

Letter to the EDITOR

As Written By
ROY GALLINGER
And Presented Over
Station WCHN, Norwich, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

In my notes this week I find material for the story of Byron Hedges, an elderly musician — a clarinet player of a number of years ago. Indeed, "By" Hedges was an artist on several instruments and was much in demand in several large traveling orchestras, especially as a clarinetist, the instrument on which he excelled most.

"By" Hedges had the misfortune to be subject to attacks of arthritis, then known as rheumatism, and finally had to quit the professional field, and to devote his time to other things, such as teaching vocal music, where it wasn't so necessary to use his fingers. Gradually his condition worsened and "By" Hedges, who had traveled the country with some of the most outstanding bands, had to give up altogether.

The man became discouraged and depressed. His name stopped appearing in the theatrical magazines and one by one his old cronies of the musical world forgot to call on him when they were in town. It was a tough pill for the aging musician to swallow.

One evening "By" picked up the local paper. In the classified ads there was an unusual request. A teenager was lying ill at home and had asked any reader having an old clarinet to give away to get in touch with the parents.

"By" Hedges read the ad over and over again. Yes, he had an "old" clarinet — the one he had learned on. If it wasn't cracked with age, it must still be in the attic. All that night he pictured a boy, sick in bed, but wanting to learn the clarinet. That old instrument had no value to its owner, and there was no reason why it could not be given, even if it was never used by the recipient. Mr. Hedges began to feel better about it.

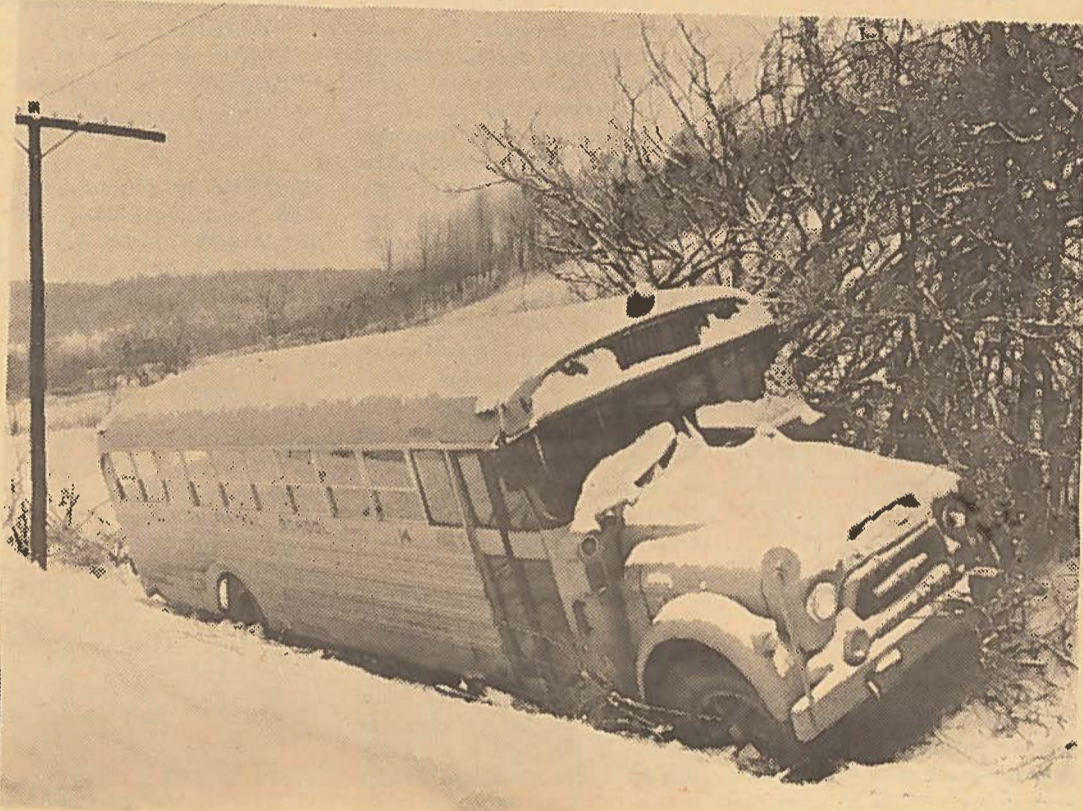
The next morning he hunted through the boxes in the attic and found the instrument. It had not cracked from long disuse. Putting a new reed on the clarinet "By" Hedges started to find the one who had need for the therapy that the instrument might bring. He found the address, a rather shabby house on North St. in that city. He was met at the door by a well-mannered motherly woman.

"Is this where the boy lives who wants a clarinet?" he asked.

"It is not a boy," the woman answered, "it is my young daughter. "She is a cripple. Come in."

Hedges was taken to a small
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Bad Luck Dogs Mt. Upton As Milford Takes Title



This Mt. Upton school bus with more than 30 students, enroute to the Mt. Upton - Milford Western League play-off of the Tri-Valley Basketball Assn. in the Oneonta High gymnasium on Saturday March 4, went off the road on Route 51 near the Mallory nursing home, swerved up a hill past a telephone pole and came to a stop in a gulley just beyond the pole, leaning at a 60 degree angle.

