Technicality Found During Violation Probe

Norton's Soil-Bank Contract Voided

A soil bank contract, which a Tunnel man admitted he violated by harvesting a crop of hay, has been voided on a technicality.

Violation of the contract, signed by Brainard C. Norton last year, was the subject of two hearings by officials of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

In May Mr. Norton appeared before the Broome County committee and earlier this month before the state ASC committee on the violation accusation.



MR. NORTON

State officials discovered that Mr. Norton's application for a contract was made 14 days after the application deadline. For this reason, a state spokesman said, the contract was voided and further action on the charge was eliminated.

Mr. Norton, a 65-year-old investment securities salesman who owns 160 acres at Tunnel known as the Altitude Farm, is eligible to re-apply for a contract, officials said.

Under terms of the voided contract, Mr. Norton would have received $485 annually for 10 years for retiring from production 48½ acres of his land.

If he had been found guilty of the violation under an inforce contract, Mr. Norton would have forfeited one year's payment and would have been subject to a civil cash payment of $242.50.

The state spokesman said the Norton case marks the first time in New York State a contract has been voided because of a post-deadline application.

Reason for the error, he said, was apparently an "oversight" or a "mixup on the deadline date." Mr. Norton made application on April 29 last year. Deadline was April 15.

The state spokesman said, "It's ironic that this happened on this case. If the violation charge had not come up, perhaps this would never have been noticed."

Erie to Move Passenger Service To Lackawanna Station in Fall

Combined Use Is Probable On Oct. 25

Binghamton passenger services of the Erie and DL&W railroads will be combined this fall in the Lackawanna station.

This was reported yesterday by a Lackawanna official who said movement of Erie passenger activities into the Lackawanna station probably will coincide with the end of Daylight Saving Time, which would be Oct. 25. At this time the railroads ordinarily put new schedules into effect.

Plans for the present Erie station, beneath the Chenango Street overpass, were not announced.

Martin P. Nelson, assistant to Lackawanna President Perry M. Shoemaker, said the planned consolidation of passenger services is part of a long-range "coordinating" program of the railroads which has been in progress for the last few years.

SAME AGENT NOW

Supervision of Binghamton freight and passenger services already has been combined, with Charles F. Savercool serving as Binghamton agent for both railroads.

Mr. Nelson said the coordinating effort is independent of the plan for merging the railroads.

This proposal is subject to approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission and stockholders of both railroads. Erie and Lackawanna stockholders are scheduled to hold separate meetings on the proposal Sept. 22.

Also under way, regardless of the fate of the merger proposal, is a program of consolidating the railroads' activities on parallel trackage between Binghamton and Corning. Exclusive use of the Erie tracks is planned over much of the route.

SAVINGS SOUGHT

At the back of the consolidation and merger plans is the railroads' desire to save money and increase earnings. Both the Erie and Lackawanna incurred deficits last year, although each railroad has broken into the black within the last few months.

The merger, according to officials of the railroads, would provide additional earnings, before federal income taxes, of $13,400,000 a year.

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QUOIT A PICNIC — Elmer Lee Eveland, left, and Anthony Shenk play quoits at Binghamton Lions Club picnic for the blind yesterday at Chenango Valley State Park.

Fined $25 For Leaving Crash Scene

William Davies, 26 of Conklin Forks, was fined $25 yesterday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of leaving the scene of an accident before Town of Conklin Peace Justice Paul Vosbury.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Kilpatrick said Mr. Davies drove his 1953 Plymouth station wagon away from the scene of a collision with a car in Conklin Road last Saturday night after giving the other driver a garbled name and address.

A passenger in the Davies station wagon—27-year-old Edward Nemeth of 56 Liberty Street—suffered a head laceration but declined medical attention, Deputy Kilpatrick was told.

Deputy Kilpatrick said the station wagon struck the rear of a 1954 Chevrolet driven by Miss Josephine Ryan, 24, of Homer. She and her sister, Miss Vivian Ryan, 20, escaped apparent injury.

The Ryan car had stopped preparatory to making a left turn, the deputy said. Miss Ryan reported the accident at once, but Deputy Kilpatrick said Mr. Davies had left the scene in the "very short time" before his patrol car arrived.

Goodyear to Speak

"The Magic of Communication" will be discussed by Gordon Goodyear, public relations representative for New York Telephone Co., at a meeting of Chenango Valley Senior Citizens Club at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in Port Dickinson Village Hall.

Matter of Fact

Sports Car Drivers Live In a World All Their Own

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *Tom Cawley, regular proprietor to Matter of Fact, is on vacation. Here is another guest contributor.*)

By LEE HICKLING
WINR-TV and Radio Newscaster

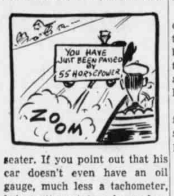
ONCE in a while, I surprise the regular occupant of this column looking at me with an expression which translates into English as follows:

"You seem fairly rational most of the time, but there must be something wrong with a guy who could claim he enjoys riding around in a cold, noisy uncomfortable little car like that."



