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P-TA TO OPEN WITH RECEPTION FOR TEACHERS

First Meeting of the Year Next Wednesday

Four new members of the Cooperstown Central School faculty for the 1961-1962 school year will be honored at a reception Wednesday, September 20, at 8:30 p. m. in the Elementary School. The Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor the event to provide an opportunity for all parents to meet them.

New faculty members include Miss Loretta Kelly, teaching kindergarten in Hartwick; Miss Sue D. Swartz, formerly of the Cooperstown Board, but now full time dental hygienist at OCS; David A. Paradine, instructor in physical education for the elementary schools in Cooperstown and Hartwick; and David Thorn, third grade, Hartwick.

The reception will be open to the public and everyone interested in school activities is invited to attend. No regular business meeting will be held.

Mrs. E. C. Stevens will be chairman of the Hospitality Committee for the evening. She will be assisted by Mrs. E. D. Rames. Refreshments will be served.

Nicholas J. Sterling, Supervising Principal, said:

"I sincerely hope that all parents and friends will attend this opening meeting to get acquainted with our faculty."

Commenting on the program for this year, Henry Troeger, president of the P-TA, said:

"A stimulating program series, 'Changing Concepts in Education,' which will interest everyone concerned with education has been prepared by the P-TA program committee. All are cordially invited to attend our P-TA meetings and the active support and interest of all Cooperstown School District residents is solicited."

Meetings scheduled are: October 18—Report on the Cortland Education TV experiment. Speaker will be Robert Bickel, coordinator of Educational TV for Cortland schools.

November 15—"You Are There." A demonstration of mechanical aids being used in OCS.

January 17—To be announced.

February 21—New Developments in OCS.

March 21—"Teacher Preparation." The speaker will be Dr. Royal Neizer, president of State University College of Education, Oneonta.

April 18—"Accident on Science" by the CCS Science Department.

May 17—Annual business meeting, and concert by the Elementary School Music Department.

Copies of the program are being mailed this week to all parents of children in the CCS.

Officers for the P-TA for the year are: President, Henry Troeger; vice-president, Mrs. Frederick L. Rath; secretary, Mrs. Charles A. Ashley; and treasurer, Dr. Alfred Jarzelski. Directors are Mrs. Clinton V. Hawn, Daniel Coons, Gerald Leonard and William H. Parsons.

Parshall to Open Worcester Law Office

Marvin D. Parshall of Cooperstown, RD, has opened a law office at 75 Main Street in Worcester. Mr. Parshall received his BA degree from State University College of Education in Oneonta in 1957 and his Bachelor of Law degree from Albany Law School. He was a member of the Kappa Delta Phi, national honor society for teachers while at Oneonta.

While in law school, he did work for Senator Janet Hill Gordon and Assemblyman Paul L. Talbot in the New York State Legislature. He was admitted to the bar in November, 1960. He was associated with Richard S. Woodman of Waterville and worked for a short period of time in the claims department of the All State Insurance Co. Mr. Parshall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parshall, Sr. of Cooperstown, RD.

Augur Elected Grange Master

Kenneth Augur was elected master of the Hinman Hollow Grange at the annual election meeting held Friday. He succeeds Mrs. Stefan G. Mozolewski, who has served in the post for the past three years and declined reelection.

Other officers named included Michael J. Powers, overseer; Mrs. Menzo Balcom, lecturer; Miss Margaret H. Knapp, steward; David Carr, assistant steward; Mrs. James J. Byard, Jr., chaplain; Mrs. Feed Schidick, treasurer; Mrs. Warren Lyon, secretary; Harold Salisbury, gatekeeper; Mrs. Virginia Scott, Ceres; Mrs. Harold Salisbury, Tomona; Mrs. Michael J. Powers, Flora; and Mrs. David Carr, lady assistant steward. Mrs. Mozolewski was named to a three year term as a member of the executive committee.

Officers will be installed at the next meeting scheduled for Friday, September 22 at 8:30 p. m.

