SWAN COMPARES TOWN OF TODAY WITH LONG AGO

Electric Age Has Revolutionized Things Through the Telephone, the Radio and the Automobile.

Little Social Attractions in the '80's for Neighboring Towns But Today These Same Towns Are a Part of the Marble Village Made So by the Telephone—Shows What the 20th Century of Progress is Doing for the Enlightment of Human Kind.

BY WILLIAM R. SWAN

Feature Writer for The Free Press

What would be the reply if you said to the rising generation of sons and daughters that they would have to walk two miles to school next winter?

In this era of the wiping out of distance, the electric age; the telephone; the radio; the automobile; have put us in touch with the world at large. The former lonesome farmhouse, with your neighbor out of sight, over the hill a half mile away, is no longer, as of old. There was little social attraction for the young people who lived up in Hermon, in Fine, in Fowler, in Pitcairn, down on the Rock Island road, and in many places but a few miles from Gouverneur back in 1880. Today they are a part of the Marble City. You have but to life the phone and the aged grandmother down on the farm will be cheered by listening to your familiar voice.

In the old days, the roads were muddy at times filled with ruts and rocks to prevent fast driving. When there was no mud, there was dust. If a farmer had a member of his family taken sick at night, he had to hitch up to the light wagon and drive to town for the doctor, possibly to find him away up in another section of the country caring for another sufferer. Now, he but takes the phone, learns that his doctor has gone to Little Bow to Hi Smith's, calls the Smith house, and the doctor is there within an hour. And with all this the farmer who pays the minor telephone bills is inclined to grumble, but they are not the same farmers that had to face storm to bring the old time doctor.

There are many who will read this story that know what it was to tramp to the nearest school in winter, to tramp to Gouverneur to the Seminary as Frank Babcock did, but he was only a mile out of town, there are others who walked farther. The Misses Dean, drove old Fanny hitched to a mud bespattered buck-board from their home down at Natural Dam. And so I could name a long number of other people who got their education by use of their feet as well as their heads.

It is now for me to look back and see how much harder it was for those out of town young people to get to the old seminary than it was for me. And yet I used to think it pretty hard to have a clean face and get to morning prayers and only two blocks away. I am satisfied that I didn't have much the spirit of Paul Revere as applied to going for an education. As I look over the years spent in the business world, I find that there are about as many fellows back of dress goods counters who have been pushed through college, as there are sitting at mahogany desks directing the destinies of large corporations. This is not a crack against a liberal education. It is just a recital of facts as they are. We have here in South Bend, Notre Dame university. Some four thousand students attend. It is a sure thing that the young Notre Dame student who can get to be half-back on the foot ball team, will have no difficulty in landing a desirable position when he graduates, but for Clarence with the quiet dreamy eyes, his mind on the classics, I am not so sure but that he will be helping dad sack grain at the feed mill when he gets through, that is, if he must earn a living.

Editor's Note—Swan tells in his next weeks' letter the pleasure he experienced in entertaining recently Clarence H. Smith of Rochester, formerly of this village. He pays Clarence a fine tribute.

INVITE FORD OWNERS TO BUY "BANKERS" SHARES

Owners of Ford cars were reported in Wall street as receiving circulars inviting them to invest in an issue of Ford Motor company of Canada "bankers" shares. The owners are told that they have the right as Ford owners to secure part ownership in the Ford Motor company of Canada. In the circulars is a description in detail of the company's past history, its future and excellent management and fortunes which have resulted from an original investment in its stock. Prospective buyers are urged to purchase at once since the price of the "Bankers" shares is "subject to increase without notice at any time."

The psychology of the circulars leaves the impression of great possibilities for profit.

There are 100 of these shares issued against each share of Ford of Canada capital stock, and they sell for $6 apiece. Ford of Canada capital stock can be bought on the Curb for $450 a share. Purchase of 100 bankers shares is therefore equivalent to buying one share of Ford of Canada capital stock. But $600 is paid for 100 bankers shares which is just $150 more than the market price of Ford of Canada capital stock.

TO HOLD SALES OF SEIZED CARS

Ogdensburg, Sept. 2.—Collector Tulloch said today that 150 seized motor cars are now held in this district. Sales will be held at Ogdensburg, Sept. 4. Moores, Sept. 11. Champlain, Sept. 12. Rouses Point, Sept. 13. Watertown, Sept. 16. Malone, Sept. 17.