No one suffered more than a few bruises and scratches except the driver, Herman Frank, who received two disjointed fingers on one hand. Mr. Frank, one of the school's most popular and experienced drivers, blacked out as

a result of an intestinal virus which hit him suddenly as he drove.

He recalls things starting to go black, grasped the wheel firmly and that is the last he recalls until the bus had come to a stop. Despite reports to the contrary, Mr. Frank says he had had no indication of any sickness prior to the accident.

He stood at the door of the bus until all the passengers were out of it and in a second bus which had been travelling behind it. Then he was driven home by his son-in-law, Durwood Williams, who had been following in a car, and was later taken to the Hospital in Sidney by the Mt. Upton

ambulance. He was released on Monday afternoon after a thorough series of check-ups where he was pronounced in excellent health.

Two other buses were traveling to Oneonta. The player's bus, driven by Louis Utter, had left at 6 p.m. Mr. Frank's bus had left at 7 p.m., followed immediately by another bus driven by Don Ostrander. The latter were 60 passenger buses but since the number of students was 67 a second bus was scheduled.

The bus was apparently not damaged, showing only a few scratches and small damage to a bumper.



After cheer leaders had been transferred to private car, which took them to the game, the bus continued, arriving well along in the first quarter. Between the excitement of the accident and anticipation of a championship game the cheer leaders arrived in a high state of excitement, singing, cheering and determined to do everything possible to bolster the spirits of their players, whom they were sure would be concerned about their failure to arrive on time.

Apparently they were not mistaken. The team was behind Milford about ten points when the cheering contingent arrived. A margin of from 8 to 14 points

separated the two teams until the last quarter when the Mounties suddenly found themselves and closed the gap 57 to 55 with nine seconds to go. A narrowly missed field goal and a jump ate up the 9 seconds and the game ended with Milford leading by two points.

The excitement was all over, and a gleeful squad of cheerleaders became a teary eyed, disappointed group of girls, as they parted company to ride home with some of their elders in private automobiles.

Enroute to Oneonta, however, the girls had been high in their praise of their chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Clark, teach-

ers at the school, who handled the emergency with great calmness, carefully noted by the girls.

Thus ended a bad luck night for the Mt. Upton followers, but disappointment was tempered by the realization that it could have been an evening of tragedy which was spared them.

Miss Luckhurst Feted At Bridal Shower

Mrs. Claude Benjamin, Jr. and Mrs. Charles Luckhurst of Morris entertained 17 guests in the former's home at a bridal shower honoring Miss Joan Luckhurst. She will become the bride of Chester Gunther April 8.

Centralization Briefing Given School, Lay Leaders

School Board presidents and members, laymen steering committee members, school principals, assistant district superintendents of Chenango and Otsego counties and a representative of the New York State Education Department, met in the cafeteria of the New Berlin Central school on Monday evening March 6 to be briefed on and discuss the proposed centralization of schools involving Mt. Upton, Gilbertsville, South New Berlin, Morris and New Berlin. Approximately 100 were present.

Principal Hicks B. Dow of New Berlin opened the meeting by calling first on his elementary principal, A. James Schibeci, to outline the needs and problems of the New Berlin school with respect to shortage of classrooms, expanding teacher needs, the advantages of additional secondary school courses, the crowded conditions of elementary pupils and the need for additional facilities for the lower grades.

A similar analysis was made by Warren Ryther, principal of the Morris Central school; Louis Rizzieri, principal of the Gilbertsville Central school; Robert Spicer, principal of the Mt. Upton Central school and Richard Marsters, principal of the South New Berlin Central school.

In many instances the same problems are faced by all the schools: namely, not enough rooms or teachers to permit split sections in required major subjects such as English and mathematics with a consequent overcrowding of classes; not enough students to enable satisfactory instruction in subjects such as foreign languages, science (chemistry, physics and biology); poor, inadequate or no school library, with practically nothing for the elementary grades; insufficient quarters for art and musical instruction; inadequate gymnasium facilities (with gyms being used for many purposes such as lunchroom assemblies, classrooms, etc.) to permit a well rounded physical and athletic program for all students but especially those in the elementary grades; poor facilities for home economics classes (this varies in different schools) and the relegation of elementary schools to a subordinate position due to the excessive need of preparing secondary students for possible higher education. Only Mt. Upton has its own elementary school building separate from the high school.

There was general agreement among the principals that a centralized high school would not involve abandonment of or excessive vacant rooms in present school buildings. They pointed to the need for more room to permit splitting of kindergarten classes and full day classes which are now impossible be-

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From the Rolltop Desk

New York Wiggling Off Medicaid Hook?

Courtesy Citizens Public Expenditure Survey

On February 16th, at a public hearing on the 1967-68 New York State Budget, the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey warned the legislative fiscal committees that a statewide mandatory health insurance proposal was not the logical solution to the sharply increasing costs of the State's new medicaid program.

Quoting a recent statement by the Lieutenant Governor that "The whole thrust of this administration is to improve the job-producing climate for business in New York State," the Citizens Survey said: "If this is truly the feeling of the administration, then the proposal for mandatory health insurance should be dropped."