Mrs. Lyon read a communication from the National Grange Mutual Insurance Company, notifying the Grange that Ernest B. Knapp of Cooperstown, was appointed as agent for the Grange. Mr. Knapp, who is a member of the Hinman Hollow Grange, will handle Grange insurance in the area.

At the short literary program following the election of officers, Mrs. Mozolewski reported her experiences as a would-be contestant on the ABC television program, "Camouflage."

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Virginia Scott, Mrs. Powers and James Ainslie.

SCHOOL BUS-TRUCK CRASH KILLS PUPIL

Vehicles Collide in Fog Near Village of Morris

A seven-year-old Morris Central School first grader was fatally injured and four other students hurt seriously when a school bus and a loaded beer truck collided—Friday morning—on Route 23, three miles west of Morris.

Donald A. Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bowers of Morris RD, died in Fox Memorial Hospital in Oneonta at 1:25 p. m. Friday, about five hours after the accident which occurred while the bus was picking up pupils en route to Morris Central School.

Hospitalized at Fox Memorial with serious injuries were Lynn Bowers, aged 11, brother of the dead youngster, fracture of the right arm and severe lacerations of the inner mouth; Rexford Squires, aged 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Squires of South New Berlin, broken right wrist and serious lacerations of the forehead and right arm; Carolyn Gugel, aged 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gugel of Morris RD, lacerations of the forehead and multiple bruises of the body; and Barbara Madsen, aged 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Madsen of Morris RD, multiple abrasions of the arms and legs, and possible rib fractures.

Fourteen others were less seriously injured, and were treated at the scene of the accident. They included: George Van Housen, 9, and Patricia Van Housen, 7, children of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Housen, Morris RD.

Arthur Mallette, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mallette, Morris RD.

Patricia Hoag, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hoag, Morris RD.

Mary Ann Williams, 12, Poliford, 9, and Delbert Hoag, 14, children of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hoag, Morris RD.

Glenda, 12, and Stephen Bowers, 5, sister and brother of the victim.

Mrs. A. J. Madsen, 10, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Jensen, Morris RD.

Charles, 9, and Linda Hoag, 6, children of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hoag, Morris RD.

The bus, owned by the Morris Central School District, was carrying 29 pupils at the time the accident occurred at 8:15 a. m. It was driven by Bernard C. Barton, aged 43, of Morris RD. The truck, owned by LaMonica Beverage, Inc. of Oneonta, was driven by Arthur W. Gobel, aged 33, of Oneonta. Neither driver was injured, nor was Samuel LaMonica, aged 21, of Maryland RD 1, a helper on the truck.

According to State Police, the eastbound bus was going down a grade in the rain, and was struck from behind by the westbound truck, loaded with beer and softdrinks destined for outlets in Chenango County, was on a straight stretch of the incline when it was struck and side-swiped with the right front side of the bus.

The collision overturned the bus on its left side, leaving it resting against the guardrails near the intersection.

The aluminum body of the truck was broken open, and beer and soft drink bottles and cans were thrown over a wide area. The truck came to a stop about 200 feet from the collision site.

The area where the crash occurred was covered with fog at the time, and this was listed by Worcester State Police as the primary cause of the collision. Corporal Harold McCartney of the Oneonta State Police sub-station said there was no criminal negligence, and investigation has absolved the drivers of any blame for the crash.

Gist of Mr. Barton's statement, as related by the corporal, is:

"I was descending a hill in Route 23, with my headlights and marker lights on, preparing for a left turn into Dimmock Hollow Road. The sun, out of the east, was bearing down on the top of heavy fog. As the bus entered the fog, he began his left turn, with directional signals in operation."

The first Mr. Barton saw of the truck was when he noticed its headlights loom over the right front fender of the bus.

The vehicles collided, and the bus overturned.

Mr. Barton is not certain how he crawled out of the bus, but believes it was through the windshield.

He went around to the back of the bus, opened the emergency door, and began helping his passengers out of the vehicle.

