

Action Line



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Q — Where can I get two sheepskins, preferably black, but I'll take anything. The fur side is not so important, it is the leather side that ought to be in good shape. Thank you in advance. What would you do without you? — J.B.R., Stuyvesant.

A — Flah's has lots of them, some in black, too. We saw them in the ski department of their Colonie store.

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Q — Is there any place in the Albany area that offers a pottery making course at night? I am interested in the kind of course that uses a potter's wheel, not a mold. I'd also like to take a class in furniture refinishing. — Mrs. M.Z., Albany.

A — The Schenectady YWCA on Washington Avenue has a morning course in pottery. They are sending you one of their brochures listing the many courses they offer. You might try calling adult education in Albany about the furniture refinishing course, we can't find anything listed at the moment.

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Q — Where in the area can I find a Ringo girdle? — M.B., Albany.

A — Could you possibly mean Rengo? There is a Rengo Foundations listed at 180 Madison Avenue, New York City. If you write there they will give you the name of their local distributor.

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Q — Where can I purchase parts for my Rolls Razor? — A.R., Schenectady.

A — Write Rolls Razor Inc., 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, for the address of the nearest distributor.

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Q — Who were the heaviest fighters ever to oppose each other in an official boxing match? — A.A.A., Scotia.

A — The greatest "tonnage" reported in any fight is 601 pounds when Ewart Polgieter of South Africa, at 335 pounds, knocked out Bruce Olson of the United States, at 266 pounds. That fight took place at Portland, Ore., March 2, 1957.

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Q — As the owner of a non-functioning Model A Ford, and a recent arrival in Metroland, I would appreciate knowing if there is a Model A Ford Club in the area: if there are any auto supply stores in the area that carry parts; and if there are any garages or persons in the area willing to do engine work on a Model A Ford. I hope to be able to work on the car over the winter and have it on the road by spring, with your assistance. — V.C., Albany.

A — We have the address of one person who might be able to help you. Perhaps some of our Model A enthusiasts will step forward and offer their expertise.

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Q — I would very much like to know on what day of the week July 5, 1951, was and also could you repeat the verse about Monday's Child, etc. I find Action Line very informative as well as enjoyable. — M.G., Albany.

A — July 5, 1951, fell on a Thursday and Thursday's Child has far to go. Monday's child is fair of face; Tuesday's child is full of grace; Wednesday's child is full of woe; Thursday's child has far to go; Friday's child is loving and giving; Saturday's child has to work for his living; But a child who is born on the Sabbath day is fair and wise and good and gay.

FDR vs. Landon: Lesson Old, But It's Still Taught

By JAMES H. LEGGETT

Schenectady IUE Local 301 borrowed nine voting machines from the City of Schenectady to conduct its election of officers between noon Thursday and 6 p.m. Friday.

There was nothing unusual about that.

AS IN GENERAL elections, some of the union members had to be given brief lessons in how to cast their ballots on the machines.

There was nothing unusual about that.

Each machine had with it an instruction model on which the lessons in voting could be conducted.

And there was nothing unusual about that.

But there was something unusual about the lists of candidates that were inserted in the voting machine instruction models.

The candidates included Franklin D. Roosevelt and John N. Garner, Democratic, and Alfred Landon and Frank Knox, Republican, for president and vice president; Herbert H. Lehman, Democrat, and William Bleakley, Republican, for governor, and M. William Bray, Democratic, and F. Trubee Davison, Republican, for lieutenant governor.

IT ALSO INCLUDED candidates for state comptroller,

Who Runs Schenectady (Part 8)

By JAMES H. LEGGETT  
(Eighth in a series)

Probably the single aspect of Schenectady life that provides the largest number of people who can be called civic leaders and the largest number of people willing to serve on a volunteer basis is that of business and finance.

Of Schenectady's top 14 leaders, identified in the second article in this series on the basis of interviews conducted by The Knickerbocker News-Union Star, only two do not come from the business and financial community and from its companion, industry.

A reading of the activities in which they exercise leadership, or at least volunteer action, indicates they are not the people who limit themselves to one interest or activity; they are people, who, by reason of their business and financial ability, their sense of organization, are able to get things done.

While it certainly can be assumed that some of the interest is evidenced on a purely selfish basis—that is, the profit which may accrue to their business or financial institutions—it also must have an altruistic motivation or they would not continue

their activity on a year-in-year-out basis—many even after retirement.

