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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 CCS.

January 17—To be announced.

February 21—New Developments in CCS.

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.

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, 7, 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; Mrs. William 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. 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 fog and was struck 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 collided 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 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 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."

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.

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 will provide 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.

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Three-County Poultry Meeting

Poultrymen from Otsego, Delaware and Chenango counties will meet at the West Otsego 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 Ithaca called SPICE (State Poultry Industry Coordinated Effort). Prof. Scotty Johnndrew, 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. Johnndrew, 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.

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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 Supervisory District of Otsego, was renominated. 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 renominated 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.

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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.

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35 YEARS OF FORESTRY IN OTSEGO CO.

Article by County Forester Stewart Wheeler

Editor's Note: 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 600,000 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 first five counties in the state to undertake a "County Reforestation Program."

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

Although a few counties had initiated programs during the period from 1915 to 1920, the over-all county program did not develop, generally speaking, until state aid was made available in 1929.

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.

At least 10 counties have planted more than 100,000 trees each, with Otsego among those having planted from 3,000,000 to 3,500,000. Otsego now ranks fourth in acreage with 3,621 acres in the program.

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.

The cultural work accomplished during this 13-year period includes pruning of crop trees in plantations to heights of 13 and 17 feet on nearly 1,800 acres.

Sixteen thousand acres have received thinning at least once and in (Continued on page 4)

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.

WOMAN ESCAPES DEATH AS EXPLOSION RIPS TRAILER

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 house, 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