According to Corporal McCartney this is the essence of Mr. Gobel's statement:

"He was driving west in Route 23 through fog which was not too bad on hill tops, but thick in the valleys west of Morris."

"He said he saw the eastbound bus coming down a hill from quite a distance away."

Both vehicles entered the fog in the valley and the next thing Mr. Gobel knew, the school bus was making a left turn in front of his truck. As he overrode the fog to the left to avoid a collision, but was unsuccessful and the vehicles collided.

After the impact, he drove around the bus for about 131 feet and parked the truck to get it out of the traffic path.

He checked the condition of his helper, who was not injured.

They both got out of the truck, ran back to the bus, and helped free the children.

Corporal McCartney said all aspects of the case had been reviewed in conference with authorities.

"After discussing this with state police superiors, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), the coroner and a district attorney, we don't contemplate any criminal action," he declared.

"We can't see any criminal negligence at all on the part of either driver," the corporal added.

Holds Campaign for Recreation Assoc.

The children you don't see—living on hot, crowded streets or in dusty towns—need places to play and friendly leadership, according to Mrs. Joseph Campbell in letters sent this week to local residents.

As sponsor for the National Recreation Association in Cooperstown, Mrs. Campbell pointed out that the Association reaches into communities all over the country, helping to provide the recreation facilities and programs these children need.

The 55-year-old, non-profit organization depends upon voluntary contributions to continue its work, she said, in urging local citizens to give their generous support. Gifts are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to the National Recreation Association and sent to Mrs. Joseph Campbell, Leatherstocking Farm, Cooperstown.

ROUGH YEAR FOR ELM TREES IN VILLAGE

Local Tree Expert Outlines Current Situation

George Van Yahres, local tree expert, noted this week that 1961 has been a rough year for elm trees in and around the village. Mr. Van Yahres outlined the current situation in a statement which reads:

"The year 1961 will take a high toll of our elms through the Dutch elm disease. I find more new infections right now than were found at this time last year in Cooperstown. No one can give a logical reason for the increase over last year although some scientists suspect the wet spring season may have caused it."

"As yet no remedy has been found to cure the disease. Some investigators of the disease have tried chemotherapy as a means of preventing an infection. Others have used this method of injecting chemicals into the wood and cells of a diseased tree. To date this method has been ineffective and has little or no value in the treatment of tree diseases. Tree pathologists are concerned about misleading statements being circulated about the merits of injecting chemicals into the tree sap. Evidently a chemical change takes place within the tree when a foreign substance is introduced into the vessels of a healthy or sick tree, making such a treatment worthless."

"Early spring spraying with a strong solution of D.D.T. is proving effective in reducing the number of beetles carrying beetles in flight during the early summer months when most infections take place. These beetles are responsible for the transmission of the fungus from a sick tree to a healthy one."

"It is suspected that, even though a beetle well laden with disease spores after emerging from his winter home in a diseased tree, may be dying, after gnawing through the tender bark of a small twig to obtain its first meal, wipe off from its body a few of the spores. Even though the D.D.T. kills the beetle it has no effect on the spores that may be attached to the wounded tree cells. There is a good chance of infection taking place if the weather is damp and favorable."

"Tree specialists and tree disease investigators first notice a few leaves turning to a yellow or wilted condition and call this a flag of warning. A sound disease control program calls for immediate removal of the entire limb or tree. Any delay in the limb removal may mean the loss of the entire tree within months. Many diseased elms linger on for years after an infection is first noticed in the tree's top branches. These disease trees appear to be in a healthy condition to healthy elms."

"The safest program in elm disease control according to our tree scientists is immediate removal of all sickly looking elms, dying elms and removal of broken, dead or dying limbs from elms that appear to be in a healthy condition. Then spray the tree."

"Keep in mind that there is to date, no way of saving your elm through chemotherapy. Scientists are experimenting with this method and may one day have an answer to our elm disease problem."

3 Seek Hartwick Postmaster Job

Three persons want the \$4,975-a-year permanent postmastership at Hartwick, vacant since Postmaster John W. Bush retired on October 31, 1958.

