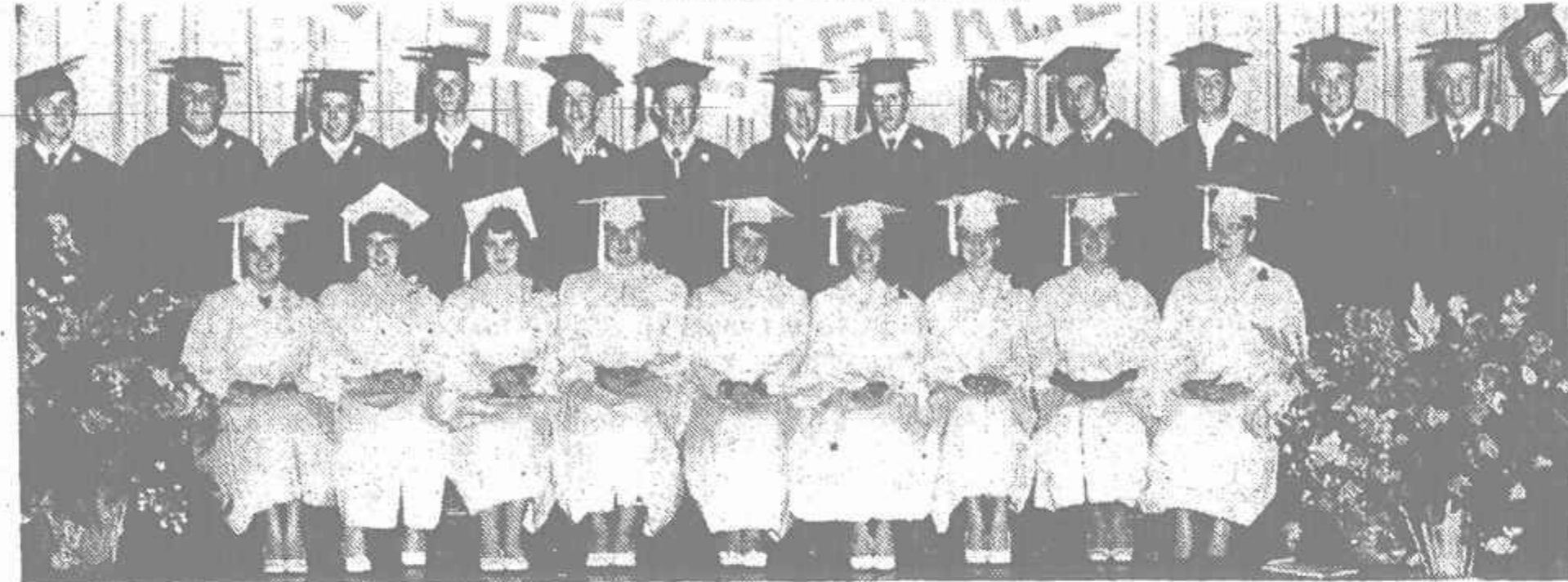


**DEPOSIT GRADUATES**—Members of the senior class of Deposit Central School were graduated on Tuesday, June 29. First row, left to right: Shirley Skellett, Joan Busfield, Nancy Boyd, Joan Strong, Mary Ellsworth, Sandra Smith, Jean White, Genevieve Strong, Sylvia Decker, Joyce Alberta, Marilyn Bullis, Janice Peck. Second row: Eldredge Axtell, Kenneth Corder, Richard Griffin, Arthur Simmons, Betty Stanton, salutarian; Phyllis Briggs, valedictorian; Marjorie Frazier, Frank Zaczek, Guerdon Walley, Robert Faulkner, Clifford Wright, Harold Backus, Donald Biggs. Third row: Edwin Robinson, George Zandt, Frank Smith, William Blanford, Robert Eckenbrecht, Duane Whitehead, Warren Fargo, Kenneth Axtell, Richard Davis, Gherland Decker, Ray Fuller, Floyd Gardepe. Not included in the picture are Sally Dodge, Robert Bode, George Atwood and Ann Mintz.



