

# HOW NATIONAL GRANGE STANDS ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

## WESTERN FARMERS SEE RAY OF HOPE IN ST. LAWRENCE CANAL

### PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AGREES WITH THEM

#### Believe Opening of Ship Canal to Great Lakes Practical Farm Relief.

By EDWIN J. CLAPP.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Of all the proposed measures for farmers' relief, the West has most faith in the St. Lawrence ship canal to enable ocean vessels to sail direct to Chicago, Duluth and the other lake ports.

In the minds of the nineteen states which form the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Association which is fighting for this ship canal, it would blast open the St. Lawrence Rapids, which are the Gibraltar of the American-Mediterranean, and give the heart of this continent a direct outlet to the open sea.

If the railroads carrying grain for export, wanted to compete with this all-water route to foreign markets, they would have to cut rates to the bone. With ocean freighters sailing direct from Chicago to Liverpool, the railroads are expected to haul most of their grain only as far as the great lakes seaport.

Coolidge for Project  
President Coolidge mentions the project in his annual message to congress saying:

"Every effort is being made to promote an agreement with Canada to build the St. Lawrence waterway."

Since the St. Lawrence, for part of its distance, is an international stream, the ship canal must be constructed jointly by the United States and Canada. The joint board of American and Canadian government engineers have made definite plans and exact estimates of cost. To make doubly sure, a second engineering board is reviewing those estimates.

When that review is complete a canal treaty will be signed by the two governments. Congress will make the appropriations. Then the work can probably be completed within three years.

Figure Enormous Return  
The west is not speculating vaguely on what the St. Lawrence Canal will do for it. It has all been figured out by men like Julius Barnes grain exporter, formerly head of the Grain Export Corporation; ex-Governor Goodrich of Indiana; ex-Governor Harding of Iowa; ex-Governor Allen of Kansas, all directors of the St. Lawrence Association.

In the opinion of these men, the cheap transportation of the canal will put more in our farmers' pockets every two years than the entire cost of the improvement.

Some of them, like Julius Barnes, are not sure that many ocean steamers will come to the Great Lakes ports even if we build them a canal

### Evelyn G. McAndrew

Evelyn G. McAndrew died at the family home on Chestnut street, Dec. 4, 1924.

She was born in Andover, the daughter of Honora Walsh McAndrew and Richard McAndrew.

She is survived by her father and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. James Boyle of Belfast, Mrs. John Keough of Wellsville, Nora McAndrew, Edward McAndrew and Mrs. D. J. Appier of Andover.

Funeral services were conducted at the Blessed Sacrament church at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, with burial in St. John's Cemetery.

Those from out of town attending the funeral were: Mrs. E. M. Cooney; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cooney of Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. Edward McLaughlin, Louis Weibonif, Misses Sophia and Anna Weibonif, Mr. and Mrs. John Keough and daughter, Edna of Wellsville, Mr. and Mrs. James Boyle, son Francis, daughter Lillian and Irma and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker of Belfast.

twenty-five feet deep around the St. Lawrence Rapids. But as an operator of grain boats on the Great Lakes today he feels certain that the big 12,000-ton steamers, which can now go only as far as Buffalo, will go all the way to Montreal when this improvement is finished and there tranship into ocean steamers. He will guarantee that the route to the seaboard will cost five cents a bushel less than any in existence.

He points out that it is a fact in economics that the home price of any exported article is determined by its foreign price. The farmer in Minnesota gets for his wheat the Liverpool price, less the cost of getting it there.

If we cheapen this transportation cost five cents he gets five cents a bushel more. And he gets it for all the wheat he raises, whether sold abroad or at home.

How It Figures Out  
In the area which can economically use the Great Lakes as an export route to the sea they raise about three and a half billion bushels of grains of kinds which are exported. If five cents a bushel can be added to the value of these grains it will mean \$175,000,000 more in the pockets of our farmers every year.

The entire St. Lawrence improvement will cost only \$252,000,000. And this \$252,000,000 will include the construction of a great dam below Ogdensburg, which will generate a million and a half horse-power of hydro-electric energy.

This entire power can be sold cheaply in New York and New England and yet bring in enough to pay for half the cost of the whole St. Lawrence improvement.

It is astonishing how simple it will be to connect our American Mediterranean with the Atlantic Ocean. There are only a few St. Lawrence rapids. When the work is all done there will be only thirty-five miles of canal navigation—less than the forty-five miles in the Panama Canal.



Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Angevine, musical directors of the Gospel Crusade now going on at the Baptist Church.



### Mrs. George Wilson

Lulie M. Wilson, was born March 19, 1862, in Alfred township, daughter of Leland and Martha Adams Cook and died at Los Angeles, California, December 2nd, 1924. In early womanhood she was united in marriage with Harry Myers and resided in Bolivar and Sistersville, W. Va., until his death 21 years ago.

Her marriage to George A. Wilson of Los Angeles, California occurred about fourteen years ago. Mrs. Wilson was well known in Andover where she had many relatives and has been a frequent visitor.

Since her marriage to Mr. Wilson much of her time has been passed in travel having, in company with her husband, made a trip around the world and crossed the United States twenty-seven times.

Her illness was of several months duration. In October 1923 she underwent a critical surgical operation in an attempt to regain her health. Besides her husband, George A. Wilson of Los Angeles, California, she is survived by a brother, James F. Cook of New Milford, Ohio and several cousins residing in this village.

The funeral party arrived in Andover Monday morning, Dec. 8th. A prayer service was held at the home of her cousins, the Misses Bullards on Dyke street and funeral services conducted from the M. E. Church, Monday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. A. W. MacDougald officiating. Interment was in Hillside cemetery.

Among the out-of-town relatives in attendance at the funeral services for Mrs. Lulie M. Wilson, Monday afternoon were, George A. Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Cook, Mrs. Fred Cook, Mrs. E. L. Cook, New Bedford, Ohio, Mrs. Ella Schmidlin, Miss Ada Wilson, Charles Wilson of Hamilton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cook, Hornell, Justice Cook, George Cook and Harry Cook, Alfred and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bullard, Friendship.

### Thomas Flynn

Thomas Flynn, one of Andover's prosperous and progressive farmers, died Sunday morning, December 7th at the farm home of Flynn Brothers' three and one-half miles south-east of this village. Mr. Flynn died on the homestead where he was born and where his entire life has been passed.

Deceased was 73 years of age and had been in failing health for the past two years. Of the immediate family living in Andover, there survive a brother, M. P. Flynn, a sister, Miss Julia Flynn and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Blessed Sacrament church and interment made in St. John's cemetery.

### Training School

A five day Training School for Church School Workers will be held in Wellsville, March 2-6, 1925. Allegany county is fortunate in securing this school as only thirteen counties of the state out of twenty who applied are to have such schools. Dr. T. P. Young of Albany and a teaching staff of specialists in Religious Education will teach the several classes in this interdenominational school.

## Evangelistic Services Are Going Strong

The Gospel Crusade now in progress at the Baptist Church is attracting large crowds, and it looks at this writing, as if the Baptist church will be far too small to accommodate the crowds that are becoming interested. Rev. Harold Strathearn is a strong preacher and makes his points clearly. He is fearless, courageous and has a fine personality. The people of Andover have a treat in store for themselves during the remaining nights. Mr. Strathearn has made it clear that he is not here to make Baptists, but to be a blessing to the whole community and every church. The music that is being furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Angevine is worth going miles to hear. With Mrs. Angevine at the piano, and Mr. Angevine with his trombone and violin.

## Smallpox is Found in Many Nearby Towns

With smallpox raging in many of the cities and towns thruout this section, there is naturally some danger that it will reach Andover.

Outbreaks of smallpox have appeared in Belmont, Johnson City, Rochester, Owego and other places.

Health Officer Dr. B. R. Wakeman of Hornell has issued a statement to the people of Hornell and his advice is equally timely for Andover people. His statement follows:

"The people of Hornell should know that smallpox has appeared in a nearby town. Outbreaks have occurred in Rochester, Johnson City, Owego, Elmira and several other places in this part of the state. Sooner or later it is bound to appear in Hornell. The general type of the disease which has occurred this year is more severe and several deaths have already occurred.

"Every person who has not recently been vaccinated may take the disease. The only preventive we have is vaccination. Everyone who has not been successfully vaccinated in the past five years should be re-vaccinated in order to be protected. You are urged to go to your physicians and be vaccinated this week.

"Persons who are unable to pay for vaccination will be vaccinated free by the Health Department, at the Health Center, 108 Broadway, next Saturday, beginning at 10 a. m. B. R. WAKEMAN, M. D. Health Officer."

