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Bliss Asks For United Front In November Election

Calling upon independent voters of the county to take over the responsibility of reclaiming for Allegany county a role of leadership within district puublic service, befitting her capacities and traditions, Hubert D. Bliss of Wellsville, Democratic nominee for Congress, asked that a united front be thrown up for a home county candidate in the November 2nd election.

Mr. Bliss, in making his appeal within the news category of the campaign, delved, however, extensively into the history of the Congressional tenure line as it has penalized Allegany county. He showed that it has been close to 80 years since Allegany county has sent any one to Congress. Also in more than a century only two men have gone out from old Allegany to the National legislative halls.

Hamilton Ward is the only one of the two who could be recalled today in any personal sense by the oldest residents, Mr. Bliss said. And a person would have to be 90 years old in order to date back any personal knowledge of public life to take in "Ham" Ward as congressman. His later state service and family ties of descendants in judicial posts account for the more general familiarity of the Ward name in the county.

Mr. Bliss presented the historical sketch as follows:

Only those who ages run into the 90th year can have a personal recollection such as one voter remarked the other day: "Why, 'Ham' Fish was the last man in Congress from Allegany county."

Then the biographical sketches of Hamilton Ward supplies the dates as follows:

1864—elected to Congress.
1866-68—re-elected to Congress.

This gives him six years in the national legislative halls.

At that time Allegany county shared the congressional district with Steuben and Chemung counties.

In the years since Allegany has been in the present district with Cattaraugus and Chautauqua, the latter two have alloted Old Allegany a goose-egg. Hamilton of Ripley, Chautauqua and Vreeland of Salamanca, Cattaraugus, have been the names which some of the elder statesmen would recall, but Daniel A. Reed of Dunkirk, Chautauqua, who has usurped the role for a tenure overlapping three generations, is the only name that would be readily recalled by the rank-and-file of voters as congressman from this district.

The only other Old Alleganian, than Ward, who served in Congress in more than a century was Martin Grover. He was elected in 1844 while Martin VanBuren was president. Both Grover and VanBuren were Democrats. Grover lives in county annals as its greatest legal mind, having been a member of the Court of Appeals several years previous to his death in 1870.

Harking back over the 78 years since Hamilton Ward served in Congress, Allegany county should have been alloted on a population score a representation of 12 or 13 years in Congress. Dan Reed alone has penalized Allegany county its entire share.

Naturally, office allotments do not follow a population pattern to an exact science. But 78 years of eclipse scarcely pays tribute to the rating of public service in Allegany county by its associate counties.

"This all entails a task to reappraise the salient from which Allegany county must work," Mr. Bliss said. "Surely we have had men of calibre who have been shut out by this long rule outside. Apparently, there has been the vain effort of a partisan group to keep things bottled up, rather than effect unity so that all citizens might exert their influence in a general Allegany offensive.

"The time has come to make realignment to a real Allegany front. I ask voters, regardless of affiliation, to meet this challenge to reclaim Allegany in a role of leadership in district elections. It must be remembered that what holds for the Congressional district is true also for the state senate district. Allegany is left out."

Mr. Bliss then pointed out the path is clear to that end in the 1948 Congressional election. As the Democratic nominee, he can go before voters as a native Alleganian, with a family background dating back to 1830, when his great-grandfather settled in Salt Rising. He was born in Bolivar. His family ties have been closely linked with the Allegany oil field from the Richburg discovery well. His father, the late W. T. Bliss, set the pattern for legal work from which many of the large lease projects of the bounteous secondary recovery period evolved.

Like others of his family, Mr. Bliss is a product largely of Allegany county schools. He was graduated from Alfred in 1917. After 14 months service in World War I, he studied one year at the Pulitzer School of Journalism, Columbia University. After some 20 years in the daily newspaper field in New Bedford, Mass., Syracuse and Hornell, he returned to his native county in 1940 as owner and publisher of The Allegany County Democrat.

"Some there may be who shackle Allegany county leadership by a blind partisan vote," Mr. Bliss said finally. "This number cannot be large, once minds meet toward a sounder course. I can only say that, regardless of whether one likes the trim of the sails of other parties better than the Democratic, the fact remains that it is only the Democratic party that has given Allegany voters so much as a nod by virtue of a nomination all these years. In practical terms, the voting machine face for November 2 will read figuratively: Your Allegany Nominee Is Here—on the Democratic ticket. Let's all work with this reality as the first nail to be driven home to assert Old Allegany's star on the public service horizon."

State Fair Grounds Improved for Opening

Syracuse, August 31. — New wash racks being installed at the cattle building on the State Fair grounds will triple last year's capacity for cleaning the prize animals which will be on exhibition from September 13 to 18.

