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BILL BOOSTER SAYS:

Fully three hundred fifty devotees of the golfing pastime availed themselves of the privilege of the links at Emerick park on Sunday.

Such a large number emphasized the necessity of that characteristic that is called "courtesy."

There seems to be a considerable number of those who make use of the Emerick course who slightly misconstrue that little sentence printed on the back of the score card to the effect that one should not drive, or make any other shot, until those ahead are "out of range."

One construction placed upon that sentence seems to be that one must not take a shot until those ahead have taken a second shot.

However, that "out of range" term means, in plain English, don't shoot until those ahead are out of range of your own ability to secure distance.

Clearly, there are some golfers who may take a shot at a much nearer approach to those in front than others whose shots are longer for distance. It is your own range of shot that should govern.

If you shoot so well that those ahead are within range of your shooting wait until those ahead are out of range of your shooting, whether it be necessary for those ahead to take one or a dozen shots to accomplish that end.

There are some pests that fre-[illegible]se, also.

[illegible] are the mixed [illegible] foursomes, that, apparently, golf for the purpose of having a nice long courting bee, or talkfest, as they golf.

Some male foursomes are equally pestilential as they congregate in the fairways, or on the greens, to talk it over.

And, then, there are those pests who make up twosomes, threesomes and foursomes with one set of clubs for the use of the whole company.

If any of the pests read these lines, perhaps they will see the point and realize how pestilential they are and take steps to remedy the difficulty in the name of "courtesy."

The annual poppy sale, undertaken by the Ladies' Auxiliary to Homer Russell Smith post American Legion, is to be held during the week of May 26th, to and including May 31st.

The auxiliary is to have full charge of the sale in this city and the proceeds are to be used for the relief of the needy and distressed veterans of the city.

The poppies to be sold are the handiwork of ex-service men in the hospitals and sanatoriums of the state.

Is it needful to urge a generous purchase of poppies?

We don't mean that anyone should buy a lot of poppies, but that when you buy your poppy you should be just as generous in the price that you pay as you can afford. Giving is included in this matter of buying poppies. The poppy you will receive is just a mark of your willingness and desire to be of service to those who in their service for you brought back from the war disabilities that take somewhat of the joy out of their living of the present and will detract from their enjoyment of life in future years.

While the "Gold Star" mothers are on the pilgrimage to the graves of their loved ones in France, let those of us at home do out bit to brighten the lives of the boys who came home to continue their suffering.

SMITH POST PLANS MANY ACTIVITIES

Homer Russell Smith Post, American Legion held its regular meeting Thursday night and transacted considerable business of importance.

Rev. Albert E. Legg, chairman of the Veterans Relief committee, gave a brief verbal report of committee's activities during the past few months, the scope of which few people in this city have any idea of. He also told of needy veterans and emphasized that a policy of investigation of all cases was being attempted. This, he considered, was far better than indiscriminate giving to all.

In regard to the Poppy Day sale, it was voted that the ladies' auxiliary should have complete charge of the sale, the Legion supplying the poppies, taking care of advertising and other publicity to bring the sale into prominence. The poppies are made by hand by ex-service men in hospitals and sanatoriums throughout the state, and it is hoped to raise considerable money for the local post's Veterans Relief fund.

Plans for the annual observance of Memorial Day have been completed and letters have been sent to the several fraternal organizations in the city asking them to participate.

A committee was appointed by Commander Myers to investigate the need of help among ex-service men, as follows: Rev. A. E. Legg, chairman; George Trumbull, first district, First ward; William Youngs, first district, William Miller, second district, Second ward; Fred Vano, first district, Harry Bryant, second district, Third ward; William Wright, Fourth Ward; Arthur Fadden Fifth ward; Percy Patrick, first district, Ernest Reynolds, second district, Sixth ward.

The following committee was appointed to locate the graves of veterans in Mt. Adnah and St. Mary cemeteries for the purpose of marking them so as to avoid confusion in the future. Ernest Reynolds, chairman; Harold Martin, Walter Coad, Arthur Fadden and Reid Smith.

Memorial services will be conducted for deceased ex-service men in Lysander and Hannibal Center cemeteries on Sunday, May 25th, and in Mt. Pleasant and Upsons Corners cemeteries on June 1st.

