

## Odds and Ends

The President's message on federal expenditures for the coming year is an interesting but intricate document. Passing over detailed information to be secured by studying figures which stretch in long lines vertically and horizontally, it appears that we have not yet reached a point where a complete balancing of the budget can be obtained. An increase in running and other expenses may be looked for. Among items that will make larger appropriations necessary are the restoration of the federal pay cut, veterans' compensation and national defense. Relief by furnishing work, rather than by distributing dole, is one of the favored desires of the Administration, and it is to be expected that the public construction program will be enlarged rather than contracted. Money will have to be forthcoming. Internal revenue taxes which expire during the summer are likely to be retained, and there is a possibility of some expansion along that line, it is said. Letter writers need not hope to send a communication across the continent for less than three cents. Although the document gives the impression that the government, like any other business, cannot be run without money, a sigh of relief sweeps over the country, following the President's assurance that no new or additional taxes are contemplated at this time. The message, as usual, is addressed to the Congress, of the United States, thereby indicating that although the private citizen may be benefited, or intrusted with the complaining, approving or paying, the heavy thinking will have to be done by the legislators on Capitol Hill.

In the most important decision handed down for a long time, the Supreme Court of the United States has avoided a clause of the National Recovery Act. The scope of the clause is a technical matter, a discussion of which would be out of place here. The point to be noted is that a tribunal of the last resort has reached the Act for consideration and found that in one respect, at least, it will not hold water. Those who thought that the measure was perfection will be disappointed; those who saw no ultimate good in it will rejoice. Upon the one hand, it would be strange indeed if a law so novel and holding so much in its grasp, contained no provision to which the courts could object. Upon the other hand, if one provision cannot be enforced, what about some or all of the remaining provisions? To the moderate minded among both the friends and the foes of the N. R. A., the decision of the Supreme Court is simply an incident in a large day's work. If there is something in the law which does not belong there, all will wish it removed, and desire only to have paragraph after paragraph passed upon until nothing is left to conjecture. Neither side has anything to gain from uncertainty.

A scientist states that of the whole solar system, the earth alone is inhabited. On Mars, at least, there is a peaceful place where nobody says: I told you so.

As the Lindbergh kidnaping progresses, it becomes more and more evident that the defendant, whether guilty or not of the actual murder, certainly had a finger in the pie, and indignation and clamor for punishment mount accordingly. It is to be hoped that both judge and jury are so insulated that they can turn a cold, searching and discriminating eye upon defense and prosecution alike. In no other way can an accused person get what is justly coming to him if guilty. In no other way can the law be preserved in such a state that it will serve as a bulwark for some future defendant who is innocent. Hand in hand with the duty of seeing to it that no bad man escapes goes the duty of preventing hard cases from making law.

The feat of Amelia Earhart putting in flying the Pacific from Hawaii to California, succeeded in breaking the monotony of the Lindbergh kidnaping trial headlined in the dailies, if nothing else.

## Home Owners' Loans To Be Made Available

### Herbert E. Allen Heads Committee Which Will Foster Better Housing Program

Herbert E. Allen has been appointed chairman of the Clinton Better Housing Committee, following a visit to this place by Chris Dorn, Associate Director of the Federal Housing Administration. The movement, which has been under way in many communities for some time, provides the means of property owners securing loans for needed repair and improvements. Although the local organization is not yet complete, information relative to what the Better Housing Campaign offers is available. According to Mr. Dorn, the Federal Housing Administration has made it possible for any home owner to borrow from his local bank sums up to \$2,000, depending on his income, for improvements on any one property. The security required is proof of ownership of the property, and the signature of the person making application for the loan. No co-endorser is required, although in some cases both husband and wife are required to sign the note. Assurance must be provided of the applicant's earning capacity, the annual gross income of the signers of the note having to be five times the annual payments to be made on the note. The mortgage, if any, must be in such standing that the bank is justified in approving the loan, and the final restriction is that the proceeds must be used solely for property improvement. Payments on such loans are to be made in regular monthly installments, out of income, and the notes run for any number of months up to five years. The term of the notes depends entirely upon the bank which may at its option require loans to be repaid over such lesser periods as justified by the amount the borrower can afford to pay each month. Further information concerning the Housing Plan will be published in subsequent issues following completion of the committee which will further the movement in Clinton.

