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\$75 FOR RED CROSS: The Pep Club at Cooperstown Central School raised \$75 for the Junior Red Cross amongst students in the Junior-Senior High Department, and also made "Friendship Bags" for refugee South Vietnamese children. Here, Danny Bell, Pep Club president, turns over proceeds to Mrs. Harry N. Shepard, youth activities chairman of the Northern Otsego County Red Cross Chapter. At left is Miss Sylvia Bessette, and at right, Mrs. Lynn E. Green, Pep Club faculty advisor. In chair in front are a number of the "Friendship Bags" made and filled by CCS students.

Pep Club Raises \$75 For Red Cross

The Pep Club at Cooperstown Central School raised \$75 for the American Red Cross during a Junior Red Cross drive conducted amongst Junior and Senior High School students. The drive ended Thursday of last week.

Members of the club and other students also made and filled "Friendship Bags," which will be sent through the Northern Otsego County Chapter to the National Red Cross for distribution amongst refugee South Vietnamese children in the eight-to-12-year-old category.

The activity by the club was directed by Danny Bell, its president, and Miss Sylvia Bessette, who attended Junior Red Cross Training School at Manlius last August. Mrs. Lynn E. Green is faculty advisor to the Pep Club. One representative in each home room in the Junior-Senior High School department was in charge of fund raising in his or her room.

The "Friendship Bags" were this year's special effort requested by the National Red Cross. Students made several of these and donated the items which were placed in them for South Vietnamese refugee children.

In another recent activity, the Pep Club also raised \$42 for the March of Dimes.

ASC Community Committees Are Elected

Results of the November 1 election of ASC community committees for Otsego County were announced this week by Laurence D. Hansen, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee. The elections were held by mail and ballots were tabulated publicly by the incumbent ASC county committee on November 1 at the ASCS Office in Cooperstown.

Farmers elected to the committees include: (Committees are listed in the following order) Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Regular Member, 1st Alternate and 2nd Alternate.

Burlington: Stanley Shillito, Lloyd Fitch, Carl Lindberg, Adrian Hawes, and David Osborn.

Butternuts: Robert Rowe, John Gilbert, William Frone, George Tobey, and Richard Keens.

Cherry Valley and Roseboom: Donald Biggar, Richard Morton, Warren Stannard, James Webster, and George Lamouret.

Westford and Decatur: Bert Benson, Percy Holmes, Henry Burton, Robert Dickson, Jr., and Laurence Roseboom.

Edmeston: Merwin Wheeler, William Gott, Lyle Davis, Myron Brooks and Edward Perkins, Jr.

Exeter and Plainfield: Fred Igel, Kenneth Gates, Homer Casler and David Sullivan.

Hartwick: Menzo Balcom, Kenneth Bunn, William Kimmye, Douglas Lyon and Raymond Manley.

Laurens and Oneonta: Earl Aldrich, Gerald Lull, Robert All, Floyd White and Robert Lull.

Maryland: Julian Hanson, Richard French, George Muehl, Joseph Schoeberl and Robert Lincoln.

Middlefield: Floyd Dubben, Leslie, Rathbun, Howard Tabor, Harris Clark, Sr. and Fred Parshall.

Milford: Kenneth Cooper, Ellery Barney, Kent Thorn, Vivian Card and LeRoy Herron.

Morris and Pittsfield: Alton Littlewood, Stephen D. Gregory, DeWitt Quintin, Donald Spencer and LeRoy Taylor.

New Lisbon: Lloyd Gregory, Warren Gregory, Harold Card, Robert George and Robert Shone.

Otego: Glenn Ebersson, Clyde

Beckley, Robert Lent, Roderick Dutcher and Roselle Young.

Otsego: Lewis Chase, Albert Flint, Eldred Lamb, Levi Platt and James Ainslie.

Richfield and Springfield: Chester Collins, Murry Ames, William Murphree, Kermit Fassett and David Smith.

Unadilla: Eena Carvin, Arthur Davis, Leslie Sowles, Fred Braun, Jr. and John Cook.

Worcester: Fred Golja, Joseph Boback, William Bishop, Walter McClintock and Ralph Hillis.