Fred Campbell and William Wright were appointed to have charge of the Memorial Day parade and to man out a line of march. Harry Lewis, William Youngs will be in charge of arrangements to take care of soldiers from Fort Ontario and local Legionaires.

F. DeCausey, a representative of A. F. Crounse company, was present and broached the subject of conducting a carnival under the auspices of the local post, but owing to other municipal activities during the week of May 26-28, the matter was laid on the table for investigation as to whether it would be advisable to hold such an affair at a later date.

The matter of the bugle corps was again brought up and it was decided to organize at once. Ten men have expressed their willingness to form a small corps to start, and the prospects seem to be very good for the local post to have such an organization within the next year.

At the conclusion of the meeting a short program of entertainment was enjoyed and ice cream served.

RENEW YOUR LICENSE.

The percentage of motorists in the state who have renewed their driving licenses is small. While new licenses have been available nearly three weeks, the number of renewals is thousands behind the record made at the same time last year, according to Charles A. Hartnett, commissioner of motor vehicles. The confusion and delay attending the renewal at the offices of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in the last few days of May will be avoided by prompt attention to the requirements of the law.

Motorists may secure renewals without inconvenience. A renewal blank will be mailed on request at any issuing office, and the application, with all questions answered with the stub of the present year's license and fee, may be mailed back without annoyance or loss of time.

Under new regulations the services of a notary are not required in connection with license renewal, as in former years. New York operators and chauffeurs should bear in mind that it will be unlawful to drive after May 31st without a new license. Unless drivers give attention at once to the renewal of licenses, many will be without the required credentials at the beginning of the new license year.

CITY NURSE GIVES REPORT.

Following is the report of Miss Kathryn Lyke, city nurse, for the past month:

Individual visits, 150; family visits, 123; bedside care, infant and pre-school, 24; instructive visits, infant and pre-school, 100; bedside visits, maternity cases, 4; instructive visits, maternity cases, 5; nurses' conference, 1; consultation with Dr. Whiteside, presiding physician, prenatal, 1, with an attendance of 8; clinics with Dr. Millias presiding, in child guidance, 1, with and attendance of 15; conferences with physicians and others, 41; assisted in vaccination in Junior High school on April 2d.

NEAL ACTS TO GET SHOWDOWN ON TAX DELAY

Litigation over the time of payment of county and state taxes by the city of Fulton to the county treasurer has been instituted by M. F. Neal, county treasurer. It is said that the state tax law and the charter of the city of Fulton are in conflict over the matter. For the purpose of definitely and judicially settling the matter this friendly action has been brought, it is reported.

An order to show cause was issued Friday by Supreme Court Justice Clayton I. Miller at Pulaski, an the petition of Mr. Neal, in an action brought by him as county treasurer, against Langdon C. Foster, city chamberlain of Fulton, directing him to appear on May 12th. He is directed to show cause why a preemptory writ of mandamus should not issue, requiring him to pay county and state taxes collected by him, into the county treasurer's hands, or give proof showing that his acts and duties in not paying same are in accordance with law.

In his petition for the order, Mr. Neal sets forth that under a warrant of the board of supervisors delivered to Mr. Foster, he was authorized to collect $235,423.17, due from the city of Fulton for county and state purposes Of this amount, only $3,-829.70 was for the state tax. Of the remainder, it was divided as follows: For general county purposes, $215,047; for public welfare purposes, $12,479.57; for support of the poor in county home, $4,033.90, and for accounts between towns, $33. Mr. Neal states that the city chamberlain has collected up to April 1, $156,948.78 in county and state taxes and asks that this amount be turned over to him.

The county treasurer claims that the action of the city chamberlain in failing to turn these monies is in violation of the state tax law.

Mr. Neal states that the county treasurer is, by law, required to pay the state tax collected in the tax districts of this county to the state of New York in three installments, viz, one-third on Feb. 15th, one-third on April 15th and one third on May 15. Unless tax collections are promptly paid him the treasurer is unable to meet the ordinary obligations of the county, without pledging the credit of the county in loans on which interest must be paid.

The issues raised by the litigation are said to have been in controversy for many years. Accor[illegible] warrant issued by the b[illegible] pervisors for the collecti[illegible] the funds derived therefrom [illegible] be paid into the county treasury in February. The treasurer has a right to extend this time, it is understood.

