

## LOCAL HISTORY



**Examples of the ornate, award-winning Imperial Geddo design by Onondaga Pottery Co., precursor of the Syracuse China Corp.** *Onondaga Historical Association photo*

**52 Years Ago:** On Jan. 21, 1966, the Onondaga Pottery Company (O.P. Co.) officially changed its name to the Syracuse China Corporation. The company's president, William Salisbury, announced that the change had been made because of "the broad national and international identification of the product name with the company." The Onondaga Pottery Company was organized in 1871 and initially only made earthenware. O.P. Co. began producing the first American-made vitreous china in the early 1890 and, in 1893, it won the High Award Medal for its ornate china known as Imperial Geddo at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Syracuse China would come to be used in hotels, clubs, airplanes, trains, cruise ships, and restaurants around the world. The company was world renowned for its fine residential china and commercial hotel and restaurant ware.

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