

Flashes

By Harvey Burrill

H. HIRAM WEISBERG, the new president of the Chamber of Commerce, writes this column:

"Let me assure you that I will try to construct a militant and progressive Chamber of Commerce with a long-range program. To my mind there is a greater promise for Syracuse than ever before, if we can awaken the imagination of our citizenry and get them to go along with us—in short speculate upon the future of our city."

It is cheerful news indeed that the new president is going to go after a "militant and progressive Chamber of Commerce with a long-range program." This writer, for a long time, has advocated a 10-year program for this city. It will not do to go along from day to day or month to month or year to year in a haphazard fashion. We should have a definite program to build a firm foundation and get everybody to unite to put Syracuse over. We must have men of vision and men of action. It is time that the people of Syracuse throw off their "sleeping sickness." This is your town. It will be what the men and women make it. It cannot stand still. It will either go forward or backward. It can go backward easily. It will be a battle to make it go forward.

We have our Chamber of Commerce. We have a dozen civic organizations. We have many churches. Taxpayers' organizations are being formed, and, unfortunately, we have a political machine and petty politicians who are concerned mostly with their own personal welfare. There must be leadership. There must be direction. There must be an independent spirit. Men must be unafraid. Either we will do these things or this great city, in the heart of the Empire State of the Union, will suffer.

Our forefathers, two generations of them, built the town from a swamp to a prosperous community. When the salt industry failed them, they built up industries. Have the men of today the spirit of their forefathers, or are they going to be quitters, content to go along from day to day in their own narrow sphere? We must have an answer pretty soon if we are going to go anywhere.

Mr. Weisberg wants to "awaken the imagination of our citizenry" and he wants to get them to "speculate on the future of our city." We do not agree with Mr. Weisberg on the word "speculate." We would change that to "invest" in Syracuse. Everything you put into this city is an investment. Now that many things have been deflated and have reached the bottom, values will go up with those with faith and foresight will make fortunes. We may qualify that to this extent: these values will go up if Syracuseans all work together to make this a greater and better and more prosperous community. Do this and nothing will stop values advancing. Other cities are doing this. Why not Syracuse? Albany and Rochester, sister cities, in particular, have started on the road that will lead them to progress and prosperity. Syracuse has been in the dumps long enough. It has the wrong complex. We need to forget fear which is another name for worry. We will not be beaten until we quit, so let's not quit. We can get along without the belly-hoo of the political leaders. We want sound business and common sense.

The contractors on the elevation project are making good headway. Already they are working practically over the entire right of way through the city. There is much preliminary work to be done before the building of the embankment begins. As this work increases, more men are employed, and somebody ought to see that they are Syracuse residents and not outsiders.

Attorney William C. Martin has put a ban in this county on a nudist magazine and a book on social hygiene. This is good work. The people of Syracuse and Onondaga County demand decency and they are going to get it.

Two well-known local men, who were long useful citizens, are dead. Frank B. Hodges was a prominent lawyer. He was active in civic affairs and Republican politics, but never held office. He was widely known and universally respected.

George H. Slocum died at the age of 70 at Onondaga Valley in a house where he had lived for over half a century. He was commissioner of elections in Syracuse for 20 years and a member of the Onondaga Valley school board for 20 years. He was an active Democrat, and one time was chairman of the Democratic county committee. Mr. Slocum was always a worker and a doer. His circle of friends was wide, and he was a man who will be missed.

This column the other day said that Rochester had a flower show that Syracuse should emulate. We are now informed that this show in Rochester was the fifteenth national flower and garden show. This national show is held in different cities of the country each year. Alright, let Syracuse go after the national flower show. Why not?

STEARN CONFIDENT JURY WILL

ACCUSED MAN SHOWS GREAT WEIGHT LOSS

Feeling well, he said, despite the fact that he has lost 82 pounds during the more than 10 months that he has been held in jail, Harold M. Stearn, former well known Chicago contractor, charged with murder first degree in the slaying of his brother-in-law, Clarence Storms, June 14, last, declared that he felt the utmost confidence that no jury will convict him of the capital crime when he went to trial in county court, Monday morning.