## LOCAL HERDS BEING TESTED FOR MASTITIS

Testing for mastitis in the town's dairy herds began last week and will continue until April 1. The project is not state controlled, but is almost entirely a federal project. The work is financed under the \$250,000,000 Federal appropriation of the Jones-Connelly Act, passed at the last session of Congress. Of this appropriation, \$50,000,000 was earmarked for mastitis testing and allied projects, tuberculosis and Bang's abortion disease control. Nearly five per cent of all cattle in the New York milk shed are infected, it is stated, and on the basis of the amount appropriated, about 10,000 cattle can be taken out of production.

## STATEMENT IS DENIED BY SUPERVISOR MORSE

A statement to the effect that the Town of Kirkland has only six men available for work on the town's possible construction projects is denied by William H. Morse, supervisor, who is in possession of a list of 30 unemployed men who are ready to participate in work relief just as soon as a definite program is announced. One of the greatest hindrances to the progress of a program at the present time is discussion relative to the fact that there are figures to prove that projects constructed with work relief labor cost the taxpayers more than if the same work were done under contract and those in need provided for through the local relief bureau. It has also been maintained that much erroneous information has circulated relative to refunds by the state. It is said that the present administration is at all times ready and willing to take any steps necessary, with reason, for the relief of those in distress, but does not propose to enter upon any program which will affect the financial standing of the town.

## REGENTS TESTS WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Regents examinations in the Clinton Central School will be conducted from Monday to Friday of next week, according to an announcement made by the school administration Wednesday. The schedule for the week is as follows: Monday morning—Geography, History B, History C; mid-year tests the first and second periods; Monday afternoon—French 2, Typewriting, Mechanical Drawing, and achievement tests for seventh and eighth grades. Tuesday morning—Elementary English, English 4, Commercial Arithmetic, final tests in Design 2, and achievement tests for seventh and eighth grades. Tuesday afternoon—Latin 2, Shorthand 2, mid-year examinations during third and fourth periods. Wednesday morning—Elementary History, French 3, and mid-years during fifth and sixth periods. Wednesday afternoon—Reading, History A, Chemistry and Commercial Law, achievement tests for seventh and eighth grades. Thursday morning—Intermediate Algebra, Trigonometry, Bookkeeping 2, and finals in Design 1. Thursday afternoon—assembly for all pupils and teachers. Friday will be devoted to registration for the coming term.

## VINCENT PRYOR DIES AFTER WEEK'S ILLNESS

Vincent T. Pryor died at his home on College street, after an illness of a week, Thursday afternoon. He was born in this town January 2, 1891, son of the late Thomas and Harriet Crane Pryor. He was educated in the Kirkland schools. Since his marriage to Mary Gate on June 23, 1919, he had resided here. Mr. Pryor was a member of St. Mary's Church and its Holy Name Society. Besides his wife, he leaves two children, Alice and Donald Pryor, both of this place; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Pratt, Utica, and Mrs. John Sheridan, Clinton; a brother, James E. Pryor, of Milford, Conn.; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral was held from St. Mary's Church where a requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. William Morris, pastor, Saturday morning. Bearers were Thomas J. Britcher, Karl Laska, Frederick Goering, Louis Gale, John Pryor, and Frank Pryor. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery where Father Morris pronounced final absolution.

## ADULT AGRICULTURAL COURSE TO BE OFFERED

A special agricultural course for farmers will be offered in the high school under the direction of Ronald Babcock, instructor, during the week starting January 21. This study is to meet the demand for constant planning and the lack of sufficient opportunity for young men on farms. Any farmer in this vicinity, or persons interested in agriculture, between the ages of 16 and 30, are invited to attend the sessions which will be held throughout the week, from 10 to 11:45 in the morning and from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Registration and announcements will be conducted Monday. The week's program will deal with topics on the following subjects: Farm Management, Agricultural Outlook for 1935, Farm Business Organization, Poultry Brooding, Poultry Incubation, Poultry Feeding, Dairy Breeding, Dairy Feeding, Pasture Management, Dairy Herd Improvement Records, Milk Testing, Tractor, gas engine and automobile cleaning and repair, Shop Work—tool sharpening, saw filing and gumming, etc., or any other topic the group wishes discussed. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance for what will undoubtedly aid in planning farm work for the coming year. All persons interested are requested to get in touch with Mr. Babcock, either at the school or at the home of Mrs. Helen Cone, Mulberry street.

