PSF: Dutchess County

By 145
TWELVE MURALS

for the

RHINEBECK, NEW YORK POST OFFICE

by

OLIN DOWS

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INTRODUCTION

THIS mural scheme consists of a consecutive series of daily and historic incidents connected with Rhinebeck soil, from the autumn day Henry Hudson sailed by, until today. I have emphasized the landscape and those simple activities which bind our lives to the past and to each other: tilling our fields, preparing our food, building our houses, eating and drinking, exchanging goods and services, playing, talking, and church going. Running parallel with this basic theme, sometimes punctuating it with a specific occurrence are the trends which we share with our whole country: the discovery of land; its acquisition and distribution; immigrations from abroad—and from East to West; the development of transportation and communication from sail to steam to oil on water, from foot to horse to steam and to gasoline on land and now in the air, the change from a letter to the telegraph, the telephone, the wireless and the radio. The Industrial Revolution through these means (locally hardly ever by mechanized production) transforms the rural 18th Century economy to our highly complex one of today, speeding its pace, flooding us with the machines and luxuries we now take for granted. Large and small landowners have acquired securities, in a few cases controlling great enterprises. Several of the few fine 18th Century country houses were destroyed to give way to enormous creations of the mid 19th Century, and the more tasteful borrowings of the end of the century. These in turn have been changing hands or are being taken over by the State or semi-public institutions. In my life time the State road has broadened, straightened out, armored its surface with concrete, collected a retinue of signs, hot dog stands and gasoline stations. The winding King's Highway has become Route 9, artery of heavy luxury and business traffic. Traffic that influences Rhinebeck directly and indirectly is responsible for the difference between the old grocery store, Williams and Traver's, and the standardized A. & P., between the rural milk wagon and Dairylea's streamlined aluminum truck distribution from Poughkeepsie.

Yet I see even these changes as subordinate to the landscape and to our rural activities. There is a hopeful and healthy continuity of faith and living that controls these innovations. That is why they are in the background of the modern panel, framed by apple trees.

On the model the mural starts at the left of the door as you enter:

PANEL 1

a) 1609. Some time between September 12 and 20 Henry Hudson's "Half Moon" anchored off the present site of Rhinecliff.

b) 1686. The Kip brothers Henry and Jacob buying Rhinebeck from the Indian Sachems Anthony Calycoon and Ananatob, The Indian Commissioner, Henry Pawling, is coming up to witness the deed.

c) 1715. Thirty-five families of Palantine settlers sail from Livingston Manor to Rhinebeck land offered by Judge Henry Beekman, who is walking at their head with John Frederick Hager, their dominie. In the foreground is the so-called Indian store, and to the right Henry Beekman 2nd, John Beatty and Tunis Pier scratching land partition maps on the ground.

Panel over window shows early funeral in the Van Waaganan-Aortsen burying ground.

PANEL 2

1716. Sunday before the new first church, union of Calvinists and Lutherans.

PANEL 3

1728. Henry Beekman 2nd, now forty and a Colonel, outside his house acquired from the Kips in exchange for land, receives the midsummer's quit rent, while his four-year-old daughter Margaret looks on. The new Rhinebeck Post Office is copied from his house.

Panel Over Window: 1779. A later occupant, Henry Beekman Livingston (son of the little girl in the last panel) used to plow in his court uniform to show his contempt for George III.

PANEL 4

1730. Mill and swimming hole on Landsman's Kill.

PANEL 5

1740. A farmer living on the King's Highway stops plowing to chat with the new weekly Post Rider on his way from New York to Albany.

PANEL 6

a) 1775. General Richard Montgomery and his wife, Janet Livingston, plant locust seedlings on what will become the lawn of "Grasmere." The bricks were baked on the spot from local clay.

b) 1776. A Tory is relieved of his gun while men take the Revolutionary Pledge and are drilled.
c) 1780. Cornhucking bee. The boy who has found a red ear kisses the girl who brings the cider.

PANEL 7
1790. Sunday morning before the Dutch Reformed Church service. Edward Livingston, Isaac Roosevelt, Thomas Tillotson, Egbert Benson and Morgan Lewis can be recognized in the crowd standing around the church. To the right is a bit of the Beekman Arms (then Taphagen's Tavern); to the left Margaret Beekman Livingston and her son the Chancellor arrive in her coach.

PANEL 8
1807. On August 7th the "Clermont" sailed by Slate Dock on its way to Tivoli.
Panel Over Window: "Wildercliff," built in 1799 by the Methodist circuit rider Freeborn Garretson (husband of another Livingston daughter), and the adjacent Methodist grove.

PANEL 9
1855. A local family in Winter's Express is moving out West. In the foreground cutter sits Mr. Delamater, just made the first President of the First National Bank of Rhinebeck.

PANEL 10
Incidents connected with "Ferncliff." It was bought by William Astor in 1858; laid out by Charles Augustus Ehlers and his son Louis, who is seen above the bridge talking to Mr. and Mrs. Astor (1870). In the background the tennis building, designed by McKim, Mead & White, is almost finished (1906). A socially conscious modern painter draws the Italian workmen as they go home. To the right Colonel John Jacob Astor's first car (1901) is helped up the hill by a farm team.

PANEL 11
1920. The Decoration Day Parade.
Panel over window continues the parade against the School, the Firehouse and other interesting Rhinebeck buildings.

PANEL 12
Contemporary Rhinebeck; deserted orchard on the left—productive one on the right; the State road, a milk truck; violet greenhouses, Park Plaza; the latest real estate development; central group listening to radio news.

Architect—Rudolph Stanley-Brown

Many drawings and water colors are for sale.
January 19, 1940.

Dear Jim:-

I had the matter of the old Post Office thoroughly examined by the various Departments and the authorities are tending toward the opinion that the Government should not sell it at all but use it for the U. S. District Court and for one or two other smaller Federal agencies which are doing business permanently in the County. No final decision has been reached but if it is along these lines there is no question that it should be acceded to.

If this happens I hope that Mr. Spiedel will go ahead with his proposed building on another site -- and I hope that he will choose a site between Main Street and the new Post Office. On account of the congestion south of Main Street, every effort should be made to develop the land on both sides of Mill Street and Mansion Street. Incidentally, if the City government had as much vision as a chicken crossing the road, they would put in definite zoning laws for all new buildings or major alterations to buildings on all streets in the business section of the city, thus making it possible eventually to widen these streets with very little cost. For example, on Mill Street any new building should be put at least ten feet back of the present property line, making it possible to move the sidewalk back ten feet and add ten feet on each side of the
paved surface, or a total of twenty feet to the roadway.

I will see you the first Sunday in February when I get back.

As ever yours,

Hon. James Townsend,
35 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie,
New York.
Honorably Franklin D. Roosevelt  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

Yesterday morning Mr. Spiedel dropped in the office and unless I am very much fooled, he is a pretty reliable person and they mean to do business in Dutchess County. They are considering one or two properties around town and I am writing you at this time thinking that you might want to get further information regarding this deal across the street before coming up home on your next trip. Of course I realize you may have entirely different plans in your mind about the use to be made of this property.

Hoping that nothing will happen to prevent your being in Dutchess County when you had planned, I am

Sincerely yours

James Townsend

January 17, 1940
MEMO FOR MARY

Will you put the attached in our Hyde Park folder?

G. G. T.

Aug 27
Mr. L.

West To New York Park
New Orleans

W. D. Lewis
 Produce Buyer
General Union Steamship
Harlem Palace Building, N. Y.

To talk about selling more

Xmas Times
Dear Mom,

I am enclosing a check for $1,000 for the Tapes in the Cottage for 1939.

Jimmie Marion and I are getting it off early this year as I may not have it later.

The furnace has gone on the house so we are having a new one put in - we will be in the red for a while to come before we get caught up on that big item.

It is cold as blazes here today. I am glad I do not have to go out much.

Jimmie Marion and I will be down on the 30th as we will see you then.

Lots of love to you and a very special bit for the President.

Nancy Cook
January 23, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Ver Nooy:—

I think the proof is excellent but I want to add a short paragraph just before my signature at the end of the Preface. As there is plenty of room on the page it will be easy to put it in at the point I have indicated.

"My especial thanks go to Mrs. Amy Ver Nooy who has done all of the hard work in the preparation of this volume, and to Miss Helen Wilkinson Reynolds with whom I have collaborated for many years in collecting and making available to the public historical material relating to Dutchess County."

I saw Olin Downs' murals in preparation last Autumn and they are grand. Our next job is the Hyde Park Post Office.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Amy Ver Nooy,
Dutchess County Historical Society,
Poughkeepsie,
New York.

(Enclosure)
Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing the page proof of the title page, the introduction and the editor’s note for the book of Crum Elbow Precinct records. If you have any criticisms, suggestions or corrections we would be glad to receive them.

Last week in New York I saw the murals for the Rhinebeck post-office on exhibit at the Art Students League. If you have not already seen them you have a pleasure in store. Mr. Bowa has depicted the history of Rhinebeck in a wonderful manner.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sincerely yours,

Ann Ver Hoef
SCHOOL SEWER REQUEST MADE

Hyde Park Board Appeals To Council to Connect Piping to Hospital's

Unsuccessful in receiving action on a similar request last winter, the Board of Education of the Hyde Park Central School district appealed to the Common Council again last night for permission to connect its Fairview-Vista school sewer to the Bowne hospital sewer, which is maintained by the city of Poughkeepsie.

The connection would be made upon terms and conditions mutually agreed upon between the two boards.

"In making this application," wrote Ralph R. Smith, acting president of the school board, "it is assumed that the sewer is of sufficient capacity to permit the Violet avenue school to connect therewith and it is further assumed that the rate to be charged will approximate those rates now existing for similar service in New York state. Inasmuch as time is an extremely important element, we respectfully request that action be taken herein with a minimum of delay."

When the first request was received, it was referred to the Board of Public Works, which expressed doubt whether the Bowne line could stand the load. The Council last night again referred the communication to the Board of Education for further advice.

EMERGENCY PROGRAM

SYRACUSE. An emergency seedling cuttings of the upstate farm day at a meeting and representative Agricultural Co-op.

EARL M. FLETCHER of county agri farmer's organization the federal government's program aids in a half the daily labor. Any applications have failed to date the winter.

TOWNSEND LEAGUE TO ENTER CAMPAIGN

and 'Trailblazers' league "68 Congress"
DATA ON WATER SUPPLY FOR FAIRVIEW-VIOLE SCHO0L DOCKET N. Y. 1903-F

There are two methods of providing water for this project and as follows:

1st By purchase from the City of Poughkeepsie.
2nd By artesian wells driven on School property.

There has been some discussion about securing water from the mains of the Fairview Improvement Co. who have a contract with the City of Poughkeepsie dated May 8, 1903 extending the city lines to the end of their Fairview property and running some thru some of the streets of the development. The contract stipulates that the development has control of the mains until such time as the line averages one user in every 75 feet of line at which time it will be taken over by the City who will refund the development Co. for all money expended for the installation. The City of course is to supply meters and collect the water rents continually.

Although the distance from the School for a connection to this line is only 3/10 of a mile or half that would be required for a city connection, the same is not being considered for the following reasons:

1st The contract between the development Co. and the City stipulates that the line will run to the end of their property and certain streets within their property, the School being outside their property it would void their contract unless mutually agreed upon by the City and owners of the development, which the owners would not agree to.

2nd If the contract were changed by mutual consent to allow the School to hook on, Mr. Knauss president of the development Co. is asking $2,500.00 from the School for the privilege.