The greater part of the morning session was taken up with the questioning of jurors who desired to be excused or whose questionnaires disclosed that they expressed themselves as opposed to capital punishment or that they do not own real estate.

County Judge Don A. Colony of swego, who is presiding at the trial in place of Judge Barnum, excused 37 of the first 75 of a panel of 225 drawn for the trial. Among those excused were several farmers.

KIN WITH HIM.

Mrs. Bessie Stearn, wife of the defendant, and said to have been one of the eyewitnesses to the shooting at the White Rock inn tea-room on the Liverpool road, in which Stearn and Storms were partners, took her place beside the accused man at the counsel table. A brother, who arrived here from Chicago Sunday, also sat at the table with him. Mrs. Ella Storms, wife of the murdered man, and a sister of Mr. Stearn, who is also said to have been an eyewitness, was not in the courtroom when the trial opened.

Mrs. Storms will be called as a witness for the state, it is said, but it is understood that Donald M. Mawhinney, assistant district attorney assigned to the prosecution, does not intend to call Mrs. Stearns to testify against her husband, although it is said that the fact that there were others present when the crime was committed nullifies her privilege of refusing to testify.

Whether former District Attorney Clarence Uncless, defense counsel, plans on calling Mrs. Stearn, has not been revealed. Neither has he indicated what defense will be advanced by Stearn in his fight to "beat the chair."

Stearn attributes his great loss of weight, from 232 pounds to 150 pounds, to the close confinement for the past 10 months. Always an active man, working in the open the greater part of the time, Stearn said that lack of exercise and mental activity had not agreed with him.

Stearn and his brother-in-law had leased the roadhouse a few days before the shooting. On the night of the crime investigators said that the partners had quarreled and that Stearn told Storms that he was going to withdraw from the partnership and demanded his share of the money invested.

Storms is said to have refused to give it to him, whereupon Stearn is claimed to have driven to his apartment in the city and returned to the inn a half hour later with two guns.

It is claimed that he held out the two weapons and told Storms to take his choice and to go down stairs and shoot it out. Storms is said to have scorned the challenge and to have knocked one of the guns to the floor, Stearn shooting him down in his tracks with the other one.

Odd Fellows Will Mark Anniversary

Observing the one hundred and fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Odd Fellows fraternity, American Lodge, I.O.O.F., has arranged a special program for its meeting tonight. Eleven men who have been members of the local lodge for a quarter of a century or more will be presented with veteran jewel pins.

Principal speaker will be William C. E. Steck of Buffalo, past state grand officer of Odd Fellows and candidate for the office of state grand warden, who will review the history of the order.

The men who will receive jewel pins are Samuel Sweitzer, who has been a member 35 years; Hubbar Joselyn, 30 years; Orville Squire, 30 years; Maurice Wentworth, 25 years; William E. Tall, 30 years; Edwin Hasner, 25 years; Dewitt Stillwell, 30 years; Charles Owens, 25 years; Francis Bannister, 25 years; Hobart Stowell, 30 years; and Dorson Scripture, 30 years.

Man, 'Ride' Victim, Beaten and Robbed; Syracuse Police Hunt Three Assailants

Slugged and robbed after he had been "taken for a ride" late Sunday night, Martin O'Brien, 36, of 246 Elk st., was being detained at police headquarters Monday while police check details of his lurid story.

O'Brien, nursing a deep scalp wound and sundry cuts and bruises, is under a physician's care. He was brought to police headquarters in a semi-conscious condition shortly after midnight.