The sixth of the Yale University Press Educational films of American history was shown to the pupils of the junior-senior high school this (Thursday) afternoon. The presentation was entitled, "The Pilgrims".

## Tax Collections Are Delayed By Error

### Correction of Mistake in County Budget Decreases Rate About 19 Cents per Thousand

Due to an error in listing figures for the county tax budget, Frank Clark, town clerk and receiver of town and county taxes, announced Wednesday that he will not accept payments until further notice. The mistake was made by County Treasurer A. H. Mayer last fall when the ration and apportionment report was being made up at the Court House in Ulica, and county officials have now obtained special legislation to "legalize the error" rather than make a refusal to the taxpayers. This correction means the reduction of approximately 19 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation here. Payments already made during the past few days will be refunded. Mr. Clark said, and collections will be resumed during the next two weeks. Failure of the officials to take action and have the mistake legalized would have placed the county in a serious situation, as it was pointed out that property owners would have the legal right to refuse payment of county taxes, and county tax sales could be declared void.

### HEALTH NOTES

By Dr. R. D. Guido  
Health Officer of the  
Town of Kirkland

Through the co-operation of the Courier and the local health officer, articles will appear monthly or twice monthly to acquaint the public as to the dangers and methods of prevention of various communicable diseases. The first article is devoted to measles.

This is a measles year. That is, it is a year in which measles is expected to be most prevalent. Already it is on the increase throughout the state. It is for this reason that this article is being written, and to warn parents of young children of the dangers of contracting this disease. Measles usually kills indirectly by preparing the way for pneumonia. Every case of the disease, regardless of the age or physical condition, should have good care from the start to prevent complications. Special care should be taken if measles occur in the very young. It is among children under three years of age that most of the deaths occur. It is least dangerous between the ages of five and fifteen. A child under one year of age has fifty times less chance of recovering and thirty times less chance under the age of three and fifteen. Since about seventy percent of the deaths from measles occur among children under three years of age, the prevention of the disease is worthy of the most painstaking efforts. Measles is a highly contagious disease. One attack usually renders one immune for life. Rarely do people have a second attack. The symptoms appear about seven to fourteen days after exposure, occasionally as late as eighteen days. These symptoms are usually those of a head cold and fever, sometimes a cough is present. The eyes are often red and sensitive to light. The disease is most contagious at this time, and this is the time to isolate the sick child and call a physician who can usually make a diagnosis from white spots inside the child's mouth. The rash does not appear until three or four days later. It is first noted behind the ears and about the neck, spreading rapidly over the face and body. The secretions from the nose, throat, and eyes, before as well as after the rash comes out, is the method by which the disease is spread. It is given by one person to another by coughing and sneezing and by fingers soiled by secretions from the nose, throat and eyes.

At least ninety percent of the responsibility for the spread and control of measles is in the hands of the parents. The prevention of

## PHILIP POWELL NAMED LECTURER FOR GRANGE

Philip B. Powell was elected lecturer to succeed Mrs. Wallace G. Comstock, who recently resigned, at a meeting of Clinton Grange in Grange Hall Saturday evening. Dr. Francis L. Patton, head of the department of economics at Hamilton College, addressed the meeting. The speaker's topic was "Farm Problems" and his address was enjoyed by the many members and guests who were present. Other features of the program, arranged by Mr. Powell, included selections by a ten-piece orchestra composed of persons from Deansboro, Oriskany Falls, and this place; and vocal numbers by the Oriskany Falls Quartet.