### Two Fires This Week

The Andover Fire Department was called to two fires the past week. Saturday evening, a five-ton truck owned by Hayden Rogers, being driven by Conley, took fire while on its way home, on the Quigg Hollow road. A broken gasoline line and defective wiring caused the fire. The fire boy's chemical put out the blaze in short time and the truck brot home, rather dilapidated.

Tuesday morning the department was called the farm house of George Barrett on Corwin Hill. The building was practically consumed before the firefighters arrived. It is not known how the fire caught. Mr. Barrett left a fire in the kitchen and came to Andover with his milk.

Ed. Padden, at the T. N. Boyd farm saw the fire and telephoned the alarm to the Andover department. The boys were there in a hurry, but not soon enough. The barn, close by, was kept from getting on fire.

### P. O. Notice

Beginning Monday evening, Dec. 15, and thereafter for three weeks, the mails at the Andover Post Office will close at 5:45 p. m., both east and west.  
John Common, Postmaster.

### Wellsville Stores Entered

The stores of Higgins Brothers, R. A. Wells, J. C. Crofoot, Hoyt Hardware, Alexanders, and O'Connor's Meat Market were unlocked and entered Friday evening by what the police believe to be two professionals. But little was missed from the stores in each case the cash registers seemed to be what they were interested in. It is that the men used a flat pass key to unlock the doors and that they did their work in the early evening. Since the discovery, people report having seen two men about the street about 10 p. m., and of having seen them entering or leaving some of the stores mentioned. No attention was given this as it was supposed they were men connected with the business place.

Wellsville sends a warning to merchants in Western New York to install efficient locks on their store entrances and to watch out for two strangers who are evidently in league in this game.

### A New Pastor

Rev. C. C. Conrad of Newark, N. J., has accepted a call to the First Baptist church of Andover, and will assume the pastorate, Jan. 4th.

## POLICY OUTLINED AT NATIONAL GATHERING

### Endorse Co-operative Marketing Idea and Development of Power.

Four outstanding votes of the Atlantic City, N. J. National Convention, which will command widest comment as a declaration of policy by the national grange are:

Strong declaration for the equality of agriculture—in legislation and in government plans also in the adjustment of tariff rates, etc., to insure an equitable balance between producers and consumers.

Emphatically endorsing the co-operative marketing deal, and the promise of the national grange to support such legislation in the coming session of Congress as shall best advance the co-operative marketing principle, under federal supervision.

Approval of the plan for a federal commission, for the development of super-power in order that its advantages may be carried to farmers and country people.

Construction at the earliest possible date of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway as an added means of opening up transportation facilities in the United States.

Vigorous opposition to the proposed Twentieth Amendment on child labor, in its present form, and the pledge of the national grange to prevent ratification; but reaffirming grange interest in every form of genuine child welfare, education and development.

### Favor These Things

The national grange voted to favor:

A high export duty or an actual embargo on logs and unfinished lumber not yet fabricated into industrial products.

Immediate completion and operation of Muscle Shoals by the government, or its lease on such terms as will insure the production of fertilizer for the farmers at cost, but strictly under the terms of the water power act.

Re-organization of the postal service and adjustment of salaries and administrative methods to increase the efficiency of the department.

Closer supervision of moving picture films and a rigid clean-up of objectionable features.

Increased appropriations and efforts to stamp out bovine tuberculosis in the interests of the public health.

Energetic efforts and liberal state and federal appropriations to check the irrigation and colonization projects until such time as it is clearly apparent that the available agricultural acreage of the country must be increased.

### They Oppose These

Daylight saving or any other time system that shall interfere with the universal operation of standard time in all states and parts of states.

All reductions on tariff rates on dairy products, which rates are declared already so low that American dairymen are suffering seriously from foreign competition.

The use of milk or any milk products in combinations with vegetable oils to manufacture "imitation butter."

Any universal school centralization or consolidation policy, on the

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## What I Think About 1925

With America having possession of more than one-half of the entire World's gold supply; with the World War problems substantially all readjusted; with Labor all employed at useful work at profitable wages; with the products of the farm at last commanding reasonably good prices; with interest on our foreign debts at least being partially paid; with our taxes diminishing; with the cost of Government gradually decreasing from the World War period; with tremendous orders heretofore held in abeyance now being released by retailers and distributors; with pessimism dead; with optimism alive and vibrant, 1925 is going to be the greatest year for business in the history of America.



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