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COLLINS WILL BE REINSTATED ON COHOES POLICE

Former Night Chief Returns Sept. 1; Figured in Albany County Probe

The reinstatement of James S. Collins, former Cohoes night chief of Police was announced by S. Earl McDermott, Cohoes commissioner of public safety last night. The commissioner stated Collins will resume duties Sept. 1.

Collins was one of several Cohoes officials indicted in connection with the Governor Dewey ordered investigation of alleged crime in Albany County. The former chief was charged with having committed perjury in connection with his application to the police bureau when he allegedly failed to state that he had been convicted for alleged sale of liquor during Prohibition.

He was the last of those indicted to have his indictement dismissed. Dismissal was made by Supreme Court Justice William H. Murray of Troy on the motion of Collins' attorney.

Prior to his leaving the police force, Collins held the rank of lieutenant in the bureau serving as night chief. Sergeant John J. Ballard has been acting night chief since that time. No decision has been reported made as to what rank Collins will be given when he reports for assignment.

—Times Photo.

TRADITIONAL CEREMONY—The traditional holding of the crowns over the heads of the bride and bridegroom is shown above at the marriage of Miss Antoinette Hytko and William F. Gurnett yesterday at St. Nicholas' Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, Cohoes. The officiating clergyman is Rev. Theodore Kiryluk. The best man was Peter Hytko. Mrs. Dora Mudry was matron of honor and Miss Hanchowsky was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Pauline Shetwczyk and Jeanne Pitarak.

U. S. AND BRITAIN URGING LIBERATED POLES TO GO HOME

Strange "Educational" Campaign Directed at Refugees in Germany

Washington. (AP)—Born out of Europe's confusion, a strange "educational" campaign has been ordered by the United States and British governments to try to persuade half a million or so bewildered and unhappy Poles in western Germany to go home.

The intensified drive is being launched now, diplomatic authorities disclosed yesterday, because of the approaching end of UNRRA and the heavy costs which maintenance of displaced persons in Germany imposes on American and British taxpayers—considerably more than $100,000,000 a year.

At war's end, there were many more Poles in Germany than now transported there for slave labor. By last November all but the estimated half million—some authorities say more nearly 400,000—had gone home. They are the ones for whom the decision to go is most difficult.

Victims Of Propaganda

Officials here say they are the victims of successive propagandas which have magnified their political fears and concerns into a great mass bewilderment.

First they were subjected to years of Nazi propaganda, beaten down with ideas as well as by physical suppression. Liberated from the Germans they came under the influence of the so-called "London Poles," the former Polish exile government which was bitterly opposed to the present Soviet-sponsored regime at Warsaw. During that period they were subjected to the London propaganda, anti-Russian and anti-Warsaw.

Gradually this situation has been altered until today, according to information at the State Department, the Warsaw government has access to the camps where the displaced Poles exist. Giving them this access by arrangement among the American, British and Polish governments opened the way under the general cooperative banner of UNRRA for the present drive to pursuade the Poles to go home.

Cool Towards Poland

What makes it such a strange campaign is that neither the United States or British governments professes any enthusiasm at all for the present government and the present political situation inside Poland. However, authorities have long since ceased to talk of the Poles in Germany as being anti-Polish government. The present official view of them is that as largely peasant people who have survived years of slave labor and internment they should be able to get along almost as well under one regime in Poland as under another.

The cardinal rule of the education campaign, designed to resolve their bewilderment into a desire to go home, therefore, was described as being to set forth the advantages of their returning to Poland without in any way seeking to misrepresent conditions there or making promises which could not be fulfilled.

It costs $10 to $30 to repatriate a displaced person out of Germany, according to official sources here. It costs, the same officials say, more than $250 to maintain the person in Germany for a year. There are roughly about 150,000 displaced Poles in the United States zone in Germany and substantially more than that in the British zone. The French have relatively few displaced persons of any nationality. The total of all nationalities in western Germany is estimated at around 1,000,000.

PRE-CONVENTION MEETING—The Matera-Mele Post, Italian Veterans, was host last night to delegates to the state convention, scheduled to be held next month. Pictured at the meeting are, left to right: Ralph J. Margiasso, Syracuse, national commander; Anna Barone, Syracuse, state president of the ladies' auxiliary; John Mancini, commander, Troy Post; Andrew A. Padula, state commander, Albany; Vincent Busone, state adjutant, Watervliet; Julia Arrigo, national senior vice president of the ladies' auxiliary, Troy, and Sylvester Arrigo, chairman of legislative committee, Troy.

LEGION WILL CONDUCT OUTDOOR PARTY FOR CANTEEN MEMBERS

A block party for members of the Youth Canteen sponsored by E. T. Ruane Post, American Legion, will be held in the near future in the area around Hiker's Monument. Announcement of the event was made yesterday after the weekly canteen dance session at the legion post rooms.