The Civil Service Commission said applicants for the open examination for the nomination are Leon F. Keele, Waldo R. Potter and Peter Sorbera.

Mr. Potter was named acting postmaster last March 17, succeeding Roscoe E. Conklin, who was installed in the temporary position when Mr. Bush retired.

Mr. Conklin was nominated by President Eisenhower for the permanent position on February 3, 1960, after he qualified on an eligible list, with Miss Thelma M. Bunn and John A. Mott, on December 7, 1959.

Those three eligibles were among 14 who asked in February, 1959, to take the examination.

The Senate did not act on Mr. Conklin's nomination and it died at the end of last year.

The commission will notify those whose applications it accepts of arrangements for the written part of the tests to be conducted in Oneonta.

PENSION PLAN SET UP FOR MIB EMPLOYEES

Hospital and Employees to Make Contributions

A pension plan for employees of the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital was recently approved by the hospital's Board of Trustees.

Retirement annuities, commencing at age 65, will be provided through Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA). Although it is somewhat unusual for hospitals to participate in the TIAA program, that has become possible for Bassett Hospital because of its status as a teaching hospital affiliated with Columbia University.

Under the TIAA program, equal five percent contributions by the hospital and the employee, totaling 10 percent of the employee's base salary, will be used for the purchase of the employee's retirement annuities. One of the features of the plan is that each employee may put up to 50 percent of his and the hospital's contributions into the College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF). Zeller, which provides common stock fund from which annuities will be paid at the time of retirement.

In addition to the TIAA-CREF retirement plan, which became effective July 1, and which provides "future service" benefits acquired after that date, the hospital has established "prior service" benefits for continuous employment prior to that date.

A series of meetings were held in the hospital during the first week of September, at which the new pension plan was explained to all eligible employees.

The plan was described by Dr. James Boyan, director of the Hospital, and other administrative personnel. Watson Hannan of Cooperstown was present at these meetings and for several weeks he will conduct individual interviews at the hospital to implement the new program.

DIST. LAWYERS TO CONVENE HERE

Lawyers from 10 counties in the Sixth Judicial District will assemble here Saturday for the annual meeting of the Federation of Bar Associations.

Eight speakers will be heard during the day-long program at the Treadway-Otsego Hotel.

Sydney F. Foster, associate judge of the Court of Appeals, will be guest speaker at a dinner at 6 p. m. Toastmaster will be Supreme Court Justice Richard W. Taylor.

Nomination and election of officers will take place at a 2 p. m. business session. Thomas G. O'Neil of Sidney is the retiring president.

The Delaware County Bar Association, headed by Robert J. McKeegan of Delhi, will host for the affair.

Speakers will include:

Senator Warren M. Anderson of Binghamton; Assemblyman Richard C. Lounsbury of Toga County; Joseph W. Berry, county of the State Motor Vehicle Bureau; D. M. D'Ives, a New York City attorney; John E. Berry, executive director of the State Bar Association, and Raymond Reiser, chairman of the State Bar Association's committee on unlawful practice of law.

Other current officers are Frederick B. Bryant of Ithaca, vice-president; Edward S. Dermody of Binghamton, treasurer; and George H. Elwood of Hancock, secretary.

Three-County Poultry Meeting

Poultrymen from Otsego, Delaware and Chenango counties will meet at the West Oneonta Fire Hall, Thursday evening, September 21 at 8 p. m.

Two subjects of particular interest at this time will be discussed. Monroe Babcock, Ithaca hatcheryman, will discuss the newly formed state organization of Otsego, Delaware and Chenango counties called SPICE (State Poultry Industry Coordinated Effort). Prof. Scotty Johnhrew, Cornell Extension Poultryman, will explain the essentials of a State Labeling program which has been proposed.

David T. Smith, Associate County Agricultural Agent in Otsego County, explained the stated purposes of the SPICE organization as four in number:

(1) To improve the poultryman's outlook by assembling the necessary information and publicizing the New York State producers' strong position in the U. S.