**MORRIS GRADUATES**—Twenty-three seniors received diplomas during commencement exercises at Morris Central School, where Lynn Secor is the principal. First row, left to right, are: Rita Chast, Wanetta Daniels, Maxine Jester, Barbara Miller, Patricia Sherwood, Betty Wilson, Joyce Tootham, Doris Erickson, Carol Saunders. Last row: John Turn bull, Albert Gugel, Robert Stevens, Richard Stafford, Jr., Robert Black, Glenn Wilson, Gregory Cook, Harland Johnson, Albert Grenz, Garrie Rutherford, Ronald Halbert, Warren C. Kinney, John Wassenaar, and Kenneth Anderson.

## Kroplin, 53, Is Killed Instantly

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Owego — A Town of Spencer man, Fred Kroplin, 53, was killed instantly yesterday about 6 p. m. when he was struck by a car near his home on the Candor-Spencer Road as he returned from work.

Mr. Kroplin is Tioga County's third pedestrian fatality this year. The accident was investigated by Tioga County Undersheriff Paul Taylor, who stated that the victim had just alighted from a car operated by Howard Cotton, a neighbor, who was bringing Mr. Kroplin and his son, Frank, home from work at Vanatta's Garage in Spencer. Robert Vargason of Spencer, a brother-in-law of Mr. Cotton also was a passenger.

According to eye witnesses, Mr. Kroplin started to cross the road to his home and hesitated momentarily before he ran directly into the path of an oncoming eastbound car driven by Charles Mikels, 43, of Endicott RD 2.

The impact threw him about 89 feet, the undersheriff stated. His body was found about 8 feet off the road lying on the shoulder of the highway.

Dr. Clifford H. Milks of Owego, a Tioga County coroner, withheld his verdict pending a possible coroner's inquest.

Dr. Henry Kaine of Spencer, acting as coroner's physician, said death was caused by multiple fractures of the head and neck and other internal injuries.

The body was removed to the Allen Funeral Home in Spencer where funeral arrangements are pending.

Mr. Kroplin, an area stock car driver, had intended to go to the races at Glen Aubrey last night, it is reported. He is survived by his wife and several children.

## \$7,500 Fire Ruins GLF Shed Holding Tons of Lime in Owego

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Owego—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a shed and trestle, owned by the Owego GLF and used for lime storage, yesterday shortly after 2 p. m. The building, about 160 by 70 feet, was located at the corner of McMaster Street and West Avenue and was formerly a part of



**AFTER THE FIRE WAS OVER**—Owego firemen Robert Rieg and Arthur Taylor assist in razing the remains of the GLF lime shed and trestle after it was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon.

the old coal yard, operated by Zorn and Cornwell. Damage was estimated at about \$7,500 by GLF officials. Some 250 tons of lime was stored in the shed.

Owego Fire Chief Graydon Jones, who, with members of the Owego Fire Department, kept the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings, said that the fire started in some loose straw stored in the shed and might have been caused by children playing in the shed.

GLF officials ventured that it might have come from spontaneous combustion, caused by the sun shining through glass bottles.

The loss is covered by insurance, it was reported.

A DLW hopper car, standing on the siding near the shed, was also damaged in the fire.

## Condition 'Fair' Youth Is Injured As Car Snaps Pole

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Oneonta—An Illinois youth was in fair condition at Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton this morning, with injuries received in a one-car accident near Downsville early yesterday.

Marvin Rinkel, 19, of Edwardsville, Ill., who is employed in Walton, is suffering from a possible fracture of the skull and severe lacerations about the face.

He was one of two persons injured when a car driven by Philip M. Bruchart, 24, of Pontiac, Mich., left the Wilson Hollow Road, went into a prolonged skid and snapped off a utility pole.

**CUT ON FOREHEAD**  
Gerald Holbrook, 25, of Dawson, Ala., another passenger in the car, suffered a lacerated forehead, but was discharged after treatment at the hospital in Walton.