3rd The water supply to the school would not only be governed by City regulations but by what ever regulations the development Co. cares to make from time to time.

4th Due to the small amount of water being used throughout the development due to the fact that most of the property owners have their own wells, and also due to the number of dead ends in the system the quality of the water is not up to par.

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF SECURING WATER FROM THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

Advantages:

- An adequate supply at all times at a pressure of 25 lbs. at the school.

Disadvantages:

1st Cost of installing and maintaining 6/10 of a mile of 6" C. I. mains.

2nd Prohibited water rates charged by the City of Poughkeepsie for out of the city uses. The City rates are $2.00 per 1,000 cu. feet of water for the first 10,000 cu. feet used per quarter, $1.75 per 1,000 cu. feet for the next 10,000 cu. feet used per quarter and $1.60 per 1,000 cu. feet for all additional water used per quarter. The out of the City rates are double that quoted above.
3rd The water supply, its use and future rates are dependent upon the whims of this and succeeding City Administration.

4th The source of supply being the Hudson River and at a point midway between two trunk sewer outlets of the City the water is subjected to considerable chemical treatments and purification which at times is noticeable in the water.

5th The necessity of boosting the City pressure above the 25 lbs. in order to operate the Laboratory facilities. This will be accomplished by means of a pressure tank.

ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES OF SECURING WATER BY SCHOOL OWNED ARTESIAN WELLS.

Advantages:-
1st Complete control over the supply.
2nd Tremendous yearly saving in cost.
3rd A saving in installation cost which includes all the necessary equipment for delivering the water to the school system at the required pressure a driven well guaranteed to deliver 30 gals. of water per minute and the water to be guaranteed against impurities, it also includes water softening equipment if same is found to be necessary.

4th Palatable water:-

Disadvantages:-
1st The possibility of the supply be exhausted or contaminated at a future date.
2nd The necessity of pumping and possible softening.
3rd The necessity of adequate storage facilities same to be under pressure.
4th Replacement and maintenance cost of equipment.

Note:-

It is worthy of note that there are over 25 driven wells in the immediate vicinity of the school all supplying adequate, palatable and pure water. The Villages of Red Hook and Rhinebeck are supplied by driven wells as well as a considerable number of manufactures in the school area as well as in the City of Poughkeepsie, such as, The Pioneer Button Co., Knauss Packing Co., Rogers Ice Cream Co., and etc.
COMPARATIVE CONSTRUCTION COST

From the City of Poughkeepsie.

3200 feet of 6" C.I. pipe laid (4-6' Depth) at 1.50 a foot $4,800.
300 feet of 4" C.I. pipe laid (4-6' Depth) 1.30 a ton 390.
1 ton fitting 105.00 a ton 105.
3-6" gates and boxes 35.00 each 105.
2-4" .. .. .. 25.00 each 100.
2-4" .. .. .. 22.00 each 44.
City charge for cutting into main . 56.
2-6 Hydrants complete and installed 170.
Tunneling under road in 3 instances 150.
1 Electric booster pump complete with controls and installed (50 gallons P.M.) 750.
1 Meter chamber 250.
1-1500 gallon galv. pressure tank 210.
Tank foundation and installation 100.
Tank installation (cork) 350.
Connecting up pressure tank, labor & Material 85.
$ 7,644.
15% Contingency
$ 1,146.
$ 8,790.

FROM SCHOOL OWNED WELLS.

1- Guaranteed Well
1-50 gallon deep well pump complete $2,000.
100-0 .. 4" C.I. pipe installed 750.
1-5000 gallon galv. iron pressure tank 130.
Tank foundation and installation 510.
Tank insulation (cork) 1,025.
Connecting up pressure tank, labor & material 85.
Pump house (Stone) 700.
$ 5,400.
Water softening equipment if needed
1,500.
15% Contingency
$ 6,900.
1,035.
$ 7,935.
FIXED YEARLY COSTS FOR WATER

From the City of Poughkeepsie.

Interest rate on installation cost $8,790.60
less 45% grant $4,334.85 at 3% per year $145.05
Depreciation charge 2% of $8,790.60 175.81
Service rate for motors (1 H. P. for 12 hours) for 180 days at .08 $ per hour 54.00
A minimum of 600 pupils at 25 gallons of water per pupil X 180 school days would be 2,700,000
  gals per year - 675,000 gals per quarter or
  90,000 cu. feet at the Poughkeepsie rate this
  would amount to 299 per quarter or 1196 per year

This minimum cost is based on 600 pupils only the capacity of the school is 900 and no allowance has been made for the other uses of water.

From Wells.

Interest rate on installation cost $7,935.00
Less 45% grant - $4,364.25 at 3% per year $130.92
Depreciation charge 5% of 7,935.00 396.75
Service rates for motor (1 H. P. for 12 hours) for 180 days at .08 $ per hour 54.00
Cost of softening water at .05 per 1000 gals 135.00

SUMMARY

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Note:-

Cost of wells with guaranteed quality & quantity.

Feller Bros., Red Hook, New York $1,420.00
Robert L. Keller, Pleasant Valley, N. Y. $2,000.00

W. H. Kennedy
Fairview-Viola School - Docket 1903-F

The Reason:

To secure permission from the City of Poughkeepsie to empty the school sewage thru a school built 6" V.T. line and have same connect to the Poughkeepsie system on that section known as the "Bonne" sewer.

The Law:

Section 5 of the law authorizes the city to construct the Bonne sewer (special legislation made necessary due to part of sewer being outside city limits) states that "The City of Poughkeepsie is further authorized and empowered by or pursuant to ordinance or resolution of its session council to make contracts for the use of other municipalities, sewer districts, private corporations or individuals, of any excess capacity of such sewer line not required for said hospital under such terms and conditions as may be contained in said contracts.

The Solution:

1st) Have school board write the attached letter to the City Council so as same can be read at their next meeting Aug.7,1939. Stress the fact that the rate to be charged will approximate those rates now charged by any other community in New York State.

2nd) City Council will refer same to Corp. Counsel who will state that he has looked into this matter and letter should be referred to Dept. of Public Works first to find out if existing line is large enough to care for this additional sewage and second what are the rates in force in other communities in New York State.

3rd) Dept. of Public Works answers letter stating (first) that due to 18" sewer running into 12" line under New York Central tracks line at that point is not large enough to care for present demands let alone additional.

4th) Only two communities in New York State charge a fee for sewage rental; one is Bath, N.Y., where the fee is based on water consumption, the water being also furnished by the village. The water supplied the school from school owned wells and not under the control of the city and the quantity used would have to be estimated. The other is Mattsburg, New York where there is no charge made for public or private school but where the following rates are in force:

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5th) City Council writes letter to school board stating present conditions of the existing line and the probable fees they would charge the school for sewage facilities if the line were of sufficient capacity (to be based on Flattensburg rates and not over $50.00). The letter also requests that a representative of the board confer with the City Council.

6th) School Board sends architect Cooke to confer with City Council to secure the necessary permission. Cooke tells Council that to eliminate the present overload of the city's present system with its periodic floods use of cesspools and etc the school board will secure a new 12" line under the New York Central track and if possible same to be constructed at no cost to city if this can't be done the board will split the cost of a 12" project with the city each paying 12 1/2% of the cost, but the city must sponsor same. Cooke tells Council on the idea that if the above is done the school should receive permission to hook in the city system for a term of years at no cost and a cost of $50.00 per year thereafter.

7th) If the above is carried out as noted no one is on the spot and neither side can take exception. The city cannot build this 12" line themselves as the state cannot give them permission. Note: the state permission for the line and a 12", project to do this work will be taken care of somehow.
February 5, 1940

Mr. William D. Hassett
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hassett:

I had a nice visit with the President yesterday and discussed several matters, some of which he suggested I give you a memorandum on, therefore, I am enclosing a memorandum of such matters.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours

James Townsend

JT:MS
encl.
Matter of:

Handrail at the Post Office.

You will recall that there are approximately 25 steps at the entrance to the post office. I have considerable complaint from elderly people, especially in the winter, who are forced to use these steps without a handrail.

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Matter of:

Janitor-Fireman in the Haviland school.

Frank Ingoglia, whom Mrs. Roosevelt wrote me indicating she was very much interested in his having some kind of work, is located very close to this school. He is a man about 50 or a little less and has a family of five or six children. He has had experience as a builder and I believe him to be honest and industrious and capable of doing this job well if it is possible to interest the school board in him. I understand the position is going to be filled in the very near future.

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Matter of:

Delegate-at-Large, National Convention.

Would appreciate knowing as soon as possible definitely about our having a Delegate-at-Large to the National Convention as we have to circulate our petitions very shortly for delegates and alternates and I would like to discuss the matter of getting out petitions with the other County Chairmen after I hear from you.
Matter of:

Chief, Division of Maps, Library of Congress.—

Mr. Floyd Masten of Pleasant Valley, New York, feels that he is well qualified for the position above mentioned if a vacancy should appear.

He is a graduate of Syracuse University. Taught Geography in the University of Chicago, and was curator of Maps. I am enclosing separately some data on his qualifications.

I would appreciate it very much, when you find time, if you would look over these qualifications.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 8, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

At the Poughkeepsie Post Office there are approximately twenty-five steps leading up from the street to the front door. I hear considerable complaints from elderly people, especially in the winter, who are forced to use these steps without a hand-rail. What can you do?

F. D. R.
February 8, 1940.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to write you that she is much interested in finding some kind of work for Frank Ingoglia who lives close to the new high school. He is a man about fifty years old or a little less and has a family of five or six children. He has had experience as a builder and I understand he is honest and capable of doing some kind of a job as furnace man or janitor. I know nothing further but several people have told me he is a hard working, good citizen.

Very sincerely yours,

Ralph Smith, Esq.,
President of the School Board,
East Park,
Dutchess County,
MEMORANDUM FOR
HON. ARCHIBALD MACLEAN

Mr. Floyd Masten of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, N. Y., — graduate of Syracuse University, taught geography in University of Chicago and was Curator of Maps, is an applicant for position of Chief of Division of Maps, Library of Congress. I know nothing further except that his neighbors say that he is an excellent man. The enclosed correspondence is just for your information.

F. D. R.
Mr. James Townsend  
Bardavon Bldg.  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.  

Dear Jim:  

I am attaching hereto a copy of the letter of the Director of Libraries of the University of Chicago under date of Jan. 19, 1934.  

Very truly yours  

[Signature]  

Floyd E. Masten
Mr. Floyd E. Masten
Pleasant Valley, New York

Dear Mr. Masten:

I am sorry, tho not surprised, that you cannot see your way to returning to us soon. I do not want to count your connection as severed till, at least, you tell me that it must be. You give no indications as to the time that you think you must be away. Is it a matter of weeks, or months, or years? If, for example, there is any chance of your getting back (say) next autumn, I should count you as merely on leave and mark time until you get back. But if you envisage an absence of years, then I assume I should have to make a permanent arrangement. Please, therefore, give me your best advice, knowing that we will be grievously disappointed to lose you out of our map project, especially since we have now before one of the Foundations a request for a document grant, including maps, with rather strong indication of success. A vote is expected next month.

Yours cordially,

M.L. Raney
Director

MLRaney:P
Dear Mr. President:

I am in receipt of your memorandum of the eighth regarding John Mack as delegate in place of Jim Townsend. It is perfectly all right, and I will have Vince Dailey handle it.

