

# Balbo Fleet Is Invited to Stop Off Here

## Pietrafesa Confers With Lo Bianco, Representative of Il Duce

### Italian Consul Seen Armada's Stop Would Be Used to Spur Monument Fund Drive

Gen Italo Balbo has been invited to bring his fleet of 24 Italian seaplanes to this city after their four-day appearance at the World Fair in Chicago.

Vittorio Lo Bianco of Rome, Italy, ambassador of Premier Mussolini and advance representative of the Italian air fleet met yesterday with Joseph J. Pietrafesa, chairman of the executive committee of the Syracuse Columbus Monument Association.

After communication with attaches of the Italian air ministry, Mr. Pietrafesa said it was apparent that the chief concern regarding the proposed flight of the armada to Syracuse was directed upon weather conditions.

Pressed by representatives of Italian associations in the city for acceptance of the invitation and by letters received from Mayor Martin and members of the Chamber of Commerce, the air ministry it was understood agreed to make inquiry into the suitability of flying conditions in the Central New York territory.

This promise to investigate, Mr. Pietrafesa explained, does not mean that General Balbo will decide to visit the city in case the reports are favorable for such a venture nor does it suggest of course that he will overrule the invitation.

Whatever the final outcome members of the Syracuse Columbus Monument Association and of other Italian organizations in the city will continue to do their utmost to bring the Syracuse Italian armada.

The occasion of the proposed visit of the Italian armada to Syracuse would fit in with a campaign of the monument association to raise additional funds for a Columbus monument scheduled to be unveiled in St. Marys Circle Oct. 12.

The monument costs exceed the estimated original costs set at the time of negotiations between the city and heads of the association concerning use of the site.

Funds available then totaled approximately \$18,000 in cash in the bank. The goal of the fund raising started several years ago was then \$20,000 when a simpler statue was proposed. Contributors gave more than twice that amount within a week of the start of the campaign. Besides cash paid in there were several thousand dollars additional pledged.

Upon arrangement for the site the city stipulated that Dwight J. Baum architect should serve as consultant and the monument scheme was altered and embellished to include a fountain and extended base now being rising the costs. It is reported that about \$10,000 more is in hand and will be necessary to meet the entire bill.

A committee headed by Mr. Pietrafesa is organizing the renewed campaign to raise the needed money. The granite for the base and shaft has been cut and worked and the preliminary of casting the bronze image of Columbus are under way at Florence, Italy, under direction of Renato Bardi the sculptor to whom the commission was awarded.

Foundation work for the monument has been under way several months in St. Marys Circle. Sponsors of the movement say they hope and believe that the plan will be carried out on schedule. A visit of the Italian squadron here would serve as a climax of fund raising measures in the opinion of those seeking to bring it about.

Lo Bianco told The Herald yesterday that if Syracuse is prepared adequately for the landing of such a great fleet it is possible the city's invitation will be accepted.

The embassy explained however that he did not think it was probable that General Balbo nor the Italian government would consider the proposed flight here desirable.

There are many reasons for this he added. The trip would add very much to the already tight schedule of the fleet which is very crowded and there are hundreds of previous invitations from other cities which must be considered.

The fleet representative also added that the Chicago to Syracuse flight was a highly speculative venture not only because of uncertainty of the weather but because of the element of danger which ever attend the movements of a large squadron of planes.

This feeling regarding the flight here was borne out by the Italian consul general in New York City who recently Mr. Pietrafesa in connection with the proposed trip.

He explained the Syracuse said as had the Italian embassy that the Syracuse flight would carry many hazards and for this reason principally he declined to make any statement concerning its possibility.

Therefore with no direct refusal and yet with no promise of acceptance the representatives of Italian consular officials in the city felt obliged last night to view the situation favorably.

Syracuse it was pointed out is not far off the air route from Chicago to New York where tentative plans are being arranged for the landing of the fleet after the appearance at the exposition is completed.

