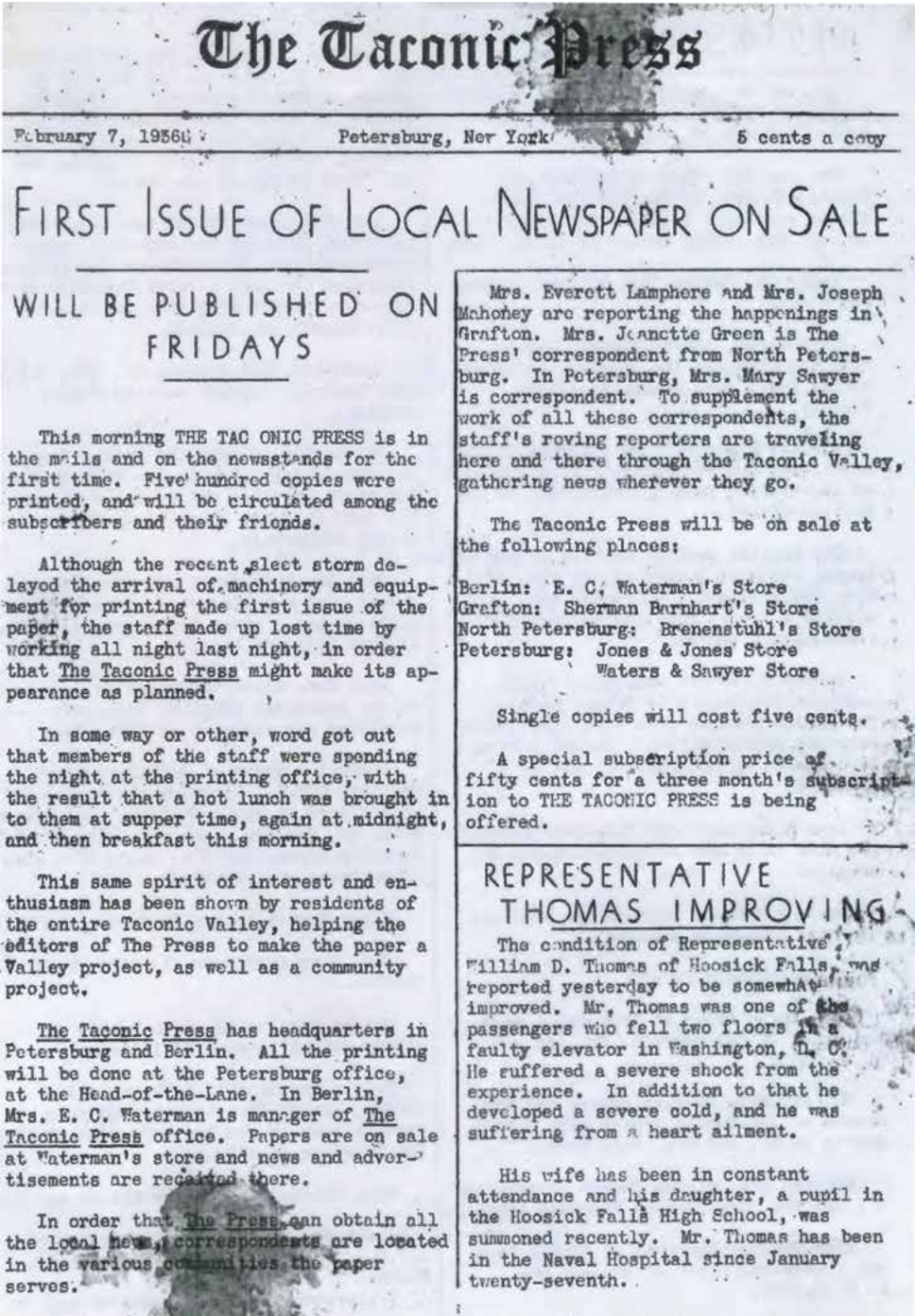


Buds Are Opening



American Red Elderberry (*Sambucus racemosa*), which is native to Eastern North America, is a treelike shrub that grows in our moist woods and has beautiful buds opening now. Some Native American tribes used the plant for medicinal remedies. The fruit juice or syrup is sometimes sold today to treat colds. Photo taken in Petersburg by Trix Niernberger.

Early Reporting In The Taconic Valley



This is the front page of the first issue of the Taconic Press from February 7, 1936. We thought it might be nice to look at journalism in the Taconic Valley from 80 plus years ago. When we have the opportunity, we will print other pages from the newspaper as well. These were donated to The Eastwick Press by Pame Eggsware.

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The Life Of George Holcomb

by George Holcomb • Transcribed by Betty McClave • Edited by Alex Brooks

A Busy Spring On The Farm

Friday May 10, 1850: Today Geo P. bargained with Sylvenas Carpenter and bought Roswell G. Pierce's nursery and is to pay 325 dollars cash and 75 dollars is paid in trees and is to pay in trees and today paid one hundred dollars of the cash and is to have the nursery until the seventh day of May in 1852.

Saturday: I and John F. carried two loads of manure onto my Rodgers farm and got out some manure there. We plowed with both teams a piece of ground west of the house, it was an old carrot ground. I sewed two bushels of oats on it and harrowed them in and put on eight quarts clover and timothy seed 3/4 acre of the ground and today Geo P. and hired man worked in his nursery.

Sunday: I walked over to Martin Owen's and he agreed that his boy Michael to come and work for us in one week.

Thursday: I this forenoon took my lame horse onto my Rodgers farm to pasture and put up fence there, and I carried Mr. Aaron Merrills one pound carrot seed to raise carrots to the halves in the same way as years before. Said horse got out of the pasture and Geo P. got the horse home again when he returned from Hancock Village.

Friday: Today I took the one horse wagon and went to Pittsfield. On the way I stopped on Pool Hill and sold Parsons seven gallons of dried apple sauce for three dollars and 62 cents. I sold in Pittsfield half a bushel of apples for one dollar and 25 cents and twelve quarts

walnuts for 48 cents. I changed 20 dollars for Pittsfield money in the bank. I paid while in Pittsfield to Benj Hall five dollars by order of his brother that gave me insurance on my buildings of one thousand dollars and got my policy from Hichols post office the other day from Washington County Insurance Company.

Monday: I harrowed turf for corn part of the forenoon and then it was rainy the remainder of the day. I paid Eliza and Jane Wylie each three dollars which was interest on their fifty dollars notes up to the first of April, and I went over the hill to cousin Jesse Egleston's and paid one years and six month interest on a fifty dollars which was five dollars and 25 cents. I rode up to the widow of Johnson Brown to hire a boy but could not. On the way home I called to C. Wheeler's store and engaged a boy of Mr. Leonard to come tomorrow on trial.

Wednesday: This morning Edwin Leonard came to work for me on trial but no price agreed on. I and Edwin mended fence on my Rodgers farm.

Saturday, June 1: This morning Geo P. drove 44 of his fat wethers and delivered to a man by the name of --- to go to Brighton. He came yesterday and bargained for the sheep and agreed to pay three dollars and 25 cents a head for 42 and three dollars a head for two, which makes 142 dollars and 50 cents but when he paid for the sheep he would not pay the 50 cents and then I and Geo P. returned home by eight o'clock this morning.

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