Sincerely yours,

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The President of the United States
Washington, D.C.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 8, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

Jim Townsend could not go to the Convention as a Delegate-at-Large on account of the Hatch Bill. Therefore, we are all agreed that John Mack should go as one of the eight Delegates-at-Large. Is this all right?

F. D. R.
January 29, 1940

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am writing you regarding the possibilities connected with the next National Convention. In the past it has been the policy for Orange and Dutchess to each have a delegate, for Putnam to have an alternate, and Orange to have an alternate. Sometimes, however, one alternate comes to Dutchess.

I am wondering how you would feel as to the advisability of our attempting to land a delegate-at-large for Dutchess County therefore providing the opportunity of giving Putnam a delegate because of the excellent showing they made in this past election. That would give Orange a delegate and an alternate; Dutchess a delegate-at-large and an alternate, and Putnam a delegate.

If you feel this would be a good arrangement, I have been given to understand that all that is necessary is for you to pass that opinion on.

The time is getting very short now as we have to have our petitions circulated and signed and filed not later than February 27.

I had expected to discuss this matter with you in Hyde Park but thought I would not delay any longer before getting in touch with you. I would appreciate having your opinion on this matter when convenient.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours

James Townsend
February 5, 1940.

Dear Mr. President:

This will acknowledge receipt of yours dated the first, to which you attach letter from Jim Townsend regarding his desire to have a delegate-at-large for Dutchess County.

When I talked to you over the telephone the other day, I said this would be all right; and I will have Vince take care of it.

Your letter from Townsend is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House.
March 29, 1943

Dear Mr. Aiken:

Your letter of March fifteenth came at a time when the President is still fighting a persistent cold and on that account I hesitate to press him for further details on the subject of architecture. Moreover, since you suggest that you can probably round out your story with the material at hand, the President would appreciate it if you would excuse him.

Sincerely,

J. A. Le Hand
Private Secretary

Hariam Aiken, M.D.,
The Poughkeepsie Eagle-News,
50 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie, New York.
March 15, 1940

Miss Marguerite A. LeHand
Private Secretary, President Roosevelt
White House, Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Le Hand:

Thank you ever so much for the information you sent me on Jan. 10 with regard to the President's interest in architecture. The information was very helpful in writing the feature article for the New York Times Sunday Magazine.

The Times now has the article and they have informed me that it is "very good." They would like, however, just one more thing. They would like to know something about the President's "architecture", that is, how he goes to work on drafting plans for a house.

I would appreciate it very much if you could give me just a few lines enlightenment on that, although the Times says if I cannot get this material, it will be a good story even without it.

If you can give me this information I will not give any indication anywhere in the article as to the source of my information, if you wish it that way. It would be splendid, if I'm not asking too much, if I could get one of his rough drawings, and I would do everything to see that it was returned. Or any piece of scribbling along this line would do.

I have gone into considerable detail in preparing this article. I studied up on the early Dutch settlers, their architecture and their customs, and have tried to show where the buildings now being constructed incorporate the features of the originals. To get authentic information
on the early Dutch architecture, I combed the
fat volume by Miss Reynolds on the early Dutch houses.
In this volume I selected excerpts from Mr. Roosevelt's
foreword which I thought were particularly interesting.

I also incorporated verbatim certain remarks made by the
President at the dedication of the Rhinebeck postoffice,
remarks which I thought summed up his architectural credo.
I was fortunate in getting many pictures of the buildings
that have been put up in Dutchess county in fieldstone
through Mr. Roosevelt's influence.

I assume that the Times would like to run the article
within the next few weeks, so if you give me this information
within the near future, I certainly would be grateful.
At any rate, I want to thank you for the information
you have already given me. It gave me a very good foundation
on which to start.

Sincerely,

Harlan Althen
Eagle-News
January 10, 1940.

Dear Mr. Althen:

The President has asked me to write you in reply to your letter of December twenty-ninth addressed to the President's Mother.

The origin of the revival of the fieldstone architecture in Dutchess County came from the collaboration of the President with Miss Helen W. Reynolds in preparing material for the book "Early Dutch Houses of the Hudson River Valley".

The first building to carry out the revival was the Val-Kill cottage, east of the Creek Road (Violet Avenue), which was built in 1926. The President drew the original rough plans for the cottage and the detailed plans were drawn by Mr. Henry Toombs who is now the Architect of the Warm Springs Foundation in Georgia. The President personally supervised the building of this cottage and the masonry that went into it.

The next building was the James Roosevelt Memorial Library in Hyde Park, and here again the President sketched the general plan for Mr. Toombs.
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As you know, the President supervised the preparation of the plans for the Poughkeepsie Post Office, the Rhinebeck Post Office and the Wappingers Falls Post Office, and in 1933 the plans for his own new cottage on Dutchess Hill.

In addition to this, the President has been interested in the design of several fieldstone public buildings in Ulster County.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Harlan Althen, Esq.,
The Poughkeepsie Eagle-News,
63 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Dec. 29, 1939

Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt
Hyde Park, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am preparing a feature article for the Sunday magazine section of the New York Times—showing how the President has not only left his imprint upon the social and economic life of his time, but also on the architecture of his native Dutchess county.

I am, of course, referring to his great partiality for Dutch Colonial fieldstone design. Directly through his influence, there are now eight important buildings in Dutchess county built in this style and I presume that in this revival Dutchess county is unique.

In 1937, when he was inspecting a sample panel on the site of the new Poughkeepsie post office, I heard him criticize the granite wall and suggest that it be made of fieldstone in accordance with the style of the James Roosevelt Memorial library in Hyde Park village.

I feel that it is important that I know whether the President had a hand in determining the design of the library, or whether he was so pleased with its appearance that he wishes to have it copied whenever possible in this region.

Mr. Hackett said he believed that the only two people who knew whether the President had a hand in the design of the library were you and the President himself. Consequently I am writing you and I would greatly appreciate it if you could offer any enlightenment to me on this.

Gratefully yours,

Harlan Althen

Harlan Althen
Engle-News
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR AICO LEHAIN:

The President may wish to be reminded that the sappingors Falls Post Office will be ready for dedication during the last week in March.

Mr. Moore, in charge of the construction, informed me in January that the post office will be moved into the new building on Saturday, March 23 (the day before Easter) and that the post office will be open for business in the new building on Monday, March 25. Does the President wish to have me do anything about the exercises of dedication?
April 12, 1940.

Dear Jim:—

I hope the enclosed is along the right line. It should most certainly not be given to the Press but I have no objection to its being shown to members of the County Committee simply as a reason for Jim Benson's election.

As ever yours,

Hon. James Townsend,
Democratic County Committee,
Poughkeepsie,
New York.

P.S. Will you give this to Jim Benson?
April 12, 1940.

My dear Benson:

I hear that there is talk in Dutchess County of your succeeding Jim Townsend as Chairman of the Democratic County Committee and I just wanted you to know personally that, of course, I should be very happy if this were done.

I have always felt, since I first ran for the State Senate in 1910, that our principal task in seeking to elect county officers is to cut down the highly adverse year in and year out Republican vote in certain towns which give a two or three to one Republican majority no matter what the issues or who the candidates may be. These enormous Republican majorities in rural towns are extremely difficult to overcome in Democratic towns or in the two cities of the county. Both Poughkeepsie and Beacon have City Committees and City Chairmen who do, on the whole, a good job of organization work, and both cities are debatable ground in almost every election. Therefore, it has always seemed wise to me that the County Chairman should devote his principle efforts to the Republican strongholds, and I am sure that you could greatly facilitate this.

Very sincerely yours,
Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

I received the list and am going into this matter carefully with Elmer very shortly. I have tried to note all the suggestions made thereto. Thanks very much for the consideration and I hope that between us we may be a bit helpful in this matter.

Have been pretty busy for the last two weeks preparatory to the election of Jim Benson as County Chairman. Our friend in Beacon caused us quite a bit of trouble but at the windup he had so little support that it amounted to nothing. Hope to have the opportunity, the first time you are up, to bring Jim Benson up to meet you.

Hoping this finds you fully recovered from the grippe, I am

Very sincerely yours

James Townsend

April 29, 1940

James A. Benson
COUNTY CHAIRMAN

James Townsend
COUNTY CHAIRMAN
June 3, 1940.

Dear Dr. Poucher:

I am sorry, indeed, that you have to resign as Vice Chairman of the Publication Committee, but I am also glad to approve your suggestion that Mr. Arthur R. Wendell take your place.

I am returning the copy of the formal appointment which I have duly signed.

Always sincerely,

Dr. J. Wilson Poucher,
Poughkeepsie,
New York.

(Enclosure)
Dr. J. Wilson Poucher,
Amrita Club,
Poughkeepsie, New York.

Dear Dr. Poucher:-

As promised at the meeting of the Underwriting Committee for the publication of "Old Dutch Houses", held at the Metropolitan Club, New York City, attended by you, Mr. Charles L. Schenck, Mr. Walter M. Meserole, Mr. John de C. Van Etten, Mr. W. B. Talman and myself, I am sending you a suggested form of letter which you might like to use as a basis of a letter from you to President Roosevelt, Chairman of the Underwriting Committee, but to be altered, adapted or disregarded as you may see fit, for perhaps it will not be in the way you would like to write it.

As I understand the matter, President Roosevelt during his life is the Chairman of the Underwriting Committee, until such is disbanded. Meanwhile he has the sole power of appointing a Vice Chairman as he did in your case some four or five years ago.

Now that you are anxious to give up active responsibility of the Vice Chairmanship, you and the committee suggested that you ask to have me appointed as Vice Chairman, succeeding you, if President Roosevelt approved. So, I am enclosing a form of appointment for such office for such action as the President may wish to take. It follows the same form as the document whereby he appointed you.

It is needless to say that if I am appointed I shall want to consult you freely, as I did when Treasurer of the Society and Miss Bailey's book was in course of preparation.

With kindest regards and hoping that these suggested forms meet your views, and with best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

[Signature]
President.
FORM LETTER

24 May 1940

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear President Roosevelt:

Inasmuch as I am not in a position to continue to act as Vice Chairman of the Underwriting Committee for the publication of "Old Dutch Houses....", due to the necessity of reducing my activities, and further because I believe a new Vice Chairman, preferably nearer New York City, should be appointed, I am writing to ask if you will appoint in my stead, Arthur R. Wendell, at present president of The Holland Society of New York.

He served four years as Treasurer, from 1935 to 1939, and is now entering the second year of the presidency. He is fully acquainted with the details of the work, as practically all of the receipts and disbursements for the second book were handled during his term of office, when I was acting as Vice Chairman.

Apparently all of the difficulties of production have been overcome, but we should make an effort to sell the books still unsold, at as high a price as possible and at the same time not too low, as some of our subscribers might take exception to such. To carry this matter through quickly requires an active Vice Chairman and the members of the committee all near New York so that prompt action can be taken on any matter at any time.

I am sending herewith a form such as was used when you appointed me Vice Chairman. So, if you feel like relieving me of that office and appointing Mr. Wendell or someone else in my stead, I will greatly appreciate it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

J. Wilson Poucher
I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, Syndicate Manager named in the Syndicate Agreement dated the day of January, 1925, under which certain members of The Holland Society of New York have made contributions to meet the expense of preparing and issuing the publication known as "Books of Old Dutch Houses", and also Chairman of the Publication Committee of The Holland Society of New York having charge of that work, do hereby designate ARTHUR R. WENDELL of Summit, N.J. Vice-Chairman of said Publication Committee to act in my stead as Syndicate Manager until such designation shall be revoked by me and said revocation filed with the Secretary of The Holland Society, such action by him to be taken with the consent and approval of a majority of said Publication Committee and not otherwise, and I hereby ratify and approve the action heretofore taken by him in such capacity.