## LEGION MEMBERS ARE NAMED TO COMMITTEE

Thirty-two members of Frederick P. Helmuth Post, American Legion, are included on a committee to further plans for a reception and luncheon to be tendered Frank L. Belgrano, Jr., national commander of the American Legion, in Hotel Martin, Monday evening, January 28. The following members will represent the local post at the gathering: Thomas B. Rudd, F. Stanley Griffin, O. Gregory Burns, Professor Edward F. Hauch, Professor C. K. Chase, Professor Walter N. Hess, Dr. V. B. Hamlin, Dr. E. G. MacFarland, Professor Frank H. Ristine, Professor Willard B. Marsh, Leon Graham, Peter Smith, Harold Dickie, Ward Bell, N. F. Drysdale, Bayard Taylor, Namer Ferris, George Beck, Claus Beck, Clifford Woodin, Harold Woodward, Herman Suppe, Harry Keith, Lavant E. Joy, Dr. Harry Stratton, William M. Williams, Charles A. F. Kimball, Floyd Anderson, Thomas Schmitt, G. Edison Gibbon, Adelbert Ristley, and Leo Roberts.

## Financial Expert Tells Of Economic Plight

### Hill Lecturer Condemns Monetary Policies of Roosevelt Administration

Dr. Edwin Walter Kemmerer, Walker Professor of International Finance, at Princeton University and formerly the expert on banking and currency to the Dawes Commission of 1925, delivered the third in the series of Public Affairs Lectures sponsored by the Political Science Club, Friday, in the College Chapel, before a large audience. Dr. Kemmerer used as his subject, "Our Currency Problem" and was introduced by Edwin M. Clough, president of the Political Science Club. The main theme of his address was that "we are drifting in an inflation current" and this warning was sounded repeatedly throughout the evening. Outlining very briefly and succinctly the approach to the economic debacle of 1929, he set forth eight distinct controlling factors: first, the destruction wrought by the World War to property and lives; second, gross maladjustment in the production of commodities occasioned by the attempts of most nations to become self-sufficient during the war. The third cause of the depression was the great farm mortgage indebtedness; fourth, increased restriction of international trade resulting from the war; fifth, backwash of basic commodities against law of supply and demand; sixth, the huge piling-up of inter-governmental and private debts; seventh, the weakness of the dual banking system in the U. S.; eighth, the widespread loss of confidence.

## FORMER MILLS MAN SAYS ENGLISH BUSINESS GOOD

An interesting letter recently received by Frank I. Goodwin, of Clark Mills, from Frank Popplewell, formerly of that place, who returned to England about six months ago, gives the impression that business conditions in that country are better than they are here. Mr. Popplewell said: "We are sorry to hear that business is still bad in U. S. A., but maybe the new year will bring prosperity. Business here in England is very good in most lines of industry and the factories are working full time and over-time. The building trade is having a boom, and everywhere one looks new houses and buildings are going up. I have never seen so much building going on in my life before. Since the Great War over two million five hundred new houses have been built. Most of them have been built through the government's slum clearance scheme."

## LEAGUE LOCALS PLAN FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS

One hundred and seventy-five delegates and officers of the local associations of the Dairymen's League in Oneida and Herkimer Counties met at Hotel Martin on Saturday to lay plans for the annual meetings of their respective groups. Henry H. Rathbun, director for the district, addressed the members, describing the program to be carried out this year. A change has been made this year, the various locals meeting during a two weeks' period rather than on the last Saturday in January as has been the custom previously. A schedule of meetings was adopted by the groups and announcement made that County President Harry M. Fuess would attend the various sessions. No sub-district meeting will be held in January due to the schedule of local meetings, included in which are the following: Thursday, January 24 at Saugus, dinner served at noon, afternoon meeting; Saugus and Stone Road locals. Wednesday, January 30 at Verona; dinner at noon, afternoon meeting; Scandaonah, Verona Farmers, Westmoreland, Hecla locals. Thursday, January 31 at Deansboro; dinner at noon, afternoon meeting; Waterville, Deansboro, Kirkland locals.

