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TWELVE MURALS

for the

RHINEBECK, NEW YORK POST OFFICE

by

OLIN DOWS

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Public Buildings Administration and
by arrangement with Maynard Walker

at

THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE

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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 Dairyland'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. Same 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 Ankony Calycoon and Anamaton. The Indian Commissioner, Henry Pawling, is coming up to witness the deed.
- c) 1715. Thirty-five families of Palatine 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 stone, 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 Waagman-Aartsen 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 this 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 Kil.

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 "Grassmere." 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. Cornshucking 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 Traphagen'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

1865. 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, Meade & White, is almost finished (1904). 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.

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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.

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35 MARKET ST., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
TELEPHONE 1131

Office County Chairman

January 17, 1940

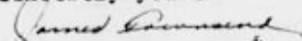
Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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

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MEMO FOR MARY

Will you put the attached in
our Hyde Park folder?

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Jan. 23, 1940

Dear Mary,

I am enclosing a check \$90.00
for the Taxes on the Cottage for 1939
from Marion and me.

I am getting it off early this
year as I may not have it
later.

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

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

Marion & I will be down on
the 30th so we will see you then.

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

*aff
Nancy Cooke*

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Mrs. Grover Watson
Mrs. Allen Wardwell
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Mrs. Casper Whitney
Mrs. Vanderbilt Webb

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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 Dows' 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)

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Mary Beatrice d'Este
Wife of James Stuart
In 1683 Dutchess of York

The Colonial Laws of New York. Volume 1, pages 121-122, "AN ACT to divide this province and dependences into shires and Counties." Passed November 1, 1683: "The Dutchess's County to bee from the bounds of the County of Westchester, on the South side of the High-lands, along the East side of Hudsons River as farre as Roelof Jansens Creeke, & East-ward into the woods twenty miles."

January 20, 1940

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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. Dows has depicted the history of Rhinebeck in a wonderful manner.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sincerely yours,

Amy Ver Nooy

Feb 1940

Hyde Park
Hyde Park
Council

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-Viola 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 hereon 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.

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DATA ON WATER SUPPLY FOR FAIRVIEW-VIOLA SCHOOL 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.

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Dev. Co.*

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, 1923 extending the city lines to the end of their Fairview property and running same 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.

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- 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 ..	390.
1 ton fitting	105.00 a ton	105.
3-6 ton gates and boxes	35.00 aa ..	105.
2-4 ton	25.00 each	100.
2-4 ton	22.00 ..	44.
City charge for cutting into main		35.
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	\$ 2,000.
1-50 gallon deep well pump complete	750.
100-0 .. 4" C.I. pipe installed	130.
1-5000 gallon galv.iron pressure tank	510.
Tank foundation and installation	225.
Tank insulation (cork)	1,000.
Connecting up pressure tank, labor & material	85.
Pump house (Stone)	700.
	\$ 5,400.
Water softening equipment if needed	1,500.
	\$ 6,900.
15% Contingency	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	\$ 4,834.83 at 3% per year	\$ 145.05
Deprecacition charge	2% of \$ 8,790.60	175.81
Service rate for motors (1 H. P. for 12 hours)		
for 180 days at .02 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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		<u>1,196.00</u>
		\$1,570.86

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.

FIXED YEARLY COSTS FOR 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)		54.00
For 180 days at .02 $\frac{1}{2}$ per hour		
Cost of softening water at .05 per 1000 gals		<u>135.00</u>
		\$ 716.47

SUMMARY

Installation Cost Poughkeepsie source	\$8,790.60
Installation Cost Wells source	<u>7,935.00</u>
Saving	855.60
Minimum yearly cost Poughkeepsie source	\$1,570.86
Maximum yearly cost Wells including softening	<u>716.47</u>
	\$ 854.39

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

WHK:gs

Fairview-Viola School - Docket 1905-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 " Boone " sewer:

The Law:-

Section 5 of the law authorizes the city to construct the Boone 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 common 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 Supt. 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) Supt. 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 will be from school owned wells and not under the control of the city and the quantity used would have to be estimated. The other is Plattsburg, New York where there is no charge made for public or private school but where the following rates are in force:-

Following are the sewage rentals in effect on March 25, 1938.

	<u>Per Year</u>
Single residence	8.00
2-Family ..	9.00

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Public Schools	00.00
Private ..	00.00
Churches	66.00
Groceries	50.00
Garage-washing cars	25.00
Filling-stations washing cars	12.50
Cleaning establishments	12.50
Green Houses	15.00
Hospitals	50.00
Hotels (75 rooms or more)	50.00
Hotels (less than 75 rooms)	25.00
Laundries	25.00
Public or business toilets	5.00

5th) City Council writes letter to School Board stating present conditions of the existing line and the probable fee they would charge the school for sewage facilities if the line were of sufficient capacity (to be based on Flatteburg rate and not over \$ 50.00) The letter also request 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 cities present system with its periodic floods use of cess pools 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 cant be done the board will split the cost of a W.P.A. project with the city each paying 12 1/2 % of the cost. But the city must sponsor same. Cooke sell 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 can not build this 12" line themselves as the state wont give them permission. Note: the states permission for the line and a W.P.A. project to do this work will be taken care of somehow.

JAMES TOWNSEND
COUNTY CHAIRMAN

HOMER W. GUERNSEY
SECT COUNTY COMMITTEE

DUTCHESS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

ROOM 21
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TELEPHONE 1121

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Dutchess County

Office County Chairman

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
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 heard 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,

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 8, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. ARCHIBALD MacLEISH

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.



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New York

Jan. 23, 1940

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

Floyd E. Masten

COPY

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The University Libraries

Office of the Director

January 19
1934

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

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February 10, 1940

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.

JAMES TOWNSEND
COUNTY CHAIRMAN

HOMER W. GUERNSEY
SECY COUNTY COMMITTEE

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Office County Chairman

Dutchess County
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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
James Townsend

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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WASHINGTON

JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

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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.

PSF Dutchess County
3-10

March 23, 1943

Dear Mr. Althen:

Your letter of March fifteenth comes 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,

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Harlan Althen, Esq.,
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Poughkeepsie, New York.

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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

M. H. H.?

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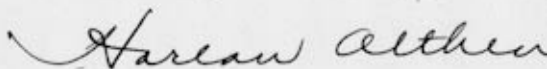
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on the early Dutch architecture, I curried-combed the fat volume by Miss Reynolds on the early Dutch houses. In this volume I selected excerpts from Mr. Roosevelt's foreword which I thought were particularly interesting.

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

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P. P. W.

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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.

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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 1928. 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.

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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 1938 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

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Dec. 29, 1939

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

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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 wherever 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
Eagle-News

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS LEHAND:

The President may wish to be reminded that the Sappington 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?

W. J. A.
W. J. A.

PSF
Hutchinson County
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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,

James A. Benson
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COUNTY CHAIRMAN

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SECY COUNTY COMMITTEE

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Office County Chairman

April 29, 1940

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 gripe, I am

Very sincerely yours

James Townsend

James Townsend

JT:MS

Refer to Civil Service List - Grace has in Civil Service folder

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Wendell
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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)



Rahway, New Jersey
24 May 1940.