WITNESS my signature this day of 1940.

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Manager
THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE OF THE SYNDICATE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OLD DUTCH HOUSES

Minutes of Meeting held June 20-1940

A meeting of this Committee was called by Mr. Arthur R. Wendall for noon, June 20, at 90 West Street. Present were Messrs. Wendall, Vedder, Messerole and Talman. Several others had served notice of their inability to come, and Messrs. Schenck, Van Horden and Van Etten in particular had expressed their views on the business to come before the meeting.

Mr. Wendall presented an authorisation signed by Syndicate Manager Franklin D. Roosevelt consenting that he take over active charge of the Syndicate with all the powers previously possessed by Dr. J. Wilson Fouche, who voluntarily relinquished control at the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting and a letter from Donald M. Stevenson of William Morrow & Company were read by Secretary Talman. The letter from Mr. Stevenson was in reply to one from Mr. Talman offering, in accordance with the Committee's instructions, "slightly more than $400" for 287 copies of "Old Dutch Houses" which, it was believed at the time, was the total remaining stock owned by William Morrow & Company.

Mr. Stevenson called attention to the fact that there were actually 287 copies of the book extent, of which 177 are owned by the Syndicate, 40 are unnumbered copies, and 40 belong to William Morrow & Company. Mr. Stevenson's letter concluded as follows:

"Accordingly we would like to make the following offer: that we turn over to you now all the stock which, as I said, aggregates about 287 copies; that we accept from you the amount of slightly more than $400 which you say you have at your disposal, and that this sum be considered full payment for 287 copies; that the syndicate retain full possession of the balance of 215 copies. But if and when the syndicate can dispose of the balance of 215 copies they pay William Morrow a figure of $1.50 per copy, which is the same price that is being paid for the 287 copies.

"We are perfectly willing to accept the word of the syndicate. I do not believe that any formal instrument is necessary, even though it may be many years before you can dispose of the stock.

"I sincerely trust that the syndicate can accept these terms. We approach an inventory and accounting period on June 20 and should like to conclude our agreements and cancel the contracts before that date."

Mr. Wendall read the financial position of the syndicate from the accounting sheets, and considerable discussion followed on the subject of acquiring full right and title to all remaining copies by making an immediate offer of less than $1.50 per copy for the 215 copies.
A motion was finally seconded and carried unanimously to accept Mr. Stevenson's offer as it stood, on the grounds that (1) the offer was a generous one and the obligation very distant and nebulous, (2) if we never reached the point of selling the final 215 copies, any money paid in excess of "slightly more than $400" would have been wasted, and (3) a final settlement of less than $1.50 a copy for the remaining 215 copies might be more readily accepted some years in the future than at present.

It was agreed that, after learning of the form in which the books are packed at present, Mr. Wendell will arrange to have them picked up and stored temporarily, perhaps in Rahway, N. J.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilfred B. Talman
Secretary.
Honorable William D. Hassett  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hassett:

I am enclosing herewith some information which the President requested me to get for him. It is in rather a crude form but I think perhaps understandable.

There is apparently only one way in which the desired result can be obtained under the law.

Thanking you in advance for calling the President's attention to this matter, I am

Sincerely yours

James Townsend

June 25, 1940

JT:WS
Encl.
As I interpret this law there are two ways that the matter in which you are interested could be handled to bring about the desired result.

#1. Fail to designate any candidate for Congress and run a write-in campaign for the desired candidate. This I think would be unwise inasmuch as I think Doc Bowen is going to file petitions in both Democrat and Republican primaries and in this case if we fail to designate a candidate his name would appear alone on the ballot and he might gather enough votes to defeat your write-in campaign.

#2. Select a candidate you wish to run for any other office except Congressman, preferably Member of Assembly, who, for practical reasons, we shall designate as Mr. A, and proceed as follows:

Designate Mr. A for Member of Congress and leave the office of Assembly open by making no designation. Assume that Mr. A is officially nominated at the primary election for Member of Congress.

Mr. B has conducted a write-in campaign and obtained official nomination for Member of Assembly. Mr. B who has received the nomination without designation is permitted to decline the nomination in accordance with the time and place as provided in the Election Law.

Mr. A can only decline for the purpose to be thereafter nominated for another office by such party, therefore, Mr. A can decline the Congressional nomination to accept the nomination for Assembly where the vacancy occurred. This leaves a vacancy for Member of Congress to be filled by the designating committee to fill vacancies.

October 1st is the last day Mr. B can decline the nomination.

October 4th is the last day on which Mr. A can decline.

October 8th is the last day for filing new nominations to fill vacancies.
Section 136 of the New York State Election Laws regarding declination of designation or nomination is as follows:

"A person designated as a candidate for nomination or for party position, or nominated for an office otherwise than at a primary election, may, in a certificate signed and acknowledged by him, and filed as provided in this article, decline the designation or nomination, or, if nominated by more than one party or independent body, may decline the nomination as a candidate of a specified party or independent body. The officer or board to whom or which such notification is given forthwith shall inform by mail or otherwise the committee authorized to fill the vacancy, that the designation or nomination has been declined, and if such declination be filed with the secretary of state, such officer also shall give immediate notice by mail or otherwise that such designation or nomination has been declined, to the several boards of elections which prepare the official ballots for election districts affected by such declination. When a person who was not designated for nomination at a primary election receives a nomination for public office at such primary election the officer or board with whom or which a designating petition for such an office is required to be filled forthwith shall notify, by mail, such person of his nomination. A person nominated as aforesaid, without designation, at a primary election, may decline such nomination not later than the fifth Tuesday preceding the general election for which he was nominated, and the vacancy may be filled not later than the fourth Tuesday preceding such election. A person whose name is printed on the primary ballot of a party, as a candidate for nomination by it to public office, and who is nominated therefor at the primary election, may decline such nomination, if such person is thereafter nominated for another office by such party, or any such person thereafter nominated to fill a vacancy caused by such nomination by such party may decline the nomination made at the primary election not later than the third day after the fifth Tuesday before the general election, but such a declination shall not be effective if such nomination by such party is duly declined, or if the person nominated to fill such vacancy duly declines the nomination to fill the vacancy."
June 28, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Ver Nooy:—

Just before your letter came I had one from Helen and replied as per enclosed. It will be grand if you and Helen and Allen Frost will send out the circulars, receive the subscriptions and checks and send out the books as ordered.

Incidentally, I can never be grateful enough to you for making this volume possible.

Yes, I think the Lansing-Broas Company should have one of the regular 150 bound volumes.

I hope to see you at Hyde Park very soon.

Always sincerely,

Mrs. Amy Pearce Ver Nooy,
Assistant Secretary,
Dutchess County Historical Society,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On Monday I sent you by parcel post the first copy of "Records of Grum Elbow Precinct," and mailed at the same time two copies to the Library of Congress for copyright.

The J.B. Lyon Company has delivered the bound volumes to Vassar Institute. I asked Mr. Frost, the curator, to let me have the bill for express but he tells me he has already sent it to you.

I am enclosing the bill from the Lansing-Broes Printing Company, $500.00, and the bill from the J.B. Lyon Company for binding, $120.00. The Lansing-Broes company printed several extra copies of the book in order to have 150 perfect copies when bound. I asked the Lyon company to send us whatever unbound copies they might have left over and today we have received ten extra copies, folded and stitched but not bound.

Would you be willing to authorize Miss Reynolds and me to send out a circular to libraries and individuals announcing the publication of the book? I am enclosing a draft of a circular such as has been sent out by the Dutchess County Historical Society for its other collections. And I have a list of libraries,
Dutchess County Historical Society

President
W. Willis Reese
New Hamburg, N.Y.
Vice-President at Large
James F. Baldwin, Ph. D.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Secretary
J. Wilson Poucher, M. D.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Assistant Secretary
Amy Pearse Ver Nooy
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Treasurer
Katherine B. Waterman
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Curator
Allan Frost
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

ume I, pages 181-184. "AN ACT to
divide this province and dependences
into shires and Counties," Passed No-
vember 1, 1688: "The Dutchess's
County to be from the bounds of the
County of Westchester, on the South
side of the High-lands, along the East
side of Hudson River as far as to Roelof
Jansen's Crooke, & East-ward into the
woods twenty miles."

historical societies and individuals who have pur-
chased former publications of the society and to whom
the circular could be sent now early in the summer.
About September 1 the notices about the annual Pil-
grimage will be sent to the members of the society
and a copy of the circular could be enclosed, thus
saving postage.

Dr. Poucher's eyes are in such bad con-
dition that he is unable to take charge of orders
for the book. Would you like me to receive the
orders and bank the payments and periodically report
to you on the same? Perhaps an arrangement could
be made with Mr. Frost to wrap and ship the purchased
copies. He has done this for us on other occasions.
For the mailing of ordered copies an item of expense
will be cartons, although the cost of the cartons
will come back in the payments made by the purchasers.

I am sorry to send such a long letter, but
shall be very glad to know your wishes at your con-
venience, on all these points.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. The Lansing-Broos Company have asked for a bound
copy of the book. Don't you think it would be better to
give them a copy from your 150 bound volumes, rather than
to have one of the ten extra copies (which they have given
us) specially bound? I think they should have for their
file a copy of the uniform edition.
This book, Volume VII of the Collections of the Dutchess County Historical Society, is now ready for distribution in a limited edition, bound in cloth, 196 pages, completely indexed, price: $10.00 per copy, plus 25¢ for carton and postage.

For all who are interested in Dutchess County, New York, the Records of Crum Elbow Precinct provides a large amount of information, hitherto unpublished and not available, about the north-central portion of the county. The territory covered by the book is now laid out in the towns of Amenia, Washington, Stanford, Clinton, Pleasant Valley and Hyde Park, and the book contains a complete index to names of persons, natural features, mills, bridges, roads, etc. The items range in date from 1738 to 1799.

Orders for this book will be received by Mrs. Amy Ver Nooy, Assistant Secretary of the Dutchess County Historical Society. Please order promptly as the edition is limited.

To Mrs. Amy Ver Nooy
Adriance Memorial Library
Poughkeepsie, New York

"Enclosed please find $ ........ for which please send .... cop.... of "Records of Crum Elbow Precinct," Volume VII, Collections of the Dutchess County Historical Society.

Name ..................................................
Street and Number ..................................
Post Office ..........................................

*Please make check payable to Amy Ver Nooy.
PROCUREMENT DIVISION
DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

To

Date

Public Buildings Branch

Mr. Reynolds
Mr. Barton
Mr. Witman
Mr. Trott
Mr. Dunning
Mr. Simon
Mr. Molick
Mr. Schaefer
Mr. Hunter
Miss Chamberlin
Mr. ______
Mr. Sawyer
Mr. Bruce
Mr. Rowan

Legal Section

Mr. Head

Branch of Supply

Mr. Collins
Mr. Rehlaiser
Mr. ______

Remarks: The attached papers were forwarded in the
president to Special Projects
during construction of the
building at Providence.

With best regards,

Sec. to Chair. Rehlaiser

C.J.P.
SPECIFICATION

BERKMAN HOUSE,

RHINEBECK, NEW YORK

for

ROBERT B. SUCKLEY, ESQ.

Rhinebeck, N. Y.