The easiest thing for an autoist to run into is debt.

FLOWER LOVER DELIGHTED WITH M'QUADE STORY

The Martindale Aster Garden in This Village Gets Warm Praise from Writer—Says He Never Saw One More Beautiful in All of His Travels—A Charming Story on Flowers.

To the Editor of The Free Press:

In your paper of last week I read an article by Mr. McQuade on "Flower Gardens" and I would like, through your columns, to express my appreciation of one of the places to which he refers—The Martindale Garden, very widely known as "The Aster Garden.'

I do not believe that any one who saw the Aster garden two years ago will ever forget it. I have visited many Aster fields, those out from Syracuse, several in California, and, while I have seen many larger, I have never seen one as beautiful.

It still lingers with me, and it always will.

It was absolutely flawless, arranged from pure white through the center, grading, as it were, through every orchid tint, then ending at the sides with the deeper shades, and I assume the collection must have contained nearly every variety of aster that is grown and then; and then! the whole thing set in a frame of sweet peas, and such sweet peas!

Vines climbing far above the wire fencing, vines loaded with blossoms larger than anything I have ever seen, excepting in California, where these seed were grown, I am told.

It was my privilege to be at this garden on both of the public visiting days, and I am sure that I am voicing the thought of hundreds of people when I say that it was indeed a very rare pleasure. "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country," and I dare say that a garden finds the same experience.

There were doubtless those who came many miles to see, while I venture that there were those within easy walking distance who did not see, and may I add that you surely lost something, for I doubt, if Northern New York ever had such a display.

This summer, while passing along Rowley street, I was attracted by a very bright spot on the hill, over on East Main, and I found it to be a large display of popies, poppies of every description and every color. It was gorgeous.

They have now passed and gone, but these, too, stay by me, and next winter when the ground is covered, and the trees are leafless and the sky is gray, the brigtness of these flowers shall speak to me.

It was Ruskin who said—"Flowers are the sweetest things that God ever made, and forgot to put a soul into."

And now to Mr. and Mrs. Martindale, I wish to express my appreciation.

During the visiting days, to which I referred, I did not see one child leave the garden without being given flowers. I am sure that many grown-ups received the same, and I think that any one who lives in Gouverneur knows of the sick, whose hours have been brightened by these generous gifts of yours.

I have chosen myself to be spokesman for many, therefore I will sign myself as one of those who have seen and enjoyed.

I would like to add this: that any one who wishes to read a fine description of a flower garden, read "Familiar Ways" by Margaret Sherwood, one of the most beautifully worded books I have ever read, and then, after you have had your flower garden, you can say as Louise Driscoll, in one of her poems:

"I hold them in my hand, small balls of wonder,
Purple and ivory and brown.
I broke the soft dark earth to fold them under,
And pressed the yielding soil to hold them down.

I know that in their hearts the rainbow lingers,
Waiting until it hears a song it knows,
Oh strange! to hold a rainbow in my fingers:
It lies there waiting for the melting snows.

The little brown song sparrow that comes daring
To pour his heart out to an empty bough,
Will linger in my regard to be sharing
The seven colors that are sleeping now.

Why not cultivate more flowers, and make the place a minature Rochester. If you can't brighten the town with electric lights, you can do it with flowers.

METHODIST BISHOP LAUDS COOLIDGE FOR STAND ON DEFENSES

Clergyman Declares Pacifism Only Expression of Very Small Majority.

Watertown, Sept. 2.—Bishop Anda Leonard of the Methodist Episcopal church, in Watertown last week on a brief visit to the northern district, announced his full support to President Coolidge and Defense Day.

"I believe that it is quite safe to say that the major part of the Methodist clergy does not belong to the ultra pacifist group which is rapidly opposed to any movement with a suggestion of war," he said. "Personally I am in favor of giving Presidenty Coolidge full support in his project. It is a patriotic duty to do so.

"There is no one who hates war more than I do but if war comes to this country when the United States has tried to avoid it, I will not hesitate a moment to defend my country. When the time comes, and I believe it will come soon, when all nations agree on reducing armament, this country should co-operate by reducing its defense in proportion with other countries. Until then we must remain ready to protect ourselves."

FOXY GRANDPA STORY SCENARIO SEPT. 17th

Foxy Grandpa story is a live one the reels to follow, snappy. Read the story in The Free Press, Sept. 17th.

