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**A NEWSPAPER FOR THE HOME**

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**GOOD AFTERNOON**

The next public excitement is to be the annual school election two weeks hence. Pick your winners early!

## THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

A good man never dies.—Callimachus.

We love in others what we lack ourselves, and would be everything but what we are.—R. H. Stoddard.

**SPRING**  
There's a merry whispering;  
Secret's galloping on the wing.  
Little chuckles in the air;  
Little laughter everywhere.  
Fair nudgings underground;  
Daytime dreaming all around.  
Little showers just for fun  
Splash before the April sun.  
Dandelions bright unfold—  
Spots of sun as fine as gold.  
There's a great and gentle mirth  
Quivering in all the earth.  
This is all the song of Spring.  
God is blessing everything! —John Martin.

## The Political Backwash

Now that the election is over, promises recorded and, in many cases, probably forgotten, party leaders on both sides of the political fence are bringing their inventories up to date and evaluating the new situation.

## Deaths

**FRIENDLY**—At Peekskill Hospital April 12, 1932. Alfred Friendly. Funeral will be held from his late residence, 15, North Division Street, at 1:30 P. M., and at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 2 P. M. Saturday. Interment at Divine Love Cemetery, Sunset.

Deceased is survived by his widow, Rose Turner Friendly; one daughter, Mrs. John Hayes, and one granddaughter.

## Plan Taxpayers' Association Here

A group of citizens interested in the formation of a Taxpayers' Association are planning to call a meeting in the near future, it was learned today.

Some months ago, there was agitation for such an organization, but the formation of the group was temporarily delayed.

## Personal

Mrs. H. Pines, of New York City, is visiting her son, Judge Samuel S. Pines, and family of Dyckman Street.

Mrs. David Brand, of New York City, is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. William Haft of Brown Street.

## Songs From A Mother's Heart

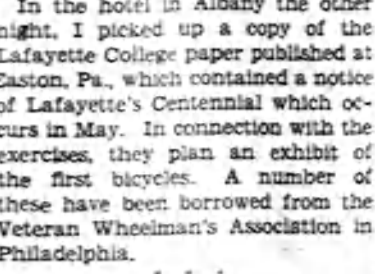
(By Esther L. Schwartz)  
**CREeping**  
Little imp of mischief, busy all day long,  
Opening up the drawers and closet doors;  
Can't be still a minute, croons his little song,  
While I try to finish up my chores.  
Little elf delicious, let me hug you tight,  
Watch you squirm and try to get away;  
Mother wants to hold you—pull with all your might,  
I just love to watch your antics gay.  
Funny little fellow, little bit of joy,  
You're so cunning I must stop to play;  
Just to watch you creeping, mother's darling boy,  
Makes me happy all the living day.  
("Parents Prefer Babies"—P. Dutton & Co., Inc.)

## The Friendly Town Poet

Come with me, dear, let's gally droppie  
Into the nearest wayside Shoppe,  
Where everything is far from slop,  
Cleaned thoroughly with broom and moppe.  
Perhaps to soothe our hungry droppe,  
They'll serve hot dogs or half-cooked choppe,  
And on it we will pour on toppe,  
Some ginger ale or half-cooled poppe.  
'Tis stronger drinks they put a stoppe,  
Because they're in wrong with the coppe.  
For though our lunch may prove a floppe,  
And to our appetites no proppe,  
Fit only for a duds or foppe,  
You'll find you never are de droppe,  
If you perchance should some day droppe  
Into the nearest wayside shoppe.

# The High Wheel Bicycle

The hotel in Albany the other night, I picked up a copy of the Lafayette College paper published at Easton, Pa., which contained a notice of Lafayette's Centennial which occurs in May. In connection with the exercises, they plan an exhibit of the first bicycles. A number of these have been borrowed from the Veteran Wheelman's Association in Philadelphia.



There will be a Bucker Tandem, of which there are only three left in the world; and a quadricycle, which holds four riders, in addition to a number of ordinaries, those old contrivances with a high wheel in front and a little wheel behind. Special riders will be imported for the occasion, and there will be an unusual scene depicting an old-time bicycle race.