PLACED ON the list of the top 14 from the business and financial community were Harry F. Armstrong, president of the Armstrong Co.; Kenneth E. Buhrmaster, board chairman, First National Bank of Scotia; Charles W. Carl, president and treasurer, the Carl Co.; Glenn G. Davis, president, the Glenn Davis Co.; Joseph A. Flora, president, the Schenectady Savings Bank; Vernon F. Hovey Jr., vice president and chief executive, Sealtest Foods; Arthur F. Lawrence, retired assistant to the chairman and president of the former Alco Products; Albert W. Lawrence, president, Lawrence-Van Voast insurance agency, and Albert F. Martin Jr., retired president, Schenectady Savings Bank.

Those identified from the industrial community are Donald E. Craig, General Electric Co. vice president and general manager of the Large Steam Turbine-Generator Division; Charles W. Elston, manager of the business planning and development operation, GE Large Steam Turbine-Generator Division, and Henry D. Wright,

president, Schenectady Chemicals.

Others from GE who rank high among community activities already have been discussed in another article.

AMONG THOSE from the business and financial community, and from industry, who also would rank high on a leadership list are:

—Harold C. Armstrong, an attorney (partner in the Schenectady law firm of Fairlee, Armstrong and Smith) and banker (president of Schenectady Savings and Loan Association) whose early interest in politics gave him terms as Schenectady County sheriff and as a state assemblyman.

—Robert A. Henderson, vice president of Joseph Nusbbaum Inc., president of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce, past president of the chamber's Downtown Merchants Bureau, past president of the Schenectady Kiwanis Club and a director of Junior Achievement.

—John C. McCurdy, manager of the Wallace Co., a director and former vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, a director of the United Fund, chairman of the chamber's Manpower Development Committee. Mr.

McCurdy also has an interest in politics and offered himself this year, although unsuccessfully, as a candidate for Congress of the New Democratic Coalition.

—E. Farnham Spicer, a vice president of the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co., Citizens Branch, Schenectady; a member of the Ellis Hospital board of managers, a director of the YMCA, a director of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of its area development committee.

—Bernard Golub, chairman of the board of Central Markets Inc.; active in the Jewish Community Council, member of the national board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization, former secretary of the Schenectady County Human Rights Commission, a founder of the Schenectady Jaycees, former director of the Chamber of Commerce, former president of the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra and the Community Chest and former member of the City Planning Commission. In 1967, he was the recipient of the Schenectady County Bar Association's citizenship award and the citizenship award of the 3rd Judicial Department of the State Bar Association.

—HIS BROTHER, William Golub, president of Central Markets. He has been a director of the National Association of Food Chains, member of the Jewish Community Center, the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Welfare Council and the Jewish Home for the Aged. In 1963, he received the Schenectady B'nai B'rith Lodge distinguished service award.

—James H. Scholtz, president of Schenectady Plymouth Inc., past president of the Chamber of Commerce, active in the Schenectady Industrial Development Council, the Better Business Bureau, the United Fund and the YMCA.

—Clinton A. Braidwood, vice president, Schenectady Chemicals and a vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

—Wayne Wagner, vice president for community services, Schenectady Trust Co., member of the State-Erie Parking Corp and a director of the Schenectady Bureau of Municipal Research.

—Kent Dixon, assistant treasurer, Schenectady Savings Bank, a member of the 12th Ward Democratic Committee, a director of the United Fund and a member of the Schenectady County Community Welfare Council.

—Edwin D. Sweeney, senior vice president and treasurer, the Schenectady Savings Bank. Mr. Sweeney is a past president of the Schenectady Rotary Club, the Capital District Conference of Auditors and Comptrollers and the Schenectady Chapter, American Institute of Banking. He is a vice president and director of the Schenectady Family and Child Service, president and director of the Capital District Travelers Aid Society, a director of Better Neighborhoods Inc., Schenectady YWCA and the Schenectady Cerebral Palsy Association, treasurer and director of the Schenectady County Fund Raising Review Board, and treasurer of the Schenectady County Republican Committee.