AUTO AND TRUCK CRASH ON BRIDGE NEAR PLESSIS

Mrs. Stephen K. Bresee of Syracuse Injured When Her Machine is Upset by Heavy Truck of Velvet Ice Cream Company of This Village, Sunday.

Watertown, Sept. 2.—Mrs. Stephen K. Bresee of Syracuse was injured Sunday afternoon when her automobile was struck by a truck owned by the Velvet Ice Cream company of Gouverneur, when the machines met on the narrow bridge at Plessis. Mrs. Bresee was alone in the car. She suffered cuts to her left arm and bruises to a leg. She was brought at once to Watertown where medical attention was provided, and she left early tonight for Syracuse.

The Bresee car was upset when rammed by the heavy truck and it is considered fortunate that the occupant escaped with minor injuries. The cut on her arm required several stitches, but none of her injuries is serious.

Mrs. Bresee is the wife of Stephen K. Bresee, head of the Bresee-Chevrolet company, Chevrolet distributors, with plant at 400-404 West Willow street. The Bresee home is on the Thompson road, Messina Springs.

Mrs. Bresee was on the way to Syracuse when the accident happened. She expected the truck driver to wait until her machine had crossed the bridge, and the driver apparently assumed she would not attempt the crossing ahead of his machine. The vehicles met headon and the lighter car was tossed aside. The truck driver was not injured.

REP. BARBOUR SOUNDLY DEFEATS KLUXER CANDIDATE

Former Ogdensburg Man Wins Renomination in Both Republican and Democratic Primaries—A Fine Fellow and Able Representative in Congress.

Word has been received that Congressman Harry E. Barbour, a native of Ogdensburg, has been renominated in both the Republican and Democratic primaries of the seventh California district. This is the second time that Mr. Barbour has been named by both parties. When he first went to Congress he defeated his Democratic opponent in a hard fight and since that time has encountered no serious opposition. In the last primary, he had two opponents, one a Republican and the other a Ku Klux Klan candidate, both of whom he disposed of handily.

20,000 QUARTS OF LIQUOR SMASHED BY FEDERAL OFFICERS

Twenty thousand quarts of ale, wine and beer, a small fraction of the liquor held in Federal custody in Malone, accumulated from daily seizures by officers along the border territory, were destroyed Friday under the direction of the U. S. Customs officials in Malone.

This great amount of thirst-quencher was officially smashed at a point on the Wilcox farm a short distance south of Malone village, where previous consignments of seized liquors have been destroyed by the officials in months past. There are large rocks there which make convenient targets for the bottles of liquor and the work of smashing the 20,000 quarts was completed in record time.

MAN DROPS DEAD WHILE TALKING WITH FRIENDS AT REFRESHMENT STAND

Ogdensburg, Sept. 2.— Apparently in perfect health, James Dowd, 50, of Lysander, was stricken while about to quench his thirst with a bottle of soft drink at a wayside refreshment stand in South Hammond Friday noon, and sank to the ground dead.

He and his two companions had been laughing and joking but a moment before and when Dowd dropped without uttering a word his friends thought he was playing a prank on them. Then seeing he had lapsed into unconsciousness and his face had assumed a deathly pallor, they realized he was in a serious plight and tried to revive him. The man was dead when a physician arrived.

ALBERT SHAW RETURNS AND NOTES CHANGES IN TOWN'S PROGRESS

Albert Shaw of Los Angeles, formerly of South Edwards has just left for his home after a weeks' visit to his former home. Mr. Shaw is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan L. Shaw, formerly of South Edwards. The early part of his life was spent on a farm. After finishing college, he became a teacher in the west. At the present time he is principal of the Hollenback junior high school Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Shaw has been away about 10 years. He reported a great many changes since his absence.

SISTERS OF MERCY OF BRASHER FALLS BEQUEATHED $7,000

In the will of the late Henry A. Graffin, of Syracuse, who died on April 29 last the sum of $7,000 was bequeathed to the Sisters of Mercy, Ogdensburg diocese at Brasher Falls. It was revealed when the will was filed with Surrogate John W. Sadler of that city last week.

Application for probate of the estate was recorded by Attorney James J. Butler, Carthage, a lifelong friend of the deceden.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION AT HERMON SEPT. 11-12

The St. Lawrence County Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held in the M. E. church at Hermon, Sept. 11-12.