## Remember When---

Taken from the Clinton Courier of January 20, 1915  
Mrs. M. W. Martin is visiting her daughter in Albany.  
Miss Carolyn Owen, of Cleveland, is the guest of local friends.  
Mrs. W. J. Lewis, Williams street, has as her guest, her sister, Mrs. J. L. Miller, of New Haven, Conn.  
The village trustees are now in favor of placing a band stand in the village park.  
The Clinton Grange has moved into its new quarters in the Taylor block.  
President Stryker and Professors Morrill and Wood attended the 47th annual dinner of the Hamilton Alumni Association in New York City last week.  
Chester M. Parmelee has been chosen as director of the El Paso Commercial Club in El Paso, Ill.

## Taken from the Clinton Courier of January 18, 1905

Miss Mabel Brockway is confined to her home by illness.  
Miss Genevieve I. Allen has been spending some time with her brother, Charles T. Ives, here.  
Mrs. John N. Brady has had as her guest, M. J. Heffron, of Pittston, Pa., for the past few weeks.  
Misses Gertrude and Marguerite Brockway entertained a company of their school friends Friday evening.  
The high school's basketball team was defeated by Norwich High School 26-23 at Norwich Friday.  
The old arc lamps have now been removed from the village streets and will be sent to New York. The new lighting system may be installed by next week.  
Miss Anna Metcalf, of this place and James Hervey Merwin, Utica, were married in St. James' Episcopal Church Saturday.  
Professor S. J. Saunders was installed as Venerable Consul of the Utica Camp of Modern Woodman of America Monday evening.  
Plans for a Clinton Y. M. C. A. will be discussed at a meeting in the library Sunday.

## SUPERVISORS ASKED TO DELAY OFFICE ACTION

John D. Strain, secretary of the Oneida County Taxpayers' League, recently addressed a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking that body to defer action on the appointment of a successor to the late Charles L. Scothorn, county purchasing agent. That the Board gave no consideration to the communication is seen in the appointment of Supervisor Frank M. Williams, of Utica, to the post yesterday. Following is what Mr. Strain said, in part: "We believe that the office, as now conducted, is of no economic value to the county, and if the present system is continued, the position should be abolished. If, on the other hand, it is properly organized, as a purchasing agent's office should be, we feel it would save the county and its taxpayers considerable money and would justify its existence. "A county purchasing agent's office should be free from party politics and never used to build up patronage for the particular party in control, at the expense of the taxpayers. "It is not unreasonable to ask that you defer action, because the county will not suffer by a month's delay, for under the present system the present personnel is capable and efficient enough to carry on. "If a modern purchasing agent's office can be set up, you, as representatives of the taxpayers, should be willing to wait a month and see that the best and most efficient agency for purchasing county supplies is established. "If, on the other hand, you are in haste to fill the vacancy just to provide a job for some party affiliate and ignore the taxpayers' interests, all I have to say is we will have to remind the taxpayers, eleven months from now, when another election is due, and then let the chips fall where they may, and if your memory is fresh you will recall that the chips lately have not fallen into the lap of the politician who has ignored the interests of his constituents."

## MRS. CHAPMAN SPEAKS AT MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Nearly 50 persons attended the regular monthly meeting of the Stone Church Men's Club, held in the social rooms of the church Tuesday evening. Mrs. Oliver U. Chapman, of Utica, spoke on "My Trip Around the World," and the "Christian Church in India." While Mrs. Chapman mentioned briefly that she visited four continents, 24 countries and ten islands, rode in 20 different conveyances, used 15 different kinds of money, and crossed 24 bodies of water, she confined most of her address to India. The problems of India were discussed and a graphic description was given of the people, their customs and religions. Mrs. Chapman said that one of the greatest impressions gathered was the thoroughness of the work of the missionaries, as there is but one for every 3,800 homes in India. Another feature of the entertainment program, arranged under the chairmanship of Rev. Harold W. Wylie, was the presentation of five selections by a quartet composed of Robert Lloyd, Clinton; Alfred E. Rhodes, George Elkington, and Bayard Matthews, Clark Mills. Previous to Mrs. Chapman's address, supper was served under the direction of William G. Bowen. No business session was held at this meeting.