Mr. Winter, the hotel manager, came along while I was reading the article, and I asked him if he remembered the old high-wheel bicycle. He said, "Yes, indeed." He used to ride one. So we fell to talking of the old bicycles. There was the Columbia, with a 50-inch wheel in front and a 24-inch wheel in the rear, and there was the Star, with a little wheel in front and a 50-inch wheel in the rear. A man had to be a circus performer to ride one of the things. And when a horse came along, the rider, the chances were, would have to dismount to let the horse get by. Many good, sane people advocated the passing of laws to keep bicycles off the public highways. In those days, anything that scared a horse was taboo.

But the bicycle persisted. There was a club in almost every town. We have some of the veteran riders in Peekskill. I call to mind three successful in the election. So the hardship involved thereby has been largely overlooked.

But it is not the higher-up "lame ducks" in the political organizations that excite one's sympathy most. It is the low-paid day laborers, the men who work at various tasks on the street and in the garbage collecting crews. They are mostly men past middle life, who are incapable of doing other tasks. They have laid little aside for a rainy day, and are almost entirely dependent upon the municipality for their livelihood.

If these men constituted principally a class of political heebers who had been recruited for the job only a few weeks previous to election, their case might not merit sympathy. But many of them have worked for the municipality for years and years. Of course, they always have been at the mercy of the whims of politics, but it has so happened that up until the past four years there were no changes in the administration for nearly a quarter of a century. Now, of a sudden, these unfortunate men have been made the pawns of the political wire-pullers.

It is the type of municipal administration we want here in Peekskill? Or do we need a sound, sensible business administration based upon the principles of honest treatment for honest work performed? Isn't the community getting about fed up on seeing thousands of dollars of its tax money squandered year after year to pay political obligations, instead of being used ENTIRELY for public improvements?

It is reflecting upon these things that makes one give more than passing notice to the present political backwash.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,  
The Evening Star  
Dear Sir:  
In Saturday's Evening Star was published a very just piece for anyone to read about the immigration officers seizing 40 alien workers and taking six to Ellis Island. That is where they all belong, then a citizen can get work.

Anyone employing labor should be heavily fined for employing aliens, then probably there would not be so many registered as unemployed. There is lots of work, heaven knows, right in this so-called Friendly Town. There is no need for any of the taxpayers or rent-payers to be unemployed.

If there was someone in office that would look after these things and see all jobs went to local contractors and would employ local labor, that money would all be spent in the town they live; things would improve.

It would be a very good thing if the Immigration Officers would visit all jobs and investigate things. Cold Spring looks after her residents, and tries to keep all jobs for them, which should be done.

Here contractors would sooner hire aliens because they come across and they live cheaper than the American. A loaf of bread, can of sardines and a drink of water usually make up their meal.

There is only graft, and someone is getting rich on other poor devil's expense.

In the Star was a piece concerning money paid to Carl Scheuber. Personally, I do not know Mr. Scheuber, but I do know he employs local men. Their money is spent in the town (where) he works and the men he employs spend their money in the town they live in. He is a taxpayer, and is, as many think, entitled to the work he gets. If all jobs went to local men, there would not be many unemployed.

People are waking up to the fact they have been and are being fooled every day, but every rope has two ends, —the beginning and the end. It's time now to look after those that spend their money in the town (where) they live.

Sincerely,  
MINA CHASE,  
Buchanan, N. Y.

Peekskill, N. Y. April 12, 1932  
Editor, The Evening Star  
When reading Mr. Felton's communication in your newspaper yesterday (April 11) in defense of the employment of Carl Scheuber on much of the Water Department work, I observed a statement to which I, as a former member of the Board of Water Commissioners, take exception. That statement I quote as follows: "A job executed by a previous Board some years prior to this time costing approximately \$30,000, most of which was wasted on filter beds and clear wells, all of which is being done over by the present Board in a substantial manner."

I wish to state that I was a member of the previous Board referred to, and a member of the Reservoir Filter Committee of that Board when this work was contracted for, and I can assure Mr. Felton and the taxpayers that this former Board was just as careful in the exercise of its duties and the expenditure of the Water Department funds as is the present Board.