MRS. ETHEL POWELL.

OBSERVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT WANAKENA

Mr. and Mrs. Webster Partlow Honored by 60 Friends and Relatives Recently—Were Married in Gouverneur.

Wanakena, Sept. 2.—Surrounded by 60 of their relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Partlow celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, August 24.

The celebration feast was held in the parish house, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being gold and green with gold predominating. The walls and ceiling were gaily hung with golden streamers, interspersed here and there with the pleasing green of the mountain balsam. Huge masses of golden glow occupied every available space and converted the room into a veritable sun garden.

The tables were arranged in a double L formation with fluted ribbons of gold running through the center. The napkins were gold banded. Silver candelbra supporting golden candles were attractively arranged on the tables. Golden Californian poppies, perfectly matching the gold used in the color scheme, were the table decorations. Mr. and Mrs. Partlow were seated under a huge golden bell, which showered them with confetti at the conclusion of the anniversary feast. As the guests left the Partlow house, crossing through the daisy powdered fields to the parish house, Miss Madeline Rose, a grand-daughter, played a march with violin accompaniment by Howard Partlow, a son. As the party entered the parish house, Mrs. A. L. Rose, a daughter of the Partlows, played the wedding marsh from Lohengrin.

Fifty years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Partlow were married at Gouverneur, it was not customary to use a wedding ring in the ceremony. A unique feature of the golden wedding anniversary was the placing of the wedding ring on Mrs. Partlow's finger by Mr. Partlow after 50 years of wedded bliss.

Mr. and Mrs. Partlow were the recipents of many beautiful gifts, among them being a large purse of gold. They are well known throughout Northern New York, having lived at Oswegatchie for many years. For the past six years they have passed their summers at Wanakena residing in Utica during the winter months.

Mrs. A. L. Rose, a daughter, Howard Partlow a son, and two grandchildren, Miss Madeline Rose and Howard Partlow, jr., were with Mr. and Mrs. Partlow for the golden wedding anniversary.

THE BOY SCOUTS

(By Rev. C. Shaw)

With childhood and youth now departed,
And life past its high harvest noon,
Well knowing that after its autmn
The winter will follow full soon,
I think of the youths that are growing
Up into the statute of men,
The boys of this mighty Republic,
What chances will come to them then?

So many temptations assail them
And pitfalls and snares for their feet,
Will courage and manliness fail them,
Disaster and rout be complete?
Or will their good angels stand by them
To lead them and guide them aright?
When evil shall tempt them and try them,
How many will win in the fight?

The Boy Scouts are solving this problem
By doing the best that they can
To make of each incoming member
A promising manly young man.
By patience and seal and devotion
In that and for that which is good,
Aspiring to highest promotion,
As every young patriot should.

Here they learn the essentials of living
This wonderful life 'neath the blue;
The duty and pleasure of giving,
And how to be loyal and true;
To recognize God as Creator,
And ruler of all 'neath the skies;
Not as a harsh cruel dictator
But gentle, all loving, all wise.

Obedience to fathers and mothers;
To do some deed of kindness each day,
Living not just for self, but for others,
Sowing always good seed by the way.
Fulfilling God's own law of kindness,
Which ought to prevail everywhere
And would were it not for our blindness,
Unwilling to hear, and forbear.

To know the great outdoor world truly,
Skies, waters, and forests, and fields;
To study its charts and maps duly
And find what each vast section yields.
To know what there is that's worth knowing,
Discarding life's worries or doubts;
To make the best possible showing,
This in brief, is the aim of Boy Scouts.

Let's encourage this organization,
Speak for it, work for it and so
By thinking, and saying and doing,
We may help it to thrive and to grow.
And sometime, when our hands are folded,
Sometime when our voices are still,
A new generation remolded
May our cherished missions fulfill.

Hammond, N. Y.

DEKALB GIRL WEDS AT PUTNEY, VERMONT

M. G. Williams, a merchant of Putney, Vermont, and Miss Beulah Mitchell, formerly of Dekalb Junction were united in marriage by the Methodist pastor, Rev. Frank E. Talbee at the parsonage in Putney, Monday evening, Aug. 25. The couple were attended by Mr. David Frost of Putney and Miss Ethel Mitchel of Dekalb Junction, a sister of the bride.

