This Might Have Been "Yellow Bud Tavern"

Typical of Canastota's canal side inns mentioned in Walter Edmunds' new novel of the village is the above, now used as a beauty shop in the canal town.

Life in Canastota During 1835 Features 'Red Wheels Rolling'

CANASTOTA. — Being circularized this week for the first time by a national weekly magazine is Walter ("Drums Along the Mohawk") Edmunds' latest novel, "Red Wheels Rolling," which concerns life in Canastota about 1835, when the Erie canal side inns flourished here.

The hero of the novel, Chad Hanna, works in "Yellow Bud Tavern," an early canal side inn located in this village in the canal days but Chad joins one of the early rolling circuses and after that the story moves around the state.

Author Edmunds, in a recent letter to C. M. Milmoe of this village, expressed hope that the residents of Canastota wouldn't find too many mistakes in the story and said that though a few real names are used geographically, no real people were used, the sheriff of that day played a small fictional part.

Edmunds declared in the same letter that he considered Canastota a pretty town and that the canal side inns here had always delighted him. He terms it as one of the few villages that gives him a real feeling of the old canal. Durhamville and Fort Plain were others.

The magazine publishing Edmunds' "Red Wheels Rolling" was sold out within 24 hours after it was placed on local newsstands Wednesday, and operators of the stands were unable to obtain additional copies. It will run serially in the magazine.