

Delaware Youth Fourth Victim Of School Station Wagon Crash



IMPROBABLE FARCE—Oxford Academy and Central School students rehearse for senior play, "Blithe Spirit," by Noel Coward. Closing performance is at 8 o'clock tonight in the school auditorium.

Ex-Oneonta Postmaster Miller Dies

Binghamton Press Bureau
Oneonta—Chester A. Miller, 78, a former assemblyman, postmaster and civic leader, died suddenly yesterday at his home in Oneonta.

He had been retired since 1950, when he stepped down after serving as postmaster in Oneonta during the preceding 16 years.

In 1911, Mr. Miller, a Democrat, was elected Otsego County assemblyman and served a two-year term in the State Legislature.

A native of New Lisbon, he was born May 30, 1880. He married his first wife, the former Katharine Hooker, in Binghamton on Dec. 21, 1907. She died in 1953.

On July 30, 1955, Mr. Miller married Anna K. Ackerman at Edmeston.

He was educated at Morris High School, Oneonta Normal School, and Cornell University. He had been a resident of Oneonta for the last 46 years.

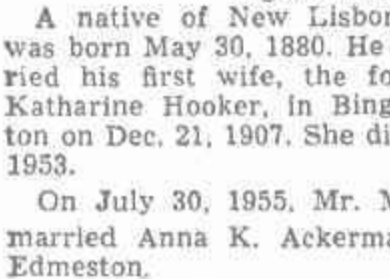
Over the years, Mr. Miller served as president of the Oneonta Merchants Association, first president of the Upper Susquehanna Historical Society, first president of the Oneonta Community Association, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, president of Kiwanis Club, and lieutenant-governor of the Kiwanis Fourth District.

Surviving besides his wife, who resides in 62 Ford Avenue, are a son, Donald Miller, 15 Belmont Circle North, a sister, Elizabeth Miller, Orlando, Fla., and New Lisbon; a granddaughter, Kathy Ann Miller, Oneonta, and several cousins.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Monday at the Lewis Funeral Home in Dietz Street by the Rev. Roswell W. Lyon, pastor of First Methodist Church, and the Rev. Louis van Ess, rector of St. James' Episcopal Church.

Burial will be in Oneonta Plains Cemetery.

The family will be in attendance from 7 to 9 p. m. tomorrow.



MR. MILLER

Science Foundation Grant Oneonta SUTC Gets \$50,400 for Institute

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Oneonta—The National Science Foundation has allocated \$50,400 for a summer institute at State University Teachers College in Oneonta.

Dr. Emery L. Will, head of the Science Department at SUTC, said yesterday the grant will finance an institute for science and mathematics teachers at the college.

The institute, designed for graduate students, will operate for six weeks, probably between June 29 and Aug. 7, 1959, he explained.

Enrollment will be limited to 50 teachers from New York State and elsewhere, who now are teaching on the junior or senior high school levels.

Dr. Will said teachers selected for the institute will receive a stipend, along with an additional allowance for dependents and travel expenses to Oneonta.

Special lecturers soon will be selected from among a number of colleges and universities for service during the summer institute.

Courses will be aimed at broadening the background and strengthening professional competence of teachers through study of recent trends in science and mathematics.

Dr. Will said information regarding the institute will be made available to teachers before Jan. 1, 1959, and that applications for enrollment must be postmarked by Feb. 16.

He will direct the institute, with Dr. Vera Sanford, head of the Mathematics Department at SUTC, serving as associate director.

Oakdale Man Gets \$3,200 For Injury

A settlement of \$3,200 has been paid to Walter Seaman of 172 Marie Street, Oakdale, as a result of a one-car accident near Castle Creek, July 10, 1957.

The settlement ended a lawsuit by Mr. Seaman against Thomas H. Harter, 41, of 20 St. Charles Street, Johnson City, who was driver of the accident car.

Mr. Seaman received a muscle injury of the back in the crash and was hospitalized for a week at City Hospital.

He contended in the lawsuit the injury prevented him from working for a month.

Mr. Seaman and Mr. Harter were returning from a Johnson City police clambake at Glen Aubrey when the accident happened. Mr. Harter's automobile was heading south in Dunham Hill Road, three miles from Castle Creek, when it went out of control.

The auto crossed the oncoming traffic lane and entered a field about 500 feet.

Mr. Harter suffered a bruise of the left knee.

Mr. Seaman had asked \$3,500 in his suit, which was scheduled for trial in Broome County Supreme Court. His attorney was John F. Cenesky of Johnson City.

Robert N. Eckelberger, another Johnson City attorney, represented insurers for Mr. Seaman.

Services at Walton

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Walton—The Rev. L. J. Isch, district superintendent, will speak at 11 a. m. worship tomorrow in Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. Mr. Isch also will speak at the 7:30 p. m. service.

Scintilla Units Back 'Inside'

Binghamton Press Bureau
Sidney—For the first time since the Korean conflict, all Scintilla Division units operating at "branch facilities" in and around Sidney have been brought back into the main plant.