State Police of the Margaretville substation said the trio apparently was enroute back to Walton from the Round-Up Ranch near Downsville when the accident occurred.

The driver escaped injury in the accident itself. The driver escaped unharmed, but subsequently suffered a series of injuries when he fell into an open cellophane on the Mabel Decker farm, where he had gone to summon assistance after the accident.

**ALSO TREATED**  
He was treated at the hospital in Walton for laceration and abrasions of both knees, as well as other minor injuries, at the hospital in Walton, but was not detained.

State Police said the car was heading southeast in the Delaware County road when it went off the left shoulder, traveled some 50 feet and swerved to avoid a tree.

After missing the tree, the car struck a stretch of grass, skidded for about 100 feet and struck a utility pole, snapping it off near the base.

State Police said the car twisted around the damaged pole and came to a halt in the road, with its top and right side demolished from the force of the impact.

The accident was investigated by Troopers John Gorence and H. R. Stableford of the Margaretville substation.

## Shuler New Dog Warden

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Owego—Frederick Shuler of Owego was appointed dog warden for the Town of Owego by action of the Owego Town Board at a recent meeting.

Mr. Shuler will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Elton Hulbert.

Harold E. Tyrrell of Southside, Owego, was reappointed truant officer and multiple dwelling inspector by the board. Both terms are for one year.

## Bigger Bean Crop

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Washington — The government crop board yesterday forecast New York's 1954 dry edible bean crop at 1,668,000 bags. This compares with 1,518,000 bags produced in 1953. The board issued its forecast on the basis of conditions as of July 1 in conjunction with a general forecast of the 1954 crops.

El Salvador is organizing its first cost-of-living index, San Salvador reports.

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## New Berlin Paving Job About Done

New Berlin—The State Highway Department has nearly completed work on the resurfacing of Route 8 through New Berlin. The blacktop surface covers a brick pavement which was laid on the main street nearly 61 years ago. When completed, the new road will continue from the Five Corners, north of the village, to lower South Main Street.

## Mrs. Hammond's Rites Tomorrow In Newark Valley

Newark Valley—Funeral services for Mrs. Mable Hammond, 72, widow of Harley R. Hammond, will be held at the MacPherson Funeral Home tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. The Rev. Luke Hovey, pastor of the Methodist Church of which Mrs. Hammond was a member, will officiate. Burial will be in Hope Cemetery. Mrs. Hammond died at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hammond, in Main Street, after a long illness. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 13, 1882. Her parents were John and Emma Landis Huxter. They moved to Bloomfield, N. J., when she was a child and it was there she married Mr. Hammond June 26, 1907. He died in 1947. Survivors are four sons, Harley of Grandview, Mo., Clifford of Newark Valley, Arthur of Sugar Creek, Mo., and Kenneth of Worcester, Mass.; one daughter, Mrs. Walter Glasser of Alexandria, Va., and eight grandchildren.

## Walton Driver Knicked \$100

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Oneonta—Fred H. McDonald, 29, of Walton, drew a \$100 fine yesterday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of drunken driving in Oneonta. He was arrested about 10:15 p. m. on June 29 by Patrolman George Donlin, while driving a truck in Fairview Street toward Academy Street in Oneonta. Porcupine Mountain State Park is the largest state park in the country. It has 41,935 acres of timber, and is located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

## Marriage Appeal Tumbles In Oneonta to 4-Year Low

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Oneonta—Wedded bliss apparently is losing its appeal for the younger set in Oneonta. Figures released by City Clerk Joseph Koury yesterday disclosed that only 43 marriage licenses were issued by his office during the first half of 1954. The first-half figure is the lowest in the last four years. Last year, 68 licenses were dispensed during the period from January through June. In 1952, the number issued was 53, and in 1951, licenses handed out by the city clerk totaled 70.

## For Sherburne Postmastership Gallagher Backing Mrs. Record

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Norwich—Charles Gallagher, chairman of the Chenango County Republican Committee, announced yesterday that he has recommended Mrs. Helen Record for appointment to the job of postmaster at Sherburne.

