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## LOSS IN FIRE AT POPE MILLS NEARLY \$25,000

### Residence, Store, Hotel, Ice-house and Barn Destroyed By Flames on Monday.

#### Blaze Started From Soft Coal Fire Quickly Spreads—Aid Summoned From Gouverneur and Morris-town—Store Filled With Holiday Merchandise.

Loss estimated between \$20,000 and \$25,000 was caused by the fire which on Monday afternoon laid waste five buildings in the village of Pope Mills, near here, and threatened destruction of the entire business section of the hamlet.

The buildings destroyed were: Residence of Frank Hastings and contents.

Frank Hastings' general store, building and contents.

Hastings hotel and furnishings. Hastings house and barn.

The property was totally destroyed and only a small amount of insurance was carried on the buildings. The store stock was owned by Mr. Hastings' daughter, Mrs. Jack Greeley, and insured for a few hundred dollars.

The cause of the fire, although still uncertain, is believed to have been an explosion from the kitchen range in the Hastings home.

Mrs. Hastings left her home and went to the store to assist her son, Royal Hastings, in waiting on trade. She had been in the store only a short time when a loud noise was heard. It then was discovered that the rear of the residence was afire.

Aid immediately was summoned and soon a bucket brigade was pouring water on to the blaze, but without effect. The fire burned rapidly and before the firemen had been more than half consumed, the flames spread to the store, which stood about four feet away, separated only by a narrow passageway.

The store ignited rapidly and although a small amount of stock was scattered out and into the Victor Woodworth garage nearby, the bulk of it burned. Efforts to confine the flames to this building also failed.

The blaze soon spread and ignited the hotel which stood about eight feet away across the driveway. The store was a one and half story building and a large amount of goods has been stored in the upper floor, all of which was lost in the fire.

The hotel, a three-story structure of wood, burned like tinder. The flames first consumed the ground floor, giving villagers an opportunity to remove a piano from a third story window. The hotel had long ago been abandoned as a hotel, but occasionally a dance or society gathering was held on the upper floor, where kitchen utensils and dishes also were stored. On the ground floor were three pool tables which also were burned.

The first fire broke out at 1:25 p. m. and had been burning itself out shortly after 4. The roof of the hotel collapsed about 3. A barn in which was stored a small amount of machinery and tools standing behind the house was burned along with the house. A small building used as an icehouse which stood behind the store also burned.

When it was evident that the whole village was doomed, a call was made for a bucket brigade for fire fighting apparatus. The Gouverneur firemen deemed it inadvisable to take the motor pumper over the hills owing to the icy condition of the roads, and so two firemen were dispatched to the scene together with hand chemical and other small equipment. Garfield Burley and Frank Moore hastened to the village, but the fire had about burned itself out before they arrived. However, several firemen from Morris-town arrived in time to be of assistance and used a small amount of chemicals against the flames. They also assisted in preventing the fire from spreading to other buildings.

The George Drummond residence and the Mary Gilbert home, both situated close by, were believed doomed at one time, but blankets saturated with water and snow placed on the roofs saved them from burning. Other buildings in the vicinity also were saved in a similar way.

When the fire was at its height, the heat melted snow which sent a good sized stream running down the gutters in the street. From those streams the villagers who were able to get water to pour on the flames and buildings which they were endeavoring to save from destruction.

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings left Monday evening for Morris-town where they will make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Jack Greeley, whose husband conducts a store there. Mrs. Hastings, a woman well past middle age, was in a greatly excited state of mind following the fire and for a time anxiety was felt by villagers for her condition.

The store, the stock of which was wiped by Mrs. Greeley, had recently been replenished with a large line of Christmas goods and would have inventoried larger than at any other time of the year. The store had been in shape for the holiday rush of business and deep regret was felt over its destruction.

### DIVIDEND VOTED BY DIRECTORS OF LOAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Gouverneur Savings & Loan Association was held Tuesday afternoon at the regular dividend meeting. The annual report was read and the regular dividend was declared. The new directors were elected and the following officers were chosen: President, J. J. ...