General Balbo's armada of 27 seaplanes will leave Chicago Mr. Pietrafesa declared about Aug. 15 according to present plans. Should the flight to Syracuse be agreed upon it was proposed that the fleet of seaplanes should land in Onondaga Lake.

### John H. Maloney Will Take Bride

The engagement of Miss Mary Elizabeth O'Connor senior in the New York State College for Teachers at Albany, and John H. Maloney, graduate of Syracuse University and a Troy newspaper man, was announced today at Mechanville.

Mr. Maloney was awarded the degree of bachelor of science in journalism by Syracuse University with the class of 1931. He was a member of Sigma Delta Chi professional journalistic fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Maloney of Mechanville.

Miss O'Connor, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. O'Connor of Mechanville, is a member of Spaulton Delta Phi sorority at the Albany College.

## Balbo's Agent and Wife



MR. AND MRS. VITTORIO LO BIANCO

## Rush to Buy Auto Plates Is Unabated

### Office at Court House Issues 250 Sets in Three Hours

### Way Over Last Year Total Registration of Pleasure Cars Now Nearly 54,000

During the three hours the motor vehicle office at the Court House was open yesterday 250 sets of automobile license plates were issued.

Officials marveled at the demand for plates which have continued since a race yesterday when fees dropped to one-half the full year price.

More than twice as many half price registrations were listed on July 1 this year than the corresponding day in any other year of the bureau's history.

Total registration of pleasure cars in Onondaga county thus far this year looked 100 of being 54,000 considerably ahead of the 1932 record when registration dropped off.

Many of the cars being licensed at the reduced fee are machines which have been out of service since January. Numerous instances in which the owners of two automobiles left the owners of the second until after rates were cut in half came to the attention of bureau officials.

On the other hand, large numbers of the applicants are owners of new automobiles and recently purchased used cars indicating automobile business here is getting its share of the increased buying on the part of the public.

## Flag Growing Industry Revived by Beer's Return



The legalization of 3.2 beer has given an impetus to the growing of flag in the vicinity of Seneca Falls. Workmen employed by F. J. Casey are shown, above loading the weed on trucks and below bundling the flag in the field.

## Canoga, Near Seneca Falls, Headquarters for Plant Used for Barrel Calking

The growing of flag a thriving industry in pre-prohibition days is being conducted on a large scale in the vicinity of Canoga since the return of 3.2 beer. The flag, which grows in the swamps and along the shores of lakes and streams is used when dried for the calking of barrels.

One of the largest growers of flag in this section is F. J. Casey of Seneca Falls who employs a force of nine men to cut and bundle the weed. His stockyard is around the shores of Cayuga Lake and in the swamps near Seneca Falls.

The harvest of flag begins in the fall along the swampy lake shores and thousands of bundles are tied up and kept in the open all winter to cure. With the warm spring and summer sun the flag gradually dries and then it is stored until orders are received in from various manufacturers of barrels.

## Beer Is Called Aid to Morale Of Guardsmen

### Officers at Camp Smith Say Brew Keeps Men on Grounds

### 'Stops Gin Drinking' Good Business News From Home Also Keeps Spirits Up

Special Dispatch to The Herald Peekskill July 8.—Beer and the rising tide of employment are creating a remarkable increase in the morale of troops at Camp Smith. National Guard officers revealed yesterday at the close of the first annual encampment.

The sale of beer which only a few weeks ago was viewed with suspicion by many of the officers has received the official blessing of the National Guard. Lieut. Col. Henry B. Suavet, chief ordnance officer of the New York State National Guard said yesterday that the flow of beer and free movies had kept the troops from wandering off the reservation and this opinion was shared by Capt. David W. Johnston, adjutant of the 105th Infantry of Brooklyn who recalled that in former years the roads to Peekskill and Beer Mountain had swarmed with Guardsmen in search of something a bit more exciting than food and ginger ale.

During the past two weeks the 105th Infantry has kept a keg on tap in officers mess and the troops have been permitted to bring beer into their tents.