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,

Arthur R. Wendell

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.

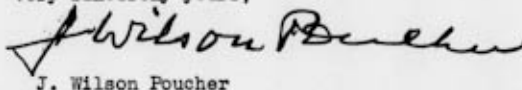
He served four years as Treasurer, from 1935 to 1939, and is now entering the second year of the presidency. He is fully acquainted with the details of the work, as practically all of the receipts and disbursements for the second book were handled during his term of office, when I was acting as Vice 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 other-
wise, 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. Wendell for noon, June 20, at 90 West Street. Present were Messrs. Wendell, Vedder, Meserole and Talman. Several others had served notice of their inability to come, and Messrs. Schenck, Van Norden and Van Etten in particular had expressed their views on the business to come before the meeting.

Mr. Wendell presented an authorization 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 Foucher, 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 267 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 657 copies of the book extant, of which 177 are owned by the Syndicate, 40 are unnumbered copies, and 440 belong to William Morrow & Company. Mr. Stevenson's letter concluded as follows:

"Accordingly we would like to make the following offers that we turn over to you now all the stock which, as I said, aggregates about 657 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 267 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 267 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 30 and should like to conclude our agreements and cancel the contracts before that date."

Mr. Wendell 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.

Publication Committee

Minutes of meeting held June 20-1940 -----2

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

Wilfred B. Talman
Secretary.

A. Benson
COUNTY CHAIRMAN

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The President.

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June 25, 1940

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
James Townsend

JT:MS
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 there-after 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."

Mr. B.

Mr. A.

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.

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June 26, 1940

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 Crum 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-Broas Printing Company, \$530.91, and the bill from the J.B. Lyon Company for binding, \$120.00. The Lansing-Broas 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 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,

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historical societies and individuals who have purchased 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 Pilgrimage 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 condition 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 convenience, on all these points.

Sincerely yours,

Amy Ver Nooy

P.S. The Lansing-Broas 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.

RECORDS OF CRUM ELBOW PRECINCT
Dutchess County, New York
1738 - 1761;

Together with
RECORDS OF CHARLOTTE PRECINCT
1762-1785,
RECORDS OF CLINTON PRECINCT
1786-1788
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1789-1799

Edited by
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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.

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To Mrs. Amy Ver Nooy
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PROCUREMENT DIVISION
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Date 8/17

To Mr. Reaney

Public Buildings Branch

Mr. Reynolds	Have appropriate reply
Mr. Barton	prepared for Director's
Mr. Witman	signature
Mr. Trott	
Mr. Dunning	Acknowledge receipt with
Mr. Simon	appropriate remarks
Mr. Melick	Immediate action
Mr. Schaefer	
Mr. Hunter	See Director
Miss Chamberlin	
Mr. _____	Take necessary action

Mr. Sawyer	Comment, if any
	Check and initial

Mr. Bruce	Recommendation
Mr. Rowan	

Legal Section

Full report

Mr. Head

Analyze the problem

Branch of Supply

Information

Mr. Collins

Attach previous papers

Mr. Rehlaender

Note and return

Mr. _____

File

Remarks The attached papers
were loaned by the
President to Admiral Poples
during construction of the
building at Philadelphia
Byth W. Lamberton
Secy. to Adm. Poples C.J.P.

JUL 23 1910

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E P E C I F I C A T I O N

BREKMAN HOUSE,
RHINEBECK, NEW YORK

for

ROBERT B. SUCKLEY, ESQ.

Rhinebeck, N. Y.

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

S P E C I F I C A T I O N

BECKMAN 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 ~~as~~ generally as the Beckman 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 chimnies 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.

Caps for chimneys. All sills for doorways and windows.

CONCRETING (Floors).

CONCRETE FILL	Lay 4" concrete throughout basement.
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PLASTERING.

<u>WORK TO BE DONE:</u>	Plaster all ceilings and walls above 1st floor.
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Plaster cellar ceiling

<u>KIND</u>	Plastering to be two coat work
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<u>LATHING:</u>	Lathing to be spruce or hemlock.
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CARPENTER WORK.

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

<u>GENERAL</u>	All window frames #1 white pine clear D.H.
	Mouldings, facias, etc. Cypress
SHINGLES	Cypress 4 1/2" to weather.
BASH	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	9" high. 4" in closets
STAIRS	Form 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.
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HARDWARE.

ALLOWANCE:	Allow \$75.00 for finished hardware.
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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.

CUTTERS:

To be hung or boxed as indicated.

KIND:

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

GAS:

No provision for gas.

HEATING.

Not to be figured on in this specification.

PSF: Dutchess County

file
personal

~~Hon. Elmer "F"~~

4-43

PSF
Sr. Co

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,

PSF: Dutchess County

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. ELMER VAN WAGNER

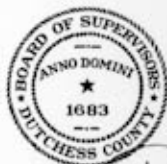
I am enclosing herewith my
usual contribution and I have sent
a like amount directly to Tom Killmer.

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 thoughtfulness
of me in our coming campaign. This
opposition is putting every effort forth to
defeat me. I am handling the finances.
Looking forward to seeing you on election day.
Yours truly,
Elmer Van Wagner.

For the President

Dutchess County Candidates for Supervisor - 1943

AMENIA	Republican	Democratic
	Henry N. Barlow	Joseph B. McEnroe
BEEKMAN	Jay Holmes	None
CLINTON	Donald Townsend	Harold Wright
DOVER	William M. Fitzpatrick	James A. Benson
EAST FISHKILL	John Anderson	Jerry Fowler
FISHKILL	Leonard J. Supple (Supple Republican, Endorsed by Democrats)	Leonard J. Supple
LA GRANGE	Clarence A. Bishop	None
MILAN	Herbert E. Wadlin	Charles Gallagher
NORTH EAST	Harry Parsons	None
PAWLING	Egebert T. Green	Albert J. MacKenna
PINE PLAINS	William M. Peck	None
PLEASANT VALLEY	Herbert C. Lawrence	Cecil D. Sherow
RED HOOK	Oakleigh T. Cockingham	Matthew J. Galvin
STANFORD	John B. Creswell	None
UNION VALE	Delmar J. Lasher	None
WAPPINGERS	Edward R. Scofield	George Burnett
WASHINGTON	James T. Asbury	None
HYDE PARK	Wilfred Borner	Elmer Van Wagner
POUGHKEEPSIE	Albert Conrad	Thomas D. Mahar
RHINEBECK	Edward B. Tewksbury (Tewksbury Republican, endorsed by Democrats)	Edward B. Tewksbury