(2) To develop methods of increasing net returns to New York State Producers for the eggs and poultry they sell.

(3) To develop a program to help New York State poultrymen reduce their management costs.

(4) To encourage, promote, protect and represent the interests of poultry producers and the poultry industry in New York State.

SPICE is a federation of New York producer and industry organizations and agencies working together to maintain and improve the competitive position of the New York poultry industry. Ralph H. Webster, representing the New York State Poultry Council was elected the first President of SPICE last March. Other officers include: Kenneth Bullock, New York State Farm Bureau, John C. Hutter, Feed Group, O. F. Johnhrew, Jr., New York State College of Agriculture and Edwin Chardavoyne, Production Credit Associations. The remaining members of the SPICE Board of Directors are: producers, egg distributors, feed manufacturers, hatcherymen, the New York State Bankers Association, Nepeco, County Agricultural Agents, State College of Agriculture and the State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

3 CONTESTS IN PRIMARY ELEC'S.

Primary Day passed quietly in Otsego County last Thursday. Only three contests involving three of the county's 54 election districts were on tap, all within the Republican ranks.

Incumbent Supervisor Wingar C. Still, who represents the Second Supervisor District of Oneonta, was re-nominated. Mr. Still, who was the GOP organization selection, defeated insurgent Donald C. Trinkano, 285 votes to 110.

Insurgent James F. Lettis defeated Donald Charles in a bid for the Republican nomination for alderman in the Third Ward of Oneonta. Mr. Lettis received 159 votes to 57 for Mr. Charles.

The only contest outside the city of Oneonta, Mrs. Lulu P. Davis of Garrattsville, incumbent, defeated Mrs. Mary Allen of Mt. Vision, for Republican committeewoman in the town of New Lisbon. Mrs. Davis received 51 votes to 42 for Mrs. Allen.

8 CAUCUSES NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO DATE

Seven Republican and One Democrat More This Week

Six members of the present County Board of Supervisors have been re-nominated in their respective towns for additional two-year terms, and candidates have been selected in two others, in eight caucuses held so far in the county.

In the town of Oneonta Monday night, J. Gordon Downie became the Republican candidate to succeed retiring Clifford H. Eldror when he defeated Allan R. Beach by a vote of 121 to 65 in the GOP caucus.

Samuel R. Varonesi was nominated last Friday night by Republicans in the town of Pittsfield and probably will oppose Supervisor LeRoy Taylor, who is expected to be re-nominated by the Democratic caucus this week.

Renominated for additional two-year terms were Democrat Harold Brooks of Edmeston, and Republicans Millard R. Frask of Otsego, George C. Hinds of Springfield, Badgley Webb of Rosebush, Robert H. Dickson of Westford, and Earl Saunders of Plainfield.

More caucuses are scheduled for this week and early next week throughout the county. Final day for filing nominations is next Tuesday.

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This financial aid was made possible by legislation providing for aid in amounts up to \$5,000 per year.

In addition to this, free trees from state nurseries are made available to counties for reforestation purposes.

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Since inception of the Otsego County Reforestation Program in 1926—14 separate areas have been acquired, ranging in size from six to 660 acres.

These areas, located in nine different townships, have been acquired either through out-right purchase, gifts from individuals and groups, or through transfer from other county agencies.

Several of these forest areas have been designated as memorials in honor of those individuals who were instrumental in the development of the program within the county.

Prior to World War 2, practically all efforts were focused upon the purchase and reforestation of these areas.

Such protection and maintenance of fire breaks and fences also were necessary. Since the war, however, our attention has been directed to silvicultural treatment of these plantations and natural woodlands.

All of the softwood plantations had reached the size and age when thinning would be necessary to maintain proper growth rates.

The pruning of crop trees in the plantation would be necessary to produce high quality lumber. Thinning and improvement cuttings in the natural stands would be required to maintain healthy stands capable of producing maximum amounts of sawtimber and resulting revenue to the county.

It was with this in mind that the County Board of Supervisors 13 years ago embarked upon an accelerated program of cultural treatment in the county forests.