Tax collections from the towns are expected to be completed before March 1st and deposited with the county treasurer up to date this year.

As stated in his affidavit the treasurer claims that if the county and state taxes collected are not remitted promptly by the collector or chamberlain, he is required to issue notes and borrow money on which interest must be paid. Meanwhile the town or city retaining the fund may operate on the taxes on hand and save the necessity of borrowing to meet city and town obligations.

The Fulton city charter provides that all state and county taxes shall be paid on or before July 1st, and the provision of the tax law allows the city to take advantage of this, provided that the taxes and interest is paid. It is contended that this system has been the custom ever since Fulton was incorporated in 1902 and that this is the first time the question has ever been raised.

In explaining why the city takes advantage of the extension of time, Attorney Hillick states that it is impossible to meet the demands of Mr. Neal, owing to the expenditure of money by the city during the months of March and April, when the majority of bond issues come due. For example he cites this year when the records show that Chamberlain Foster has collected a total of $367,689.-60 at May 1st, that expenditures for bonds, interest and other city items have amounted to $367,650.99, leaving only a balance of the amount collected of $39. With the gross expenses cared for during these months the final collection for May and June will bring a sufficient amount to pay the state and county taxes as has been the custom for 28 years.

GRADUATE NURSES ELECT.

Miss Agnes Moore of South Fifth street, was elected president of the alumnae association of graduate nurses of the Lee Memorial hospital at an organization meeting in the hospital last Wednesday.

Other officers elected included Miss Gladys Chapman, vice-president; Miss Mae Fisher, secretary, and Miss Anna Corey, treasurer.

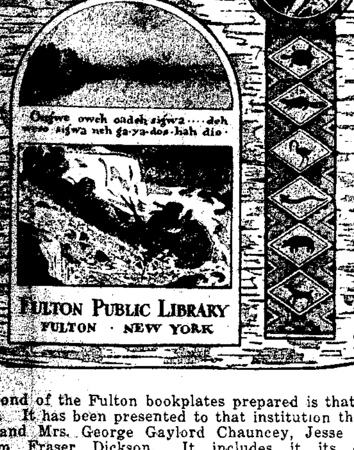
Future meetings will be conducted in the nurses' home on the first Tuesday evening in each month.

NOTICE.

The Board of Education of the city of Fulton will receive, up to 7 o'clock May 19th, 1930, sealed bids on hard and soft coal for use in the schools, the amount and approximate time of delivery to conform with the schedule filed with the superintendent of schools.

M. B. Hargrave,
Pres. Board of Education.

THE BOOKPLATE OF THE FULTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



The second of the Fulton bookplates prepared is that of the Fulton Public Library. It has been presented to that institution through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. George Gaylord Chauncey, Jesse Anthony Morrill and William Fraser Dickson. It includes it its composition a considerable amount of material whcih should be of much historic value and interest to Fultonians. A description of this bookplate and its component parts will be of general interest.

Pathfinder Island, Battle Island, Indian Point, Oswego Falls and the Iroquois Trail are names which, to all Fultonians, represent definite landmarks, intimately associated with the foundation and development of our city. To the writer there has been an added personal interest throughout his life, for my grandfather, John Davidson Stephens, was born in Cooperstown and spent the early years of his life in that village. James Fenimore Cooper, the novelist, also lived in Cooperstown and there his grave is visited yearly by many persons familiar with the development of our state during the years immediately following the Revolutionary War. The Indian Council Rock, at the foot of Otsego Lake, still exists and in the cemetery overlooking the lake on its east side is the monument to the memory of Natty Bumpo, the woodsman, whose name appears so frequently in "The Pioneers" and oth[illegible] Pathfinder series.

Shortl[illegible] the War of 1812, Cooper, who was a lieutenant in the United S[illegible]y, was stationed at Fort Ontario in Oswego. At that time the sole [illegible] transportation, for ammunition and supplies, was over the Iroquois [illegible] the Mohawk River, across the carry to Oneida Lake and then dow[illegible]wego River to Lake Ontario. Indian birch-bark canoes were the onl[illegible]s of travel and transportation. Cooper, himself, relates how a [illegible] cannon, weighing some 700 pounds, was transported in a canoe o[illegible] route and successfully passed over the Oswego Falls and through [illegible]s which, at that time, extended for two miles below them.