Independent
William J. Gardner

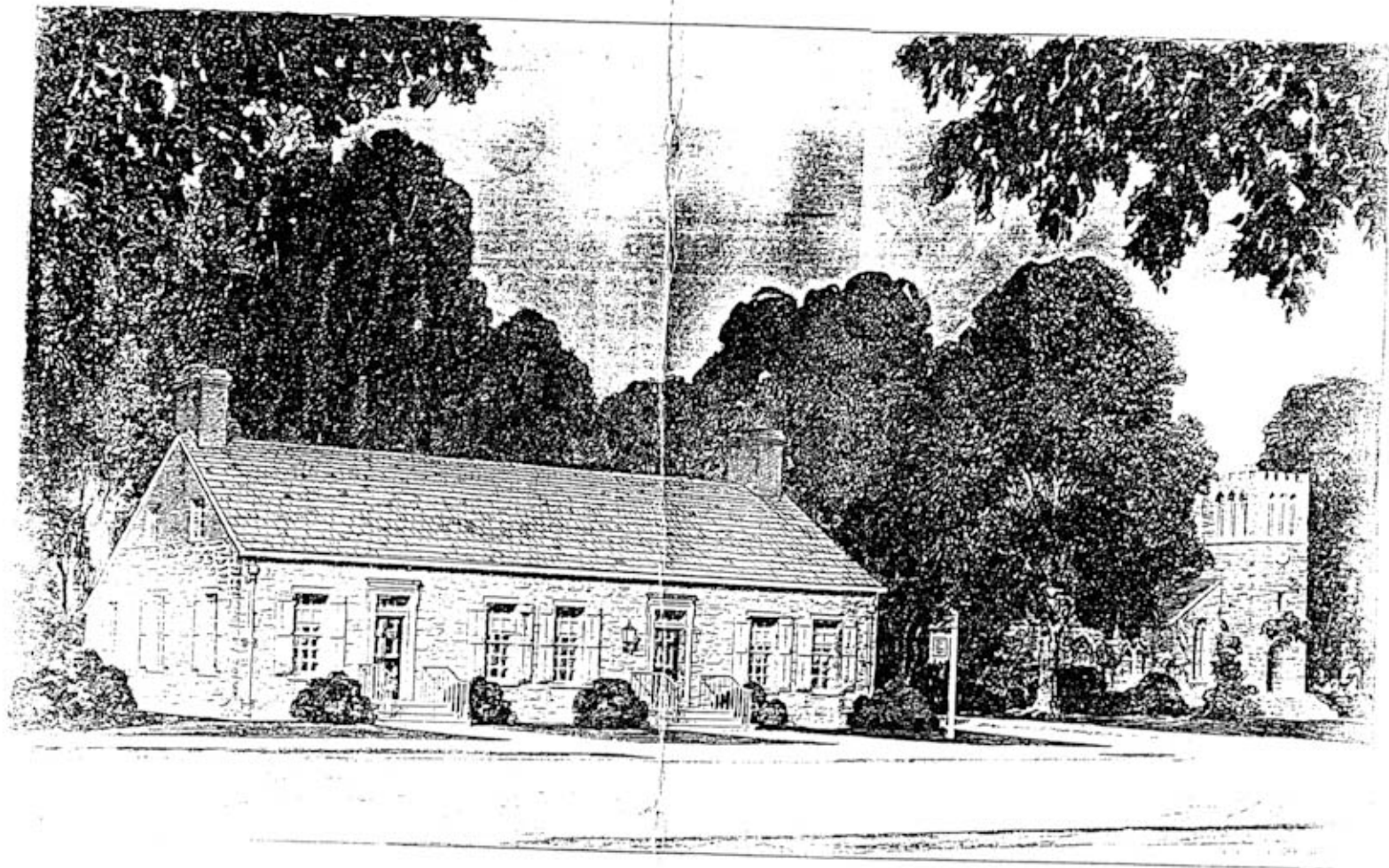
Independent
John Tewksbury

CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

FIRST WARD	Republican Frank Ross	Democratic Frank DeGilio
SECOND WARD	Charles L. Miller	Otto Scott (ALP)
THIRD WARD	James B. Rikel	Clarence E. Silvernail
FOURTH WARD	Louis J. Donaldson	William J. Syrotchen (ALP)
FIFTH WARD	Floyd C. Roe Sr. (ALP)	Fred J. Healey
SIXTH WARD	Leland H. Shaw	Maysie H. Thomson. (ALP)
SEVENTH WARD	William J. Laughlin	John P. Downey (ALP)
EIGHTH WARD	Elting G. Burger	Milton A. Erwood

CITY OF BEACON

FIRST WARD	Carleton Jones	Nicholas Videtti
SECOND WARD	W. Vincent Grady (Grady Republican, endorsed	W. Vincent Grady by Democrats)
THIRD WARD	Sands E. Frost	William J. McCarroll
FOURTH WARD	Wilford W. Conklin	Al H. Friedman



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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 congressional 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? when he went over to Berlin, Germany, last year, on his way to and from Norway. Public opinion will be probably divided upon it, so we submit, with regard to both sides of the question the information in our possession, and let the public judge for themselves.

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

Fish, Berlin—Aug. 27—(U.P.)—U. S. Representative Hamilton Fish said today that he believes Germany's claims are "just". Editorial in New York World Telegram, August 28, 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 95 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 boll weevil, 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 burling around over the unhappy Continent, growing daily more excited, volunteering his opinions as to the imminence of war, coyly proclaiming that he would be glad to accept the job of arbitrating the Danzig dispute, calling on somebody to do something quick. The Oslo conference received his suggestions coldly, but that didn't discourage Mr. Fish. Last week-end he appeared in Berlin, sent word to the American correspondents that he had an important statement for the American

press and informed them that Germany's claims are "just", that he favors liquidation of the 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 anything else 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 expedited. 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 "Sympathiser" 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 same until after his return from the Interparliamentary Conference, at Oslo, Norway, August 15-19, 1939.

Now comes a story told the writer by an active aggressive member of the "Fifth Column", Bund group of New York, which we state without questioning in the least degree, Fish's Americanism. "Nor 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 address 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" group 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 patron Saints in America, General Mosley, 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 persecute their two hated enemies, the Jews and the Catholics, and solve our unemployment problem, by the use of true Hitler Dictator methods, such as now prevail under "Nazi" domination in Germany. The writer was further advised to watch the reception that Mr. Fish would receive in Germany, a week or two later, on his way to Norway.

Fish stopped at Berlin, on his way to Norway, and was royally greeted there by von Ribbentrop, the "Nazi" Foreign Minister, and rode around in von Ribbentrop's plane. This was reported in American newspaper dispatches, and widely published in this country. Stopping off again at Berlin, on his way back from Norway, Fish, gave out that much criticized statement, that "Germany's claims against Poland were 'just'".

That's the other side of the story;

The thought of the writer, is that if Fish attended that meeting, and convinced them that he was a "100 per cent Nazi", he was only "kidding" them for those six million German-American votes, but that is most dangerous "kidding". It lends aid and comfort to those who would destroy our form of government.