Trained foresters were placed in charge of the program, first on a consulting basis and then on a full-time basis.

Appropriations were made allowing for the employment of a crew to work under the supervision of the forester in carrying out this cultural work. Provisions were made for the purchase of the necessary tools and equipment to carry out this work.

Such factors as land use, forest production, harvesting, marketing and the demand and requirements for forest products and services were all taken into consideration.

Forest type maps, inventories of growing stock, records of expenditures and receipts, schedules of cultural and harvesting operations, and such other necessary data have been developed and compiled for the county forests.

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35 YEARS OF FORESTRY IN OTSEGO CO.

Article by County Forester Stewart Wheeler

The author of the following article, Stewart A. Wheeler, started work in May, 1949, as a foreman in the Otsego county forestry department and became county forester the following year. He graduated from the State Ranger School of the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University in 1949. The school is located at Wanaque in the Adirondacks. Under Mr. Wheeler's supervision and with the fine guidance of the supervisors' forestry committee, excellent progress has been made in the improvement of the county-owned forest resources.

Special recognition should be given to the persons who initiated this project back in the early 20's and to all those who have contributed their advice and efforts through the years.

The article which follows was written for and appeared in the September issue of the Otsego County Farm News and is reprinted here by permission of the Agricultural Department of the Otsego County Extension Service, publisher of the "Farm News."

Otsego County over the years has played its part in development of the forest resources of New York State. From a small beginning back in 1926, the reforestation program now has grown to the point where it is one of the most intensive in the state.

In 1929, legislation was passed authorizing the State of New York to undertake a program calling for gradual acquisition and reforestation of 1,000,000 acres of idle land.

To date well over half of the original goal of 1,000,000 acres has been acquired and more than 300,000,000 trees have been planted.

The town of Otsego Democratic Board of Supervisors in 1925 appointed the first Forestry Committee "to investigate and formulate a plan of reforestation in the county."

This committee made an extensive study of the situation in Otsego and found that there were some 660,000 acres of unused land suitable for reforestation.

Upon the adoption of a proposed "forestry plan" submitted by this committee, Otsego County was the first of the five counties in the state to undertake a "County Reforestation Program."

In 1926, the first properties were acquired and reforestation started.

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Woman Escapes Death as Explosion Rips Trailer

Annual Tea for Republican Women

Saturday of this week at the Oneonta Elks Club the Otsego County Women's Republican Club will hold their annual tea. Speaker at this occasion will be the Honorable Robert M. Quigley, Assemblyman from Ontario County.

A large attendance is expected according to Mrs. Howson Hartley, president of the Women's group. Many candidates for office will be guests of the club, and plans will be discussed, promoting the ticket and getting out the vote for the general election this fall.

Officers of the Club, elected a year ago to serve two years, are Mrs. Howson Hartley of South Worcester, president; Mrs. Lester G. Buryay of Cooperstown, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Frank C. Druse of Richfield Springs, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Livingston S. Latham of Unadilla, secretary and Mrs. Charles B. Skinner of Schenectady, treasurer.

Date: September 23.
Place: Elks Club in Oneonta.
Time: 2 p. m.

COUNTY COURT TERM IS HELD HERE

2 Defendants Wed Against Orders of Co. Judge

Four persons pleaded guilty before Otsego County Judge Frederick W. Loomis, in Otsego County Court Monday and several were sentenced by Judge Loomis during the first day of the court session.

Anne May Evans, aged 27, of Callers, indicted by the June Grand Jury on three counts of burglary third degree and petit larceny, pleaded guilty to the first count of the indictment involving third degree burglary and petit larceny committed on March 28. She was married on August 15 at Norwich to Raymond Bunting, aged 17, also of Callers, her alleged accomplice. This marriage was a violation of Judge Blanchard's order, which was also indicted by the June Grand Jury on the same three counts and is presently confined to the Otsego County Jail.