[illegible] arrowheads on and [illegible] by many boys on Bat[illegible]wn as Brownville, for [illegible] settlement—which grew up along the ban[illegible] river—until after the name of Robert Fulton became a household word about the year 1814. Cooper's novel of "The Pathfinder" was read and reread by the writer as a boy and many stories were told me by my grandfather of Cooper himself and of other incidents which gave to the novel its historic background. The collection of Indian arrowheads, tomahawks and pestles, now in the Fulton High School, were collected by myself, largely because of these tales of adventure so dear to my boyhood.

For many years it has been in my mind to prepare a bookplate which should preserve for Fultonians some of the historic beauty of the Oswego River lying immediately beneath the library windows. At my request, some twenty years ago, Mr. Darwin Styles painted for me the artistic and beautiful view of Indian Point and Pathfinder Island, which appears in the lunette of the bookplate. Then for a considerable time, I collected as many sketches and photographs of Oswego Falls, as it appeared in former years, as I could find, made by Skinner, Darrow, Morrill and myself. Still later I obtained first hand knowledge of Indian birch-bark canoes through association with the former Fultonian, Daniel Webster Mead, the civil engineer of international fame recently appointed by President Hoover on the Commission for the construction of the Boulder Dam in the Colorado. In a birch-bark canoe of the type represented in the picture as actually shooting the falls, in the manner so vividly described by Cooper, Mr. Mead spent many months on the lakes and streams of Northern Wisconsin in the construction of the railroad between Milwaukee and Duluth. With this material as a guide, Robert Orr, the artist, has well visualized the journey of Natty Bumpo and Chingachgook (the last of the Mohegans) in their journey over the falls, carrying Sergeant's daughter, Mary, in safety to her father at Fort Ontario.

It will be remembered that the Iroquois Nation or "People of the Long House," as they described themselves, consisted originally of five tribes of the Mohawks, the Oneidas, the Onondagas, the Cayugas and the Senecas, with which was later affiliated the Tuscaroras of the same Indian family. During the Revolution the Oneidas were the only ones of the Six Nations who took the part of the colonists and at the close of the war, England, to reward their Indian allies, granted them large tracts of land, extending from Lake Erie to the northeast as far as Ottawa. These Indian reservations in Canada still exist. There lived with them for many years, a priest of the Church of England by the name of Father Joseph W. Smith, whose interesting book entitled "The People of the Long House," was published many years ago, is now out of print and was obtained after a long and rather difficult search. Some of the Indian traditions which Father Smith collected and perpetuated in his little volume are of much local interest.

When the Great Spirit descended from the heavens, the earth was covered with water and the only places which the Great Spirit could find upon which to alight was the back of a huge turtle. This emblem of the turtle, therefore, became the chief totem or family insignia of all members of this clan scattered through the Iroquois nation. Other totems later developed, as the Bear, the Deer, the Beaver, the Heron and the Eel. These totems are painted on flags and still hang in the Indian Council Chamber in the Canadian capitol at Ottawa. To those of us who remember Levi Montague and his wagonloads of eels—which were formerly taken daily from the Oswego River below the falls and in the neighboring streams—it is easy to see how the Onondagas were particularly partial to this emblem. The pendant wampum belts of the bookplate includes these chief totems of the Six Nations.

Among the other Indian traditions which Father Smith includes in his book is the belief that at one time there was a demon ranging up and down the country, from the Mohawk River to Niagara Falls, killing all of the people whom he could find. As a matter of preservation, the Great Spirit collected all the good people of the region and hid them in a subterranean cavern close to Oswego Falls, where they remained until the days of peril had passed. Then they were able to return in safety to the earth and attend to their customary occupations.

The shield on the bookplate is one of an actual Iroquois and shows the feathered ornaments that form its border. The photograph on the shield was given me by a full-blooded Mohawk warrior, Os-Ke-Non-Ton, or "Running Deer," who has achieved international reputation as a singer of Indian melodies and has been heard on the air by many Fultonians. The birch-bark background of the bookplate was actually cut out for the writer by Os-Ke-Non-Ton himself and used as a frame for his photograph.