Mr. Gallagher explained that he had to make his decision to recommend Mrs. Record after a tie vote of the members of the committee residing in the Sherburne postal area, including also that part of the Town of Sherburne not in the postal area.

The committeemen and committeewomen had voted three in favor of Mrs. Record, and three in favor of Robert J. Howard.

Mr. Gallagher said that he pointed out to Mr. Howard that he had a very good and well-paying job under the Democratic administration, which was continued under the Republican administration, and that generally those Republicans who had contributed financially to or worked for the Republican Party and who had never had any patronage, should be preferred over those Republicans who though they may have contributed or worked had had some job.

Mrs. Record was third on the eligible list for the job. Mr. Howard was second.

First on the list was Donald Kehoe, a Democrat, who is serving as acting postmaster.

Austin Carpenter, one of the committeemen who voted for the recommendation of Mr. Howard, said he does not agree with Mr. Gallagher. He said he will have a statement to issue on the controversy the first of the week.

## Public Counsel Office Opened By Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Margaret K. Taylor, formerly of Owego, has opened a Washington, D. C., office as a public relations counsel specializing in legislative information and service.

Mrs. Taylor, a Republican, has been a figure in Southern Tier national politics for a quarter of a century. She is a former member of the Republican State Executive Committee and was national president of the Dewey for President clubs in Governor Dewey's second bid for the GOP nomination for president.

Mrs. Taylor is the wife of the late J. Lanning Taylor, Tioga County district attorney in the 30s. For the past several years, she was educational director of the National Milk Producers Federation.



**BETROTHED**—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Betts of South Onondaga announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Sophia Betts, to Stewart Skillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skillman, 20 Dean Street, Deposit. Miss Betts is a member of the faculty of Deposit Central School. Mr. Skillman is employed as assistant cashier of the Farmers National Bank of Deposit.

## Sidney Second In Area Blood Donor Ratings

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Sidney—Sidney ranks next to the top in percentage of quota attained on bloodmobile visits in the Syracuse area.

According to Alfred Bagnell, blood program chairman of Sidney Chapter, American Red Cross, Sidney won a rating of 121.6 per cent during the period July 1, 1953 to April 30, 1954.

Only the Syracuse headquarters, said Mr. Bagnell, exceeded the Sidney quota score with the rating of 130.7 per cent.

## Tax Gripe Day Tuesday

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Sidney—Grievance Day for Town of Sidney taxpayers has been set for Tuesday.

Members of the Board of Assessors will meet upstairs in the Village Hall to hear complaints concerning assessments.

Board chairman, O. M. Ruland, said that complaints will be heard starting at 9 a. m. There will be an intermission for lunch from noon to 1:30 p. m. after which hearings will continue.



**Falsifying Wife's Signature Costs Afton Resident \$25**  
**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Sidney—Falsifying his wife's signature cost an Afton resident a \$25 fine when arraigned here Thursday night in the court of Justice Joseph Palombo. According to State Police who made the arrest Thursday, James Head was taken into custody Thursday when it was discovered that he had obtained registration for his automobile by submitting his wife's name in his own writing on the registration blank, police related. Justice Palombo stated that Head's original registration had been revoked.

## Atomic-Fired Cannon Opens Winnie Fete

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Cherry Valley—A cannon, sparked by atomic energy, shattered the quiet of this Otsego County community of 760 inhabitants today.

The shot, fired from an old cannon, signaled the opening of a celebration for a native son, Harry Winnie, a pioneer in atomic energy research.

Some 10,000 persons are expected to join villagers in honoring the retired vice-president of General Electric Co.

The explosion was set off by a relic of an extinct local manufacturing industry—a clock pendulum little larger than a silver dollar. The pendulum was made radio active by an atom smasher in GE's research laboratory in Schenectady, then sealed in a thick lead protective box and brought here under police escort.

The device automatically started special equipment in the gun to set off the blast.