A definite date for the party will be decided upon at a meeting of the committee of high school students Thursday night at the home of Miss Marica Radcliff, on Saratoga Avenue.

Wilford and Joeleen Borden were named the winners of the jitterbug contest held yesterday. Donald Bisnett and Elizabeth Nolan won second place prizes. The awards were made by Lawrence Connors of the legion.

TRIDUUM WILL OPEN AT ST. AGNES' CHURCH

In preparation for the Feast of the Assumption on Thursday, a triduum will begin at 7:30 p.m. today in St. Agnes' Church. The services will continue tomorrow and Wednesday at the same time.

On Wednesday, which is a fast day because it is the vigil of the feast, confessions will be heard in the afternoon and evening. Masses on Thursday will be at 5:30, 7, 8:15 and 9:30 a.m.

COHOES TO HAVE GRIEVANCE DAYS DURING NEXT WEEK

Taxpayers May Voice Assessment Complaints Tuesday Through Saturday

Cohoes taxpayers will have their annual grievance days next week, from Tuesday through Saturday, it was announced today by the board of assessors.

The assessment roll for 1947 has now been completed and is being given a final checking bofer being opened for inspection. The 1947 roll is expected to show a reduction from the 1946 total valuation.

During the grievance days, taxpayers' protests on assessments will be recorded for later consideration by the board. The final roll will be presented to the Common Council in September.

Meanwhile, the city treasurer's office is completing plans for the collection of taxes for the second half of 1946. A total of $181,150.35 is still due the city on the total levy of $756,194.04 for the year.

37 BIRTHS REPORTED IN COHOES FOR JULY; DEATHS TOTALLED 18

Births more than doubled deaths in Cohoes during July, according to the monthly health report filed with Mayor Rudolph Roulier today by Dr. Hans D. Weiss of the Health Department.

The totals showed 37 births and 18 deaths for the month. In addition, 28 cases of communicable diseases including 18 cases of measles were reported.

The Bureau of Sanitation made 48 inspections, the Bureau of Plumbing 30, and the Food Inspection Bureau 20.

Slight Collision.

Owners of two cars which figured in a collision at the intersection of Manor Avenue and Mohawk Street at 8:15 p.m. yesterday reported no damage when they filed reports of the mishap with police The cars were owned by W. Kenneth Kirby, R. D. 1, Waterford, and Henry Bouleris, 42 Sargent Street and were driven by Beatrice Kirby and Ruth Bouleris.

Obituary.

The funeral of John Dawson, sr., was held Saturday afternoon from the funeral home of A. D. MacAffer, 86 Mohawk Street, Cohoes, with Rev. Earl H. Fryer, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, officiating. Bearers were William and Edward Schwarzer, Wayne Bowers, William Guillman, Charles Hodgkinson and Russell Dawson. Interment was in the Stuyvesant Falls Cemetery.

POLISH GROUPS OF CITY HAVE CLAMSTEAM AT ST. MICHAEL'S FIELD

The annual clamsteam of the Sons of Poland and the Polish Citizens Club of Linden Street was held yesterday at St. Michael's Field. About 300 guests attended.

The event begins at 11 a.m. with the steam being served at 4 p.m. As a feature of the afternoon program, the married men, led by John Kielb, defeated the single men, with Joseph Cetnar as captain, in a softball game, 17 to 6.

Chairmen of the affair were Stanley Kelacz and Joseph Kendziola.

LITERACY TESTS TO BE HELD TOMORROW

Will Be Held at Cohoes Library

Literacy tests for new voters will be held tomorrow from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. in the City Library, Education Building, Seneca Street. Qualified examiners will be present to give the tests.

The same schedule for the tests will be in effect on Thursday and against on Tuesday, Aug. 20, which is Primary Day.

All new voters seeking to participate in the primary elections should take this opportunity to secure the necessary certificates, according to Dr. F. Herrick Conners, superintendent of schools, who announced the test schedule.

MAJOR PARTIES TO PLAN FOR PRIMARY VOTING

City committees of the two major political parties, Democratic and Republican, have scheduled meetings to prepare for the Primary Day election Tuesday, Aug. 20.

The Democrats will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. in the City Hall while the Republicans will meet next Monday evening in the offices of Walter H. Wertime, jr., city chairman.

Meter Receipts.

Parking meter receipts for July shown a decrease from those for June, but were higher than receipts for last July, according to the city treasurer's report. July receipts this year totaled $719.27, compared to $594.85 last year. In June the receipts were $763.01.

LONDON LIGHTS DIM AS GAS WORKERS STRIKE

London (AP) — A gas workers strike brought a partial blackout back to London last night.

Street lights failed to come on along 1,400 miles of streets in an area where 5,000,000 persons live. Gas pressure ran low in thousands of homes.