### THE FINIMORE FAMILY IS WELL KNOWN IN GOVERNEUR WHERE THEY RESIDE FOR MANY YEARS. WILLIAM FINIMORE FOR MANY YEARS WAS EMPLOYED BY THE S. E. VAN DUZEE MANUFACTURING COMPANY. THEY RESIDE IN MORRISTOWN.

### 100,000,000 ON DEPOSIT

## EXPIRED AT HER HOME ALONE AND WITHOUT WARNING

### Mrs. Isadore Foster-Easton Found Dead by Her Neighbors a Few Hours After Life Had Passed—Resident of Gouverneur for "Many Years"—Funeral from Daughter's Home Sunday.

Death claimed Mrs. Isadore Foster-Easton at her home in Wall street Thursday at a late hour in the afternoon without warning, she having expired without a struggle while alone in her apartment. For some years past Mrs. Easton had not been in rugged health, but apparently of late had been in better condition than usual. She had suffered with some form of heart trouble, and her sudden death is ascribed to that cause.

During the day Mrs. Easton had been at the village and had done some shopping for Christmas gifts, had spent some time at the Cushman Company store visiting with a friend, and had taken lunch at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. F. Drury. She returned to her home shortly after 2:00. She had resided in an apartment on the upper floor of a house she owned in Wall street, and the tenants on the ground floor heard her as she tended the fire in her kitchen, and otherwise engaged in household affairs. During the evening the occupants of the lower apartment missed Mrs. Easton, and noticed that her apartment was not lighted. They summoned the next neighbor, Mrs. Nellie Young, and together they sought Mrs. Easton, finding her sitting upright with life extinct.

Isadore Waite was born in Hammond, N. Y., May 30, 1847, the daughter of Sidney and Julia A. Poole Waite. Her father was a native of Rhode Island and her mother came from Vermont, both parents descended from Revolutionary ancestry. Of the family of four daughters and one son, Isadore was next to the youngest. She attended school in the district schools of Hammond and later attended Gouverneur Wesleyan Seminary. Shortly before her twenty-first birthday she was united in marriage with Wallace Foster, of Gouverneur, and they resided in this village their permanent home. Mr. Foster was for a time a traveling salesman for Grey Brothers shoe factory, of Rochester, but gave up that occupation and became associated with a salesman with the name of Willett and Charles H. Bowne, in the hardware business, which he followed until failing health compelled him to relinquish all activity. Mr. Foster died in 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. Foster were born three daughters and one son, Julia, the wife of Dr. F. F. Drury; Mabel who became the wife of the late Edward Taltt and who died in 1901; Carrie, who died at the age of four years; and James Gowne Foster, now of Hanford, Calif.

During the early years of her widowhood Mrs. Foster visited relatives in the West, and eighteen years ago she was united in marriage with her second husband, a resident of Winnipeg, and whom she had known since her childhood. For seven years Mr. and Mrs. Easton resided in Winnipeg, and then returned to this town where they occupied Mrs. Easton's former home. During one of his business trips to Manitoba Mr. Easton was taken ill and died. His widow continued to live among her old friends in Gouverneur.

In her church relations, Mrs. Easton was a member of the Presbyterian church and when health permitted was active in the societies. She was a charter member of Gouverneur Morris Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and no other member of the organization had a deeper interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the organization than did Mrs. Easton. As a member of the Chapter said of her: "She was filled with the Spirit of God."

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 at the Drury home in Park street. Rev. W. F. Skinner, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. The bearers were F. E. Smith, B. Carpenter, Ed. Leahy and A. M. Jepson. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

A gracious, kindly woman, of a happy disposition, endeared to those who knew her well, and one whose companionship was esteemed by all her associates, Mrs. Easton will be missed not only in her immediate family but in church and organization and by friends and neighbors. She is survived by the daughter and son and by four grandchildren, two sons and two daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Drury.

### FORMER LOCAL GIRL TO WED CHRISTMAS DAY

Leo W. Boofor, 29, of 238 Claremont avenue, Claremont, N. J., and Miss Mary Finimore, 29, of 250 West 33d street, obtained a license to wed here Saturday. Both are teachers.