It has stopped them from drinking rotten gin. Captain Johnston said it has kept them from going to Peekskill speakeasies and getting all signed up.

Good news from home has further helped the morale of the Guardsmen many of whom have been unemployed for months.

Troops of the 105th Infantry from upstate cities have heard encouraging reports on the color and side of the 105th Infantry. They learned that the General Electric Company in Schenectady is putting on new men and that silk mills in Whitehall are reopening. Because of better economic conditions Maj. Gen. William N. Haskell, commanding general of the New York National Guard has decided upon a new policy of not insisting upon perfect attendance at camp in the first two weeks absence from home would prevent unemployed Guardsmen from securing jobs.

At the regimental parade last night Col. Walter C. Robinson, commander of the 105th Infantry awarded medals for long and faithful service to Maj. William Innes of Schenectady, commander of the Second Battalion, and Capt. C. H. Leggett of Schenectady, assistant plans and training officer and Maj. John P. Butler of Saratoga plans and training officer.

Medals were also presented by Colonel Robinson to the regimental rifle team which participated in the State matches at Camp Smith early last month.

Plans for the pistol match one of the leading events of the summer encampment were completed yesterday by Lieutenant Colonel Suavet, captain of the National Guard team of the 105th Infantry. The match will be fired on July 22 by officers of the National Guard and the Regular Army officers of the Second Corps area.

In the 3rd inter-regimental athletic contest of the past two weeks the 105th Regiment defeated the 106th Regiment in a 14 inning baseball game last Saturday. A home run with a man on base broke up a long pitchers' battle and brought victory to the Brooklyn regiment.

## Girl, 15, Wins \$300 Music Scholarship

### University Makes Annual Awards After Open Competition

A 15 year old girl violinist last night won the principal scholarship of \$300 awarded annually by Syracuse University. Four other musicians, all from cities other than Syracuse also were awarded scholarships for 1933-34 at the University.

Winners with the amount of their scholarships were:

Zoe Wartak, violinist of Woodcliff N. J. \$300. Karl Zapf, pianist of Philadelphia Pa. \$150. William Stevens, baritone soloist of Amherst Pa. \$150. Jack Duro, composer of Seneca Falls Pa. \$150. and Herbert Ryder, pianist and violinist \$150.

Playing selections from two concertos Miss Wartak who last month was graduated from the Woodcliff High School was awarded the first scholarship by the judges of all members of the music faculty of the College of Fine Arts.

Dean Harold L. Butler, director of the annual contests for the scholarships announced the awards after nearly 100 persons had listened to the 15 competing musicians. The 15 were drawn from the ranks of a group of more than 30 that gathered yesterday afternoon for elimination contests. All competitors played their selections in the auditorium of the College of Fine Arts building.

Alternates chosen from the list of withdrawal of any contestant were Beatrice Indermiee, soprano soloist of Utica and L. Gardner Hagggett, pianist of Boston Mass.

## Two Ask \$15,000 For Auto Injuries

Joseph George, owner and driver of a car which collided with another driven by Robert Ferguson of North Syracuse at Turtle and Carbon Streets on June 26 has been named as defendant in Supreme Court action for \$15,000 damages.

Ferguson is seeking an award of \$5,000 for his injuries and Burton English of 504 East Jefferson Street a passenger in Ferguson's car seeking \$10,000 damages for injuries. Ferguson said he was injured about the neck and suffered permanent scars on his face.

## Rail Traffic Again Heavy At Week-end

### Central Runs Added Sections to Carry Chicago-bound Travel

### Troops in Movement Buffalo Excursion Leaving This Morning Will Return Tonight

Troop and excursion trains added to the usual heavy week-end traffic operated over the main line of the New York Central Railroad through Syracuse.

Extra sections were run for four westbound trains last night to carry travelers headed for Chicago and the Century of Progress Exposition.

The Exposition Elter was operated in four sections. The Wolverine in three sections, The Mohawk and The Commodore Vanderbilt in two sections each.