The ASC community committee chairman, vice-chairman and regular member automatically become the delegates to the county convention where the ASC county committee will be elected. The county convention will be held on Wednesday, November 10, at 1:30 p.m. at the Village Library Building, Cooperstown.

ASC county and community farmer committees are in charge of local administration of such national farm action programs as the Agricultural Conservation Program, the feed grain program, the voluntary wheat program, the National Wool program, the Sugar Program, acreage allotments and marketing of up to a s., commodity loans, and storage facility loans.

Driver Dies Of Crash Injuries

An automobile crash which occurred on the Schuyler Lake-West Exeter county road a week ago Sunday, has claimed a second life.

Donald R. Buss, 27, of West Windfield Star Route, died in a Buffalo hospital Friday where he was transferred from the Mary Imogene Basset Hospital in Cooperstown last week.

Buss was the driver of a light convertible which went out of control on the county highway, 3/4 miles west of Schuyler Lake, and crashed head-on into a tree. Joseph Clisham of West Exeter, a West Windfield tannery employee, was killed in the crash.

Buss and Clisham were brothers-in-law.

Buss was taken to Basset Hospital where he was found to have sustained a fractured left leg and arm, fractured ribs, a cerebral concussion and abdominal and other injuries.

He was transferred in mid-week to the Buffalo hospital after complication developed.

His death was the ninth recorded on highways in the county so far this year.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, many hundreds of our fellow citizens have seen fit to demonstrate against the policy of the United States Government in its conduct of the war to save the freedom of the people of South Vietnam from Communist aggression, and

WHEREAS, such demonstrations are giving aid and comfort to an enemy who is even now killing American fighting men in his attempt to subvert and conquer a brave ally, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to make it clear that the overwhelming majority of the American people abhor the actions of the demonstrators and fully support the brave fighting men who are risking their lives, now

THEREFORE, I William D. Clark, Mayor, Village of Cooperstown, do hereby call on every man, woman and child, every church, school, organization, business establishment and home within my official jurisdiction to join with the Veterans of Foreign Wars in public observance of "Operation Boost" to raise the morale of our Armed Forces overseas. I ask each individual to cease from all activity at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1965, Veterans Day and offer a prayer for the success and safety of our troops. Further, I ask all of our citizens to participate in patriotic observances on this day so the world will see that we stand united behind our government.



SENIORS REHEARSE: Seven members of the cast of "The Grammercy Ghost," which will be presented by the Senior Class at Cooperstown Central School on November 18-19, are shown during an early rehearsal last week at the high school auditorium. Seated on floor is Miss Anne Mook, while others, left to right, are Allen Banta, Candace Coxzons, Edward Costello, Kathryn Snyder, Jeanette Pohowsky, and William Rath.

Eight Persons Hurt In Two Auto Crashes

Eight area persons were hurt in two separate auto crashes over the weekend involving five vehicles.

Mrs. Howard Ryan, aged 28, wife of the industrial arts teacher at the Cooperstown High School, and her sons, Michael, aged 10 and Howard, seven, were treated at the Mary Imogene Basset Hospital and released after a car driven by Mrs. Ryan overturned on Route 28, eight-tenths of a mile south of Cooperstown.

Mrs. Ryan suffered a bump on the head and possible back sprain; Michael had a bump on his head; a cut left hand and complained of a sore back; and Howard had a bump on the head. Martin, aged three, apparently did not suffer any visible injuries, State Police said.

The accident occurred at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday when Mrs. Ryan was traveling north on Route 28, on her way to Christ Episcopal Church in Cooperstown. State Police said that due to heavy rain and "poor" visibility, the car skidded off the left side of the road and overturned. Mrs. Ryan and the children reportedly climbed out through the door on the driver's side.

Trooper G. D. Akramoff of the Oneonta Substation who investigated, issued a summons for unsafe tires returnable before Justice of the Peace Robert C. Tennant of the Town of Otsego.

Trooper P. E. Leonard of the Richfield Springs substation and Cooperstown Patrolman Robert Murdoch were at the scene.