Mr. Boofor was born in Owego, and is the son of Charles and Mary Collins Boofor. Miss Finimore was born in Gouverneur and is the daughter of William H. and Bertha Knight Finimore. The couple announced they would be married at Canton Dec. 25.

The Finimore family is well known in Gouverneur where they resided for many years. William Finimore for many years was employed by the S. E. Van Duzee Manufacturing Company. They resided in Morris-town.

### MISS LAIDLAW'S ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

### Local Young Woman Will Marry John Bulger of Avalos, Mexico, a Former Gouverneur Boy—Date of Ceremony Not Announced.

The engagement of Miss Cora Laidlaw of this village, and John Bulger, of Avalos, Zacabas, Mexico, was announced at a three table bridge party held at the home of Mrs. Donald Peck in Rowley street last Thursday evening. The date of the wedding has not been announced.

The announcement came as a surprise to Miss Laidlaw's friends. The house was decorated with bluebirds and a Christmas tree stood in one corner of the room. A gift for each guest was provided by the host and the last to receive her gift was Miss Laidlaw, which was her engagement ring, held to the tree by one of the small bluebirds. The package also contained an appropriate verse.

Miss Laidlaw is the daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Laidlaw of Clinton street, this village. She is a graduate of Gouverneur High school and has resided here her entire life here. Mr. Bulger formerly resided in this village where he was born. He received his early education in the village schools and also was graduated from Gouverneur High school. He later attended the University of Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1923, after which he went immediately to Mexico where he is engaged in the engineering business.

The couple became acquainted while attending school in Gouverneur. Mr. Bulger had not visited his home town in some years until this past summer.

The couple is reticent as to the date of their marriage, but it is understood that it will take place after the holiday season when Mr. Bulger plans to visit his former home. After the ceremony, they will reside in Mexico.

### OFFICERS ELECTED IN E. H. BARNES WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

E. H. Barnes Woman's Relief Corps elected officers for the ensuing year at its regular meeting last evening, nominations being made at the same meeting. Mrs. Ida M. Loveless who has served for the past two years as president, was re-elected and elected with thanks, Mrs. Maria Overacker, who in previous years had served as president was elected to that office. Mrs. Gertrude Corbin was elected senior vice, Mrs. Joanne Tomlin junior vice, Mrs. Nora Griffith, treasurer, Mrs. Nora Griffith, chaplain, Mrs. Nellie Babcock, Seaman, conductor, Mrs. Carrie Love, guard, Mrs. Adella McIntyre and Mrs. Pearl A. Turnbull, delegates to Department Convention. Mrs. Carrie Bancroft and Mrs. Louise Morgan, alternates to Department Convention. Prior to the meeting a covered dish supper was served, attended by thirty persons, including two of the comrades of Barnes Relief Corps. Following the supper a social hour was enjoyed and Santa Claus appeared and distributed gifts to which each member had contributed some small item. This was made the occasion for the Corps to surprise the secretary with a five dollar gold piece in token of appreciation of her services, the gift being presented in the same manner as the little articles which are presented to a value of ten cents.

### NEW FLOOD LIGHTS FOR SKATING RINK

Work of completing the village skating rink which has been built on the rear of the Dean High school property in Rock Island street has been about completed and water has been placed in the bottom of the rink in to form a good base for it. As soon as colder weather arrives, the entire rink will be flooded and immediately will be made available for skaters.

The donation of two large flood lights for the rink was announced by the committee in charge recently and these will be put in place within the next few days. It is planned also to provide a small skate house on the property and provision for this also will be made at once.

### A. E. CUSHMAN'S COUSIN DIES AT HARRISBURG

Word was received here Tuesday of the death in Harrisburg, Pa., that morning of Alfred Bush, a former resident of this section, and a cousin of Arthur E. Cushman of this village. Mr. Bush's death occurred following a long illness at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Bush Houck. The body will be brought to Richville on Thursday morning at 8 and taken to the Barnum home in that village now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Phillips, where funeral services will be held. Rev. W. F. Skinner, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Gouverneur, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Baptist cemetery at Richville.