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H. P. ALAN MONTGOMERY,
ARCHITECT,
59 Pearl Street, New York.
SPECIFICATION

BEELMAN HOUSE.

LOCATION: The site of the building is on the East side of the Rhinebeck-Rhinecliff road approximately 1/2 mile from Rhinecliff, N. Y., and known generally as the Beelman House.

INTENTION: It is the intention to preserve as many and as much of the present walls as is consistent with good construction. Whatever stones are removed from walls must be replaced and carefully reset.

The detail throughout will be as imitative as possible of the former building.

CONCRETE FOOTING WORK.

WORK INTENDED: Place under chimneys and wherever damaged concrete footings 8" thick and projecting 6". Concrete to be mixed in proportion 1:2 1/2:5.

RUBBLE STONE WORK.

Build up present walls to height shown using present stone in ruins.

Bed stone in Portland cement mortar.

Point with wide flat joints - white.
BRICK WORK.

KIND  Sound, hard well-burned red brick
BOND  Stretcher bond  Headers every sixth course.
JOINTS  Joints to be 1/2"
FLUES  Construct chimneys and flues as shown.
T.C. FLUE LININGS  Line flues with T. C. flue linings.

BLUESTONE.

Capes for chimneys.  All sills for doorways and windows.

CONCRETE FILL  Lay 4" concrete throughout basement.

PLASTERING.

WORK TO BE DONE:  Plaster all ceilings and walls above 1st floor.
                   Plaster cellar ceiling
KIND  Plastering to be two coat work
LATHING:  Lathing to be spruce or hemlock.

CARPENTER WORK.

BEAMS  Generally 2 x 10" 16" O.C. spruce
RAFTERS  To be  2 x 6" 20""
PLATE  To be  4 x 6"
PARTITIONS  To be of 2 x 4" stuff
FLOORING  Lay rough floor on 1st & 2d floors of 7/8"x8" hemlock
JOINER & MILLWORK, EXTERIOR.

GENERAL
All window frames #1 white pine clear D.H.
Mouldings, facias, etc. Cypress

SHINGLES
Cypress 4 1/2" to weather.

SASH
Clear white pine

WEIGHTS, &c.
Cast iron or lead

CORD
Linen cord.

INTERIOR FINISH.

KIND: $1 Barn white pine or basswood for painting

DOORS
Stock, except where indicated otherwise.

TRIM
To be 5" with back mould

BASE
3" high. 4" in closets

STAIRS
Worm stairs N. C. pine. Balusters 7/8" x 2 1/4"
three to a tread; hand rail of cherry;
newels 6" x 6" boxed and paneled.

PAPER
Cover all rough floors with one layer of Florian

FINISHED FLOORS:
Finished floors throughout to be of comb-grained
Y. P. 7/8" x 2 1/2" T. & G.

SADDLES:
Furnish saddles to all rooms

DRESSER:
Furnish dressers as indicated.

GLAZING

KIND:
All glazing to be D. S. glass.

HARDWARE.

ALLOWANCE:
Allow $75.00 for finished hardware.
PAINTING.

SHINGLES
Shingles to be left to weather.

EXTERIOR:
All exterior wood, iron and metal work to be painted three coats lead and oil paint.

INTERIOR:
All woodwork except floors, to be painted 3 coats lead and oil paint.

ELECTRICAL WORK.
None to be figured on in this specification.

PLUMBING WORK.

WORK TO BE DONE:
Connect present line and run to sinks indicated. Also to bathrooms where indicated. Carry hot water system to all taps from kitchen range water back.

Supply and set 40 gallon galvanized iron vertical boiler and locate as indicated.

Supply and set 2 porcelain iron sinks.

SHEET METAL WORK.

FLASHINGS:
Flash about all pipes through roofs.

Flash all chimneys, and intersections of vertical and horizontal surfaces.

LEADERS:
To be of 2 & 3" round where shown.

GUTTERS:
To be hung or boxed as indicated.

SHED:
All metal work to be of #24 lead coated iron.

GAS:
No provision for gas.

HEATING.
Not to be figured on in this specification.
October 14, 1943.

Dear Elmer:-

I want to chip in a bit to help your campaign and can give a little more to the Town this year, as there is no County ticket. Let me know to whom I should send a check because I do not want to wait until I get back, just before Election.

I hope all goes well.

Always sincerely,

S/ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Hon. Elmer Van Wagner,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County,
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR
HON. ELMER VAN WAGNER

I am enclosing herewith my usual contribution and I have sent a like amount directly to Tom Killmer.

F. D. R.
Dutchess County
Supervisors' Chambers
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

ELMER VAN WAGNER
Supervisor
TOWN OF HYDE PARK
HYDE PARK, N. Y.

Oct. 22

Dear President,

Your letter received. And certainly appreciate your suggestion and thoughtful work in our campaign. This opposition is putting increased effort into to defeat me. I am handling the finances looking forward to seeing you on election day.

Yours truly,

Elmer Van Wagner.
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Was Ham Fish a "Nazi" When He Went to Berlin?

Took Side of Germany Against Poland

A big question looming up in the coming campaign in this district will be this: Was Fish, or was he not, a "Nazi", or was he, or was he not, only a "Nazi" sympathizer? That, when he went out to Berlin, Germany, last year, on his way to and from Norway. Public opinion will be probably different, but we submit with regard to both sides of the question the information received, and let the public judge for themselves.

UNITED PRESS DISPATCH TO AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, "NAZI CLAIMS JUST"

Fish, Berlin—Aug. 21—(U.P.)—U. S. Representative Hamilton Fish said today that he believes Germany's claims are "just." Editorial in New York World Telegram, August 22, 1939.

"BRING HAM HOME"

Someone ought to start a campaign to bring the Hon. Ham Fish home from Europe, and we stand ready to contribute any amount up to 25 cents to that worthy cause.

In calmer times we wouldn't be so worried about Mr. Fish. Indeed we usually don't care where he is. We just accept him as a phenomenon of nature, like dust storms or the bull wheat, although we do occasionally wonder why the Republicans of the 26th New York District keep electing him to Congress. Even when he persuaded his fellow Republicans to choose him chairman of the Congressional delegation to the Interparliamentary Union at Oslo, we saw no occasion for real concern. Someone was going to get that free trip to Norway, and it might as well be Ham Fish.

What we didn't foresee was that a few people in Europe would listen to Mr. Fish with an appearance of polite attention. That was an experience he had not enjoyed in America, and the consequences have been unfortunate.

For the last month he has been bubbling along over the unhappy Continent, growing daily more excited, voicing his opinions as to the immense war, ever more persistently calling on somebody to do something quick. The Oslo conference received his suggestions coldly, but that didn't discourage Mr. Fish. Last week he appeared in Berlin, sent word to the American correspondents that he had an important statement to the American press and informed them that Germany's claims are "just," that he favors liquidating Versailles Treaty in the East, and that he still thinks all can be settled by arbitration if Hitler is given Danzig, the Polish Corridor and everything else of which he wants.

Mr. Fish also said he was trying to arrange for transportation out of Germany. His evacuation, from Germany and from Europe, should by all means be started. Even if nothing else blows up over there, we're afraid Ham Fish will, he ought to be rushed home, where we understand him, even if we don't appreciate him.

That's the "Sympathizers" side of the story.

Now for the other side:

Under date of June 19, 1939, Fish received a letter from ex-Congressman, Hon. Carl G. Bachman, urging Fish to stand for the Republican nomination for President of the United States. On July 1, 1939, Fish replied to Bachman, stating that he, Fish, would defer any decision on time after his return from the Interparliamentary Conference at Oslo, Norway, August 12-19, 1939.

Now comes a story told by the writer of an active agnostic, member of the "Fifth Column," Bund group of New York, which we state without questioning in the least degree, Fish's Americanism. "No do we vouch for the accuracy of the story. "We want to be entirely fair to Mr. Fish. According to that story, "Mr. Fish was invited and did attend a meeting of the "Fifth Column" group, in Carnegie Hall, New York, masquerading under the name of "The American Patriots" on or about the time of the Bachman correspondence.

That speech of Mr. Fish, convinced the "Fifth Column" Nazi that Mr. Fish, was a "100 per cent Nazi," according to the story told the writer, and he was looked upon by them as one of their two pairs Saintes American, General Menzler, being the other. And the "Fifth Column" member further stated that they controlled six million of the seven million German-American votes in this country, which they could have cast for Mr. Fish for President of the United States.

Questioned by the writer as to their objectives, the "Fifth Column" member said, they intended to obtain control of our government at the next national election, peacefully at the polls. If they could, or forcibly if they must. That done, they would have their two hated enemies, the Jews and the Catholics, and their unemployment problem, by the use of true and efficient dictatorship over the people, prevail under "Nazi" domination in Germany. The writer was further advised to watch the reception that Meirgan, Fish, and Washington, and be subject to ridicule, as shown in the editorial of the New York World Telegram, at the forefront of this article.
Editorials:

Sound, sound, the clarion, fill the skie; To all the sensual world proclime, That crowed and courious life Is worth an age without a name. Sir, Walter Scott.

With this, the first issue of the Mid Hudson Clarion, we are solicited to the Hudson Valley Journalism, in a most modest manner.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow." Perhaps the "little acorns" of this column may come, in time, the political regeneration of the 104th, New York Congressional District. Ed. E.

Personal character attacks will never be printed in its columns. When any man is attacked, it will come to a symbol of what he stands for, not the man referred to therein.

Its watchword will be action, not talk afterthoughts.

Edward J. "Doc" Bowen, Editor in Chief.

A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

FISH-PUFFEEKEEPES—BOWEN-Commoner

Impending in this congressional district is a fight for election to Congress this coming fall, that in a modest way, may recall the battle for Congress of 1892 when W. E. Miller, a retired railroad freight agent came here to do what he could to help send in his old friend to Congress, and will remain here until after election. In that action there is an expression of real Americanism, such as we all should have deep down in our hearts. That old friend differs radically from his buddy in basic political party allegiance, but he knows what his friend stands for, and knows that he emerges his partnership for the good of the district and his country. That is an unskilled for tribute paid the writer, in its complete patriotism, that the writer is more grateful for than any tribute paid him in the past. He will not disappoint that old buddy, who came here to help him. He could not do that, if he wanted to do so.

DOC BOWEN'S SEARCHLIGHT

Fuggekeepes can never prove grateful enough to Mr. A. N. Vincent, police, Mr. Troy, who has so splendidly sold the Fuggekeepes Boat Races to the nation. Wherever college men or sport lovers gather next month, the name of the Queen City of the Hudson, will be on every tongue, for it will be here that the glad-dators of skull and oars, selected as the browns, skill an courage of the college men of the nation, from the Antelope to the Pacific, will contest in speed and endurance on the water. All honor to "Peter Troy." We fondly express the hope that his retirement from this executive direction of the races, will be far remote. Fuggekeepes cannot but view his retirement, this time, as little short of a public calamity.

Speaking of public spirited men, this time in a business way we rode over to Carmel, the other day, with Norman Pen- ton, founder of the Penton Oil Supply Co., Fuggekeepes. On that trip we were confronted with visible evidence, in action, of what constitutes a "live wire" in business. Penton, the embodiment of agility, and constructive force, was on the job every moment. In and out of offices and places of business, with his never failing spirit and friendly greeting, and always out to do a person a good turn. He is there with all it takes to succeed. The writer has seen Penton's grow from one small room, to the entire lower front of the Chamber of Commerce Building, and that was, a short period of years, Penton will be among the leaders of Fuggekeepes. Hit the line "Normal," and King Yards."