We say, that the statement made by Fish, in Berlin, alone to the effect, that "Germany's claims against Poland are 'just'", absolutely disqualifies him, from ever holding a seat in the Congress of the United States again. The district can, and did forgive him for being a prohibitionist, in a prohibition community, and a "wet" in a "wet" community, in the old prohibition days. Because that did not imperil the sacred principles, upon which our great nation was founded, but the district cannot and will not, overlook his betrayal of its sacred principles, in the statement quoted above, no matter what "Fish" alibi he may offer.

And we say further, and we are not going to "pull any punches" in saying it, that any man or woman voter, who, acquainted with the facts stated herein, be they Democrat or Republican, and who votes to return Fish to Congress, from this district, either in the primaries, or at the polls on election day, should bow their heads in shame. When they viewed the pictures of Washington, the "Father of their country", or "Lincoln the Savior of their country", for they will have much to be heartily ashamed of.

"Doc Bowen" when he faced the "Nazis" and the Communists, in joint debate, on behalf of the Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce, at Oakwood School, on July 4, 1934, did not mince any words, nor did he angle for votes for Congress, and when you elect him to Congress, you will have a real Congressman at Washington, and one not subject to ridicule, as shown in the editorial of the New York World Telegram, at the forefront of this article.

Editorial Page
MID-HUDSON CLARION
 POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
 Founded 1940
 By EDWARD J. "Doc" BOWEN

EDITORIALS

Sound, sound, the clarion, fill the life;
 To all the sensual world proclaim,
 One crowded hour of glorious life
 Is worth an age without a name.

Sir, Walter Scott.

With this, the first issue of the Mid Hudson Clarion, we enter the field of Hudson Valley Journalism, in a most modest manner.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow". Perhaps from the sowing of this tiny seed, may come, in time, the political regeneration of the 26th, New York Congressional District.

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

Its watchword will be action first, talk afterwards;—

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

A STUDY IN CONTRASTS
FISH-Plutocrat— 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 historical battle for nomination as republican candidate for President of the United States, in 1860, between William H. Seward of New York, and Abraham Lincoln of Illinois.

Fish the man of wealth, with all its power, and a strong party organization, always highly victorious, will face "Doc Bowen" the Commoner, as his opponent, who will fight with no money no organization back of him. Nothing but the simple justice of his cause, "Of the people; for the people, and by the people". Bowen, always tireless. Smiling always.

And recently there came to live at the "Y" an old buddy of the writer, who lived alongside the writer at the Newburgh "Y" years ago. That buddy, E. W. Miller, a retired railroad freight agent came here to do what he could to help send 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 knowing that, submerges his partisanship for the good of the district and his country. That is an unasked 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

Poughkeepsie can never prove grateful enough to its A No. 1 Sailsman, Peter H. Troy, who has so splendidly sold the Poughkeepsie 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 gladiators of scull and oars, selected as the brawn, skill and courage of the college men of the nation, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, will contest in speed and endurance on the water. All honor to "Pete Troy". We fondly express the hope that his retirement from the executive direction of the races, will be far remote. Poughkeepsie cannot but view his retirement, at 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 Penton, founder of the Penton Office Supply Co., Poughkeepsie. 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 smile 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 predicts that, within a short period of years, Penton will be among the leaders on Main St., Poughkeepsie. Hit the line hard "Norm", you're gaining yardage:

From Captain, Stephen Bock, of Battery B-156th, Field Artillery, New York National Guard, this interesting piece of news. The boys in Battery B, will shortly hold a dinner in honor of Private Charles Dickinson, of the battery, who has won his spurs in competitive examination for admission as a cadet in West Point Military Academy. He enters as such on July 1st, next. Winning his admission there is a distinction of which Poughkeepsie may justly feel proud. Only 8 are appointed each year, from the entire National 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, has an equal chance with the favored ones. All he needs is the 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 73 South Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie. Succeeding a worthy father, who was one of Poughkeepsie's most respected, leading citizens, the present Mr. Schoonmaker, head of the undertaking establishment which bears his name, is in every way, a worthy successor to his late respected father, and has justly earned a niche in foremost Poughkeepsie, social and business circles, as a most competent and agreeable personality.

Captain, C. B. Van Slyke, that grand old former Hudson River boat pilot and captain, whose sterling worth, is warmly appreciated at the Poughkeepsie "Y". M. C. A. is wearing a happy smile these days, in anticipation of the approaching wedding of one of his twin grandsons, Alton C. Van Slyke, of Beacon, who will marry on June 9th, next, at the Beacon Episcopal Church. Miss Betty Knight, also of Beacon. 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, for many years a popular fare collector on the Newburgh-Beacon ferries.

Another Poughkeepsie Boy Makes Good

Late last December, while serving as President of the National Recovery League, at Albany, the writer was invited to a big "blow out" of the Albany wholesale distributors of the largest manufacturers in the United States, of commercial phonograph musical instruments, the Rockola Manufacturing Corp., whose Central New York State distributors, are none other than Al Schlesinger, and associate of Poughkeepsie. A gala night, greeted the eyes of the writer, in magnificent phonograph musical instruments costing as high as \$600, and more, in a very large wholesale establishment at 707-709 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 and New Market Sts., in Poughkeepsie. Today he is the owner and operator of the big Gulf, gasoline, repair and tire station diagonally opposite, on the S. E. Cor., of Mill and New Market. How he accomplished that big jump, the writer does not know, and "Tom Espie" is too modest to talk about it. He certainly did not have the capital to do it with. The writer suspects it was because Tom always made friends, he was so pleasant and agreeable at all times, to everyone. Give Tom a break when you want your car washed or repaired, or when you want oil, gasoline, tires, or any other accessory. He has earned and fully deserves your patronage.

We do not wish to forget our good friend "Bill Moehrke", in our sojourn into his well-chosen journalistic field. Bill, the well rounded combination of a Dean Swift, with his satire, a Disraeli, with his grace, and an Earl of Chesterfield, with his polish, suggested we call this little paper, "Bowen's Blast". Bill said, something in that, so we called it the "Clarion", which is a more genteel name for "Blast", to enable us to "blast" the things we hate and abhor. Bill says in his column in the Sunday-Courier, we "may never get to Congress", but we "have a lot of fun" and so does he. Bill, as Kay Kayer says, "YOU'RE RIGHT THAT'S WRONG". But you also greatly underestimate. We do get a lot of fun out of it; right. We are going to Congress. You're wrong there, and we get a lot of happiness out of the struggle. You underestimated that. When we can look about us and see all the misery and unhappiness on every hand, and feel that in time, we may, play a small part in helping relieve same. Why man, it warms the cockles of one's heart. Life then really becomes worth living, at seventy, even with all its trials and tribulations.

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**FISH IN A DEEP HOLE, VOTED
 AGAINST NATIONAL DEFENSE**

Two years ago, in 1932, in the session of Congress of that year, Hamilton Fish, the representative from this district, cast his vote against an appropriation for a super Navy, and stronger coast defenses. Now he is blatantly shouting for the very thing he voted against at that session, although it takes three years to build a large battleship.