Mr. Bush was well known in RRville where he resided for many years. His wife was formerly Miss Ruby Barnum of Richville. Mr. Bush was an uncle of Roy Bush who for a number of years was engaged in the hardware business here.

### THE TREADORS' AT GRALEN TONIGHT

Pupils of the local high school will present the musical comedy, "The Treadors" in the Gralen theater this evening.

The comedy comprises two acts featuring a Spanish atmosphere with its attendant colorful scenes. Supplementing the pupils in the play will be a chorus of 19 children from the first, second and third grades. The production is being trained by Miss Ann Hall, instructor in music and Miss Elizabeth Connolly, vocal English teacher. An effort will be made to have the play presented in a most attractive manner. A box office will be maintained at the school.

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT

### Merchant Report Shoppers Are in Midst of Their Holiday Buying With Promise of Greatly Increased Volume of Business as Days Pass.

Merchants of the village of Gouverneur during the past several days have reported greatly increased sales as the result of Christmas holiday buying with the prospect of a greatly increased volume of business during the next days.

Christmas shoppers have gotten into their stride, the merchants say, and it is said the amount of business already done that can be credited to the holiday season is somewhat ahead of this date in other years, although others complain that it is "only average."

The mild weather during the week has brought many in from the rural districts as well as hundreds from nearby villages who wish to do their shopping for Christmas in the Gouverneur stores.

The stores themselves during the past week have taken on their customary Christmas appearance and hours of labor have been spent by clerks and store employees in making the shops attractive. Several have decorated the interior of the stores with holiday crepe paper, trimmed with artificial holly and mistletoe, while others have confined most of their labors and attention to Christmas window displays.

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Men particularly, the merchants declare, are the ones who prove most delinquent in their shopping. Many boast from year to year that they "do their shopping the night before Christmas," although this habit is not as general as in former years, they declare.

### ELM TREE NEARLY 100 YEARS OLD IS TAKEN DOWN

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A count of the rings on the stump totaled about 90, which indicated that the tree had been in its place nearly a century.

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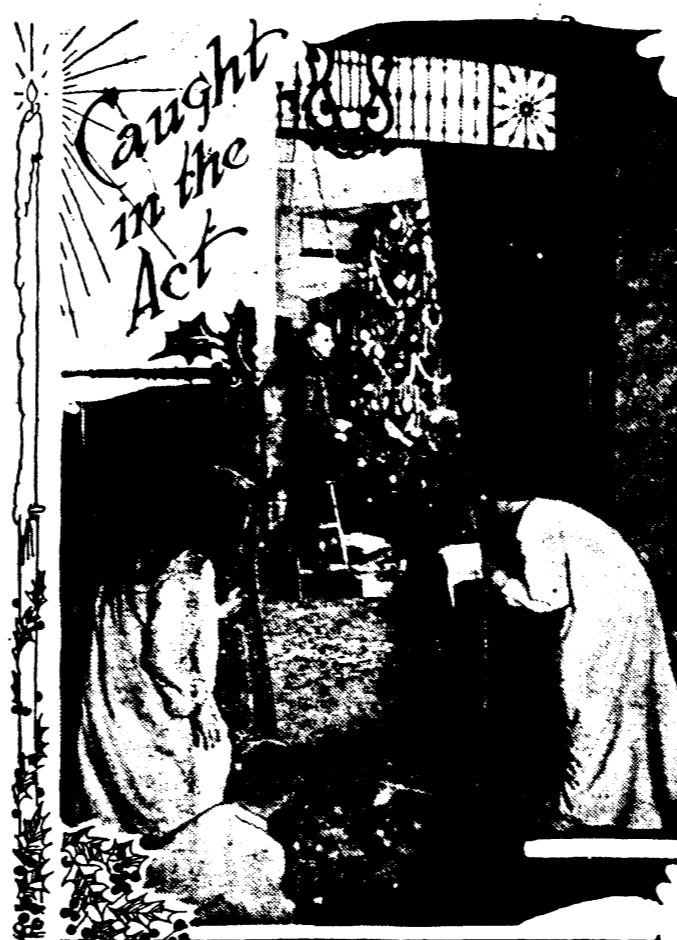
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## TAX RATE OF TOWN \$12.50 PER THOUSAND

