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 Petersburgh by Trix Niernberger.

Early Reporting In The Taconic Valley

The Taconic Press

February 7, 19566 v

Petersburg, Ner York

FIRST ISSUE OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER ON SALE

This morning THE TAC ONIC PRESS is in the mails and on the newsstands for the first time. Five hundred copies were printed, and will be circulated among the subscribers and their friends.

Although the recent sleet storm delayed the arrival of machinery and equip-ment for printing the first issue of the paper, the staff made up lost time by working all night last night, in order that The Taconic Press might make its appearance as planned.

In some way or other, word got out that members of the staff were spending the night at the printing office, with the result that a hot lunch was brought in to them at supper time, again at midnight, and then breakfast this morning.

This same spirit of interest and enthusiasm has been shown by residents of the entire Taconic Valley, helping the editors of The Press to make the paper a Valley project, as well as a community project.

The Taconic Press has headquarters in Petersburg and Berlin. All the printing will be done at the Petersburg office, at the Head-of-the-Lane. In Berlin, Mrs. E. C. Waterman is manager of The Taconic Press office. Papers are on sale at "aterman's store and news and advertisements are received there.

In order that The Press, can obtain all the local here, correspondents are located in the various out milies the paper

WILL BE PUBLISHED ON Machoney are reporting the happenings in Grafton. Mrs. Janette Green is The Grafton. Mrs. Janette Green is The Press' correspondent from North Petersburg. In Potersburg, Mrs. Mary Sawyer is correspondent. To supplement the work of all these correspondents, the staff's roving reporters are traveling here and there through the Taconic Valley, gathering news wherever they go.

> The Taconic Press will be on sale at the following places;

Berlin: E. C. Waterman's Store Grafton: Sherman Barnhart's Store North Petersburg: Brenenstuhl's Store Petersburg: Jones & Jones Store Waters & Sawyer Store

Single copies will cost five cents.

A special subscription price of fifty cents for a three month's subscript ion to THE TACONIC PRESS is being

REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS IMPROVING

The condition of Representative Filliam D. Thomas of Hoosick Falls, reported yesterday to be somewhat improved. Mr. Thomas was one of the passengers who fell two floors in a faulty elevator in Washington, D. O. He suffered a severe shock from the experience. In addition to that he developed a severe cold, and he was suffering from a heart ailment.

His wife has been in constant attendance and his daughter, a pupil in the Hoosick Falls High School, was summoned recently. Mr. Thomas has been in the Naval Hospital since January twenty-seventh.

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. walnuts for 48 cents. I changed 20 dolbargained with Sylvenas Carpenter and lars for Pittsfield money in the bank. I bought Roswell G. Pierce's nursery and paid while in Pittsfield to Benj Hall five is to pay 325 dollars cash and 75 dollars dollars by order of his brother that gave is paid in trees and is to pay in trees and me insurance on my buildings of one today paid one hundred dollars of the thousand dollars and got my policy from cash and is to have the nursery until the Hichols post office the other day from seventh day of May in 1852.

Saturday: I and John F. carried two loads Monday: I harrowed turf for corn part of of manure onto my Rodgers farm and the forenoon and then it was rainy the got out some manure there. We plowed remainder of the day. I paid Eliza and with both teams a piece of ground west Jane Wylie each three dollars which was of the house, it was an old carrot ground. interest on their fifty dollars notes up to I sewed two bushels of oats on it and harrowed them in and put on eight quarts to cousin Jesse Egleston's and paid one clover and timothy seed 3/4 acre of the years and six month interest on a fifty ground and today Geo P. and hired man dollars which was five dollars and 25 worked in his nursery.

come and work for us in one week.

Thursday: I this forenoon took my lame to come tomorrow on trial. horse onto my Rodgers farm to pasture raise carrots to the halves in the same fence on my Rodgers farm. Hancock Village.

Friday: Today I took the one horse for the sheep and agreed to pay three dolwagon and went to Pittsfield. On the lars and 25 cents a head for 42 and three way I stopped on Pool Hill and sold Par-dollars a head for two, which makes 142 sons seven gallons of dried apple sauce dollars and 50 cents but when he paid for Pittsfield half a bushel of apples for one and then I and Geo P. returned home by dollar and 25 cents and twelve quarts eight o'clock this morning.

Washington County Insurance Company. the first of April, and I went over the hill cents. I rode up to the widow of Johnson Sunday: I walked over to Martin Owen's Brown to hire a boy but could not. On and he agreed that his boy Michael to the way home I called to C. Wheeler's store and engaged a boy of Mr. Leonard

Wednesday: This morning Edwin Leonand put up fence there, and I carried Mr. ard came to work for me on trial but no Aaron Merrils one pound carrot seed to price agreed on. I and Edwin mended

way as years before. Said horse got out Saturday, June 1: This morning Geo P. of the pasture and Geo P. got the horse drove 44 of his fat wethers and delivered home again when he returned from to a man by the name of --- to go to Brighton. He came yesterday and bargained for three dollars and 62 cents. I sold in the sheep he would not pay the 50 cents

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