The 121st Cavalry National Guard which has been in training at Pine Camp Great Bend the last two weeks returned late yesterday. A special train carrying Buffalo and Seneca units passed through the city at 3:30 o'clock while another train with Rochester and Syracuse troops arrived at 6:30 o'clock.

Two trains with the 212th Coast Artillery in training at Fort Ontario the last two weeks left Oswego last night for New York City by way of Richland and Rome.

Syracuse and Binghamton units of the 104th Field Artillery National Guard leaves this morning at 9:25 o'clock over the New York Central for Pine Camp.

A special train passed through the city yesterday afternoon for Cleveland and Chicago carrying members of the Take a Chance theater company and the Apollo Theta orchestra.

An excursion train to Buffalo and Niagara Falls leaves Syracuse at 8 o'clock this morning making the return trip tonight.

A special train operating as a section of the Day Coach De Luxe this afternoon will carry Veterans of Foreign Wars delegates from their convention at Niagara Falls to New York City.

## W. F. Merrill Better In New York Hospital

William F. Merrill, president of Remington Island Inc. and former president of the Lamson Company of Syracuse, who has been confined to Doctors Hospital New York City several days by a chronic ailment was reported improved considerably last night according to dispatches received here.

## Miss Ellen Keeler Wed At Hendricks Chapel



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wessel photographed immediately after wedding ceremony.

## Charles Wessel to Take Syracuse Bride to Live at Minetto After Honeymoon

The wedding of Miss Ellen Keeler daughter of Mrs. Charles D. Keeler of Westcott Street and Charles Wessel of Minetto son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis C. Wessel of Seneca Falls was solemnized at 12:30 o'clock Saturday at Hendricks Chapel. The Rev. Dr. William H. Powers, dean of the chapel officiated.

A wedding breakfast was served at Drumline following the ceremony.

Miss Ruth Keeler was the bridesmaid and Paul Simpson was Mr. Wessel's best man. Fred Erick Maler and Edward Medden of Seneca Falls were ushers.

The bride wore a white gown and a heavy plume hat with white gloves and slippers and a shoulder bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. Her sister was a bridesmaid with a natural colored tangerine coat matching hat slippers and gloves and a shoulder bouquet of yellow orchids.

Mrs. Keeler's mother of the bride wore Eleanor blue chiffon with white accessories. Mrs. Wessel was in flowered chiffon with white hat and slippers. She wore a shoulder bouquet of gardenias.

After a wedding trip the couple will live at Minetto.

## Woman Sues Taxi Company for Hurts When Struck by Car

Charging her \$2000 in damages, a woman sued a taxi company in Seneca Falls for \$2000 in damages for a taxi company for striking her with a taxi cab.

The woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Duns of 226 Sherman Street, has brought suit against the company for \$10,000.

In a recent action the husband of the woman, Herbert Dunster, is suing the taxi company for \$2000 in damages for striking him with a taxi cab.

In a complaint filed by Seneca Falls, Mrs. Dunster said she was struck by a taxi cab on the corner of Main Street by a taxi cab which was driven by a driver who was struck by a taxi cab which was driven by a driver who was struck by a taxi cab.

## P. E. Classes Finish Skaneateles Session

Fifty six delegates from parishes of the Episcopate diocese of Central New York, gathered at the Episcopal summer school of St. James Episcopal Church at Skaneateles.

During the four day meeting, courses were given in personal religion, adult group work, teaching young people, activities and hymns and psalms. Classes and services were conducted at St. James Church with headquarters of delegates at Kensington Inn.

Miss Charles C. Tompkins of Otisco diocese district was in charge of the meeting and classes.

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- Review of Your Will** Business conditions and family changes may make a Will ineffective in a short time. Have your attorney review yours before leaving on vacation to see that it covers present conditions correctly. Does it name as Executor one who is experienced, impartial and long-lived, such as this Trust Company?

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