At various times "outside" operations included units housed in the First National Bank, Municipal Hall, the Scintilla Gun Club, the service school on Main Street and warehouse facilities in Bainbridge.

Sidney High Equipment Cost Below Estimate

Binghamton Press Bureau
Sidney—Cost of equipping the new senior high school under construction here will be somewhat lower than first anticipated through estimates prepared for the Board of Education.

Equipment costs will run about \$173,007 as compared with \$179,000 set aside in the new budget.

Contracts in the amount of \$124,804 were awarded various low bidders at a recent meeting of the board. Contracts for the purchase of several other items will be awarded later.

Walton Youth Meeting

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Pines Brook Meeting

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Walton—The congregation of Pines Brook Community Church will conduct a business meeting at 12:15 p. m. tomorrow in the church.

Service at Sherburne

Sherburne—The Rev. and Mrs. Emmons White, missionaries in India for 40 years, will speak at services tomorrow Congregational Church.

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Oneonta—A Delaware County youth has become the fourth victim of a school station wagon crash in Route 7B near Unadilla.

William W. Odell, 15, of Meridale, died about 1:30 p. m. yesterday at The Hospital in Sidney, where he had been confined with multiple injuries since Nov. 8.

He was one of seven students and a teacher who were bound for a scholastic music festival at Norwich when the crash occurred.

Killed instantly were Mrs. Richard Champlin, 35, music instructor at Delaware Literary Institute and Franklin Central School, and Miss Cynthia Maurer, 17, one of her prize students and a senior at the school.

DIED IN HOSPITAL
Miss Sue Ellen Worden, 16, a junior and exceptional music student, died a few hours later at The Hospital in Sidney.

Investigation disclosed that the school-owned station wagon, with Mrs. Champlin driving, apparently was speeding when it went out of control, left the highway, and was demolished against a tree.

Still in The Hospital at Sidney are John Schville, 17, a senior at Franklin, and Miss Adrienne Matteson, 16, a junior, and Miss Diane Skaza, 16, a junior, all of whom reportedly are showing improvement.

Miss Joanne Whitney, 17, a senior who also was riding in the station wagon, was released from the same hospital last week.

SCHOOL TO CLOSE
Cecil Fowlston, supervising principal of Delaware Literary Institute and Franklin Central School, said the school will be closed Monday for young Odell's funeral.

Classes also had been suspended for the funerals of Mrs. Champlin and Miss Maurer, which were conducted Nov. 10 in Franklin.

Last rites for Miss Worden were held on Veterans' Day, a holiday at the school.

A native of Oneonta, young Odell was born Dec. 10, 1943, a son of Walter and Ruth (Bedford) Odell.

He was a freshman member of the orchestra, band and chorus at Delaware Literary Institute and Franklin Central School, the Boy Scouts in Franklin, and the Outleat Methodist Church.

SURVIVORS
Surviving are his parents; three sisters, Miss Carol Odell at home; Mrs. Gerald Butts, Meridale; Mrs. Robert Riddell, Oneonta; a brother, Warren Odell, Oneonta, and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

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MEMORIAL FUND
A memorial music scholarship fund has been established at Delaware Literary Institute and Franklin Central School.

The fund was created shortly after the Nov. 8 crash to perpetuate the memories of Mrs. Champlin, Miss Maurer and Miss Worden.

Mr. Fowlston said last night the fund, which also will honor the memory of young Odell, now stands at more than \$1,100.

The fund will be used to aid deserving and worthy music students at Delaware Literary Institute and Franklin Central School to continue their educations.

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CANDLESTICK MAKERS—Norwich High School students will sell stock at 50 cents a share in two companies, one, the JACO, being organized here, under the Junior Achievement program sponsored by Norwich Rotary Club. First product of the company will be fancy Christmas candles.

Left to right, seated: Arlene Bush, Ellen Brookins, Frances Womeldorf, Patricia White, Michael Reed, Paul Zagami, Laurie Favorita, Charles Collins, Fred Baker, Carol Case; standing, William Henzler, John Thompson and John Caldwell, Rotarians; Janet Kenyon, Diana Davila, and Jean Owen, students, and Howard Newcomb and Robert Todd, Rotarians.

Marine Officer, Wife Killed in Otsego

Driver Held In 100 m.p.h. Police Chase

Binghamton Press Bureau
Oneonta—A Mohawk Valley man faces a charge of drunken driving after a 100 m.p.h. chase which ended yesterday in Oneonta.

Robert Butler, 25, of Frankfort was westbound when he assertedly forced a state police cruiser, driven by BCI Trooper Ralph J. Charlton, off Route 7 near Emmons.

Trooper Charlton, who escaped apparent injury, notified his substation by radio before turning around and pursuing Mr. Butler toward Oneonta.

City police also were alerted by the Oneonta substation and dispatched a patrol car to East End to serve as an interceptor.

Siren of the state police cruiser screamed continually during the chase, which ended when Trooper Charlton halted the Butler car near Baldo's Garage in Main Street.