Company officials said 20,000 industrial concerns would be affected by the gas shortage, including newspaper plants which use gas to heat type metal. Emergency techniques developed in the war were called into use.

Two thousand maintenance workers have been on strike four days against the Gas Light and Coke Co. seeking wage increases averaging fourpence (8 cents) an hour. Company foremen have voted to join the walkout this week.

FIVE NEW TROY BUSSES COST 700,000 NICKLES

Those five new buses received recently by the Troy Fifth Avenue Bus Co. Inc., will take 700,000 nickels, or 140,000 nickels for each bus, before they are paid for.

Joseph J. Fettig, general manager of the company said that the five buses, costing $7,000 each, are this year's quota for the firm and that additional buses will not be received until next year.

LIGHTS TO PERMIT EVENING USE OF SWIMMING POOL

Equipment for New Play Site Ordered; Basketball Court Planned

Lights already installed at the Lansing Park swimming pool will permit use of the recreation site in the evening for the rest of the season, it was announced today by Warren E. Smith, commissioner of public works.

In addition to the lights already installed, more spot lights will be installed this week and the bathhouse and pool will be completely lighted.

Recreation officials have already announced plans for the erection of a new playsite, to be located at the south end of the bathhouse.

Equipment for the site, including slides, swings, merry-go-round and teeters, has been ordered and is expected to be ready for use within ten days, according to James Neeson, supervisor.

On the land east of James Street, near the pool, an outdoor basketball court is being erected.

Hours at Pool.

The Lansing Park pool will reopen until 9 p.m. today.

Ball Game.

The E. T. Ruane Post ball team will play the Green Island Chiefs at Lansing Park tomorrow at 6 p.m. The battery for the post will be Hawron pitching, with Fennen and Hanley in reserve, and S. Majewski catching. The Ruane Post is looking for games and may be scheduled by calling Cohoes 503-J.

OPA Pledges Aid To Spur Production

Washington (AP)—Administrator Paul Porter yesterday promised business and industry full help from OPA in loosening the government's wartime grip on prices through the newly-created decontrol board.

The board, product of a compromise between administration demands for continued strong powers over prices to battle inflation and congressional effort to drop most controls at once, takes up its first tasks today.

Porter "vigorously denied" that OPA will require "industry to jump through hoops of red tape" in order to win price increases held to be necessary for production.

If anybody has to jump through hoops it is because Congress wrote the law that way, Porter indicated in a lengthy written explanation of how OPA expects to administer its revived powers.

"If production is slowed up, it will certainly not be the fault of the OPA," Porter declared. "We will grant all prices increases called for by the law. We will withhold those which cannot be clearly justified under the standards set up according to law."

The first job of the three-member decontrol board, which has final say-so over removal or application of price ceilings, is a decision on automatic restoration of price ceilings on a long list of food and feed products. These include meats, milk, butter, grains, cottonseed and soybeans.

Even after Congress agreed to revival of price controls, it insisted that these major commodities be freed from ceilings until Aug. 21, with the new board to decide before then whether they should remain free.

Most of the food and feed products included in the group have advanced sharply over the price ceilings that existed June 30, when OPA expired.

As a yardstick for the new board, Congress directed controls should not return unless prices had gone up "unreasonably," the product is in "short supply" and can be regulated, and controls are in "the public interest."

The initial hearing today will deal with grains, with twenty witnesses appearing under a split-second time schedule that allows a maximum of thirty minutes oral testimony and with most witnesses confined to ten or 15 minutes.

The question of meat controls will come up tomorrow with 23 witnesses to be heard.

36 Milk Groups Listed.

Most of Wednesday will be spent on cottonseed and soybeans with twenty witnesses listed. Requests of 36 groups to be heard on milk and dairy products forced the board to overlap these hearings late Wednesday and all day Thursday.

President Truman selected two bankers and an industrialist for the important and difficult $12,000 a year jobs. They are Chairman Roy L. Thompson, president of the Federal Land Bank at New Orleans, a Democrat; Daniel W. Bell, president of a Washington bank and longtime government worker with service as undersecretary of the Treasury and acting budget director, who claims no political affiliation; and George H. Mead, Dayton, O., industrialist and pulp paper executive, a Republican who previously served as a government adviser under the late President Roosevelt.

Neither Porter nor Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, given new powers regarding controls over farm commodities, will be asked to testify at the hearings but both will be expected to supply data and other assistance to the new board.

Porter, in his explanation of the new act, said OPA will continue to allow price adjustments "when an industry's earnings fall below" normal peacetime earninge.

Increases "Difficult."

He said, however, that applications for increases authorized by the new price-policy provisions may be difficult to present and decide.

"OPA is not a free agent," Porter said, noting that the new act requires an industry to present "comprehensive evidence with respect to costs and prices."