In a crash of three autos on Route 23 just east of the Village of Morris Saturday afternoon, five persons, including three Oneonta youths were hurt. More than 100 cars were tied up before the highway was cleared.

More seriously injured was James C. Halter, aged 19, of Oneonta, who suffered a broken left leg, a fractured skull and a possible brain concussion. He was reported in "serious" condition at Fox Hospital. The other Oneontans, both passengers in the Halter car, were Lee Gill, aged 18, who sustained a cut lip and a bruised eye, and Ronald Loucks, aged 18, cuts of the right wrist, left hand and thigh.

Mrs. Iva Parks, aged 42, of Norwich suffered a possible fracture of the jaw, cuts and bruises, and Mrs. Gladys M. Dreyfus, aged 67, also of Norwich, sustained a cut knee and bruised chin. Both were passengers in a car operated by Milton Parks, aged 44, and both were taken to Chenango Memorial Hospital in Norwich by private automobile.

Halter, Gill and Loucks were taken to Fox Hospital in the Gilbertville and Morris Emergency squad ambulances.

The operator of the third car, Francis R. Elliott, aged 50, of Morris, escaped apparent injury.

State Police from Oneonta said Halter was driving east when he attempted to pass the eastbound Elliott car which had stopped waiting to make a left turn. In passing the Halter car collided head-on with the Parks heavy sedan which was traveling west, then hit the Elliott vehicle.

Trooper G. A. Gransbury, who investigated, said assistance at the scene was provided by the two emergency squads; Chief Constable Robert Stafford of Morris; Constable Richard Stafford, the Morris Fire Department and the Morris Police Chief Fred Rendo. Trooper Gransbury said the investigation is still continuing.

\$43,000 In Christmas Clubs At 1st National

The First National Bank of Cooperstown will mail out 1965 Christmas Club checks totaling \$43,000 next week.

This is a 10 percent increase over the total for the bank's Christmas Club program the year before. During 1965, 365 Christmas Club accounts were maintained at First National.

Clubs for 1966 will open at the bank on November 22.

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Bar Group To Offer Fewer But Larger Prizes

Lawyers are planning to change the format of their annual citizenship awards to high school graduates in Otsego County.

Instead of offering a \$10 prize at each of 14 schools in the county, they are expected to increase amount of the awards and limit them to four in the county.

The proposal was discussed by Hector B. Giacobbe of Worcester during an Otsego County Bar Association luncheon last week at the Tunnell Inn here.

The luncheon was held in connection with the opening of the November term of the State Supreme Court at the Otsego County Courthouse.

Supreme Court Justice Joseph P. Molinar of Oneonta, who is presiding, was a guest and spoke briefly during the luncheon.

As outlined by Mr. Giacobbe, the four new bar association prizes for citizenship will be awarded on a countywide basis.

First prize would be a \$100 savings bond; second, a \$50 bond, and third and fourth prizes, \$25 bonds.

In addition, a traveling trophy would be awarded to the school of the first prize winner. Mr. Giacobbe explained. The school would retain the trophy for one year.

Mr. Giacobbe and other members of the bar association will meet with social studies teachers from county schools in December to discuss methods of awarding the prizes.

In other business, the bar association decided to continue presentation of the Liberty Bell Award on an annual basis.

First Otsego winner of the award was State Tax Commissioner James R. Mott of Schenectady, former chairman of the County Republican Committee.

The Liberty Bell Award is intended to be the lawyers' recognition of an individual for outstanding contributions to the community.

Selection of the winner will be by a special committee from among names submitted by attorneys throughout Otsego County.

The committee consists of County Judge Frederick W. Loomis of Edmeston, District Attorney Joseph A. Magavero, Jr., of Unadilla, Theodore P. Feury of Cooperstown, Joseph P. Leary of Cooperstown, Arthur E. Seyboit of Oneonta and Mr. Giacobbe.

Ex-officio member is City Judge Ronald E. Rowley of Oneonta, president of the Otsego County Bar Association.

Police Seek Missing Youth

State Police are seeking the whereabouts of Edwin Kirkland, aged 17, of Burlington Green, who has been missing since Saturday, November 30.

