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Madame Galli-Curci Sells Home At Highmount

Deserts Catskills for California Where New Home Has Been Constructed

A Cash Transaction

Buildings Cost \$300,000. Singer, Annoyed by Curious, Built High Fence

One of the largest cash transactions in real estate was consummated the end of the week when Madame Galli Curci disposed of her home and estate on the mountains just above Fleischmanns called "Sul Monte."

The purchaser is Alberto Santos, a wealthy importer. Possession is given at once.

The new owner is of the progressive type and plans improvement to the property. Mr. Santos has awarded to George L. Mayes of Fleischmanns a contract to paint the exterior and the entire interior of the main residence.

Madame Galli-Curci and her husband, Homer Samuels, will leave for California where they expect to build a home near Palo Alto. The opera singer has asked that Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kennedy, who have been in charge of the estate for the past eight years accompany them to the West Coast and act in a similar capacity there. The Kennedy's have accepted the offer.

With Madame Galli-Curci and her husband will go the best wishes of the community. When they built their property at Highmount they made it a condition that the contractors should employ as far as possible local help for all work. For a number of years they had ten to 25 men working on the property when Madame Galli-Curci returned from her concert tours. They supported local charities and patronized every local industry.

The main residence at "Sul Monte" is modeled after a Scotch farm house. A de luxe swimming pool with a grand view of the mountains adjoins the residence. The singer thought her real estate assessment was raised too high. She made it a point to build all the other buildings in Ulster county. The county line runs only fifty feet from the house. Just over the line she built a residence for her superintendent and also for guests that arrived during her summer and fall vacations. As she wished privacy, she built her own moving picture theatre where she could entertain her guests.

She had a high wire fence erected around the property. She was annoyed that summer visitors slipped into the grounds to listen when it was the custom for her to practice in the afternoon.

It was currently reported at the time that the property was built that it cost \$300,000. Mr. Samuels produced proof before the assessors at Margaretville that the total cost of the property in Delaware county was much less.

Madame Galli Curci came to Fleischmanns in 1913 before she made her debut in Dellah in Chicago. She leased the former Charles Vermilyea property, now owned by Frank Spearling, for that summer. That year she signed a contract with the Chicago

THOUSANDS KILLED BY 4TH FIREWORKS

Do you know that more Americans have been killed in the last 30 years by fireworks than were killed in the American revolution that brought us independence from Great Britain? It is a fact.

Village ordinances prohibit the exploding of fireworks, firecrackers and the like except on the Fourth of July. Offenders are liable to arrest and it is stated that arrests will be made if the matter becomes too great a nuisance. For your own safety and that of family and friends be careful of fireworks.

TWO GOOD GAMES FOR WEEK-END

Kingston Colonials Take 11-1 Decision Over Margaretville Sunday

The Margaretville baseball team played a "Comedy of Errors" at the local field last Sunday while the Kingston Colonials played baseball with the result that Kingston took the long end of a 11 to 1 score. For the first five inning errors allowed one score for the Kingston boys before the locals could steady down. In the sixth Kingston was spotted to their regular score and earned three runs beside. Pitching honors were about even between Brown of the Colonials and Sickles for the locals, each allowing seven hits. Margaretville was shut out in each inning until the ninth when they came across for their only run.

This Sunday Margaretville will play the Byrne-Seiberlings of Binghamton and Monday the Detroit Clowns will oppose the locals.

Hinkleys Hold Reunion

The annual Hinkley reunion was held Saturday at the home of Morton German at Hamden, with an attendance of about 100. Officers elected were: President, John Hinkley, Bloomville; vice-president, Everett Hinkley, Roxbury; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ray Roberts, Halcottville. Those who attended from Roxbury were: Robert Eignor, Mrs. Elsie Hinkley, Mrs. Robert Mead and children, Misses Doris and Emily Hinkley, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hinkley, Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Van Woert, Mrs. Wilbur Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hinkley, and grandsons, Winfield and Tommy Hinkley, and Robert Parsons, and Thomas Cantwell, and Walter Restchack.—Roxbury Cor.