"Obviously, you can't reach into a hat and pull out cost data for an entire industry," the OPA chief said. He promised OPA cooperation in prompt decisions once the data is offered.

An industry may offer such a request within ten days and OPA then must decide within the next sixty days.

Porter said OPA soon will define by regulation what it understands Congress intended by "reasonable profit," and other broad terms.

He warned industry against "shortsighted" plans to halt production or distribution pending decisions on price adjustments.

"The sooner manufacturers get into full production, the sooner they will reach the stage where all controls can be removed," he said. "Immediate production means immediate money in the bank, a high level of employment, and the approach of decontrol.

ITALIAN VETERANS MAKE PLANS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Local Post Asks to Play Host at September Meeting

Members of Matera-Mele Post, Italian American War Veterans, announced last night that they were making every effort to have Troy chosen as the site of the Italian Veterans state convention. The drive for a Troy convention was reported by John T. Mancini, commander, after a session at 191 Second Street when the group played host to state officers and guests for other area posts.

Posts represented included Albany, Utica, and Herkimer.

The post announced a concentrated drive and had set 200 as the drive quota in 1946.

The meeting was attended by Andrew Padula, state commander and state officer Ralph Marigasso. The state commander stated that the drive for members in the state has set 20,000 total membership as its 1946 quota.

CHARGE WOMAN WITH MURDER BY MERCURY

Madison, Ind. (AP)—Mrs. Lottie (Tot) Lockman, 62-year-old housekeeper, was charged with murder last night after the state toxicologist reported finding mercury in the viscera of Mrs. Minnie McConnell.

Mrs. Lockman was arrested and taken to jail.

She already faces a charge of attempting to murder a daughter-in-law of Mrs. McConnell with mercury.

This arrest last week set off an official investigation and the exhumation of Mrs. McConnell's body.

Coroner Sidney E. Haigh said he planned to dig up bodies of four other persons who had died while being cared for by Mrs. Lockman. Mrs. McConnell was under Mrs. Lockman's care when she died in 1945.

WATERFORD

The women's auxiliary of Charles J. Brady Post, American Legion, will conduct their weekly social today at 8:15 p.m. at the town hall. Mrs. Elizabeth McGarry will be in charge of the affair.

Rockets Common Sight In Sweden

Stockholm (AP) — Ghost rockets—mysterious spool-shaped speeding objects with fiery tails—have become a common sight in Sweden, and military officials no longer doubt that the country is in a target area for experimentation with remotely controlled missiles.

Since July 1, newspapers have published reports of the flying fireballs nearly every day.

In the beginning many believed excited eyewitnesses had seen nothing more ominous than meteors. However, between July 9 and July 12 military authorities received 300 reports of the missiles and since that time added reports have poured in daily. Fragments examined by scientists gave little in the way of clues, except to indicate the presence of coke and other common materials.

Authorities, promising a communique on the results of the investigation within a few days, have cautioned Swedish newspapers not to publish the names of places where the ghost rockets appear, so that the senders would not be provided with important data. Official quarters declined to speculate on the source of the missiles, but it was believed elsewhere that the rockets come from some place along the Baltic coast of Germany.

The Swedish public has taken the rockets with surprising calm. Fears that a missile might do damage in a densely populated area have not been realized.

Nobody seems to think these rockets indicate any military preparations against Sweden, but the people here are puzzled at Sweden's being in a target area when an unlimited amount of uninhabited area must be available for experimentation.

The Stockholm Tidningen labeled a recent editorial "Ghost Rockets and Future War," and said the appearance of the missiles pointed up a necessity for preparedness.

In general, the ghost rocket is described as a small object with a flaming tail which speeds at great heights and vanishes within a few seconds. Eyewitnesses say the rockets make no appreciable sound.

Newspapers recently carried a picture of the rocket, secured accidently by a cameraman who was photographing a landscape. It showed a streak of light trailing from a small dark body, looking much like a comet.

Only in a few cases is it known that the missiles actually landed in Sweden. Military personnel have been busily dredging a small lake in Laplan.

Military authorities said the missiles evidently passed over Sweden in a huge curve. Some reports indicated the objects carried a device for self-destruction, and military experts said some apparently had exploded in the air. The longest flight of any of the missiles, so far as military experts could determine, was about 600 miles, as compared with the range of 35 to 45 miles for the first German V-2 rocket bombs.

There is no comparison, however with the rocket bombs. The mystery missiles are small, and at low altitudes seem almost square. The bottom of the object appeared to have been painted red, eyewitnesses said. Some observed these missiles flying extremely low.

These reports have been substantiated by a Swedish officer, a flyer, who saw one of the rockets during a recent flight.

WHITE CROW.

Western North America's clark crow is mostly white.