The youth disappeared from the home of his guardian, Frank Wenz where he had lived for the past five years at about 8 p.m. on October 30, State Police said.

The youth has black hair and brown eyes, is five feet, seven inches tall and weighs about 135 pounds. When last seen he was wearing light-weight dark brown trousers, a blue and white flannel shirt, a dark blue sweatshirt, sneakers and a gray hooded jacket, Mr. Wenz said.

State Police ask that any person who has information about the boy to communicate with State Police at Oneonta or call Mr. Wenz at Burlington Green.

Noble Grands To Meet Next Week

The Past Noble Grands Association of Otsego District No. 7, will meet at Cherry Valley on Wednesday, November 17.

Luncheon will be held at noon and there will be a business meeting and election of officers at 1 p.m.

Supervisors Open Annual Fall Session

The annual fall meeting of the Otsego County Board of Supervisors opened Monday in its chambers in the Court House here. It spent most of its time in closed session, reportedly going over the county's yet to be completed budget for 1966.

Earlier, Supervisor Earl Saunders of Plainfield, chairman of the county Finance Committee, had told reporters that the budget probably would not be ready for presentation to the Board in its finished form until next Monday. He said that on the basis of preliminary figures, it looks like the tax levy for the coming year would remain at about the same level as that provided in the 1965 budget when taxes on real estate provided \$1,191,677.06 to help support a budget of \$3,804,190.80.

"We don't anticipate any increase in the tax rate," he declared. "But, of course, we have yet to complete the tentative budget."

On the basis of true value of property totaling \$181,478,897, the county-wide tax rate for this year was \$6.57 per \$100. This was up 15 cents from the \$6.42 true value rate of 1964.

Other members of the Finance Committee are Supervisors Badley Webb of Roseboom and Miss M. R. Trass of Otsego. The committee has been working on the tentative budget with County Treasurer Bernice C. Jones, who acts as Budget Officer, for the past few weeks.

At the opening of the fall session Monday, the Board received the first report of its Committee on Footing Assessment Rolls, headed by Supervisor Francis P. Truex of Exeter.

The report showed an increase of \$23,577,953 in assessments throughout the county to a record \$92,792,447. However, all but \$1,061,920 of the increase was attributed to a change in method of assessing property in the city of Oneonta where assessments rose from \$20,261,047 a year ago to \$42,877,080 this year.

Last summer, the city boosted its assessments by 43 percent of true value to 90 percent.

Assessments rose in 22 of the 24 townships in the county over last year's level, with only Westford and Worcester showing drops. The net increase in the towns totaled \$1,061,920.

The town of Morris showed an increase of \$223,590 in assessments, but once again, changes in assessment procedures accounted for the good share of this rather than an increase in actual property values. Morris underwent a change in assessing in the summer of 1964.

In the town of Otsego, assessments rose by \$215,630 over last year's values to a total of \$5,088,941.

The town of Otsego had an increase of \$39,659 in assessments to a record \$8,218,600. This includes most of the village of Cooperstown.

In Westford, assessments dropped \$1,354 to a total of \$567,076, and in the town of Worcester they fell by \$79,696 to a total of \$2,075,683.

Following is a comparison of assessments for 1965 and 1964: (Continued on Page 6)

20,324 Visitors To Museums In October

A total of 20,324 persons visited Cooperstown's five museums during October, a slight drop from the 22,762 registered in the same month a year ago.

Despite the decrease last month four of the five reported attendance for the first 10 months of 1965 ahead of the comparable period a year ago.

Only the Woodland Museum showed an increase in October over a year ago. Its attendance, 2,127 last month compared with 1,730 in October a year ago. It closed for the season at the end of October with a total 1965 attendance of 45,382 compared with 40,839 for the 1964 season.

The Farmers' Museum had 7,495 visitors last month compared with 8,260 in October 1964. The Farmers' Museum is headed for a new all-time attendance for a full year after clocking 117,466 visitors through its turnstiles during the first 10 months. This is only 264 fewer than it registered in its best year, 1962, when it counted 117,730 for the full 12-month period.