Challenged to join debate on that issue by Doc Bowen, during the campaign of 1933, Fish, plainly in a deep hole, answered by saying he was for a big Navy, and to uphold the Monroe Doctrine, but against policing other nations. If he was for a big Navy, why did he vote against one? And how could he uphold the Monroe Doctrine, without policing other nations? and it is to protect them, that we have a Monroe Doctrine.

No wonder the New York World Telegram, said editorially, "we do occasionally wonder why the Republicans of the 26th, New York District, keep electing him to Congress."

**DOC BOWEN CURBS NEWSPAPER
 MONOPOLY IN ALBANY**

For more than 15 years, small business men and women in Albany, making a living from the sale of newspapers, including blind 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 discontinue the sale of newspapers and magazines like the druggists who could discontinue the sale of same, and did so, when imposed upon through such. So something had to be done. The method pursued against the helpless ones, 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 Doc Bowen stepped into the picture.

The practices Bowen had to destroy were, the greatly increased 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 papers than they could sell. In some cases amounting to 100 per cent more, so that a newsdealer selling a paper at only 1/4th 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 on them under a threat to take away from them the sale of all their other newspapers and magazines, thus forcing them out of business.

In only seven weeks time, Bowen did what they had tried to do for fifteen years and failed in doing. He organized them into a strong organization of 122 members, 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's time, the situation cleared up, and Bowen brought back with him an appeal, signed by 60 of the leading newsdealers of Albany, asking all the newsdealers of this congressional district, regardless of politics to get back of Bowen's election to Congress, from this district, at the coming fall election, which most of them will gladly do.

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TAXATION THE AMERICAN PROBLEM

By J. OTIS BENTON

President 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 focussed 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 which they are seeking.

It is necessary now, more than ever for the voters 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, 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 "taxeaters" laws, and thereby pave the way toward the relief for home owners.

After billions have been spent of the political front we are now being called upon to spend other billions for National defense, thereby making new tax laws inevitable, but if we will 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.

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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 UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE OF HOUSE MEMBERS, which consists of some seventy members of the House of Representatives of non-partisan composition, about 40 Democrats, over 20 Republicans, and a Farmer-Laborite and a Progressive. They are organized to find a solution of that most vital problem, and have before them the BOWEN BILL, which provides, among other things a plan to revive industry in all the small idle plants and show the new concerns how to market the goods successfully. That does not mean to sell under the Bowen Plan of direct selling alone, but to sell anyway 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 govern-

ment, which does not dip down into the taxpayers pockets, or further run the government in debt, to relieve unemployment, and could help bring about balancing the national budget.

The principle proposed by the Bowen Bill has been highly successful operation in several cities in the United States, such as Manchester, N.H., Ayer, Mass., and Scio, Ohio, in which places the problem of unemployment seems to be entirely solved with more employment, and larger payrolls, than existed before the depression.

What Bowen plans is to have the same thing done in all other cities and towns, like the cities of Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, Middletown, and Port Jervis, where there are many idle plants, and people on relief rolls, which make a very great burden for the taxpayers to carry. Here in Poughkeepsie, one of the first plants to be reopened will be the pearl button 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 a huge crowd of visitors and sport lovers to witness the Poughkeepsie Regatta here next Tuesday, June 18, at the Daylight Saving time, according to Commodore Peter H. Troy, the executive head of the boat race committee, told to a reporter of the Mid-Hudson Clarion this week.

In conversation with some of the old time regatta officials, we were told it has been a long number of years since we have had so many outstanding crews participating in the Varsity race. It is thought by them that several of these crews are going to be very evenly matched in that particular race. Said one of those former officials, "you can take your choice as between Washington, California, Cornell Navy, and Syracuse." The day will be a part holiday here, with many stores, banks, closing for the late afternoon, to give the owners and employees ample time to watch the

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EDITORIALS

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 an apple, measured by certain events in the past few years.

With regard to Congressman Fish, we have sown our little seed, not in any sense of venom or maliciousness, but as a duty we felt we owed the people of the district. With the information in our possession, we would have been false to ourselves and to the good people who admire and respect us, had we remained silent in this critical time in the history of civilization.

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 guns, ammunition and planes, which are out of date, but which might help save the Allies to put up a measure of defense against the onrushing Germans should they get in Paris, or closer to that city.

What is Fish's game anyway? We could write a good, strong article about the above recent action of his, but why waste valuable thought and newsprint, which might be devoted to a far better purpose?

Does Fish lose in his heart, wish to see the Allies lose the war, and Nazi Germany win it? We hate to think that of him. No wonder that every where we go we hear the suspicion openly expressed that his sympathies are with the Nazis.

As for us, editorially we reserve judgment. We are watching and waiting, and do not wish to do anyone an injustice, even to defeat him in a primary or at an election.

WENDELL L. WILKIE

A Striking Example In Non-Partisanship

One of the finest examples of non partisanship in the ranks of the Republicans is to witness the rapidly growing sentiment within that party to nominate Wendell L. Wilkie, an Independent Indian Democrat, for President of the United States on the Republican national ticket.

The Republicans who advocate that, are in every sense, real Americans, because they are breaking away from the old political party partisanship for 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, at the last Fall election, and helped to defeat for reelection the notorious Boss Tweed, 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 taking the position of No. 2, as the founder of that National organization. However, we have forewarned 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 confine our efforts to getting elected to Congress, "Unmuzzled and Unafraid."

DOC BOWEN'S SEARCHLIGHT

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

With them you do not have to lineal descend to one who came over in the Mayflower. They take you for what you are, and are rarely ever fooled. They have vision, and a canny, intuitive sense, and so when they come to live amongst us, we are enriched by their presence. Such a man is with us now for several years past, and we have long stood apart and admired him for what he is, and what he stands for.

That man is Harlan Altham, from Two Rivers, Wisconsin, a superb reporter on the staff of the Poughkeepsie Eagle News. No one could meet him without getting the same impression of him. Quiet, unassuming, he quietly goes on his way daily, gathering the news, with rare skill and acumen at all times. We count ourselves as most fortunate in numbering him among the best of our friends, and feel more than grateful for the many favors and assistance he has rendered us in the past.

Speaking of newspapermen, we want to mention another and a different type for whom we have formed great respect and admiration. This time a product of the East Kingston, that old colonial town certainly did a good service to Poughkeepsie when she allowed us to acquire the splendid editorial talents of Ray Walters, fetty editor of the Poughkeepsie Eagle News. We have long watched him work out of the corners of our eyes, deeply intent in weeding the chaff from the news, as it came to his desk, with his quiet, studious men, only to be somewhat disconcerted, when in the midst of a dull in his work, we would find him looking at us most intently, with a quizzical, questioning expression, which would seem to say, "wonder what that guy is up to now."

he fomenting more trouble, so that we will have to take notice of what he is saying and doing?"

There you have two widely divergent types, of the east and the west. Splendid Americans both, when you get to know them. That's the saving grace of our great nation. We differ at times, but underneath it all, is the spirit of democracy.