The transverse wampum belt is taken from the large and valuable collection of historic belts in the State Museum at Albany. This particular belt represents the Peace Belt woven at the time of the conclusion of hostilities of the Revolutionary War, and shows the white man and the Indian clasping hands. Traditionally, the black belts represent war and the white belts, peace.

Last of all in the collection of material for this bookplate was the legend in the Onondaga language, "The Iroquois Trail Is Long, But No Trail Is So Long As That Made By A Good Book." To find an educated man of today of the Onondaga race familiar with the two languages was by no means an easy task, but finally, at the suggestion of Miss Evalyn Lee Messenger, former Fultonian, who has taken much personal interest in the perfection of the bookplate, I wrote to Dr. Arthur C. Parker, now the Director of the Municipal Museum in Rochester. He is a full-blooded Onondaga and gave me most cordial co-operation. The above sentence as it appears in the Onondaga language, has been incorporated in the bookplate.

Next came the question of finding some artist with the vision, imagination and technical skill, who could combine these various motifs from widely scattered Indian sources into a well balanced and interesting whole. Here again, fortune favored me, and the well known artist, Robert Orr, through whose skill the bookplate has been produced, took up the idea with enthusiasm. The ultimate result shows how happily and beautifully he has combined the material into a work of art which compares favorably with the bookplate of any library in America. The original sketch from which the bookplate was made will be found in the library, together with the several volumes from which some of this information was secured.

Through the generosity and public spirit of Mr. and Mrs. George Gaylord Chauncey, the necessary fund of two hundred and fifty dollars was provided for the payment of the artist. The intaglio plate from which the engraved prints are made, which will be used in books of permanent value, and the combination plate used as the illustration for this article, are contributed by Jesse Anthony Morrill. The bookplates made from the latter will also be printed by Mr. Morrill for use in books of transitory value.

William Fraser Dickson of New York city, who was at one time a pupil in Falley Seminary and a close friend of the Hon. Nevada N. Stranahan and Jay C. Harrington, has contributed one thousand (1,000) bookplates for the Fulton High School and another thousand for the Fulton Public Library in memory of his school days and his former friends.

The Fulton Public Library now contains ten thousand (10,000) volumes and is increasing at the rate of approximately one thousand volumes a year. It may be that other Fultonians will provide for this future growth of the library and make similar donations. The engraved bookplates printed on vellum cost $40.00 a thousand. Each item must be printed by hand. As that cannot be done in Fulton, I have retained this plate and the plate of the Fulton High School. I will be glad to supervise the printing of bookplates for any future donors.

Henry Pelouze de Forest, M. D.
15 Central Park West, New York City.

FULTON BOY WINS BIG OFFICE, PAYING $40,000

Attorney Floyd S. Draper, a former resident of this city won a victory last week in the Republican primaries for the nomination of prosecutor of Lake county, Indiana, a position which under the fee system pays about $40,000 a year.

Attorney Draper is the son of Russell Draper of 229 Cayuga street and a nephew of Mrs. Fred Sholz and Mrs. Bert Jones.

He received his early education in Fulton and later studied law in Indiana, locating when he began practice at Crown Point.

According to dispatches received from Gary, the contest for prosecutor was a bitter one. Draper defeated Oscar A. Ahlgren of Whiting, by a majority of 3,162 votes, the vote being Draper, 22,541; Ahlgren, 19,-379. To the city of Gary is given the biggest credit for his victory, as he carried this city by almost two to one.

The Gary Post-Tribune of Thursday, May 6th, has the following to say of the election:

"The victory for Draper and especially the success of his campaign in Gary, in the face of more or less clear-cut issues involving the political supremacy of the Johnson-Bradford regime in Gary and the opposition of Schrage's county-wide influence, not only assures Draper two and perhaps four years in the major office of the county, but also marks him as a chief factor, despite his youthfulness, in the affairs of the Republican party in Lake county for the next few years.

"Draper represents the younger group of Republicans in the county who have come forward with the indorsement of the county's citizenry and who probably will wield considerable influence in determining the future conduct of the party and will play an important part in the party's activities in the future.