While the racks are being built a force of carpenters, plumbers, painters, electricians and general handymen is rushing the work of preparing five of the buildings for use during the fair. The fair this year is the first since 1941 and is limited to a cattle show, boys' and girls' fair, farm machinery exhibits and a rodeo. It will be followed for two days and nights by a horse show.

County Crop Prospects Excellent

Belmont, Aug. 26—Crop prospects in Allegany county are in line with those in the nation—above average, in the opinion of observers familiar with agriculture.

While there are some "flies in the ointment," the picture over the county is excellent to good. It has been a good crop year.

Present conditions are summed up as: wheat, excellent; oats, good potato prospects, excellent; corn good; beans, excellent barring poor harvest weather. Hay has been a good crop some of not the best quality still being cut.

"There has been no serious general damage to wheat or oats by the frequent rains of this month," said County Agricultural Agent V. C. Stevenson. Elaborating on the situation Mr. Stevenson call yields of oats quite variable, none spectacular. Two new blight-resistant varieties. Mohawk and Clinton, gave super performance this year. The grain is heavy, straw stiff, little lodging.

Wheat yields of the year have been above average over the county.

Potatoes have made excellent growth and so far there has been very little blight. Some blight-resistant varieties are very promising, vines luxuriant and thrifty

Insect damage is slight due to careful spraying. Corn while variable in various areas, is showing a good prospect despite a late start. Some of the best fields are exceptionally tall and vigorous.

Dry beans show very good growth and there has been relatively little damage from the Mexican bean beetle.

Gardens are yielding well despite a late start. The threatened blight of tomatoes has not appeared.

Seventy five per cent of Navy commanders retired since 1940 are receiving disability pensions whereas 99 per cent of Army majors retired are so listed.

Retribution

James, four years old, had been naughty to the point of evoking a whipping from his long-suffering mother, and all day long a desire for revenge rankled in his little bosom.

At length bed-time came, and kneeling beside her, he implored a blessing for each one of the family individually, she alone being conspicuous by her absence. Then rising from his devout posture, the little suppliant fixed a keenly triumphant look upon her face, saying, as he turned to climb into bed:

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Turning Back the Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the files of the Andover News)

30 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 6, 1918

J. H. Backus & Son, Editors

Herbert C. Snyder, 37, was instantly killed Sunday morning when the car in which he was riding crashed a tree at Alfred Station. His father, Jesse Snyder survives.

S. J. Fowler, 71, retired Andover undertaker and furniture merchant, died Monday night. His wife and a daughter Grace, survive.

Clarence Hardy has been commissioned as an officer in the Naval Aviation and transferred to Montauk, L. I.

George Robinson has been engaged by the Alfred Agricultural School as an instructor. He taught in Belmont last year.

William Hower has purchased the Phillips property on Hill street.

John Nobles is building a new residence on East Greenwood street.

A son, Richard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge Sunday.

Miss Bessie Slocum has entered the Willard Business School at Hornell.

Miss Mary O'Leary left Andover Sunday for Washington, D. C., where she has a position in the Quartermaster General's office.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stout of Wellsville were Sunday guests of her sister, Mrs. Ardean Wilcox.

The Misses Lulu Slocum and Cecile Hoard were week-end guests of friends in Elmira.

40 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 4, 1908

J. H. Backus, Editor & Publisher

Edward Greenan and Ira Kemp are trial jurors drawn from Andover for the September term of court.

Miss Celia Richardson and George Cummings were married at the Methodist parsonage in Wellsville Saturday afternoon, August 29th.

The body of Miss Marcella Cocoman of Greenwood was brought to Andover for burial Monday. She was 58 years old.

Harry Joyce has purchased the house owned by Mrs. VanWie on South Main street.

Mrs. W. W. Pingrey and children left Tuesday for a few weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Bray of Honeoye.

Mrs. R. B. Moran and daughters, Catherine and Margaret, left Saturday enroute to their home in Bartlettsville, Indian Territory, after spending some time visiting Andover relatives.

Miss Agnes Trainor left Sunday for New York where she will purchase fall millinery for her store.

Miss Myra Langworthy left Sunday for Westerly, R. I., where she plans to pass the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bloss and daughters of Whitesville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss.

Mrs. G. W. Probasco of Flemington, N. J., is passing some time with Andover friends.

Prof. Edward Hardy returned to Elmira Sunday after passing some time with Andover friends.

Prof. Edward Hardy returned to Elmira Sunday after passing the summer in Andover.

Mrs. Flora Mosher is passing this week guest of friends in Alfred.

50 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 7, 1898

Mosher & Green, Editors

G. B. Proper and J. D. Cheesman have purchased the Goodwin lot running from Maple avenue to Main street.

Workmen began operations this week to lay a pipe line for gas from Andover to Alfred.

Miss Lena M. Driscoll has been engaged to teach in the Fifth Ward school in Corning.