County Fair August 31

Plans are rapidly being whipped in shape for the Delaware County fair to be held in Walton on August 31 and September 4. Attractions will include a glamorous night revue featuring some of Broadway's best singing, dancing and specialty acts, horse racing, the usual comedy and aerial acts and on a Saturday, the last day of the fair, a wild west rodeo.

The plans for this year's fair provide for four days and five nights of entertainment.

Opera company for a number of years. When Mary Garden managed that opera company, she became dissatisfied and did not return till there was new management. Last year Madame Galli Curci made a world tour covering South Africa, India and the Far East.—Fleischmanns Cor.

Hay Crop Waits On Weather For Bumper Yield

Enormous Growth Cannot Be Cut Because of Daily Showers

Dries Slowly

Best Gardens in Years. Fruit Crop Excellent. Rain Not Wanted

Although recent rains have delayed cutting of hay, Delaware county farmers are looking forward to a crop that means thousands of dollars to them.

Wednesday's heavy rain, pouring into a ground already soaked with water from previous rain, will not ruin the hay crop, it was indicated, but it will retard cutting and drying of hay for at least a week to 10 days.

Grass in heavy meadows is lodged in some places, but hill and old meadows and pastures are exceptionally good. The rain has also lodged winter wheat and rye and prevented grain from developing.

Both ground and hay on the average farm is full of water and drying sunshine was badly needed in order to get the crops ready for cutting.

In many sections of the county, the meadows on the majority of farms are very high and ready for cutting, but farmers are unable to make any progress because of the unsettled weather. Not alone will it impede the hay harvest, but will present a setback to those who are planning planting millet, Sudan grass and hill-planting of corn. Only a minimum amount of grain is being fed cows because of excellent pasturage.

The intermittent sun and rain, however, is tending to develop one of the best garden and fruit crops in years, bringing hopes to farmers that they will recoup some of the losses which they have suffered in recent years. Lack of damaging frosts have aided growth of vegetables and fruits materially.

Cor nand potatoes are making good progress with early planted potatoes up to a good stand. Early sown peas will be ready for market soon and the late crop has been sown. Bean planting is over and good progress is reported. The rain has made good cabbage planting conditions. Other produce is well advanced, while small fruits also are expected to enjoy a bumper year.

Theatre Group Tries Play

The Delaware Playhouse will make its debut at Smalley's Delhi theatre Tuesday, July 27, with "Riddle Me This," a comedy-detective story play by Daniel N. Ruben. Tryouts were conducted Monday night and Mrs. Robert Wyer, director of the group, has announced the cast for the initial production.

Dangerous Parking Must Stop

The Village Board finds that parking on the west side of Bridge Street from the Dugan store to the Peoples Bank corner is dangerous and must be stopped. On the east side of the same street no parking will be allowed from the Mattino store to the Schrier corner.

HARNETT ALLOWS 10 DAYS MORE

Chauffeur Licenses Good Until Saturday Next Week

Charles A. Harnett, state motor vehicle commissioner, announced Wednesday extension of chauffeurs' licenses until midnight, July 10.

Harnett said extension of the licenses—which were to have expired at midnight, July 1—was decided upon because of "the impending Fourth of July holiday and the fact that many thousands of New York trucks are being operated out of the state by our chauffeurs."

At the same time, the commissioner urged motorists to exercise extreme caution as a means of reducing highway accidents over the holiday.

"Safe and sane driving methods," he declared, will do much to cut the accident toll.

MARX BROTHERS COMING HERE

"Slave Ship" Now Running. Fight Pictures Saturday. "Emperor's Candlesticks" Next Week.

"Slave Ship" is on at the Galli-Curci theatre closing on Friday. No Friday matinee.

"Married Before Breakfast" and "Westbound Mail" form a double bill for Saturday, with matinee at 2:30. Also the official Braddock-Louis fight pictures. There will be a special showing Saturday night at 10:30 by special request of several merchants of the community.