—WILLIAM H. MILTON 3rd, vice president of the Schenectady Trust Co. Mr. Milton is president of the Bank Fiduciary Fund, a mutual trust investment company that provides a legal investment medium for trusts, estates and guardianships administered by 55 banks of New York State. He has been treasurer and a director of the Schenectady Civic Music Association, and treasurer and director of the Schenectady Museum, as well as a director of the Heritage Home for Women and Dominion House and a member of the County Chamber of Commerce.

—Arthur D. Hilliard, vice president, National Commercial Bank and Trust Co., Schenectady Citizens Office. A former Schenectady city councilman, he also has served on the Schenectady City Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Hilliard has been president of the Schenectady Boys Club, a member of the Salvation Army advisory board; chairman of the Retarded Children's Fund, Red Cross and Community Chest fund drives, president of the Schenectady Junior Chamber of Commerce and a director of the County Chamber of Commerce.

Among others who are considered influential and active in the business and financial community are Louis W. Kortmann, retired president and board chairman, Schenectady Trust Co.; Harold A. MacKinnon, retired GE vice president; H. Gladstone McKeon, president, Schenectady Trust Co.; James J. Clarkeson, president, Van Curler Motors; William A. Wood, retired Schenectady district manager, New York Tele-

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Schenectady '66 Gaming Cases Still In Courts

The law mill grinds slowly sometimes, as it has in a Schenectady case involving gambling charges, but a result can be expected eventually one way or the other.

The charges were filed against Herman Ricken and Mrs. Elaine Galletta, accused after widespread raids by State Troopers in Schenectady in 1966.

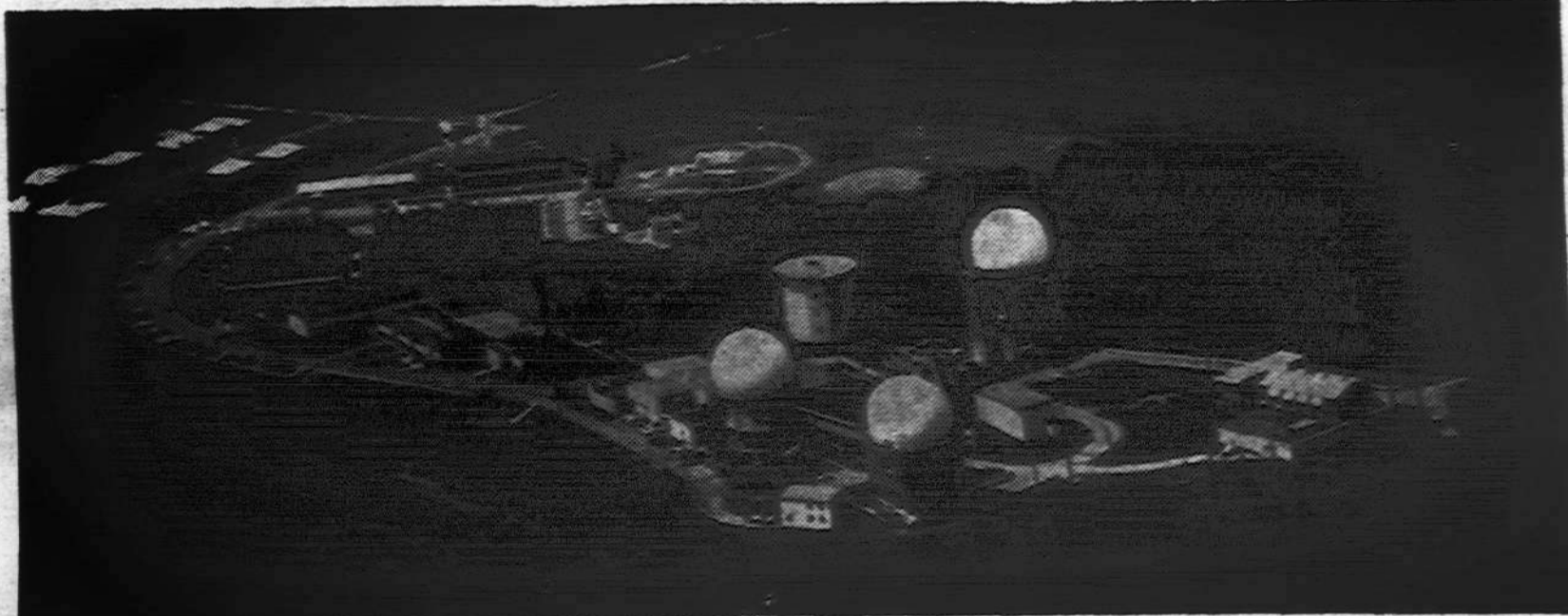
THE TROOPERS had warrants for search of the premises at 103 State Street and at 207 Broadway, obtained from a Buffalo Supreme Court justice.