The facts of the case were that Filter Bed No. 4 was found to be leaking away at the rate of 36 inches every 24 hours, and that Filter Bed No. 3 was also showing serious leakage or about 18 inches in every

# STUDENTS WIN CASH PRIZES HERE

Louis Rubinfeld and Gordon Lindsey Get \$10 Awards in N. Y. Times Contest

The annual oratorical contest sponsored by the New York Times was held in the various high schools in this vicinity this morning.

Louis Rubinfeld of the Peekskill High School, and Gordon Lindsey, of the Hendrick Hudson High School, were the winners of the ten dollar awards.

Richard Coulter, Merritt Lindsey and Angelina Achilavo, of the Hendrick Hudson High School, were the winners of the bound copies of the Constitution.

The contests proved most interesting. Judges at Peekskill High School were Rev. Robert H. Blackshear, Rev. William J. Vaughan and Julius E. Scott, principal at Junior High School.

Those taking part at Peekskill High and their topics were: William Gish—"The Necessity of the Constitution."  
William Ward—"The Constitution and the Citizen."  
Louis Rubinfeld—"Birth of the Constitution."  
Gertrude Karlin—"The Framing of the Constitution."  
Emma Schmid—"The Personalities in the Constitutional Convention."  
Audrey Underhill—"The Personalities in the Constitutional Convention."

The following students spoke at the Hendrick Hudson High School: Merritt Lindsey—"Amending the Constitution."  
Katherine Koss—"Benefits and Obligations of a Citizen."  
Richard Coulter—"Article V—The Amending Article."  
Angelina Achilavo—"Powers of the President under the Constitution."  
Gordon Lindsey—"The U. S. Government compared to that of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics."  
Mary Curran, of the Hendrick Hudson High School, was recently a winner of the ten dollar award for the best essay on the Constitution. Her topic was "Benefits and Obligations of Citizenship."

The winners of the bound copies of the Constitution for Peekskill High School will be announced later.

The winners in this district will compete in a semi-final contest in Tarrytown in the near future. Winners at Tarrytown will compete for final county honors at White Plains.

# BUCHANAN VILLAGE TRUSTEES MEET

Board Was in Session Tuesday Night from 8:30 Until Midnight

The following abstract from the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Buchanan was released for publication today by Village Clerk Harold Conklin:

Village of Buchanan regular meeting, April 12, 1932. Present: Mayor Cole, Counselor Barrett, Trustees Tuttle, Brenning, Yafca, A. E. Conklin, Clerk Harold Conklin, Chief Gilman, Wilbur Irish, of the Hudson Valley Engineering Co., Frank Kaiser representing Cortlandt Engine Co. and several residents.

Meeting called to order 8:30 P. M. by Mayor Cole.  
Motion made and seconded that minutes of previous meeting be approved as read.  
Motion made and seconded that bills as audited at previous meeting be paid as follows:  
Highland Democrat Co. . . \$15.00  
Highland Democrat Co. . . 11.75  
Westchester Lighting Co. . . 296.00  
Charles Lancaster called to attention of Board the condition of brook near his property, causing bad condition of water in his cellar. To be investigated by the Board.  
Frank Kaiser, representing Cort-

landt Engine Co. of Montrose, addressed Board requesting financial support for their Company, inasmuch as they cover the Village of Buchanan. Mayor Cole was empowered to appear at their next meeting and discuss this matter, further.

The Police Department report for the month of March was ordered filed.  
The Clerk was instructed to write Peekskill Motor Bus Corp. requesting them to stop their buses near the side of the road, and not in the center at the circle, when receiving and discharging passengers.  
Road committee was empowered to take care of water conditions on Factory Street, Manholes, etc.  
The 1932 tentative budget was filed with the Clerk, on this date. A meeting on budget will be held on Tuesday evening, April 26, before same will be adopted.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:00 M.

# ON HONOR LIST

Word has been received that Clark Sloat, graduate of the class of 1929, Peekskill High School was placed on the honor list at the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance at the New York University, New York City.

Chowder sale by White Shield Council, D. of P. at Red Men's Hall, Fri. afternoon, 12 to 5:30. 35¢ qt.

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