MR. HICKLING

It's a little hard to figure out where to start, when you want to explain to the owner of a big, warm, softly-sprung blue station wagon what the delights might be in roaring around in a nine-year-old, competition two-seater. If you point out that his car doesn't even have an oil gauge, much less a tachometer, he's pretty apt to ask you how you go about using your pet to take the power mower out to the lake.



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And as you warm to your subject, he can cool you off by requesting that you make it clear why the real, way-out car fancier considers it important to fold the hood (put down the top, that is) sometime around Easter, and leave it down until after Thanksgiving.

Because that's the way it is. And if something on the scale of a cloudburst forces him to erect the old hood, he does it and sneaks home by side streets, guiltily hoping he doesn't meet anyone he knows so he'll have to wave back.

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THIS whole waving business is pretty hard to get across to the station wagon types, too. When they try to pin you down on the topic of the pecking order that prevails, you have to avoid being forced to come right out and admit the damaging facts of the case . . . for instance, that the owner of an old MG is supposed to wait and see whether the prosperous pilot of a Mercedes 300-SL is going to wave at him first, or that it's OK to wave at the operator of only one domestic product, while preserving an impassive demeanor as you buzz past another type.

The owner of a sports car doesn't need long to get used to the jokes about the Texan who bought one for each foot, and the fat lady who was hit by one and had to go to the hospital to have it taken out.

He fights back with stickers for his back bumper which sneer, "You have just been passed by 55 horsepower."

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And he cherishes the stories which snap the other way. Like the man who pulls up beside a Volkswagen at a stop light, and smiles down from his plushy, chromium-plated eminence, "What's that I hear rattling?" The VW driver tells him, just as sweetly, "Thirty-nine hundred dollars worth of change."

But he never conquers the twinge that comes when someone looks his darling over judiciously, and then poses one of the two inevitable questions. It's always either, "Go pretty fast, will it?" or "You get pretty good gas mileage out of that thing?"

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AND there will always remain one point over which the sports car nut is ready to declare open warfare against the rest of the automobile-operating world.

To him, a paint-scratch, a chip, a scrape are painful wounds, and a dented fender is



an agony. And he lives in an environment where otherwise nice old ladies occasionally push the Reverse instead of the Drive button on their super-automatic transmission control console, so they crunch backward into him instead of lurching ahead when the light changes.

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And his stomach churns as he parks his soul's delight, because he can already see, in a burning prophetic flash of vision, the calloused commodore of the juggernaut ahead leaving his parking space in accordance with the old California folk-saying. "Just back up till you hear it tinkle."

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ONE enthusiast is threatening to bring out a new accessory, and has sent working draw-

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Morals Count Leads to Long Probation

A 29-year-old Binghamton real estate salesman was placed on probation for three years today, after he pleaded guilty before County Judge Robert O. Brink to a charge of endangering morals of a minor, a misdemeanor.

Judge Brink also sentenced Gary R. Mangurian of 11 Halford Street to one year in Onondaga County Penitentiary, but suspended execution of the sentence.

Sheriff's men said Mr. Mangurian last May 5 enticed a 15-year-old Binghamton girl into his car on the pretext of making her a photographer's model.

They said he drove her to Chenango Valley State Park where he took her to a wooded area and partly undressed her before a park guard came upon the pair and ordered them to leave.

The Binghamton man, who had peviously pleaded innocent to the charge, was arrested after the girl told Binghamton police of the incident. He had been free in $1,000 bail.

The defendant was represented in court today by Kenneth P. Whiting, Jr., of the Binghamton law firm of Travis & Whiting.

George Shearing, composer and pianist, was born blind, but learned to play the piano at the age of 12.

Pet Porkers Pacified by Popcorn

Conklin Piglets Lend 'Flavor' To Irene's Role as Moonbeam

LOVELY Irene Clark, the shapely Moonbeam McSwine of this week's Valley Playhouse production of "Li'l Abner" at the Masonic Temple, is an accomplished horsewoman.

Her affinity for animals is being put to the test. She has been appointed curator of Pal and Measles, a pair of perky porkers from Conklin who help to provide Dogpatch atmosphere and aroma for the show.

Pal and Measles are piglet pets of Peggy Menta of Conklin, who has been raising them as a 4-H project. They squeal when picked up, and are pacified only by dry popcorn.

To protect their artistic temperaments from the mundane routines of their normal daily lives, Pal and Measles are being boarded for the week on the premises of a Binghamton veterinarian within curtain call distance of the theater.