During the afternoon, a cherry tree from Richland, Wash., was planted in the village square.

Although the village got its name 250 years ago from the abundance of cherry trees, the imported tree is the first within community limits in years.

Also on display was the world's largest incandescent lamp, rated at 75,000 watts and equivalent to the combined lighting used by the entire village on an average night. The huge lamp was constructed by GE to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of Thomas A. Edison's first electric lamp, which is being observed this year.

Fireworks, a parade, and a dinner complete the day's activities. Dinner speakers include Adm. H. G. Rickover, who helped develop the atomic submarine, Dr. W. N. Tolley, chancellor of Syracuse University, and Chester H. Lang, a GE vice president.

## Sidney Moose Club Repair Work Started

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Sidney—Reconstruction work is under way at the Moose Club. Repairs and alterations were made necessary as the aftermath of a fire earlier this year which caused damage estimated at \$10,000. General contractor, Lenear Ideman of Masonville, plans to complete the work by Labor Day.

## Mudge to Vie With Nelson In Chenango

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Norwich—There will be contest in the Republican primary election for both Chenango County posts on the State Republican Committee.

Mayor Alden A. Mudge, Jr., of Afton, announced yesterday he will start circulation of petitions next week, opposing Stuart C. Nelson of Norwich for Republican state committeeman.

A week ago, Mr. Kate Woodruff, present state committeewoman, announced she will seek reelection in spite of the fact Charles Gallagher, county committee chairman, ignored her and placed the name of Mrs. Ida Winsor of Guilford on the petition he sent out for circulation.

In preparing the petitions for state committee posts, along with petitions for state convention delegates, Mr. Gallagher substituted the name of Mr. Nelson for John C. Stott, present state committeeman, who said he did not want to be a candidate.

Mr. Gallagher substituted the name of Mrs. Winsor for Mrs. Woodruff, without consulting Mrs. Woodruff.

Mayor Mudge said yesterday he is not associated with Mrs. Woodruff in his campaign for the state committee.

"I'm doing it on my own," he said.

Makers of photographic materials estimate that Americans are taking pictures with their cameras at the rate of more than five million a day.

## Fire Sweeps Motel Room

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Owego—A rear room at the Airway's Motel in Route 17, about two miles west of Owego, was extensively damaged by fire today about 9:30 a. m.

The Owego rural truck and the Tioga Center Fire Department were called when smoke was discovered coming from the room where an oil-operated water heater is installed.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tarantelli, proprietors, were drinking coffee in the dining room of the motel when they smelled smoke. Clarence Codner of Owego, a patron, kept the fire controlled by means of a hand extinguisher until the arrival of the fire department.

Damage, which amounted to several hundred dollars was confined for the most part to the room where the heater was located.

A portion of the roof in the rear of the building was also damaged. A refrigerator and a washing machine stored in the room were damaged by heat and flames.

Loss was covered by insurance, according to Mr. Tarantelli. It was reported that the fire was caused either by a short circuit or an explosion in the mechanism of the heater.

## W. J. Brooks, 81, Dies After Seeing Wife at Hospital

**Binghamton Press Bureau**  
Norwich—William J. Brooks, 81, of Norwich, died Thursday night as he was leaving the Chenango Memorial Hospital after visiting his wife there.

Chenango County Coroner Leslie T. Kinney said that Mr. Brooks died of a heart attack.

Mr. Brooks was born in Sherburne, Aug. 31, 1872, the son of Joseph W. and Mary Perkins Brooks.

On May 11, 1896, he married Lena McIntyre, who survives. Surviving also are three daughters, Mrs. Ray Coughlin, Norwich; Mrs. Harry Peckham, Madison; and Mrs. Floyd Hillinger, Sidney, and four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Houk Funeral Home, Edmeston. The Rev. Richard Wetherbee will officiate. Burial will be in the Mott Cemetery near Leonardville.

Experts estimate there will be more than 15,000,000 people over 65 in the United States in 1960.

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