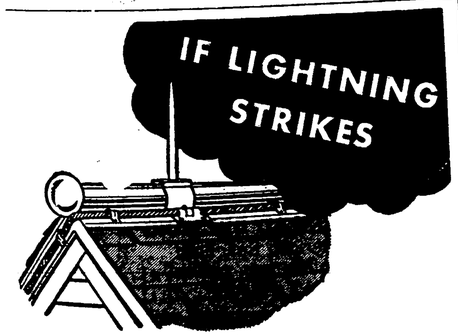
Samuel Crandall left last week for Pampi, N. Y., where he is engaged as principal the coming year.

Miles and Charles Herrick went to Mansfield, Pa., on their wheels Monday.

E. L. Hann and son Hildred visited Norwich friends last week.

Raymond E. Smith left Sunday for Darby, Conn., where he is engaged for the coming year. His sister, Mary E. Smith accompanied him and will teach at Seymour, Conn.

—Miss Jennie Comstock has returned from Columbia City, Ind., where she has been visiting her sister for several months.



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The Bible Class will meet Tuesday evening in the parsonage at 8 o'clock.

Prayer Service Wednesday evening at the parsonage at 8 o'clock.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Raymond R. Taylor, Pastor
Mrs. Hazel Burgett, Organist
Mrs. Doris Gilkes, Choir Director

Sunday, September 5th, 10:30 a. m., Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Subject "What Is the Church."

11:30, Church School.

Friday, Sept. 3rd, choir rehearsal at the church, 8 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Albert Rogers, Stated Supply

Sunday, 10:30 a. m., Morning Worship.

Choral Prelude—Bach.
Solo—Audrey Baker.
Offertory — "Morning Prayer" Lawrence.
Sermon.

Next Sunday, Sept. 12th, Sunday School.

An illustrated talk on Guatemala by Mrs. John E. Vincent, under the auspices of the King's Daughters will be given Friday, September 10th at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church. Tickets may be secured from members of the organization.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
Gordon Larson, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Worship Service at 11:30 a. m.
Evening Evangelistic service at 7:45 p. m.

Morning prayer meeting will be held at 10 a. m., Tuesday and Thursday at the home of Mrs. Pelton.

Bible Study and Prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maulby Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

We plan to have our Sunday School picnic this Friday, starting at 11 a. m.

Artful Youth

"And what did my little son learn about this morning?"

"Oh, a mouse! Teacher told us all about mouses."

"That's good. Now, how do you spell mouse"?

It was then that Arthur gave promise of being an artful dodger. He paused meditatively for a moment, then said: "Father, I think I was wrong. It wasn't a mouse teacher was telling us about. It was a rat."

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HEALTH FOR ALL

RABIES

Rabies, sometimes known as hydrophobia, isn't as great a problem in this country as some other disease, but once it develops in animals or in man, it is almost always fatal.

The disease is caused by a virus that attacks the brain and the spinal cord. The virus is present in the saliva of animals infected with the diseasae and it is transmitted to another animal or to a person by the bite of the sick animal. Upon rare occasions the disease apparently has also been transmitted when the sick animal's saliva has merely come in contact with an open wound.

Dog bites are the cause of most cases of rabies that occur among people, although all warm-blooded animals can contract the disease. Rabies can occur at any time of the year, but it is generally associated with summer because dogs are more apt to wander about in the open during the summer months and so dog bites are more common then.

Not everyone who is bitten by a dog is in danger of rabies. A dog bite is dangerous only if the animal has the disease and, even then, rabies can be prevented from developing if proper treatment is begun at once. It takes several weeks' or even months, for the disease to develop. Once symptoms have developed, the disease cannot be cured. So it is important to start preventive measures as soon as possible when there is any danger of rabies.

Don't take chances with a dog bite. The wound should be washed thoroughly at once with soap and water, preferably with green soap solution. It is very important to consult the doctor. He not only is in the best position to give advice regarding treatment should be given, but he will also determine whether or not the affair needs to be reported to the health officer, who has the responsibility for placing under observation any dog suspected of rabies. Never kill a dog suspected of rabies; report it to the health officer instead. If a dog is killed too early in the disease, sufficient changes in its brain will not have occured to make it possible to tell in the laboratory whether the dog really had rabies or not. In that case the person bitten may have to take the preventive "shots" as the only safe course when actually the dog didn't have rabies at all.

To prevent rabies in a person bitten by a rabid dog the doctor inoculates him with a vaccine which is a modification of one of first used by Louis Pasteur. The doctor's advice on such shots should be followed immediately, since treatment is useless if begun too late.

The health officer, or his representative, keeps a dog suspected of rabies under observation for about ten days, and during this period has it confined in such a manner that it cannot bite anyone. Although as in man it may take weeks and even months for rabies to develop in a dog, the virus does not appear in his saliva within ten days of unmistakable signs of rabies, so that if the dog appears to be normal ten days after a bite, there is no danger the person bitten will develop rabies.

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