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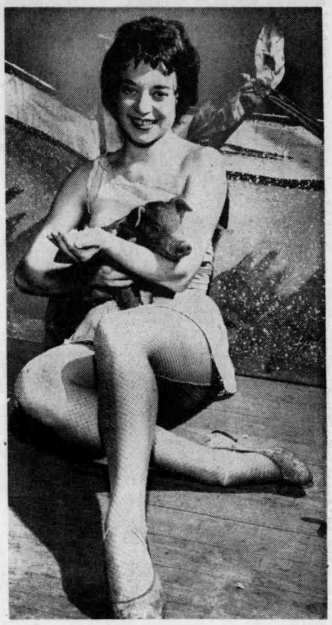
HAROLD HEAGY, Playhouse producer, is building a solid reputation as friend of the unemployed domestic animal.

Last week, to lend verisimilitude to its production of "Rose Tattoo," the Playhouse employed a goat, which, when not on stage, was tethered behind the temple with the blessing of the city corporation counsel's office.

Had the goat been permitted to roam the streets, the Playhouse would have been subject to a $3 fine under a 19th Century city ordinance.

Pal, "more Al Capp-ish than any other pig" according to Miss Clark, has the gentler personality of the two and is a favorite of the cast.

Miss Clark, a former dancer in the Metropolitan Opera ballet, is the daughter of the late Broadway comedian Harry Clark. She has appeared on Phil Silvers and Sid Caesar TV shows, but never before with pigs.



—Binghamton Press Photo.

McSWINE & PAL—Irene Clark, who plays shapely Moonbeam McSwine in "Li'l Abner" at the Masonic Temple this week, tends another member of the cast, Pal, piglet pet of Peggy Menta of Conklin.

Steel Strike Will Not Delay Work On Penn-Can Road, Federick Says

The steel strike will have no effect on current construction of the Penn-Can Highway between Five-Mile Point and the Pennsylvania State line.

This was indicated yesterday afternoon by Joseph C. Federick, Binghamton district engineer for the State Department of Public Works, following a meeting with the Highway Committee of Binghamton Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Federick gave the committee a project-by-project progress report on highway construction now under way or planned by his department for Broome County.

Included in his report was an announcement that the first contracts for rebuilding of a section of George F. Highway west of Westover, along with a complicated interchange for the planned Route 17 Expressway, will be awarded late this year. A start on the project previously was planned only tentatively for this year.

Regarding possible effect of the steel strike on the Penn-Can project, Mr. Federick said that almost all of the steel required to complete current contracts has been delivered to various sites along the 7½-mile section now being prepared for eventual paving.

The superhighway has heavy steel requirements, including structural steel needed for 14 bridges.

Mr. Federick said that as far as his office can determine the stoppage in steel production will not delay the Penn-Can work.

The current Penn-Can contracts call for completion of the preliminary road work by next July.

Mr. Federick said that Pennsylvania highway authorities expect to complete work on their section of the interstate highway, to the state line, sometime next year.

The southerly Broome County section, he said, will have its northern terminus temporarily in the area of a planned Kirkwood interchange. This arrangement, he said, will be in effect until the Five-Mile Point interchange is completed sometime later.

MAKE WAY FOR LEVEE

The George F. Highway-Route 17 Expressway project near Westover involves the necessity of making way for a levee of the Westover-Oakdale flood protection network.

Because the George F. Highway must be relocated over the levee, state officials have decided to combine this work with a head start on construction of an interchange for the Route 17 Expressway. Construction of the expressway itself in the locality has not been scheduled.

George F. Highway will have to be raised 12 feet to hurdle the levee. The combined project will involve relocation of a section of the Susquehanna River channel.

Mr. Federick's progress report, given in the Arlington Hotel, included comments on these other projects:

PENN-CAN-Route 17 EXPRESSWAY—For section between Five-Mile Point and Broad Avenue in Binghamton. "final contract plans are being worked out, although no date has been set for awarding of contracts. Regarding planned section between Broad Avenue and Bevier Street, the department is "attempting to mitigate the dislocation problem through the city."

ROUTE 17 (DAMASCUS-WEST WINDSOR)—Bids on first stage of construction to be opened Aug. 6.

McKINLEY AVENUE BRIDGE CONNECTIONS AND ROUTE 26 RELOCATION—First contracts on related projects to be awarded next year. Bridge will connect Endicott and Vestal.

NORTH SHORE DRIVE EXTENSION—In a "suspended state." "We'll have a report shortly" on plan of Seventh Ward Councilman Vincent Caporzi for an alternate route aimed at avoiding some housing dislocation. Realization of plan, to link North Shore Drive and Brandywine Highway as part of the city's arterial system, depends on "the wishes of the City of Binghamton," Mr. Federick said. It "lies in" with plans for redevelopment of the central city area, he added.

ROUTE 369—Contracts for reconstruction of section between Towpath (Route 7) and Chenango Valley State Park will be awarded "late this year or early next season."