From Captain, Stephen Bock, of Bat- tlement Artillery, New York National Guard, this meeting place news. The boys in Battery B, will shortly be transferred to the direction of Provost Marshal Charles Dickinson, of the battery, he has on his staff in competitive examination for admission as an artillery student at the West Point Military Academy. He enters as such on July 1st. next. Winning his admission there is a distinction of which Fuggekeepes may justly feel proud. Only 8 are appointed each year, from the entire Na- tional Guard, of the State. All others being congressional appointees, in this state. That proves very clearly that a political pull, is not necessary for admission to West Point. Every young man who joins the National Guard, is on an equal chance with the favored ones. All he needs is his ambition, and inherent stuff, which if developed, qualifies him for a military career. The moral of this, is young men with such aspirations, join the National Guard.

While on the subject of young men, we know of no finer example of splendid young manhood, than A. A. Schoonmaker, the undertaker at 72 South Hamilton St., Fuggekeepes. Succeeding a worthy father, who was one of Fuggekeepes' most respected, leading citizens, the present Mr. Schoonmaker, head of the undertaking business, for whom the late bears his name, is in every way, a worthy successor to his late, respected father, and has justly earned a niche in foremost Fuggekeepes, social and business circles, as a most competent and agreeable personality.

Captain, Car. B. Van Slyke, that grand old former Hudson River boat captain, so malac- tostodly appreciated at the Fuggekeepes YCTM C. A. is wearing a happy smile these days, in our journey into the wedding of one of his twin grandchildren, Alton C. Van Slyke, of Beacon, who will marry on own the 24th, at the Reformed Church, Miss Betty Knight, also of Bea- con. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Mr. Fritz, of that church. The young, soon to be bridegroom, is the son of Arthur Van Slyke, and one hears a popular fare collector on the Newburgh- and-albany line. Another Fuggekeepes Boy Makes Good Late last December, while serving as president of the National Horseshoe League, at Albany, the writer was invited to a big "wel- come out" of the Albany wholesale distributors of the United States, of commercial phonograph instruments, the Nookola Manufacturing Corp., whose Central New York State distributors, are none other than the Fuggekeepes. A gala night, greeted the writer, in magnificent phonograph musical instrument concert, that brought in as much as $500, and more, in a very large-whole sale merchant's backbone at the Broadway, Albany.

Still another example of a young friend who has forged ahead, even during these trying times. "Tom Espie" only five years ago, was simply an attendant at the Shell Gasoline Station, at Mill Ave., next to the Reformed Church, in Fuggekeepes. Today he is in charge, and operator of the big Gulf, Gulf line, repair and tire station diagonally oppo-site, on the E. E. Corr., of Mill and New Market Sts. How he accomplished the big jump, the writer does not know, and "Tom Espie" is too modest to say about it. He certainly did not have the capital to do it. But the writer suspects it was because of his unexcelled kindness and cross and pleasant and agreeable at all times, to everyone. Tom a break when you want your car made good, not repaired, or when you want oil, gasoline, tires, or any other necessary. He has earned and fully deserves your patronage.

Do not wish to forget our good friend "Bill Moehring" in our journey into his well chosen journalistic field. Bill, the well rounded combination of a Dean Smith, with his attitude, and the Reformed Church grace, and "Earl of Clatterfield," with his pencil. "Little paper," "Bowen's Blast." Bill said some- thing that, so we called it the "Clarion" which he said, would enable us to "blast" the things we hate. Rather, YOUR RIGHT—THAT'S WRONG. But also greatly underestimate. We do get a lot of fun and Tom is going to "Congress.""You're wrong there. I confess it, but I am not going to run out of the struggle. You underestimated that. When we can look about us and see all the than Al Schlesinger, and we apologize to the writer, in its complete patriotism, that the writer is more grateful for than any tribute paid him in the past. He will not disappoint that old buddy, who came here to help him. He could not do that, if he wanted to do so.

"Bill Moehring," "Corner," "Bill Will say in his column in the Sunday Courier, "I may never go to Congress," but we have a lot of fun" and "You're Right—that's Wrong."
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DOE BOWEN CURBS NEWSPAPER
MONOPOLY IN ALBANY

For more than 15 years, small business
men and women in Albany, making a liv-
ing from the sale of newspapers, including
boys, men, and widows, were in the
clutches of a very vicious local monopoly.
The widows, blind men, and the helpless
were the worst sufferers. They could not
continue to make the sale of newspapers and
magazines like the druggists who could
continue the sale of the same, and did so,
when imposed upon through such. So
something had to be done. The move
purposed against the helpless cases, was
plainly a violation of the laws against
oppression, but no one there seemed to
have the courage or the initiative to act
in the matter, so Doe Bowen stepped into
the picture.

The practices Bowen had to destroy
were, the greatly reduced wholesale price
on two of the best selling New York Daily
and Sunday newspapers, who closed their
eyes to the imposition, and the worse
practice of making the helpless news
dealers take and pay for far more of those
tales than they could sell. In some
cases amounting to 100 per cent.-more,
so that a newspaper selling a paper at
only 1/4, of a cent profit, had to lose 2 1/4
cents on each paper he sold to make up
for the ones he could not sell. That was
enforced upon them under a threat to take
away Doe Bowen during the sale of all their other
newspapers and magazines, thus forcing
them out of business.

In only seven weeks time, Bowen told
them what they had to do for fifteen years
and failed in doing. He organized them
into a strong organization of 155 mem-
bers, and then filed a complaint against
the local distributor and the New York
newspapers, with the Department of
Justice, at Washington. That did the work.
In one week time, the situation cleared up,
and Bowen brought back with him an ap-
peal, signed by 60 of the leading news-
dealers of Albany, asking all the news-
dealers of this congressional district, re-
gardless of politics to get back of Bowen’s
election to Congress, from this district, at
the coming fall election, which most of
them gladly do.
TAXATION THE AMERICAN PROBLEM

By J. Otis Benton

President of the Poughkeepsie Business and Professional Men's Association, and a Member of the Board of the Federation of Dutchess County Taxpayers and Civic Associations.

Taxpayers Beware

The campaigns are with us again, and this year with many nations in the midst of a death struggle, with the attention of the American people focused on world events, we become more vulnerable than ever before of being "hoaxed" by politicians.

Now is the time when all voters should stop, listen and analyze lest we be swayed by political aspirants totally unqualified for the jobs they are seeking.

It is necessary now, more than ever for the voter to join with the taxpayers associations and press their demands that wasteful spending be stopped, that non-essential services be abolished, that unnecessary jobs be eliminated, and that every possible effort be made to give taxpayers an honest dollar's worth of services for every dollar they pay in taxes.

The taxpayers are a rising power and they will dominate the policies of the nation, state and city, as they continue to organize. It is not enough to secure experienced men of affairs to represent us, an essential qualification must be that they are economy minded.

Mandatory spending laws should be repealed, free local governments and taxpayers from the arbitrary dictation of these "taxatiors" laws, and thereby pave the way toward the relief for home owners.

After all, this new tax is not so much levied upon to spend other billions for National Defense, there being no new tax is inevitable, but if we elect to public office men who will pledge themselves to work for economy in local, state and national government, we will go a long way toward solving our taxation problems.

Remember the only way to reduce taxes is to spend less money.

J. Otis Benton.
KEEP COOL!

LET'S STAY OUT OF THE WAR!

This is a Time for Clear Thinking! Don't Get Hysterical! Supply the Allies with all the Arms and Ammunition we can spare. Premier Renaud of France says we don't need Man-power, but Horsepower.

PUT OUR IDLE BACK TO WORK;
THAT'S OUR BIG PROBLEM.

Down in Washington, they have in Congress a special conference of Congressmen known as the EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE OF HOUSE MEMBERS, which consists of some seventy members of the House of Representatives, Nonpartisan composition, Republicans, Democrats, over 290.

The purpose is to organize the House to find a solution of that most vital problem, and have before them the BOWEN BILL, which provides, among other things, a plan for the industry as well as for the small, idle plants and show the new concerns, how to market the goods successfully. That is not to do it under the Bowen Plan, of Direct selling alone, but to sell it as possible, by wholesale, retail or under the Bowen Plan, which has proven highly successful in many other lines of industry, paying the highest wages paid in any industries.

The Bowen bill appears to be the only bill before the federal government, which does not dip down into the taxpayers pockets, or further run the government in debt, to relieve unemployment, and would help bring about balancing the national budget.

The Bowen Bill has been hailed as a full cooperation with the federal government, such as Manchester, in bringing the problem of unemployment and more employment. There is a desire for balanced full employment, and it is provided for in the Bowen Plan, which will provide both.

What Bowen plans to do is the same thing done in all other cities and towns, like the cities of Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, Middletown, and Port Jervis, where are here many idle plants and people who relief rolls, which make a very great burden for the taxpayers because here in Poughkeepsie one of the first plants to be recognized will be the parachute plant, on Mansion St., which only needs $10,000 additional capital to resume operations.

POUGHKEEPSIE BOAT RACES, SEVERAL CREWS EVENLY MATCHED

All indications point to huge crowds of visitors and to witness the Poughkeepsie races here next Tuesday June 18th.

Daylight saving time according to Commodore Peter H. Rourke, chairman of the arrangements committee, reporter of the Mid-Hudson Clarion, has been in conversation with some of the officials of the races.

The crew is a very evenly matched to the one of the races, and we have had so many outstanding critics and outsiders participating in the Varsity race, which is thought of as a great event.

Call some of those former officials from New York, Washington, California, Cornell, Navy, and Syracuse.

The day will be a part holiday, with many stores being open.

The (late afternoon) bicycle and employeesample time to secure
WE PASS UP FISH

In this and succeeding editions, we are going to devote our time and thought to advancing constructive measures for the solution of our most pressing problem, the relief of unemployment.

We do not enjoy trying to pull anyone down from a high position, but when there is a decaying apple in a barrel of apples, you discard it, even though it may be at the top of the barrel, or the largest and best of all the apples. Otherwise the rest of the apples will be spoiled. We feel that, in the 26th Congressional district, there is such a barrel of apples, and that certain events in the past few years, with regard to Congressman Fish, have soured our little nest, not in any sense of venom or malicefulness, but as a duty.

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We confess we do not understand Mr. Fish. We feel he is beyond understanding. Just now in Congress he appears to be raving against the sale of our long since discarded arms. A large number of arms, which are out of date, but which might help save the Allies to put up a measure of defense against the onrush of the Germans, should they get in Paris, or better, let us hear that this country is prepared.

What else can we say? We could write a good, strong article about the above recent action of his, but why waste valuable time and thought on an editorial, which might be devoted to a far better purpose? Perhaps the Allies will lose the war and Nazi Germany will win. No wonder that every American, public-spirited, senses the situation, openly expresses his opinion of Mr. Fish. His editorially written judgments are so well written that they are to be admired and respected.

A Striking Example In Non-Partisanship

One of the best examples of the Republicans, in the ranks of the Republican newspapermen, is the growing sentiment within that party to nominate Wendell L. Wilkie, and independent Indiana Democrat, for President of the United States, on the Republican National ticket.

The Republicans who advocate this are, in every sense, real Republicans, and they are breaking away from the old political party habitations, in the good of the country. The Democrats of Newburgh, did that same splendid thing when they supported Warden, an independent, for Mayor of that city, last Fall, election, and helped to defeat one of the notorious Tweed's, of that city, the Republican Boss, by a vote of almost two to one.