MANY MOTOR CARS WILL BE SOLD THIS MONTH

One Hundred and Fifty Now Held in This Customs District—Sales Announced by Collector Tulloch.

Over 150 seized motor cars are now held in the Ogdensburg customs district, Collector J. C. Tulloch announced last week. The machines were confiscated by the government agents in enforcing the Volstead act and customs laws of the country during the past month. Sales will be held at Ogdensburg Sept. 4th; Mooers, Sept. 11th; Champlain, Sept. 12th; Rouses Point, Sept. 13th; Watertown, Sept. 16th and Malone, Sept. 17th. The following is a list of cars to be sold at the different places:

Crescent Garage, Ogdensburg, N. Y., Sept. 4th, 2 p. m.

450. Hudson touring car. 472. Brockway truck. 473. Transport truck. 474 Cole touring car. 491 Cadillac touring car. 493 Overlond sedan. 494 Studebaker roadster. 495 Cadillac touring car. 510 Buick touring car.

U. S. Customs House, Mooers, N. Y. Sept. 11th, 2 p. m.

H-132 Ford truck. H-136 Maxwell touring car. H-137 Ford touring car. H-139 Cadillac touring car. H-141 Ford touring car. H-142 Ford truck. M-143 Motorcycle. 406 Oldsmobile roadster.

U. S. Customs House, Champlain, N. Y. Sept. 12th, 2 p. m.

F-128 Hudson touring car. F-129 Packard touring car. F-130 Cadillac touring car. F-131 Packard touring car. F-132 Dodge truck. F-133 Cadillac touring car. F-134 Buick roadster. F-135 Hudson touring car. F-136 Packard touring car. F-137 Cadillac touring car. F-138 Dodge sedan. F-139 Buick touring car. F-140 Cadillac sedan. F-141 Packard touring car. F-142 Buick touring car. F-143 Cadillac roadster. F-144 Reo Truck. F-147 Chandler touring car. F-148 Haynes touring car. F-116 Oldsmobile touring car.

U. S. Customs House, Rouses Point, N. Y., Sept. 13th, 2 p. m.

A-1672 Packard touring car. A-1673 Ford roadster. A-1676 Hudson touring car. A-1677 Hudson touring car. A-1684 Cadillac auto. A-1685 Jordan roadster. A-16889 Cadillac touring car. A-1690 Ford auto. H-1690 Ford auto. H-138 Packard touring car. H-1660 National touring car.

Dailey's Garage, Watertown, N. Y., Sept. 16th, 2 p. m.

487 Reo touring car. 508 Chevrolet truck. 509 Ford sedan. 542 Brockway truck. 543 Studebaker touring car. 544 Dodge roadster. 545 Marmon touring car. 546 Dodge touring car. 547 Ford touring car. 552 Overland touring car.

U. S. Customs House, Malone, N. Y., Sept. 17th, 2 p. m.

B-1229 Oldsmobile roadster. B-1305 Standard touring car. B-1306 Packard touring car. B-13077 Packard touring car. B-1311 Pierce-Arrow sedan. B-1315 Hudson auto. B-1328 Reo truck. B-1329 Reo truck. B-1325 Ford truck. B-1330 Ford touring car. B-1333 Dodge B-1335 Lumber wagon. B-1337, 117 Bales hay. B-1338, 177 Bales straw.

OGDENSBURG BARBERS GET IN LEGAL TANGLE

Ogdensburg, Sept. 2.—Rivalry between two local barbers led to the filing of a damage suit for $10,000, based upon statements in a newspaper advertisement which the plaintiff alleges were libelous and injurious to his business. The parties have engaged counsel to look after their respective interests, and if the case reaches the trial court and interesting session is expected.

The suit is the sequel to two complaints made by customers of one barber that he was overcharged but each time the case was dismissed when the barber submitted his schedule of prices and showed the complainant had paid no more than others. The rival tonsorialist then inserted an ad in the paper which said among other things that his service "did not end in the courtroom." This the plaintiff contends is libelous per se.

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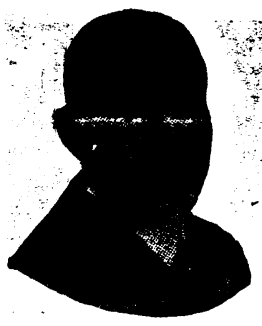

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