Ricken was accused in connection with the seizure of what was termed gambling evidence at 103 State Street and Mrs. Galletta in connection with 207 Broadway.

The two were successful in having the search warrants declared void on grounds that the troopers who swore to the information in the search warrants did not appear before the Buffalo jurist. The Schenectady County District Attorney's office appealed to the Appellate Division in Albany from the dismissal ordered by the Schenectady County Court and now the prosecutor has appealed to the Court of Appeals.

Decisin was reserved.

The evidence alleged under the search warrants was ordered suppressed in the earlier decisions and without it, there can be no prosecution.



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Saratoga Air Force Station—A Plane Watcher

Saratoga's Unknown Suburb: Air Force Base Without Planes

By ARDIS ANDERSON

A skyline of huge white golf balls is the first imposing view of a little known, self-sufficient community populated by about 15 men and some women and children in the heart of Saratoga County.

Occupying about 44 acres of land at Ketchum Corners (about six miles southeast of Saratoga Springs), this miniature city really is situated on one of the highest points in eastern New York and offers a panoramic view of the Mohawk Valley and Adirondack Mountains.

MASTERMINDING operation of the community is a formidable job since it requires tremendous electronic know-how and

numerous other skills ably executed by Capt. Arthur N. Spellman, who assumed command Nov. 13 of the 656th Radar Squadron (SAGE) of the Air Force.

"This is definitely the best location I've ever had," commented the congenial commander reflecting on his eight years in the Air Force. A native of White Plains, he came here from an assignment as commander of Cape Charles Air Force Station in Cape Charles, Va.

The Saratoga Air Force Station, which looks more like a college campus than the usual concept of a service base, houses many stories. For the more technical-minded, it is an account of the complex Semi-Automatic Ground Environment System (SAGE) through which the local site feeds information along with other sites to the 21st Air Division Headquarters in Syracuse. This information concerns the range, azimuth (bearing) and height of aircraft.

FOR OTHERS, the prime story may be the men themselves and their families who also are an integral part of community life in the surrounding areas of Saratoga Springs, Ballston Spa, Malta and Stillwater.

For still others, particularly those who are veterans of World War 2 or the Korean Conflict, the eyebrow raiser would be the new mode of living, changes in discipline and a breaking with many service traditions of the past.

There have been many changes since the Saratoga Air Force Station was first occupied in 1952. For one thing, the population of the SAGE community has dropped in recent years, primarily because of a change in the mission, according to Captain Spellman. While the base at one time had about 250 men stationed at the site, today's operations are ably handled by about 125 airmen and officers and about 30 civilian employees.

SINCE 1968, Captain Spellman expalined, Aerospace Defense Command has operated under a new system of Back-Up Interceptor Control (BUIC) making it no longer necessary for each individual site to have aircraft control capabilities. Under this system, fewer enlisted men and officers are required.

While the capabilities of equipment at the base are classified secret information, Captain Spellman said these facilities will not become obsolete as long as there are aircraft. He envisions no cutbacks and believes operations will continue on a status quo basis in the foreseeable future.

Speaking of the nontangible changes in the military the last 20 years, Captain Spellman commented: "A veteran of World War 2 or Korea would be amazed by the differences." He added that these changes have taken place gradually in all branches of the military service.

The tough topsergeant who arbitrarily disciplined a private 20 years ago is as much a relic of the past as high buttoned shoes. "Threats and coercion have been replaced by management techniques—definitely an improvement," the captain said.

NOTING THAT many young people today have a stereotyped erroneous view of life in military service, the commander pointed out servicemen have the same basic rights as any civilian.

"I cannot arbitrarily discipline any man," he remarked. "I must read him his rights before questioning him. . . . It doesn't have to answer any of my questions, and he has the right to a lawyer."

In the past, military commanders often punished men for civilian offenses committed off base. This was illegal, the captain noted.

Looking at the more tangible

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CAPT. ARTHUR N. SPELLMAN



OH, BOY! NO PHONE ORDERS! AND THERE ARE ONLY 17 DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS!

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