We recognized in Wendell L. Wilkie, a most remarkable constructive figure, when we made him honorary member No. 1, of our National Recovery League, because of the wonderful work Wilkie did in relieving unemployment in the Southwest. We even recognized him above ourselves, in that recognition, we took the position of No. 2, as the executive of our national organization. However, we have foreseen party politics, and this must not be taken as any indication, that we will support Mr. Wilkie, if he gets the nomination. We are going to confess our efforts to getting elected to Congress, "Dammed Up and Unafraid."

Those of us who have been fortunate enough to live, or spend some time in the greater part of the west and southwest, have always come back East with an intense admiration for the broadness and libery of those splendid liberty loving people.

With them you do not have to line descend ent to one who came over in the Mayflower, having been there, you are, and are rarely ever fooled. They have vision, and a canny, intuitive sense, and so when they come to live among us, we are, or become, or become, in the same impression of him. Quietly, unassuming, the quietly goes his way, gathering the news, with rare skill and acumen, at all times. We count ourselves among the best of our friends, and feel more than grateful for the many favors, and assistance that he has rendered us in the past.

Speaking of newspapermen, we want to mention another and a different type, the Poughkeepsie Eagle News. We have long known him, and worked, with him, the corners of our eyes, deeply, in his expression, which is a, and an expression, which is, and a, and an expression, which we expect to see, and which we expect to see, and which we expect to see.

There are two other of our close acquaintances, of many years, who have climbed the ladder of business, success, and have been elected to as number of highly-paid positions, leading to the prosperity of our city. We refer to J. Vanek, and J. Tropman, the owners of the Ckvy Auto Works, at 1745 Main St., city. We have watched the concern grow from a small concern, in an old building on upper Main St., only to marvel at the difference now, in a new, modern building, well-equipped to do all kinds of repair, cleaning, and painting work on new or old automobiles. If you should ever want any work done in the line, please give them a call, and tell them, you are, or become, or become, in the same impression of him. Quietly, unassuming, the quietly goes his way, gathering the news, with rare skill and acumen, at all times.

We could write a good, strong article about the above recent action of his, but why waste valuable time and thought on an editorial, which might be devoted to a far better purpose? Perhaps the Allies will lose the war and Nazi Germany will win. No wonder that every American, public-spirited, senses the situation, openly expresses his opinion of Mr. Fish. His editorially written judgments are so well written that they are to be admired and respected.

We know he would not like our mentioning him in this, but we think he good enough to have his name spoken of, and that's such a man as C. B. Hastings, the head of the Poughkeepsie Buick Co., who does not talk much, but that he should do more for the Poughkeepsie News. We recall with much pleasure, that on an earlier day, in Poughkeepsie, when we were gathering up for forward our paper, we found a more receptive listener than John Marlowe, and those days, we were the head of the Eastman Business College, on Mill Street, and we would, ourselves, other
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The sale of that book is to finance his campaign for Congress. You may want to help that along. Order your copy today.

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High School Graduates
The Mid-Hudson Clarion invites suggestions from its readers as to how employment may be found for those upon their graduation. They include some of our big problems, how to supply those graduating from schools and colleges with suitable employment. Will our readers submit their ideas on the subject? All who send in answers to that problem, acceptable to the Clarion, will see same printed in its columns and get copies of the paper free.

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"ON GUARD AMERICA"

By John E. DeLane

Dutchess County's Outstanding Foe of Communism, Nazism, Fascism, and other subversive movements.

America is at last finding itself in its active aggressive measures now being taken against all "Fifth Column" activities, with their putrid doctrines of destruction of Democracy. Coming to us at a place where they could live better, and enjoy freedom, they yet try to destroy us, to inflict upon us that despicable form of government they came over here to escape from.

All honor to President Roosevelt, for the firm stand he took in his speech denouncing such at Charlottesville, Virginia, the other night.

We read where Martin Dies, has been continually right on the matter of the "Fifth Column," and who says the Southwest is alarmed over the infiltration of Reds, many of them Spanish, refugees, once from Spain, and now from Mexico, I wonder where the Professors are now, perhaps some of them could tell us how the Fifth Column originated in this country.

And don't forget this bit of advice young men, who are about to take to yourself a June bride, the greatest water power is a woman's tears.

(From the Statesman and Nation.)

A prominent man was asked why he was not at the front, trying to save civilization. I am part of the civilization they are trying to save, replied he.

There is only one kind of American today, and he is the fellow without any totalitarian entanglements.

By John E. DeLane.
BRITISH WILL WIN WITH SEA POWER!

FAILURE OF HITLER TO FORCE SURRENDER OF, OR DESTROY ALLIED FORCES IN FLANDERS, SURE SIGN OF FINAL HITLER DEFEAT.

WHY HITLER WILL LOSE WAR; SEA POWER IS ALL SUPREME IN WARFARE

Only a little common sense, and optimism is needed to convince any sound-thinking person, that Hitler’s final defeat in the war in Europe, is not far off. With all his superiority in the air, and his mechanized forces on land; with a force three times greater than the trapped Allies in Flanders, he could not make good his repeated bluffs to force surrender of the Allied army trapped there, or would destroy them.

Now get these facts clear and judge for yourselves. 375,000 of the Allied forces were completely trapped and surrounded by a million Germans. With mastery of the air, and mastery on land, with highly mechanized forces, and the entire left flank of the Allied army left wide open with the desertion of the Belgians, and yet Hitler’s army could not march through that gap and surround the Allied forces left exposed to capture or destroy them, as he had repeatedly threatened he would do.

90 per cent of those trapped Allies got back into England, in safety, even in motor-launches, ferries, barges and all kinds of frail craft. Where was Hitler’s boasted power there? 335,000 out of 375,000 got back to England safely.

That was the most colossal failure in history, on the part of Hitler to make good his bluffs, to capture or destroy that trapped army of the Allies.

What is the answer to that? The answer is the control of the seas over there by the British Navy. The British Navy was anchored out in the Harbor, pouring shot and shell into the open, exposed left flank, where the Germans were trying to breakthrough, and the Germans never advanced one single mile.

That Navy is what will defeat Hitler’s forces and by the use of the blockade to starve them out, like a lot of hungry rats. They can give brutality, but they can’t take it. They squeal like a lot of piglets, when this is handed to them. Watch and see.

JUDGE SPRATT URGED TO RUN FOR ASSEMBLY AGAINST FITE

The Clarion is reliably informed that a strong movement is rapidly gaining headway among the Democrats of Dutchess to induce Ex-Mayor Hon. George V. L. Spratt, to run on the Democratic ticket for member of the Assembly, against Representative Fite, at the coming Fall election.

According to the story told to the Clarion reporter, coming from a most reliable Democratic source, the plan is for the Democrats to endorse for Congress, the “Fighter”, “Doc. Bowen”, to attract the independent vote, and blaze the way, in his fight against Hamilton Fish, for Congress.

It is certain there could be no more popular Democratic candidate for the Assembly, than Judge Spratt, who is a warm personal friend of “Doc Bowen”, and whom Bowen has strongly supported for Mayor, at each election, that Spratt was a candidate.
THE WAR FEVER

The quite recent outburst in favor of our entry into the war in Europe, with our man-power, does credit to the patriotic impulses of its advocates, but reflects upon their common sense and good judgment, in our opinion. We know that we are just as patriotic as they, and the life we lead keeps us continually on the firing line, fighting for America at home, while your people may loudly call for our entry into the war, with our man-power, probably to better America's cause in the primaries, and in the Ballot-box at the General Elections.

But, however, he that will may be, we are not the people a 'pacifist, and if we are allowed to do so, we'll shoulder a gun for our common country, as gladly as those demanding it now. Our faith in America is so profound, that we heartily subscribe to those immortal words of a Deacon, when he said, "My country may she always be right; but right or wrong my country!"

Let us keep our heads, and our shoulders not on fire, Don Quixote like, battling against imaginary windmills. Let us meet the situation as it develops, and get back of the Administration at Washington, which is in close touch with the entire situation, and now that we have a cabinet composed of eminent Democrats and Republicans, and soft pedal the talk of sending our men 'over there.' Keep them here, and put on a show them who try to grab up territory in the Western hemisphere.

SHAME ON YOU! - CHARLES H. LINDBERGH

We are a little ashamed to feel as a bastion of ingratitude on the part of Lindbergh, in his broadcast, to American radio, over-extended and admission. The brave man fought against the Nazi hordes, who had invaded their soil.

When Lindbergh was a boy, he was the first of all the nations to take his first flight over the air to France, alone. France was the first of all the nations to send a hero to us, and gladly set the seal of her approval on his performance. He fought a daring, trail-blazing of the air, and because of that Lindbergh was showered with fame and fortune from the moment he entered the present. And yet Lindbergh to oppose sending arms, planes and munitions of war, to France, in her hour of trial, the coming of the German effort, to the utmost of his country, that of his gratitude.

In 1916, France asked for man power, there might have been some little excuse for Lindbergh's base act, but the only act of some of our outmoded guns, planes and ammunition, rotting in the storehouses of the government, and he would deny to that stricken land, even that small boon. We care not what his reason for that was. The act speaks for itself.

DOC BOWEN'S SEARCHLIGHT

As we sit down each week to jot down our recollections of past and present events in this section a flood of memories come to us so forcibly, that we feel we could go on endlessly, as examples, that others may profitably follow in an emergency.

We recall a night ride, on a Christmas Eve, on a road slippery with frozen rain, that we will never forget, as the guest of one of the best men of that kind. That man was Jack Brickman, the cigar and newsdealer at 237 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, who has a branch store over in Hastings. It so happened that we had been in Kingston, on business, and Brickman invited us to come back to Poughkeepsie with him. It was late at night, and as soon as we arrived, the slight rain had fallen on the roadways, and frozen, making them just like a sheet of glass, and we were riding down a hill, just below Kingston, passing a long line of cars going in the opposite direction, when suddenly the car pulled off of the long line and try to pass the rest.

The driver could not make it, nor could he pull back in time, which had closed up, and there we were beheaded straight toward him. It was either a collision, or the ditch, and we sat there wondering, whether to cut, Dutchess County, or to go on to its "concealed" candidate for Congress. But Brickman never turned a hair. He hailed in the other end, and all we got out of it was a broken fender and broken radio set.

Not even a shock. As we asked Brickman afterwards how he came to make the decision, His answer was simply, "It was either go into the ditch and turn over and get killed or hurt, and there was no choice, it was the safest way out." There's a man for you. Give him a call when you need anything in his line.

If there's another recollection of a different nature dealing with a splendid ambition, which has happily borne good fruit, When we first located in the Wax museum of attention was attracted to an brilliant, young man, anxions to become a public speaker, and shine on the lecture platform. He had a fund of delightful anecdotes, and a lot of beautiful ideals, and only needed self confidence to enable him to give expression to them. We decided the way to bring him out was to play a little trick on him, and asked him to drive us out to Vassar Inn, in Arlington, where we "billed" to make a speech. So we asked him to drive us out to the meeting, and while in the midst of our speech, we announced a call for our friend to pinch-hit for our place.

He could not get out of it, and said he could. At the last minute we called out there's a dinner party, put him on the line as a speaker, and today, that young man is rated as one of the best public speakers in the Hudson Valley. You'll all know of him when you tell you he's Prof. L. H. Krissler, head of the Krissler's Commercial School, at North Henrietta, and Mansion St., opposite the park. Krissler worked his way through college in his early youth, and is graduate of Syracuse University. Do you wonder why we have a lot of faith in our common country, and the youth of today. We are passing the Krissler school, give him a call, and spend a delightful few moments.