"Day at the Races" with the Marx Brothers will play Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, two shows each evening, except Sunday.

"Night Key" with Boris Karloff and Jean Rogers next week Wednesday.

"The Emperor's Candlesticks" on Thursday and Friday of next week.

Celebrates 77th Birthday

A very pleasant and enjoyable social occasion occurred on Saturday afternoon, June 26th, when members of the Home Mission class and friends met at the home of Mrs. Charles Van Valkenburgh to celebrate her 77th birthday. Luncheon was served on the porch where a big birthday cake made by Mrs. Albert Brown was an attraction. Pictures of the party were taken and games were played. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Bostock and children, and Miss Grace Forbes of Pine Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schlansker of Schenectady; Mrs. William Blakeslee of Arkville; Mr. and Mrs. Leland Newhall, Mrs. Ella D. Coons, Mrs. Joseph Garrity, Mrs. Charles Middleton, Mrs. Cora Longhi, Mrs. Albert Brown, Mrs. Norman Lee, Mrs. Geo. Rosa, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Valkenburgh, Mrs. Netta Griffin and Charles Griffin.—Shandaken Cor.

Attends Boston Convention

Mrs. Geraldine Goodman and daughter, Miss Patricia, left last week for Boston via Hudson River Day Line and connecting boat of Long Island Sound Line. Miss Patricia is the delegate from Nevada to the supreme session of the Rainbow girls held in Boston.—New Kingston Cor.

Use Local Players

The Andes town team dropped a game to Hancock on the local diamond last Saturday and won in a one-sided victory over Arena Sunday. These games, while not too exciting at times, gives the people the satisfaction that they are seeing local players on the diamond.—Andes Cor.

Water Board To Take Downsville Farm This Summer

Contractor Ordered to Begin Work on Lackawack Dam at Once

Hurry Shaft Work

Surveying for Tunnel to Meet Rondout Creek at Lackawack

The New York Board of Water Supply, whose Delaware Supply project, with main dam at Downsville, is getting under way, reports progress as follows:

Excavation is progressing on all shafts between Lackawack and the Hudson river. Several are now well beyond 100 feet in depth.

Contract No. 338 for exploratory caissons for the Lackawack Dam—bids for which were opened on June 2nd—was awarded to the Triest Construction Co., Inc., 590 Madison Avenue, New York city on June 15th at an estimated cost of \$737,777.00. Notice to begin work has been served on the contractor, who is now assembling his plant and proceeding with the preliminary work.

Topographic and real estate surveys of the Neversink reservoir area and the East Branch-Rondout tunnel are also under way at the present time.

L. E. Travis of Downsville has been notified by the New York Board of Water Supply that the city would have to take some of the land on his farm, about two miles east of Downsville, this summer. The intake from the proposed reservoir is to be located on the Travis farm and the tunnel to pierce the mountains to connect with the Rondout reservoir at Lackawack, it is understood.

Margaretville Camp Remains

The Civilian Conservation corps announced Wednesday 20 CCC camps in New York state will be discontinued.

James J. McEntee, acting director of the CCC, said the program for the next three months provides for the operation of 79 camps in the state. Ninety-nine were operated during the previous three-month period.

The new program, effective tomorrow, discontinues nine camps working state land at Waywanda in Orange county, three in Steuben county at Addison, Cohocton and Arkport, and one at Whitney Point in Broome county.

Other camps discontinued include Van Etten, Schuyler county; North Brookfield, Madison county; Williamstown, Oswego county; Canton, St. Lawrence county; Quaker Bridge, Cattaraugus county; Tompkins Corner, Putman county; and Golden Bridge, Westchester, Putman and Dutchess counties.

Sunday Pictures for Margaretville

The village voted Tuesday on the proposition to allow the exhibition of motion pictures here on Sundays. There was a total vote of 333 ballots. 220 for, 110 against and 3 void. It was the largest vote cast within the history of the community for a village affair.

The Galli-Curci theatre will begin the shows the coming Sunday.