For years we have treasured as two of our warmest friends, Mike and Harry, of the Bardavon Eat Shop. Both splendid Americans in every sense of the term, and always ready to support any good enterprise for public benefit. The Bardavon Eat Shop, which they operate is never closed, and best of all, one may get there all times a very fine meal, at moderate prices. We know something about that for we have been eating there for years past, and let us add, based upon our experience, it is one of the most noted and best eating places in Poughkeepsie. By the way we would like to be a bit more formal and polite, and say that Mike, is Mike Zervos, and Harry, is Harry Moustakas. Mention our name if you go to eat, there and watch that smile.

There are two other of our old acquaintances, of many years, who have climbed the ladder of business success from a small start, and give employment to a number of highly paid efficient workers, adding to the prosperity of our city. We refer to J. Vanek, and J. Troppman, the owners of the Cky Auto Body Works, at 745 Main St., city. We have watched that concern grow up from a small concern, in an old building on upper Main St., only to marvel at the difference now, in a new, large modern building, well equipped to do all kinds of repairing, glazing, and painting on new or old automobiles. If you should ever want any work done in their line, please give them a call, and tell them you are our friend, and we bespeak for you a most friendly greeting, and the splendidly good service they extend to all their patrons.

Frequently in our contact with hard headed business men we meet up with some who are more or less hostile in their desire to do good, and quiet away, by saying those less fortunate than themselves, and taking an active part in movements of an unselfish nature for the benefit of those needing such. We are thinking now of a man we have long come to admire and respect for such traits. We know he would not like our mentioning of this, but we will profit by good examples, so we are going to take the risk of this displeasure in saying, that such a man is C. B. Hartshorn, the head of the Poughkeepsie Buick Co., who boy scout like, does his good turn every day, and we say more? We think not.

There is another such business man in Poughkeepsie we would like to mention, and that man is John B. Marian, head of the Poughkeepsie Packard Company. We recall with much pleasure, that in our earlier days in Poughkeepsie, when we were waging a struggle to put forward our meals, we found no more receptive listener than John Marian. In those days he was head of the Eastman Business College, on Millstreet, and we found ourselves other

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a total stranger to him, getting a most friendly greeting. Since then we have kept in touch with John, and there is always the same cordial greeting from him. Never too busy to give us a moment. Always glad to hear what we have to say. That's what we call the real American spirit. We know nothing about his political views. Have never asked him any questions about that, and never will. It is enough for us to know him as the man, that he truly is.

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America is at last finding itself in
its active aggressive measures now be-
ing taken against all "Fifth Column"
activities with their putrid doctrines
of destruction of Democracy. Coming
to us as 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 Charlotte-
ville, 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 in-
filtration of Reds, many of them Span-
ish 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 Col-
umn 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 civiliza-
tion they are trying to save, he re-
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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 de-

stroy 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's 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 stuck pigs when it 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.

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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 judgement, 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 many who may loudly call for our entry into the war with our man-power, probably shirk the continual fight for a better America, in the primaries, and at the ballot-box at the General Elections.

However, be that as it may, we are not in any sense a pacifist, and if we were allowed to do so, would 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 DeCadeur, when he said, "My country may she always be right, but right or wrong my country."

Let us keep our heads on our shoulders and not go out, 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, 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 let us arm to the hilt to resist any invader who tries to grab up territory in the Western hemisphere.

SHAME ON YOU—
CHARLES H. LINDBERGH

We cannot resist denouncing what we feel is the basest kind of ingratitude on the part of Lindbergh, in his recent outburst on the radio, over extending aid to stricken France in her heroic fight against the Nazi hordes, who had invaded her soil.

When Lindbergh was a poor unknown aviator, and had made that epic flight over the air to France, alone, France was the first of all the nations to take him to her heart, and gladly set the seal of her approval of him as a daring, trail-blazer of the air, and because of that Lindbergh was showered with fame and fortune, from that

time on, until the present. And for Lindbergh to oppose sending arms, planes and munitions of war, to France, in her hour of trial, he committed the basest of all acts, that of ingratitude.

Had France asked for man power, there might have been some little excuse for Lindbergh's base act, but she only asked for some of our outmoded guns, planes and ammunitions, rotting in the store houses 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 passing events in this section, a flood of memories come to us so forcibly, that we feel they should be written down, 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 coolest men in an emergency we have ever known. That man was Jack Brickman, the cigar and newsdealer at 287 Main St., Poughkeepsie, who has a branch store over in Kingston. It so happened that we had been in Kingston, on business, and Brickman invited us to ride back to Poughkeepsie with him. It was late at night, and an earlier 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 down the road we saw a car pull out of the long line and try to pass the rest. The driver could not make it, nor could he pull back into line, which had closed up. And there we were headed straight toward him. It was either a collision, or the ditch for us, and we sat there wondering whether or not Dutchess County was going to lose its perennial candidate for Congress. But Brickman never turned a hair. He sailed into the other car head on, and all we got out of it was a broken fender and broken radio set. Not even a shock. 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 a head on collision was the easiest way out." There's a man for you. Give him a call when you need anything in his line.

Here is another recollection of a different nature, dealing with a splendid ambition, which has happily borne good fruit. When we first located in Poughkeepsie, our attention was attracted to a brilliant young man, anxious 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 them out was to play a little trick on him, and asked him to drive us out to Vassar Inn, in Arlington, where we were 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 rare treat for those present, and called upon our friend to pinch hit in our place.

He could not get out of it, and did very well. Then the next time we were called out there to a dinner, we put him on the list as a speaker, and today, that young man is rated as one of the best public speakers in the Hudson Valley. You will all know of him when we tell you he is Prof. L. H. Krissler, head of the Krisslers Commercial School, at North Hamilton, and Mansion Sts., opposite the park. Krissler worked his way through college in his early youth, and is a graduate of Syracuse University. Do you wonder why we have a lot of faith in our common country, and the youth of our land? Some day when you 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 School House. While we were in the midst of our talk, the chairman of the meeting, Thomas Maher, whispered in our ear, that Judge Spratt, who then was being talked up for to run for Mayor of Poughkeepsie, had just come on the stage. We had heard a lot about Judge Spratt, but never had the pleasure of meeting him up 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 of New York State, and is elected, the state Legislature will have among its members a man well trained in municipal matters.

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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, as 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, in 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 any part in our work, at that time. But both appointments are most excellent ones, and will bring about a greater measure of public confidence in our ability in handling 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 when such hobbies are good and 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 chain operators of oil and gasoline

stations in Poughkeepsie. We are informed, that Mr. Hubbard has a beautiful two-acre residence plot out on Overocker Road. Mr. Hubbard is one of our oldest friends in Poughkeepsie, whose friendship we warmly appreciate.