Mrs. Bunting is free in \$1,000 bail. Her sentence was deferred by Judge Loomis until October 16 in order to enable the county probation department to investigate and file a report with the court. Attorney James J. Byard 3rd of Oneonta, is representing Mr. and Mrs. Bunting.

Francis Richard Blanchard, aged 23, of Worcester, RD, in custody of the County Jail, pleaded guilty to the Grand Jury indictment charging him with third degree burglary and injury to property. Also represented by Mr. Byard, Blanchard was sentenced on September 25, pending the investigation on the same three counts and is presently confined to the Otsego County Jail.

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NEW RECTOR AT SPRINGFIELD

The Rev. Norman A. Sieme, former curate at the Episcopal Church of the Advent at Kenmore, has assumed his duties as rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Springfield Center.

Father Sieme, a native of Dunkirk, attended Wittenburg College, Springfield, Ohio and the University of Pittsburgh. He is a graduate of St. Francis Seminary in Chicago.

Father Sieme first served as pastor of the First Congregational Church, Tarentum, Pa. He was ordained to the priesthood in July of 1957, in Scranton, Pa. The Church of the Advent in Kenmore was his first church. While there he was concerned primarily with the youth groups and the church education program.

He served as editor of the nationally circulated magazine, "The Augustinean," and is the author of the book, "Notes on the Old Testament," currently being revised.

The rector and his wife, the former Doris Etzrodt Hall, of Pittsburg, Pa., have four children, James Hall, 16; Kevin Scott, 9; Warren Douglas, 7 and Laura Lee, eight weeks old.

He succeeds the Rev. Charles B. Shaver, rector of St. Mary's for three years, who has accepted the position of headmaster of the Diocesan School for Boys in Albany.

Father Shaver came to St. Mary's from Peekskill, where he had been chaplain and master of St. Peter's School.

Portlandville Church Plans Ham Supper

A baked ham supper will be served in the Portlandville Methodist Church, Wednesday, September 20, from 5:30 until all are served.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the church, or from Kenneth Strong or Sheldon Ter Bush, Jr.

Other committee chairmen include soliciting, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Strong; kitchen, Mrs. Matthea Strong; dining room, Mrs. Ter Bush; and clean-up, Mrs. Dorothy Elwell.

Mrs. George Hibbard Blown From Trailer Home

A 51-year-old Cooperstown woman, Mrs. George M. Hibbard, had a miraculous escape from death or serious injury early Wednesday morning when a gas explosion destroyed her small house trailer in which she lived alone in the Hillview Trailer Park at Bowerstown.

Mrs. Hibbard apparently was hurled from the trailer by a violent explosion which blew the trailer to bits, scattering debris over a wide area, and damaging the next-door trailer of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Johnson, and the residence a short distance away of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Stefanski, Jr. Very little flame damage resulted.

The blast blew Mrs. Stefanski from her bed, and Mrs. Johnson, asleep in their trailer, was cut by flying glass. The explosion badly damaged the exterior and interior of the Johnson trailer, and also the Stefanski home, both of which stood only a few feet from the Hibbard trailer. A third trailer in the park, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Egid, was undamaged. It was unoccupied at the time of the explosion.

Mrs. Hibbard suffered first and second degree burns of both arms, left leg and face, and scalp lacerations. She was taken to the Mary Imogene Bassett hospital for treatment.

Immediately after the explosion, Mrs. Stefanski looked out the kitchen window and saw Mrs. Hibbard, in night gown, standing about 10 feet from where the trailer stood. Small flames were curling around her feet, and a blazing mattress was nearby.

Mrs. Stefanski in the meantime called the Cooperstown Fire Department which responded with a small pump and emergency truck. They put out several small fires in the debris.

Trooper E. N. Buffert, on night patrol out of the Richfield Springs State Police substation, was driving along Main Street in Cooperstown, and heard the explosion. He investigated and then went to the scene. Investigator John M. Gorence of the BCI unit at the Oneonta substation was called.

The two members of the State Police from Cooperstown, Fire Chief Stuart P. Taubert, made a preliminary investigation at the scene early Wednesday morning and definitely established that