### Approximate Figure Shows Decrease of \$1.40, Due to Use of Surplus Now on Hand.

The tax rate for the town of Gouverneur for 1927 will be approximately \$12.50 per \$1,000 it has been revealed by Supervisor James Thompson. This will be \$1.40 less than the tax rate for 1926, which was about \$13.90.

The exact decimal on the tax rate as computed by the clerk of the board of supervisors of St. Lawrence county and turned over to James Thompson, supervisor of the town of Gouverneur, is .012456876. The total assessed valuation of the town is \$4,036,000.

The total tax for next year, \$50,000 less than in 1926, the decrease being due to the fact that the town is to use a surplus which they now have in the bank.

The highway tax for the town, which is in addition to the other tax is .006, or about six mills on the dollar, one-half a mill more than the highway tax rate for 1926. Gouverneur has one of the lowest decimals in the county.

### POPE MILLS FIRE BREAKS OUT ANEW

The fire which destroyed five buildings in the center of the village of Pope Mills on Monday broke out anew during Monday night after villagers had believed it was entirely extinguished. However, the flames which had been smoldering and were quickly put out by persons who had been detailed to stand watch.

The new outbreak of fire occurred when the wind which had been blowing steadily throughout the day shifted its direction.

### INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE GAMES ON THURSDAY

The Industrial basketball league games scheduled for Wednesday evening because of the High school play "The Treadors," which will be held at the Gralen this evening. The games on Thursday will bring together the Firemen against the Richville Horton team and the Business Men against the Gouverneur Horton team. Announcement was made Tuesday evening that the Legion team which had entered the schedule had dropped out and will not compete in any of its games. Efforts are being made to replace the Legion team with another.

### OFFICERS ELECTED IN JULIA WARD HOWE TENT

The regular meeting of Julia Ward Howe Tent, No. 51, Daughters of Veterans was held in Odd Fellows building Monday evening, Dec. 13. Election of officers took place with the following officers elected: Mrs. Edna Ackerman, senior vice president; Mrs. Blanche Henderson, junior vice president; Mrs. Mary Bush, treasurer; Mrs. Della Hacker, chaplain; Mrs. Carrie Scott, patriotic instructor; council members No. 1, 2 and 3, Mrs. Ada Wells, Mrs. Ella Holland and Mrs. Carrie Love.

The next regular meeting will be held Dec. 27, with initiation, followed by a program and Christmas tree.

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## EVERETT PECK PURCHASES THE GARDNER HOUSE

### Former Home of the Late Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gardner Bought by Everett Peck Who Will Return to Gouverneur and Modernize and Occupy It.

A real estate sale of importance has just taken place by which Everett Peck buys the premises in East Main street long owned and occupied by the late Lawson M. Gardner and his widow, the late Mrs. Mary L. Gardner.

The late Mrs. Gardner transferred by gift this property to her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rokers, and they having a pleasant home in Barnes street which they have owned and occupied for several years and not requiring this property for a residence, have sold it to Mr. Peck. The purchase price is something above \$8,000.

The house was built in 1855 by Jacob Bechhold, a dry goods merchant of Gouverneur, and was occupied for several years by himself and family. Mr. Bechhold sold the property to Lawson M. Gardner, who not long before had come to Gouverneur from Edwards to reside. Mr. Gardner built an addition to the house and otherwise improved the property.