The driver underwent a blood test at Fox Memorial Hospital and was lodged in the Otsego County Jail at Cooperstown for lack of \$200 bail.

State police said he faces an early appearance before Justice of the Peace Harold Ingoldby in the Town of Oneonta.

Two Injured In Chenango

Binghamton Press Bureau
Norwich—Two persons suffered minor injuries in a traffic accident yesterday south of Norwich in Route 12.

According to state police of the Norwich substation, Mrs. Lena Potts, 51, of 12 Wells Avenue, Oneonta, was driving south in the highway and signaling for a left turn into a gasoline station in front of the Norwich Shopping Center.

A car operated by Paul Frederick Brown, 27, of Mount Upton, going south also, struck the rear of the Potts car, the police said.

Mrs. Shirley Brown, 26, wife of the car operator, suffered bruises of her back and head, and Mrs. Potts suffered bruises on her head, the police said.

Both planned to see their personal physicians.

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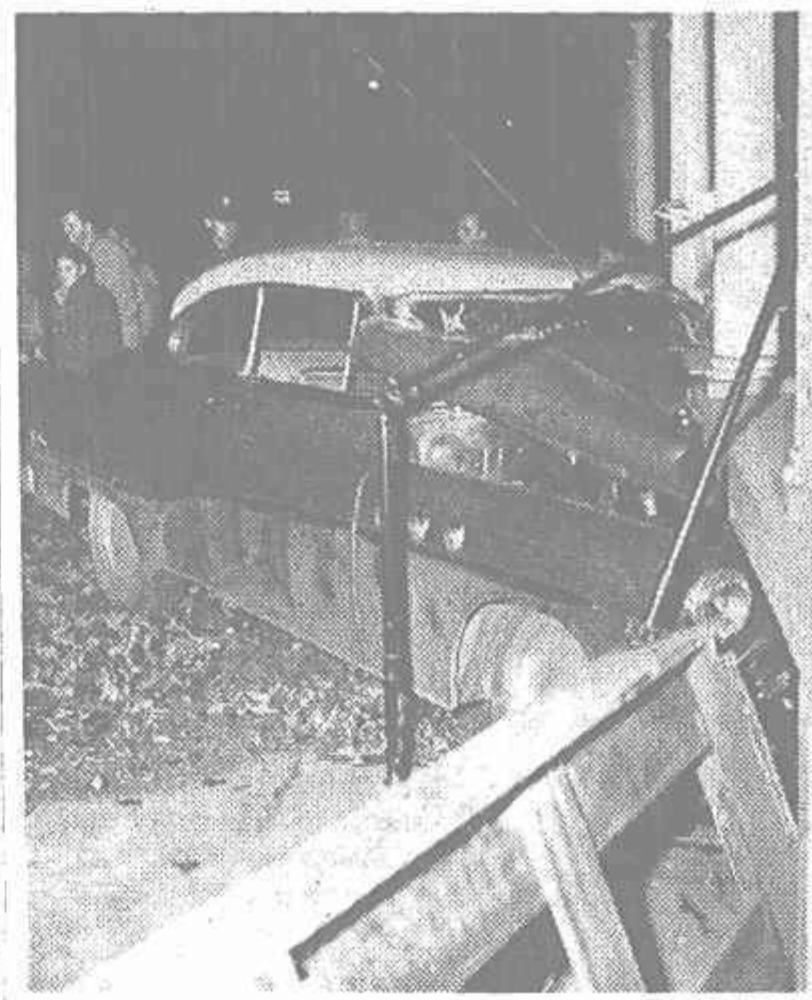
Fire Chief Joseph M. Scanlon said workmen had been using a torch, in dismantling refrigeration equipment in the building. Damage was estimated at \$200.

The building now is owned by J. J. Maloney of Oneonta.

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Oneonta—Joel D. Finch of 36 Cherry Street was fined \$25 in City Court yesterday after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding in Oneonta.

He was halted at 9:20 p. m. Thursday by Patrolman Robert J. Patrick.



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Car Rams House In Oneonta

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The driver, Mrs. Carrie V. Lockwood, 62, of 22 Academy Street, suffered superficial lacerations about the left ankle and right wrist.

She was attended at Fox Memorial Hospital, where she is employed as night supply nurse, but was not detained.

The crash occurred about 11:05 p. m.

Mrs. Lockwood had left the hospital a few moments before and was driving from Third Street into Main Street when she apparently lost control of the car.

Patrolman Alvin H. Nichols, who attributed the accident to brake failure, said the car failed to emerge from its turn, jumped a curb, crossed a sidewalk and rammed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Dunn at 388 Main Street.

They are the parents of City Attorney John K. Dunn of Oneonta.

Damage to the car and porch of the Dunn house was extensive.

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His wife, Fortia, who suffered multiple injuries, died later at Community Hospital in Cobleskill.

The couples' six-month-old son, John, Jr., who received a fractured leg and other injuries, is reported in satisfactory condition at the hospital in Cobleskill.

In similar condition at the same hospital is Martin A. Ralph, 24, of Worcester, who was driving the second car involved.

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