Now there is another in Bill Schields, 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 same, 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 those big leather lined, roomy chairs for a few moments of much needed rest, in our tour of business places. Mr. Schields has a sure some well appointed place in that 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 Committee to defend America, By aiding the Allies. The people were at first shocked, and then angered by the attempt of this William Allen White, crowd to stampede 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 resources are being used to fill Americans with fear and hate of Nazi Germany, and Fascist Italy, but never a word about Communistic Russia, whose Red leader, Joseph Stalin, gave the signal to start this holocaust, and who now sits 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 season and out of season, and now repeats it. But all the full page advertisements that wealth and influence of the elderly leaders of this White crowd (who themselves are 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 Communistic Russia, and Mexico is one whit more Democratic, than what Italy and Germany are now doing in France.

Let this White, crowd prove their sincerity by denouncing all subversive and un-American movements at the same time, and for what they are. Let them stop shooting fire in one end of the town, while robbery is being committed in the other end. Let them, without reservations, denounce Communism, Nazism, and Fascism and demand that this Country keep out of war, by keeping war out of America.

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HAM FISH AND REPEAL OF THE ARMS EMBARGO

IF FISH HAD HIS WAY IN CONGRESS, THE ALLIES WOULD HAVE BEEN BADLY DEFEATED BY NOW, AND THE UNITED STATES IN DANGER OF INVASION.

There could be but few more glaring examples of Congressman Hamilton Fish's unfitness to longer represent the 26th, New York Congressional District in Congress, than his hysterical, questionable outbursts against the repeal of the arms embargo at the special session of Congress last Fall. Particularly because of some of the misleading arguments he advanced against such. Many excellent people were opposed to its repeal, who can see their folly now, but they did so because of conscientious scruples based on their fear of possible war, although it has since been seen there was absolutely no ground for that, and failure to repeal that embargo, at that time would have brought us closer to war than ever, in the defeat of the Allies.

In the case of Fish it was different, loudly proclaiming to the mothers of America, and striking terror deep into their hearts, he asserted its repeal would surely drag us into war, and threatened us with other dire results with loss of life, as the result of sabotage of our munitions plants.

Fish did not stop there. Plainly seeking the support of those whose sympathies were with the Allies, the looking for their approval, assured them that no repeal of the arms embargo was needed to help the Allies in the way of munitions, or the instruments needed in warfare, such as bombing planes, cor. scouting or other planes, tanks and other mechanized instruments, as well as munitions. In that he was carrying water on both shoulders, as the following will show.

Quoting from a speech made by Hamilton Fish on a nation wide hook up, over the radio, on the National Broadcasting company's network, we find the following published in the Congressional Record, as follows, under date of Sept. 23, 1939.

QUOTE: "I cannot get much excited over the argument that we are helping England and France by repealing the arms embargo, as neither a nation needs our arms and ammunition, each having an abundant supply. It would not make sense if they bought arms from us or when they can supply them

If that is not double dealing, and carry water on both shoulders, what is? First he throws a scare into the hearts of the mothers of America, by leading them to believe that repeal meant selling arms and ammunition to the Allies, which would drag us into war, and in the same breath he assures those favoring the Allies that the Allies did not need our arms and ammunition, and would not buy them anyway. Talk about "Of again; On again; gone again; Finnegun". That man Fish is a wizard in taking all sides of every question.

What would have happened if Fish had had his way, everyone now knows. The Allies, far superior to the Nazis in fighting men, and air pilots, are today in a sad way, for the things in the way of arms and ammunition they need to win the war, and begging America to rush such to them even faster than ever. When three American Hudson Bombers, can attack a fleet of fifty German planes and bombers and bring down fourteen of them, and disperse the rest, without the loss of a single American plane, what would happen to the Nazis, if thousands of them could be sent over there?

No wonder the Germans are waging a war of bitter killing and extermination, of even their own men, whom they are ruthlessly sacrificing, to bring the war to a quick end in their favor, for they well know what is going to happen to them, when our American manufacturing plants catch up with the deficiency of the Allies in war planes, tanks, and ammunition, as catch up America will. Man for man, plane for plane, pilot for pilot, tank for tank, the Nazis are no match for the Allies, least of all, with American made planes and bombers.

And that life saving assistance to the Allies, Fish would have prevented, if he could do so, and in that sense his incumbency in Congress from this district, is a menace to the district and the nation, for his way would have been the sure way to lead us into the war, by enabling the Nazis to bring their war of extermination to our own shores, with the defeat of the Allies. Bear this in mind, down in the Nazi heart is a bitter, all-consuming hatred of our country, and all that it stands for, and given a chance they will vent such hatred on us. Don't encourage the Nazis by reelecting Fish to Congress, from this district. Do not even nominate him for Congress in the Republican primaries. Be a real

those primaries, when the primaries are held. And the same goes for the Democrats, in their primaries, and for the unenrolled voters in the election next fall.

Kill off the menace of war by electing a man whose election means the application of common sense, not the venting of a bitter political hatred against the administration, as in the case of Hamilton Fish.

THAT WAR IN EUROPE IS NOTHING TO BE UNDULY ALARMED ABOUT

A careful analysis of the war in Europe would seem to indicate that the Allied forces stand a splendid chance for an ultimate victory over the Nazis.

These facts stand out very sharply. The Germans are far inferior, both on land and in the air to the Allied fighters, who only lack sufficient more equipment to defeat the Germans in the end.

Take the evacuation of the Allied force in Flanders, and one finds that Hitler was only able to capture, according to his own admission, only ten per cent of them, although he had boasted he would capture or destroy all of them.

Out of 375,000 Allied troops bottled up by the Nazis in Flanders, 335,000 of them were evacuated, and safely ferried over the channel to England. That proved that Hitler was only a colossal bluffer, who could not make good his bluffs.

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

No nation at war with another, ever had such a chance to destroy or capture a great army, as had the Nazis in Flanders, with the letting of the Allied left wing open by the desertion or surrendering of the Belgian army, and yet the Nazis completely failed to make good Hitler's threat to destroy the Allied army. Nothing in this story approaches that failure of the Germans to achieve their objective.

With America, rushing planes, tanks, arms and munitions of war to the Allies, which is being done now, there is no doubt of the ultimate result, and any and all danger of our being drawn into the war, with our man power, by sending our boys over to fight on foreign shores, is entirely out of the question. We will not go over there and fight. They do not need us.

Make no mistake about it. The Allies do not need our man power. They do need our planes, tanks, arms, and ammunition, and the best insurance to keep us out of that war is for us to send them all they need, AND AT ONCE.

Do not listen to any Fifth Column propaganda on that. If you wish to avoid our being drawn into the war, in case the Allies are defeated for lack of fighting

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OUR MISSION

So many complimentary expressions have come to us of a highly favorable nature, with regard to the first issue of the Mid-Hudson Clarion, from our native City of Albany, from the White House, at Washington, and in large numbers from Poughkeepsie, that we feel we owe it to our readers and the public, to reveal just what is our aim in public life.

Perhaps a little past history of what has been accomplished largely from our initiative, may be a better guide than anything else, and we trust our readers will understand that in relating same, we do it in all modesty, without any desire to indulge in any self praise.