Mr. Peck had had some experience with purchasing property in Gouverneur. In 1911 he purchased and greatly improved the Hawley house in East Main street, now owned and occupied by W. H. Loucks. He then purchased the St. Lawrence Inn, and being a hotel man of long experience successfully conducted the Inn, finally selling it to G. M. Holmes who later sold it to Emmett Green. Desiring a nice residence, Mr. Peck purchased a house in Barnes street, formerly owned by A. F. McAllister, and after greatly improving the premises with all up-to-date contrivances was tempted to sell for a goodly sum to H. Saldel, Mr. and Mrs. Peck then lived and last summer at their cottage at Sylvia Lake, and upon the coming of the winter season went to Fergus Falls, Minn., where they had at one time resided and where a sister of Mr. Peck now lives. Mr. Peck has arranged to occupy the house in Barnes street, and the purchase of the Gardner house while in Fergus Falls.

### TEST LIGHTING SYSTEM IN BACK STREETS

Lamps Will Replace Present System When Power Plant is Completed—Add to the Attractiveness of Street.

The new ornamental system which was turned on for the first time on Armistice day is still being used to light the main street of the village and will be continued until the village lighting plant work on which has been greatly delayed owing to the difficulties experienced by the village lighting commission with their contract with E. R. Stockham of Greenwich, N. Y., in readiness.

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### ATHENIANS AND MINERVA PLAN HOLIDAY DANCES

An active social program is in prospect during the holidays in this village and plans already are being made for the holding of two semi-formal parties for the entertainment of college students and other former residents who will be spending the holidays in the village.

On Monday evening, Dec. 27, the annual Athenian Literary Society ball will be held in Temple Hall. An orchestra of ten pieces has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion, and the dance hall already is being decorated with school pennants and colors for the event, which is one of the biggest of the season each year.

This will be followed on New Year's eve by the annual Minerva society ball. A large orchestra also has been engaged for this dance, and the Temple hall where this also will be held will be given its usual "trim."

Other social entertainments are planned during the holidays.

### EASTERN STAR CHAPTER HOLDS ITS ELECTION

Marble City Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held its annual meeting Thursday evening for the election of officers and the submission of reports from committees and officers. Of the reports, an exceptionally interesting one was given by Mrs. Sallie E. ...

The election of officers resulted in the choice of Mrs. A. A. Wells, worthy matron; B. Frank Hall, worthy patron; Mrs. Lucia Freeman, assistant matron; Mrs. Inez Wallace, conductor; Mrs. Anna Hillis, treasurer; Mrs. Blanche Hartley, secretary; chairman of trustees, Mrs. Maude Seaker.

### FRED B. PULLER IS IMPROVING

Word of Fred B. Puller, who has been critically ill at his home in Trinity avenue for some time past, is greatly improved. He was held at the village on Tuesday, and is gaining strength daily and hopes for his recovery are now held.

## CHURCH DRIVE OVER THE TOP IN GOVERNEUR

### Local Presbyterians Give Liberally to Service Pension Plan and Total of \$7,112 Is Raised.

Total Quota for St. Lawrence Presbytery Falls Short of Amount Desired and Announcement Is Made That Only \$23,595 Was Raised—Quota Was Set at \$45,475—Drive to be Continued.

Gouverneur went over the top with flying colors in the campaign inaugurated recently to raise its quota in the Presbyterian Service Pension plan and incidentally was one of the few towns in the St. Lawrence Presbytery to exceed its mark.

Announcement was made at the executive meeting of the executive committee, appointed several days ago to carry out the campaign that Gouverneur had raised a total of \$7,112. There were 95 subscriptions. The announcement was made at the Watertown dinner Tuesday evening.

The nation-wide campaign called for a total of \$15,000,000 for the pension plan for retired Presbyterian clergymen. The St. Lawrence Presbytery quota was \$45,375, and reports submitted at the Watertown dinner Tuesday evening showed only \$23,595 raised.

The result was somewhat disappointing to the committee in charge, but an effort will be made to continue the drive in this district in an endeavor to bring the sum up to the quota or above.

Gouverneur's figure was approximately \$3,000 above the unofficial quota set and announcement of the success of the campaign was greeted with a great sensation at the meeting in Watertown. The local campaign was directed by James O. Sheldon, president of the Bank of Gouverneur, who was a member of the executive committee.

Other towns in northern New York which reported at the meeting were: Hammond