Three men, who are said to have taken O'Brien for a ride in their car before they robbed him of \$60,

FIRST NRA VIOLATOR APPEARING IN COURT



THOMAS STACK HARRY ROSE PATROLMAN STAPLETON
First NRA violator to be haled into police court in Syracuse, Harry Rose, manager of Nifty Cleaners, 104 Cortland av., was charged today with cleaning a dress at less than the price established by the code in a warrant sworn out by Arthur Boff, head of the local Dry Cleaners' Association. Rose is shown as he appeared in court this morning. Picture by Journal-American staff photographer.

Dry Cleaner Arraigned Under NRA

Charged with violation of the NRA code, Harry Rose, manager of Nifty Dry Cleaners, 104 Cortland av., was arrested and arraigned in court of special sessions this morning.

He is the first alleged violator of the national recovery act codes to be prosecuted in Syracuse and his case will be disposed of in court of special sessions under a new section of the state penal code.

Arraigned before Justice Leo J. Yehle, Rose pleaded not guilty through his attorney, David A. Simon, and was ordered held under \$500 bail for a hearing one week from today.

In ordering Rose held under bail and fixing a date for the hearing, Justice Yehle overruled Attorney Simon's claim that the information given in the warrant for Rose's arrest was "ambiguous" and that prosecution, if any, should be under federal laws.

The warrant on which Rose was arrested was sworn to by Arthur Boff, head of the Syracuse Dry Cleaners' Association, who specifically charges Rose's company with dry cleaning a dress for 50 cents instead of 75 cents, the price fixed by the dry cleaners' and dyers' code.

Boff acted on information furnished by Steven Kunzia of 1222 W. Beiden av., who claims that he paid Nifty Dry Cleaners 50 cents for cleaning a dress on April 9.

Kunzia is said to have claimed that he took the dress to Nifty Dry Cleaners on April 6 and was told that it would cost 50 cents for cleaning.

NO CHANGE IN PRICES OF SYRACUSE MILK

Although the retail price of milk was advanced 1 cent per quart in New York City Monday morning, there was no change in the Syracuse prices either wholesale or retail.

Mystery Veils Death Of Woman in Cemetery

Mystery surrounds the death of Mrs. Maude Weston, 45, former inmate of the county home, whose body was found in old St. Mary's cemetery in Renwick av. early this morning by unidentified Syracuse University students.

Police were notified of the discovery of the body and called Coroner William R. Winne, who began an investigation, which will include an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

The body of Mrs. Weston bore no marks of violence and police have virtually discarded the theory she was a victim of foul play.

Questions investigators want to find the answers to, however, are the cause of the woman's death and what she was doing in the cemetery when fatally stricken.

A daughter, Mrs. May Rouse, lives at 1638 N. Salina st. According to friends, she had not seen her mother since one week ago yesterday, although she was expecting

Mrs. Weston to come here from Auburn Saturday night.

Morgue officials expressed the belief Mrs. Weston had been dead since Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Her body was in a little frequented part of the cemetery and might have been undiscovered for weeks but for the fact the abandoned burying ground is sometimes used as a short cut to the campus by Hill students.

According to Sgt. Peter Zens and Patrolmen Thomas Stack and Cornelius Stapleton, who investigated the discovery of the body, Mrs. Weston had been an inmate of the county home at regular intervals for several years. She was last there in March, leaving to accept employment as a domestic in Auburn.

Surviving besides Mrs. Rouse are another daughter, Miss Margaret Stanton of Syracuse, and a son, Oliver A. Stanton, of Ogdensburg. Funeral services will take place at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the funeral home of Burns & Gaynor at 606 E. Jefferson st.

Skull Fractured During Argument

Slugged over the head with a rock during an argument with three unidentified negroes, Willard Prince of 311 Irving av. was taken to Crouse-Ingersoll Hospital at noon today suffering from a fractured skull.

According to police, Prince and three negroes got into a heated argument in the 200 block of Irving av. One of the trio picked up a large rock and brought it crashing down on Prince's head. His condition was reported serious.

108 FINED IN TRAFFIC CASES

The largest number of traffic violators to line up before Judge Leo Yehle in the court of special sessions since the new era in law enforcement began were on hand this morning when 108 culprits paid fines from \$1 to \$10.