As a youth just turned twenty-one, we saw our native City of Albany, being mercilessly robbed by a 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 to put a stop to the robbery, in excessive charges for lighting the streets of that city. That movement did the work. The city saved \$96,000 on its next five years contract.

Then removing to Philadelphia we found that city notoriously the worst governed city in the world, with its citizens helpless. Voting at local elections meant nothing, as ballot box stuffing was in that city a fine art. It was useless to vote for any good purpose. We stepped into that picture, and publicly threatened to send the leader of that group to jail, in the columns of our weekly newspaper, unless the ballot box stuffing ended at once. For that bold move we were threatened with imprisonment ourselves, but we stood our ground, and ballot box stuffing stopped, with the State Legislature of Pennsylvania passing a ballot reform law at its next session, providing for the Australian Ballot.

With that condition corrected, a few years later the citizens of Philadelphia came into their own, and elected an independent reform Mayor, as the result of the movement we started following our protest against ballot box stuffing. Philadelphia from that rose to power. Philadelphia had learned a lesson, which this district could well emulate, namely that no political machine or combination of political machines can stand up against public opinion, once aroused.

We could relate much more of a similar nature, but that is not important. Our mission is and has always been to drive home the great truth, that no man or woman voter, who blindly votes a straight party ticket, is, in the last analysis, a good American. Government is never

more corrupt than the people permit it to be, and never any better than the people compel it to be. Double dealing, with its accompanying carrying of water on both shoulders must be condemned and driven out of our public life. Voting should be for the man and the principles he stands for, and never because he is the candidate of any political party. Political parties are only thin skinned shells anyway. They are valuable in formulating principles upon which candidates may stand for election, and in aiding in the election of candidates who are the choice of the people, and a terrible menace to government when they designate the candidates, who then become the slaves of unscrupulous political bosses.

DOC BOWEN'S SEARCHLIGHT

While we are on the subject of eradicating subversive "fifth column" 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 most vigilant American spirit, under the able direction of Dean Temple, its general secretary, and his splendid staff of assistants including, of course, the writer's warm personal friend, the membership secretary, Claude Williams, together with his other close friend, Ray Lansing, Williams' assistant, and of course his other friends, Prof. Helm, Mr. Magee, Prof. Van Ness, "Dick Thomas", and not overlooking that good soul, Miss Perkins. Its a peace loving atmosphere there at the Y. M. C. A., but strong for national defense.

What a huge, attempted joke on the Democrats of the 26th, 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. Since when did the Middletown Times Herald, a pronounced Fish organ, become the mouthpiece of the Democratic organization? Sounds like the "fast one" that Ham Fish tried to pull off on the Dutchess County Republican organization last fall, when he gave out that announcement to the New York, and local newspapers, to the effect that 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 one of your tricks Ham, it is certainly very crude, as Judge Spratt, has since denied the report, and would not take the nomination. Why pick on Middletown? Why not go to Port Jervis, its further away, if you want to fool anybody?

So, John E. Delaney, has announced his Embargo Club, will disband. Too bad; Too bad; That club did a great work in drawing attention to the serious menace of "fifth column" subversive activity in our midst, at a time when we were lulled to sleep with our own affairs. The writer on two occasions made speeches for the Embargo Club, to help drive the truth home. Some way should be found to keep Delaney on the job, active in that field, and we suggest he stand for election to some office where he can hammer away for the complete eradication of that still dangerous menace. He is too good a force in our 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.

Here is some good news to all those good Americans, who believe with us, that all "Fifth Column" activities should be frowned upon by all our people, and quickly squelched. We have arranged with John E. Delaney, the founder and former President of the Embargo Club, which recently disbanded, after doing a wonderful work in calling public attention, to the subversive movements within our midst. Mr. Delaney is a trenchant writer who despises and detests all communistic and other subversive organizations, and will contribute a column each week, entitled "My Week" which, we know will be warmly received by the public. The Clarion is most happy to feel it could prevail upon him to accept that assignment. Watch for this column in our next and subsequent issues.

Our good friend A. A. Schoonmaker is to take to himself a charming bride, in the person of Miss Ella Beckwith, at Christ Church, on June 23, next. Rev. Dr. Alexander G. Cummings will perform the wedding ceremony, which will be at 4 P. M. on that date. We trust their's will be a long life of happy wedded bliss. Our hearty congratulations go to both bride and groom.

One of the pleasantest memories of the writer, is about the time of his first year's residence in Poughkeepsie. He had been invited to address the Exchange Club, at one of its sessions, on the workings of the "NRA" at the Nelson House. Just before he rose to speak the secretary of the club whispered in his ear that he was going to be "razed" during his speech, by two very expert "razers" of that club, none other than "Lin" Snyder, and "Sam" Israel. But the razing did not happen that night, as he told the club he too could play at that game, and all was laughter. Since that time he has treasured as one of his warmest friends, "Lin" Snyder, as well "Sam" Israel, and learns that both of them were guests of the club at a recent "Old Timers" night. Snyder is now a census enumerator for the government, and Israel as everybody knows is a haberdasher and hatter, at Market St. Both are splendid fellows and deserve long life, and happiness, say we.

Did you ever hear of O'Donnell Day, and its hero, Charley O'Donnell, whose

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picture we had hoped to publish this week. Well, as the story goes, Charles O'Donnell, the efficient Corporation Counsel of Poughkeepsie, learned of the intended celebration and vamoosed for parts unknown. He could not be found that day, despite the wide publicity of the occasion, arranged by his friend Bill Moehrke. We knew O'Donnell was modest, but did not think he would dodge a good feed, 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 Evening Star, who has done so much to 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 its editorial columns that we are "sharpshooting" for a \$10,000 job, in trying to be elected to that high office.

For the information of the Star, let us say, right off the bat, that we would run for that office, if it did not carry any salary at all, and 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, we did just that 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 plums 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 96,000 inhabitants, and including the Central High School, and the U. S. Mint. Had he been elected he could not collect any part of the graft because he was running on a platform against same, and distributors of the graft could not count him in, because they knew it would mean sure exposure.

To assure our distinguished neighbor, the Star, that the \$10,000 a year has nothing to do with our 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 \$15,000, of the \$20,000 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 big public spirited citizens on that practical solution of part of the unemployment problem?

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While the Clarion has seen much evidence during its short week's existence, that there is an active, aggressive "Fifth Column" in the district, we see no occasion for much alarm over same, although every real American should report to the daily newspapers, or to Sheriff Close any evidence of such, that it may be fully investigated, and the suspect absolved, if innocent.

It is not a matter over which we should become unduly excited but it has been well said that, "eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty", and we should all be vigilant, and report any and all suspicious characters.

The writer had considerable experience with the tribe, which would correspond with the "Fifth Columnists" of today. In New York City, when war was declared against Germany by the United States, in 1917, and worked actively with the National Security League, causing some of them to be interned by the U. S., and he learned then how easily it is to misjudge people, so be careful of that! Be sure you are right first, before you report them, unless your suspicions are very strong.

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