Ela, junior from Marshfield, Mass., and Peter Van de Water senior from Granville, will reign as king and queen of the St. Lawrence University Winter Carnival this weekend.



The royal pair was elected by a vote of the student body last Tuesday. Announcement of their election was made last night as programs for the 4-day festive event went on sale.

Also elected to the Winter Carnival royalty were Princess Terry Towne, freshman from Bethlehem, Pa., and Prince Dann Stringer, freshman from Manlius.

Miss Ela, the Delta Delta Delta sorority candidate for queen, is a graduate of the Marshfield, Mass. High School. At St. Lawrence she has been active in student government and was secretary of the sophomore class last year.

The Winter Carnival king has lettered in baseball the past two seasons at St. Lawrence. He is a graduate of Hartford Central Schools and represented Beta Theta Pi fraternity in the Winter Carnival royalty elections.

A Look at Your Future Panel Discussion Here

"One out of three workers are women and economic forecasts indicate that the figure will soon be one out of two."

With these words, a panel of successful business women set the pace for the three-day Business Career Clinic which took place on the St. Lawrence University campus last week.

The panelists, discussing the topic "A Look at Your Future," were brought to the campus by the Women's Program of the State Commerce Department. They pointed out that rising living costs and the creation of new jobs because of automation were causing more women to seek employment. "The trend of women going back to work will not stop," they said, and added that an estimated 10 million jobs will be available up to 15 years.

In opening his discussion, Dr. Kirkpatrick noted the population increase that had taken place in St. Lawrence County in the past few decades, and then revealed the results of a local school population survey and census study and its effects on the school system.

Since 1946 the number of students attended the schools of the Canton Central District has increased from 1100 to a total of 1864 in 1957, or an increase of 564 youngsters.

"In our elementary system," he noted, "enrollment has increased from a total of 740 in 1952 to 1073 in 1957, while the secondary enrollment has jumped from 460 to 591 over the same time period."

The 1957 school census figure show that there are now some 841 pre-school children residing in the district, 361 of which live in the village, and 480 outside of the village. If the present student population trend continues, the Canton Central School is expected to enroll at least 1,000 students in 1961, and 2,462 in 1966.

In order to provide an educational plant or adequate school buildings and facilities, the Canton Central School board of education has been considering a proposed building program that would cost about \$1,450,000.

This program, if adopted would provide for a new elementary school to handle grades kindergarten through third grade and in addition to the present Junior-Senior High School. The elementary building would be located on the present Junior-Senior High School site, which has more than adequate space for necessary recreation or play areas, plus the fact the district already owns the land. This elementary building would consist of twenty-one rooms plus a cafeteria and multipurpose room. The high school addition would consist of eight additional classrooms and an expansion of existing shop and cafeteria facilities.

Under the present New York State formula of aid for school building, the state would bear about thirty per cent of the cost of the bond issue, however, there may be a change in the state aid picture before the current session of the New York State legislature is over.

After Dr. Kirkpatrick's survey of the board picture of population figures and school census, which will hit the already strained school building facilities now existing in the school district, J. Manley McKenney, elementary supervisor, and Benjamin Cizek, building principal, at the Junior Senior High School, spoke on the problems facing elementary and secondary levels of education in the district this coming year and the four following.

McKenney went over the present allocation of elementary students building by building throughout the entire district, explaining how the Grammar school facilities had been stretched. (See-POSSIBLE-Page 4)

SPOTLIGHTING BUSINESS PROGRESS

LEE O. AKINS OPENS ENGINEERING OFFICE IN CANTON
Lee O. Akins, P.E., has announced the opening of an Engineering office at his home 3 College Street, Canton.



Four directors were elected, Miss Flora Barbor, Mrs. Ruth MacLean, Rev. Leslie Potter and Roy Clark. Mrs. Helen Rosenberg was made treasurer and Miss Flora Barbor, secretary.

BOAT SHOW TO BE HELD HERE MARCH 1-2
Paul Murphy of the Murphy Appliance store in Riverside Drive returned this week from Rochester and has completed plans for a boat show to be held in his new show rooms in Riverside Drive here on Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2. The showrooms are in the building formerly occupied by the Riverside Garage.

Mr. Murphy announced today that there will be a showing of wooden, fibre glass and aluminum boats as well as Mercury outboard motors. The public is invited.

Policy Committee Visiting Legislators

Members of the Policy Executive Committee of St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau are in Albany this week, meeting with their legislators, Senator Robert McEwen and Assemblyman Vernon Ingram.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher, Chairman, Madrid; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hutchinson, Heuvelton; Milton Snell, Potsdam; and Mrs. Bernard Rodce, Canton, Chairman of the Women's Committee, left for Albany on Monday morning. Plans include a visit to the Farm Family Insurance Offices in Delmar, N.Y., and a trip through the Capital. Monday evening they will entertain the Legislators at dinner and then attend a session of the Legislature with them.

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CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE SHOWS 1957 INCREASE
It was reported at the annual meeting of the Canton Consumer's Cooperative that the total sales at the store for the year '57 amounted to \$112,769.97. This is an increase of over \$35,000 for the previous year.