The National Baseball Hall of Fame entertained 6,649 visitors last month compared with 7,790 in the same month a year ago, and its 10-month total is 144,469 compared with 152,877 for the same period in 1964.

Pennmore House had 3,732 visitors in October, while a year ago the October total was 4,537. Its total for the first 10 months is 56,377, a slight increase over last year's 56,204 for the same period.

The Indian Museum had 324 visitors during the first few days of October before it closed for the season. Its total attendance for the 1965 season was 12,977 compared with 10,888 in 1964.

Overall attendance at the five museums for the first 10 months, 376,671, ran about the same as for the same period in 1964 when the total was 376,540.

The number of retail eating establishments in this country exceeds 300,000 serving about 152 million meals a day. In N. Y. State there are over 33,000 restaurants.

Pesticides cause about a third as many poisonings among children under five years old as all the household cleaners.

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Merchants To Offer \$1,000 In Christmas Prizes

Merchant members of the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce held a dinner meeting at the Tunnell Inn Thursday night of last week at which plans were developed for the local promotion of the Christmas shopping season.

Cooperstown stores will band together to offer over \$1,000 in Cooperstown Dollars as prizes in drawings to be held five nights during the Christmas shopping season. They will be held at the corner of Main and Pioneer Streets at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7; Saturday, December 11; Tuesday, December 14; Saturday, December 18; and Tuesday, December 21.

Two hundred Cooperstown Dollars, good for purchases in participating local stores, will be given away the first night, four awards of \$50 each if winners are present. If any are not present they will receive \$25 of the prize and the remaining \$25 will go to another winner.

Amounts of prizes to be offered each of the other evenings will be announced later.

Participating merchants will commence giving out tickets at 5 p.m. on November 26 and continue until December 21. No purchase is necessary.

Stores will start staying open nights until 9 o'clock Friday, December 3, and will observe the late closing hour each night until December 24 when most stores will close at 5:30. So starting December 3rd all stores will be open every night until 9 until December 24.

Merchants who have not yet been contacted and who wish to take part in Cooperstown \$1,000 give away promotion should contact William S. Aditt of Church & Scott's drug store, 75 Main Street in Cooperstown.

Youth Not Guilty Of Assault Charge

Kenneth Dibble, Jr. of Richfield Springs, aged 16, was found innocent of a charge of third degree assault by a six-man jury deliberating about ten minutes Wednesday evening, November 3, in Justice Court in Richfield Springs.

The youth, now a student at the Cooperstown Central School, was accused of assaulting Fredrick Mummacher, aged 18, of Fort Plain, RD 3, on Saturday evening, July 17, in the Town of Richfield.

The case was tried beginning at 7 p.m. on November 3, before Justice of the Peace W. Irving Goldrich of Richfield, Assistant County District Attorney Bruce C. McGregor of Schenectady and the prosecutor, and Attorney James J. Eyard, of Oneonta, defense counsel, in the Proctor Memorial Library in Richfield Springs.

Among those testifying were Cooperstown High School Principal James A. Robinson and Theodore J. Kantorowski, Cooperstown Central School teacher. Goldrich, a defense counsel, in the Proctor Memorial Library in Richfield Springs.

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Man Slugged And Robbed At New Berlin

Louis Angell, 68, of New Berlin, remained in fair condition at the Chase Memorial Hospital in New Berlin this week.

State Police said he was clubbed over the head by an unknown assailant at 11 p.m. Friday at his scrap metal business in New Berlin and was robbed of about \$400.

State Police of Norwich said they still are looking for at least two persons.

They said Mr. Angell suffered severe cuts and bruises of his head. After Mr. Angell was robbed he got into his car, and drove to the New Berlin Fire Department. State Police were summoned and Mr. Angell was treated at the office of Dr. William Elliott. He was admitted to Chase Memorial Hospital that night.

BCI Investigator Douglas L. Gell of Sidney said Mr. Angell lives alone at his place of business. At the time of the robbery, Investigator Gell said, Mr. Angell was outside putting away equipment.

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FIRST OF THE SEASON: Cooperstown received its first measurable snowfall of the season Monday night of last week. Here's how the area along the Susquehanna River just south of Main Street looked early Tuesday morning.