We see that Judge Spratt, is being boomed to run for the New York State Assembly, which reminds us of the night we were pinch-hitting for John K. Sague, at a meeting in the Fairview Schoolhouse. While we were in the midst of a talk, with the chairman of the meeting, Thomas Mahler, the chairman of the meeting, Thomas Mahler, the chairman of the meeting, Thomas Mahler, the chairman of the meeting, Thomas Mahler, the chairman of the meeting, said, "Look out, we have our way that Judge Spratt, who then being talked up for to run for Mayagoom, Poughkeepsie, had just come on the stage. We had heard a lot about Judge Spratt, but we had asked the pleasure of meeting him, and to that time, when he had not decided to make the race. But we added our plea for him to run, with the rest, and from that time on, have always felt, that in Judge Spratt, we had a real friend, always ready to hear what we had to say. We are sure, that if Judge Spratt runs for the Assembly, the New York State, and in elect, the state legislature will have among its members a man well trained in municipal matters,
and (thoroughly) versed in the needs of the state, as a member of that body. But in saying all this, we would like to be fully understood and not taking any political party stand. We honor and respect him as a man, and not as an active follower of any political party. With us party prejudice is entirely out of the picture, in the present crisis confronting the world.

President Roosevelt's selection of Frank Knox, for Secretary of the Navy, and Henry Stimson for Secretary of War, are most excellent selections, as both are strong Republicans, and will take much of the partisan feeling out of the present problems which the nation is now facing; with respect to aggressive measures for national defense, such as 'badly needed.' We have had considerable correspondence with Frank Knox. Our earlier days, during the Hoover Administration, when he directed so splendidly the sale of Baby Bonds; to help tide the country over during the worst days of the depression. We tried to get him interested then in our 'Bowen Plan' for relief of national unemployment, but he was too busy to take part in our work, at that time. But both appointments are most excellent ones, and will bring about a great measure of public confidence in our ability to handle the defense situation.

If there is anything that interests us almost as much as anything else, it is that of people and their hobbies, especially such hobbies that are good, wholesome, and what better hobbies could anyone have than that of children and flowers? Such are indeed the hobbies of E. G. Hubbard, the head of E. G. Hubbard, Inc., service stations in Poughkeepsie. We are informed that Mr. Hubbard has a beautiful two story residence plot out on Overcrock Road. Mr. Hubbard is one of the oldest friends in Poughkeepsie, whose friendship we warmly appreciate.

Now there is another in Bill Schiels, the gasoline and tire man, on New Market St., near Mansion. Bill has another hobby and that is a beautifully appointed service station, with the finest kind of towering new oil pumps for gasoline service, and the most beautiful appointed waiting and show room we have ever seen at a service station. We were shown all through it, with its modernistic furnishings and easy comfortable chairs, by Bill's able secretary, Miss Kane, and it was sure a delight to flop down in one of these big leather-lined, roomy chairs for a few moments of much needed rest in our tour of business places. Mr. Schiels has a sure some well appointed place in his waiting room of his. Call in some time and look it over.

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ON GUARD AMERICA
By John E. Delaney
As the Klieg lights fade on the first
act of the Dutchess County Commit-
tee to defend America, by aiding the
Allies. The people were at first shock-
ed, and then angered by the attempt
of this William Allen White, crowd to
stompede our country into war.
Their pressure tactics have all the
ear marks of those used by the now
disbanded, but not inactive members
of the League for Peace and Democracy,
in their campaign to lift the embargo
to help the red raiders of Spain. The
full-page program, published in the
Daily press indicates 'financial re-
sources are being used to sell Amer-
icans with fear and hate of Nazi Ger-
many, and Fascism, but never a word
about \Communistic Russia, whose Red
leader, Joseph Stalin, gave the signal
to start this holocaust, and who now
fits back like Nero and fiddles
while all Europe burns.

The writer of this column has no
objections to their dislikes of Nazism
and Fascism. He does not like them
himself, and has said so publicly, in
reason and out of season, and now re-
peats it. But all the full page adver-
tsements that wealth and influence of
the elderly leaders of this White crowd
(who themselves are to old-to-fight)
can spread the width and breadth of
this land, will convince any student of
history for the past twenty years, that
the outlawing of religion in Com-
munistic Russia, and Fascistic, or any
more Democratic, than what Italy and
Germany are now doing in France.

Let this White, crowd prove their
sincerity by denouncing all Fascistic
and any American movement at the
same time, and for what they have
said, and for the death of thousands
one of the worst tragedies, and the
being Committed to the field, and let
them, with reservations, according
Communistic Russia, and the White
people demand that this country keep out
war, by keeping war out of America.

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Hitler has gained much ground, but only as a result of treachery in most cases, rather than through any display of fighting power. Wherever he has met the Allies on equal terms, he has utterly failed in his objectives.

The nations at war with another, every-where, in every case, on the same ground, and every time, no matter how much the Allies have sacrificed, or how much they have fought, they have not made any progress.

The only way to stop the war is to destroy the Allies and the Axis. If the Allies are destroyed, the war will be stopped.

The Allies must be destroyed, or the war will go on. The only way to destroy the Allies is to destroy the Axis.

The Axis must be destroyed, or the war will go on. The only way to destroy the Axis is to destroy the Allies.

The Allies are in danger, and the Axis are in danger. The Allies must be destroyed, or the war will go on. The Axis must be destroyed, or the war will go on.
Editorial Page

MID-HUDSON CLARION
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By EDWARD J. "Doc" BOWEN

EDITORIALS

OUR MISSION

So many complimentary expressions have come to us of a letter, which you write, with regard to the first issue of the Mid-Hudson Clarion, from our native City of Albany, from the strong. We feel we owe it to our readers and the public, to receive: what is our aim in public life.

Perhaps a little picture of what we mean, and in large numbers from our initiative, may be a better guide than words, and, we trust our readers will understand and appreciate. A movement in all modesty, without any desire to be

As a result, just over twenty-one, we saw our native City of Albany, in which most people were robbed by the group of politicians who controlled the local electric light company. We did not hesitate to step into that picture, and organize a great city-wide movement in support of the sobbery, in excessive charges for lighting the streets of that city. That movement did the work.

The city saved $24,000 for the next five years contract.

Then removing to Philadelphia we found there was a movement in the city to organize a movement in the city, which was a movement in the city and a fine art. It was useless to vote for anything else, it was useless. We stepped into that picture, and publicly threw our support to the leader of that group to fall, in the columns of our weekly paper, unless the ballot box stuffing ended at once. For that, move—move—we threatened with imprisonment— ourselves—so we stood our ground, and the ballot box stuffing stopped, with the State Legislature of Pennsylvania passing a ballot reform law at the next session, providing for the Baltimore-Baltimore City election law in 1840.

We are here corrected, at a few years later, the citizens of Philadelphia came into the city, and elected an independent, reform mayor. The movement we started; we followed our protest against ballot box stuffing. Philadelphia from that time on, had learned a lesson, which is that no political machine, even the political machine can stand up against public opinion, once aroused.

We also have a report from Mrs. John E. DeLaney, the daughter and son of the Emerson Club, to help drive the truth home. Some way should be found to keep Delany on the job, active in that field, and we suggest he stand for election on the basis of his work there. He can hammer away for the complete elimination of that still dangerous menace. He is too good a force in car public life to be permitted to drop out of sight. We hope he can be prevailed upon to continue in some form his splendid work.

DOC BOWEN'S SEARCHLIGHT

While we are on the subject of educational activities, we know of no more loyal American place than the Poughkeepsie Y. M. C. A. There among its members, young and old, is a group of vigorous religious spirit, under the able direction of Dean Temple. Its general aim is to organize and curate the best staff of assistants including, of course, the writers and personal friends, the membership of the Y. M. C. A. together with his other close friend, Ray Lanning, Wilson, and of course his other friends, Prof. Mercer, Prof. John Neale, "Dick Thomas," and not overlooking the fact that good people live in Pennsylvania, it is a peace loving atmosphere there at the M. C. A. but strong for national defense.

What a huge, attempted joke on the Democrats of the 2nd district, was that announcement in last Saturday's Poughkeepsie Evening Star, coming from the Middletown Times Herald, to the effect that Ex-Mayor Spratt of Poughkeepsie was under consideration for the Democratic designation for Congress. He then did the Middletown Times Herald, as a pronouncement, "Fish! fish! a good thing, the mouthpiece of the Democratic organization, sounds like the 'jest one' that Ham Fish, tried to pull over on the county Republican organization, last fall when he gave out that announcement to the New York, and New Jersey newspapers, to the effect that the Republican organization, had endorsed him; for the Republican nomination; for President of the United States. He gave out that announcement early in the evening; for release at midnight, long before the meeting was held, which turned him down for Tom Dewey. What a hole Ham was in then? He had to hurry around and kill off the story, before it could appear in print! Guess he thought he controlled the Republican county organization of Dutchess, but got fooled that time. If that Spratt announcement is another shot of your tricks, Ham, it is certainly very rude, as Judge Spratt, has since denied the press that the press would not take the nomination. Why stick on Middletown? Why not go to Port Jervis; its further away. If you want to
picture we had hoped to publish in the story good. Charlie O'Donnell, the efficient Corporate Counsel of Poughkeepsie, learned of the intended celebration and vouched for parts unknown. He could not be found that day, despite the wide publicity of the event, arranged by his friend Bill Moore. We knew O'Donnell was modest, but did not think he would dodge a good fee, at Bill’s expense. We would like to take Bill over for one of those kind of days ourselves.

THAT “$10,000 A YEAR JOB”

Our esteemed neighbor, the Poughkeepsie Citizen, has been so much advance our cause, by giving us much valuable publicity, during all the years we have been fighting to be elected to Congress, from this district, and for which we are duly appreciative, and profoundly grateful, says in his editorial columns that we are “sharpshooting” for a $10,000 job, which will be elected to this high office.

For the information of the Star let us say, right off the bat, that we did not run in the office, if it did not carry any salary at all, we would work just as hard, to be elected, as we have been doing.

To prove that such is no idle boast, we want to say that this thing in Philadelphia years ago, and came mighty near winning the election. Here are the facts. Philadelphia, had at that time a very high powerful office, known as Select Council, which would correspond to the Senate in a state government. Only one was elected from each district. It paid no salary at all, but nearly all those elected, especially, by the dominant party, came out of office rich men, because all the rich plans in the form of city contracts had to be ratified by that body to become laws.

The writer was nominated for that office for the district in the central part of Philadelphia, comprising 80,000 inhabitants, and including the Central High School, and the U. S. Mint. Had he been elected he could not collect any part of the work, because he was running on a platform against same, and the office was out of office rich men, because all the rich plans in the form of city contracts had to be ratified by that body to become laws.

To assure our distinguished neighbor the Star, that the $16,000 a year, has nothing to do with your candidacy, we will make this pledge, not as a condition to being elected, but because of what we are fighting for. We will set aside $16,000, of the $15,000 salary for the two year term, as a fund in helping to establish new industries in the district to put our idle back to work, and take people off relief.

Have you anybody else, including Mr. Fish, brother Star, who will match that offer? We have been informed that only $10,000 stands in the way of reopening the big pearl button plant on Mansion St. Where are all of our public spirited citizens on that practical solution of part of the unemployment problem?
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