ROUTE 12 (BELDEN HILL)—Reconstruction nearly completed; ready for use "late this fall."

UPPER COURT STREET—Repaving nearly completed.



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DILLY DOLLYING—Debby Locher, 8, and her sister, Faith, 2, enter doll contest at Calvin Coolidge School playground with willing escort Angelo Dadamio, 5, of 15 Moody Street, a participant in playground's bicycle parade. Locher girls live at 80 Bigelow Street.

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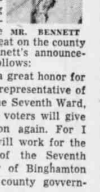
Chenango Valley Senior Citizens Club will conduct its next meeting Sept. 10, following a summer recess, according to Mrs. Porter Greene, secretary.

Bennett To Seek New Term

Seventh Ward Democrat William D. Bennett of 155 Hawley Street announced today he will seek a fifth two-year term on the Broome County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Bennett, owner of a beauty salon, is the party leaders' choice to be the Democratic nominee in next November's elections.

Edward Pellicciotti of 138 Hawley Street, a tailor and newcomer to politics, is seeking the GOP nomination for the Seventh Ward seat on the county board. Mr. Bennett's announcement is, as follows:



MR. BENNETT

"It has been a great honor for me to serve as representative of the people of the Seventh Ward, and I hope the voters will give me consideration again. For I pledge that I will work for the best interest of the Seventh Ward, the City of Binghamton and for good county government."

Mr. Bennett is chairman of the Board of Supervisors' County Clerk Committee and serves on the Highway and Legislative committees as well. He is a trustee of the Broome County Blood Bank.

The supervisor, father of seven, also is a member of St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church, the Holy Name and Nocturnal Adoration societies of the church, the Binghamton Interracial Association and Binghamton Lodge 487, Sons of Italy.

Members of Mr. Bennett's vacancy committee are:

Mario DeJohn of 14 Rutherford Street, Conrett R. Woodward of 19 Sanford Street, Morris Ackerman of 188 Hawley Street, Mrs. Rose DeFeice of 14 Rutherford Street, Mrs. Catherine Spingola of 7 Centenary Avenue, Earthley Taylor of 141 Susquehanna Street, Sam Nyswonger of 25 Fayette Street, Sam Pasquale of 28 Fayette Street, Mrs. Amelia Magnotta of 19 Tudor Street, Mrs. Luella Mayo of 134 Hawley Street, Miss Elizabeth Hickey of 86 Hawley Street, Michael Battista of 121 Susquehanna Street, John P. Murray of 3 Cherry Street and Charles J. Delaney of 228 Court Street.

Also, Mrs. Jane Gialanella of 24 Exchange Street, Francis Milasi of 35 Carroll Street, Frank Palermo of 5 Stuyvesant Street, Mrs. Theresa Russo of 206 Hawley Street, Aristidi D'Aristotle of 69 Carroll Street; Mrs. Mary Rogers of 6 Jay Street, Mrs. Gertrude Fitzgerald of 158 Hawley Street, George Pisani of 8 Jay Street, Jerry Penna of 17 Tudor Street, Nellie Kane of 135 Hawley Street, William Hogan of 27 Stuyvesant Street, Mary Jane Fiorini of 5 Tudor Street, Lena Driscoll of 82 Hawley Street and Mrs. Margaret Cleary of 30 Stuyvesant Street.

Drug Dispensation Charge Tossed Out

Grand Jury Refuses to Indict In Montrose Hospital Case

A Susquehanna County grand jury has refused to return an indictment in a case involving a charge that a prescription was illegally filled at Medical Arts Hospital, Montrose, Pa.

The case, which involved an alleged violation of Pennsylvania's Dangerous Drug Act, was considered by the jury on Monday.

Dr. Paul B. Kerr, an operator of the hospital, said today that the charge had been a technical one, that it involved a prescription for 12 sleeping pills (barbiturates) for a person who was not a patient at the hospital.

"In effect," Dr. Kerr said, "we were accused of operating as a pharmacy without a pharmacist." The charge, he said, was without foundation.

The person to whom the sleeping pills were issued was Joseph Morton of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a state investigator. He also has said he regarded the alleged violation as a "technical" one.

Throwing Bottle Into Road Costs Trucker Fine of $25

Throwing a beer bottle into Powers Road Saturday cost a 21-year-old Town of Maine trucker $25 last night.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Kilpatrick arrested Terrence Corson yesterday on complaint of a motorist who said the incident happened Saturday.

The motorist's car, which was following the truck, passed over the broken bottle, he told deputies. When he overtook the truck and stopped it, Mr. Corson refused to return and clean up the glass.

The young truck driver was charged with placing glass in the highway, a misdemeanor under the state's recently amended traffic code. He pleaded guilty to the charge before Peace Justice Paul Vosbury, Town of Conklin, who imposed the fine, with an alternative of 25 days in jail.