In the regular traffic court there were 75 offenders, practically all of whom pleaded guilty to breaking the rules.

Forty-six of them had passed boulevard stop signs without stopping, and were assessed \$3 each. Thirty-three parking law offenders contributed \$1 each. There were four charged with passing red lights, 13 with improper head or tail lights, four for overloading the front seat, seven for speeding and one for passing a street car on the wrong side.

NATURALIZATION COSTS SLASHED TO ONE-HALF

Cost of naturalization was cut in half Monday on orders received from Washington headquarters by Inspector C. H. Fuglesy, director of the Syracuse immigration and naturalization bureau.

According to the new orders, fees for filing certificate of entry have been sliced from \$5 to \$2.50; clerk's fees for filing first papers from \$5 to \$2.50, and for filing final papers, from \$10 to \$5.

FREE HIM OF MURDER

DEATH CLAIMS PAUL P. LIETZ

Victim of a heart attack, Paul Peter Lietz, 87, of 105 Mary st., died suddenly Sunday afternoon while visiting with two lifelong friends, Peter Bufke and Joseph Brandt. The three had been friends ever since their boyhood in Germany.

Retired for the past five years, Mr. Lietz had been employed as a cabinet maker for the Butler Manufacturing Company for 45 years. He was a native of Germany and had lived in Syracuse for 50 years.

Mr. Lietz was a communicant of the Church of the Assumption, a member of the Holy Name Society, of the German Pioneers, and of the German branch of the Assumption parish. He was an ardent fisherman.

Surviving are his widow, Susan Shuelke Lietz; six sons, Bernard, Albert, John Edward, Paul H. and Howard; five daughters, Mrs. Frances Schied, Mrs. Anna Reilly, Mrs. Sidney J. Dillon, Miss Bertha Lietz and Miss Ida Lietz; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted from the late home at 8:30 Wednesday morning and a half hour later at the Church of St. John the Baptist. Burial will be in Assumption cemetery.

Succumbs



CHARLES KING

In ill health for some time, Charles A. King, former alderman of the Sixth ward, died at his home in W. Lafayette av. Monday morning.

EX-ALDERMAN C. A. KING DIES

Charles A. King, 65, of 923 W. Lafayette av., one time alderman of the Sixth ward, died Monday in the Syracuse General Hospital, where he had been a patient for three days. Death was attributed to heart disease.

Mr. King was a native of Syracuse and lived here all his life. Active in Masonic affairs, he was a member of Salt Springs Lodge 520, F. and A. M., and past monarch of Keder Khan Grotto. Mr. King was member of the First English Lutheran Church.

For many years he was employed by the Clancy Hardware Company, and recently had been managing an independent sand-blasting company.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ethel King; two brothers, George J. and W. E. King; one niece and a nephew.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Weiler funeral home Wednesday afternoon, with Dr. Edward Keller, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, officiating. Salt Springs Lodge will conduct Masonic rites.

BAPTIST HERE TO STUDY HILL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

Details of the Syracuse University student religious program are being studied by Miss Frances P. Greenough, student secretary of the Baptist Board of Education of New York City. Miss Greenough arrived in Syracuse Saturday, addressed the young people's group of First Baptist Church Sunday night, and will confer with Baptist students on the Hill for the next three days.

JOHN ALLEN, MARCELLUS NATIVE, DIES IN CAMILLUS

John Allen died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John E. Thorpe, at Camillus Sunday. He was a native of Marcellus and had lived with his daughter at Camillus for a short time. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Thorpe of Camillus and Mrs. Robert E. Reynolds, of Marcellus Falls; two sons, William Allen of Marcellus and Frank Allen, of Syracuse. Funeral services will be held at the Thorpe home Wednesday at 3 o'clock and at St. Joseph's Church, Camillus, a half hour later. Burial will be in St. Francis' cemetery, Marcellus.

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