"Draper, whose home is in Gary, but who has maintained a residence in Crown Point during the time he has served as chief deputy under Oliver Starr, present prosecutor, has been a practicing attorney in the county for the last 12 years. He entered the campagin on his own initiative and did not represent any clique or political faction, appealing to the voters generally for support. He was opposed by Ahlgren, a popular candidate, who has been a state representative for eight years. Ahlgren has a large group of personal friends and supporters throughout the county who rallied behind his candidacy. He was strongly supported by hastily organized ex-service men's organizations and was slated on numerous tickets.

"However, political observers believe that it was the straightforward campaign conducted by Draper, without entangling alliances and without the acknowledged support of any definite groups or political machines that won for Draper support throughout the county and particularly was responsible for the big vote he received in Gary where he is best known. Draper's record as a deputy prosecutor also is believed to have won for him many votes throughout the county."

EXPERTS TREAT POTATOES.

Upwards of 2,000 bushels of seed potatoes have been treated by the Oswego County Farm Bureau for the growers and the work will be continued this week.

The treating program was started May 5th with County Agent Henry L. Page in charge. Aiding was Prof. Karl Fernow of the plan pathology department of the State Agricultural College. He discussed potato diseases and the treating methods.

The Farm Bureau is aiding growers of cucumbers by the treatment of seed which will be used for this season's planting. During the week 150 pounds of cucumber seed was treated. This supply was sufficient for 100 growers.

KNIFE MAKERS MAKE DISPLAY FINE CUTLERY

The knives and cleavers on display at the Oswego County Trust Company are representative of the various lines manufactured at Foster Bros. & Chatillon Company, who have been manufacturers of high grade cutlery for nearly 50 years.

The steel used at present is all American-made, although for many years it was thought Sheffield-English steel was superior to American steel. American steels are now considered equal to, and in most cases, superior to foreign steels for cutlery, etc.

Butcher knives, cleavers and packing house splitters are all hand forged from bar stock to approximate shape desired. They are then trimmed in presses to a uniform shape and heat-treated very carefully so as to bring out the best quality of the steel. A knife or cleaver should be hard enough to resist wear and tough enough so that it will not break, except with abuse. Beef splitters must be capable of cutting through the backbone the entire length of a steer. The cut must be so fine that there are no splinters or bone chips. It can be readily seen that the heat-treatment must be done carefully

The knives and cleavers are then ground and polished and are ready for handles. The wood in the handles, with the exception of American black walnut and domestic beech, is imported. Cocobola is imported from Nicaragua, rosewood from Brazil and ebony from Africa. The imported woods arrive in rough logs varying in diameter from six inches to fifteen inches, and from six to ten feet in length. Besides their appearance these woods have a very important function to perform and that is—balance. The handle of a butcher knife should have sufficient weight to properly balance the blade. This makes for precision in cutting.

In finishing the handles, no paint, varnish or shellac is used. The handles are sanded very smooth and then buffed to a natural finish and luster on cotton buffs. The final operation on butcher knives is hand honing, so that they are ready to use with a fine, keen edge.

Practically all operations require skill that is only obtainable through experience, consequently, the majority of the men employed in manufacturing Foster Bros, line have been with the company a great many years.

4-H CLUBS PLANT TREES.

Members of 4-H clubs in Oswego county are completng their forestry projects for the present season, it is announced by Leon H. Westfall of Pulaski, director of junior project work in this county.

The boys and girls who adopted forestry projects this season have planted a total of 60,000 trees. The number is considerably less than was planted last year for the reason that most of those entitled to free trees have completed the setting of plots allotted to them. Last season 4-H clubs planted 125,000 trees.

The reforestation committee of the board of supervisors is completing the work of setting trees alloted for this season's planting. The work is being supervised by County Forester Endersbee, who took up his duties this spring. Most of the county planting has been done on property in West Monroe, which was purchased for reforestation work at a special session of the board of supervisors in March.

STATE STREET P. T. A.

The May meeting of the State Street Parent-Teacher association will be held at the school on Wednesday evening of this week at 7:30. The annual election of officers takes place at this meeting and the quilt, which has been sold to raise money for the children's school party, will be awarded to one of the subscribers.

The delegates to the district conference at Baldwinsville on May 16 will give their report.