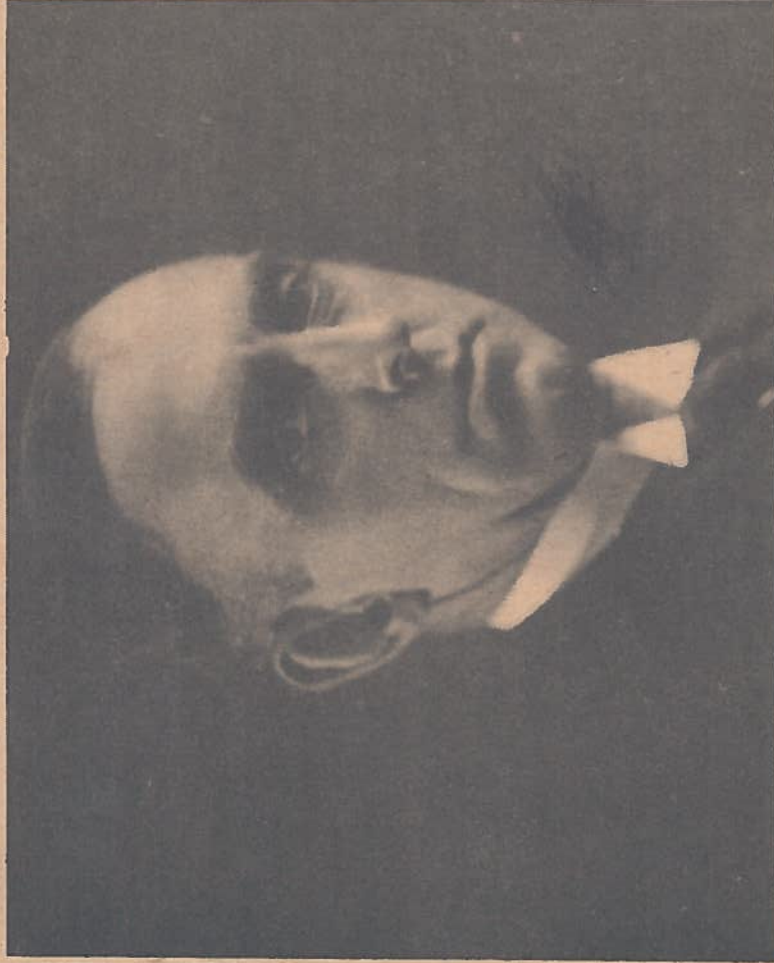


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Herbert T. Reed known as Herb or "Hippy" was born in Hulberton, N.Y. the son of Thomas F. Reed and Mary Blanchard Reed. The Reed family was among the prominent pioneer settlers first arriving in 1820. Thomas F. Reed was the owner and operator of large sandstone quarries at Hulberton where his son Herbert carried on an interest throughout his lifetime.

Herbert T. Reed supplemented his early education by study at the Brockport Normal School. He then studied law in the law office of Signor and Wage and was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1895. In 1902 he was elected clerk of the Surrogate's Court and held that office until 1911 when he became associated with Gerald B. Fluhrer, at one time County Judge and Surrogate, in the firm of Fluhrer and Reed. This firm later expanded into the firm of Fluhrer, Reed, Wage and White. Following the death of Edwin Wage and later Gerald Fluhrer and the moving of David A. White, who later became County Judge, to Medina, Mr. Reed associated himself with Isaac Signor and Charles G. Signor.

Herbert Reed was a member of the Orleans County Bar Association, the State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Beginning in 1929 he served as Village Attorney of Albion. He was recognized as one of the leading trial lawyers in New York State and had a wide reputation as an orator.

From 1910 to 1912 he was chosen chairman of the Republican County Committee of Orleans and in 1931 was re-elected to that position he held until his death. He was also a member of the New York State Republican Committee and under his leadership Orleans County returned large majorities for the Republican Party. His reputation as a Republican organizer lauded to him deep esteem and throughout the State of New York he became known as a power in the Republican party. At the Republican Judicial Convention of the 8th Judicial District held in Buffalo in 1939 Mr. Reed as chairman of the Orleans County committee and as chairman of the delegates from this county was successful in having our County Judge, Bertram E. Harcourt, nominated for Justice of the Supreme Court to which he was elected. After the unexpected death of Judge Harcourt, Mr. Reed was again successful at the Judicial Convention in obtaining the nomination of another Orleans County candidate, Wm. H. Munson of Medina who was also elected as Justice of the Supreme Court.

Aside from his political interests, Mr. Reed was a civic minded man being a member of the Albion Board of Education. He was also a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks and a former Vice President of the Elks for the Western District of New York. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Albion, a member of the Town Club, Rotary Club, Batavia Club and Stafford Country Club. He was an ardent sportsman and in his younger years distinguished himself as a baseball player and endeared himself to several generations of boys by years of service as a volunteer coach at Albion High School. He was also an ardent fan of horse racing.

He was married to the former Marjorie L. King in 1902 who pre-deceased him by accidental death in 1933. Their two daughters are Mrs. Mary Reed Scharping Martillotta and Mrs. Marjorie Reed Mahoney.