The Survey urged that instead of enacting a health insurance proposal, the Legislature should face the medicaid cost problem head-on by cutting back on the ultra-liberal eligibility requirements of this hastily enacted medical assistance program of 1966. Gross costs for medicaid are estimated at \$738 million in 1967-68, an increase of \$328 million over the estimated expenditure for 1966-67.

The asserted reason for the mandatory health insurance proposal is that it will bring high quality health care to most of the people of New York State who are not now covered or covered only in part by some form of health insurance. The real reason for the program, however, is to cut into the ever-steepening costs of the tax-supported medicaid program. The proposal states that an employee eligible for medicaid who was covered by the proposed new health insurance "would have to take his health benefits first."

The mandatory health insurance device would take the State off the medicaid hook by shifting much of that gigantic and soaring cost to the business commu-

ity.

Published figures have calculated the cost to business of this shift at \$145 million annually, but little has been offered in support of these projections. One wonders if the "expertise" displayed in arriving at the costs of the medicaid program have been repeated with this mandatory health insurance proposal. Even if the projected cost to the business community proved to be accurate, these would be initial costs only. The short experience with fee schedules under medicaid has indicated a widespread dissatisfaction among the medical profession with the fees set by this program - The push for higher fees is now on and the upward cost trend is also much in evidence in other well-known private health insurance plans now operating in New York.

Adoption of a mandatory health insurance plan by New York State would impose an additional operating expense on businesses located here. Such an additional cost could deter new industry from coming into New York and even force existing businesses to seek new locations in neighboring states where it is less costly to operate.

Further, a traditional area of voluntary employer-provided benefits for employees would be invaded by government which could lead to the decline of many excellent private health protection plans.

You may wish to let your legislators and the Governor know that you do not approve of solving the cost crisis of medicaid through adoption of a mandatory statewide health insurance plan and that the real problem, medicaid, should be corrected in this session of the Legislature by amendment to provide only for those who are truly medically needy.

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What Others Say About What . . .

HANDLE PROJECTILES WITH CARE

Industrial News Review

All the talk about unsafe automobiles is rather amusing. There are four major causes of car accidents regardless of car safety: 1. Discourtesy of the average driver. 2. Just ordinary drunks.

3. Disregard of all highway speed and warning signs. 4. Car speeds beyond the ability of most drivers to handle.

Don't blame the car when the news story says, "car left road road on a curve, passenger killed." The car wasn't doing the driving.

MARATHON, N.Y., INDEPENDENT: "Unemployment is rising, and a wave of emigration is causing concern among British leaders, for it is draining their country of its most capable people. Doctors, engineers, and other highly trained and productive people are leaving for other countries in great numbers, with Canada, Australia and the United States the favored destinations. It is logical to suspect that there is some connection between Britain's welfare state and the spreading impoverishment of her people, and the unwillingness of her most highly skilled people to risk their futures there. We are reminded of President Eisenhower's remark about the ultimate in security being a man serving a life sentence in a federal penitentiary."

The United States, even though it possesses resources of a size unparalleled in history, cannot foot the bill for redesigning the world. Indeed, even if we could afford it, we hardly have the wisdom or the right to try shaping the social, political or economical life of other nations - undeveloped or not. As The Wall Street Journal observes: "The strains of the Vietnam fighting are themselves proof, it seems to us, that the U.S. cannot do everything for everybody everywhere. It can continue to resist communism where absolutely necessary for its own interests. It should forget the foolish dream of remaking the world."

U.S. Representative E. Y. Berry of South Dakota says, "Excessive government spending has placed the nation in a position where we see the cost of living up, the purchasing power of the dollar down, the deficit in the balance of international payments increasing, the flight of gold from Fort Knox serious, and our competitive position in the world market alarming."

According to the National Federation of Independent Business, Inc., "The seemingly present day . . . public be damned" at-

titude of labor monopolies is apparently no more palatable than it was when expressed by monopolistic industrialists around the turn of the century."

The Diplomatic Pouch

WASHINGTON D. C. The following letters were recently answered by the Department of State.

If your house was on fire and your neighbor had a large fire hose and was willing to help you put out your fire, I believe the sensible thing to do would be to accept his help. If this is true then why do not we accept the use of Chiang Kai-shek's troops in our war in Viet-Nam? His men are trained and ready for this type of war. Why not use them, thus ending the war sooner and saving thousands of our boys' lives? I am sure the men in Viet-Nam would be interested in your reply to this question.

G. A. M.
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mr. M.:

During the visit of Premier Ky to Taiwan in 1965 the question of aid to Viet-Nam from the Republic of China was discussed. The Joint Communique issued at the close of that visit included this statement: "The Government of the Republic of China has decided to increase the volume of technical and material assistance which is now being given to the Republic of Viet-Nam for the development of its economy, and is prepared to respond to other requests for assistance from the Vietnamese Government as China's contribution to the struggle against the common enemy."

The Chinese Government did subsequently increase its aid and is now providing more than one million dollars annually in agricultural, technical and medical assistance to Viet-Nam. The Vietnamese Government did not at the time of

Premier Ky's visit nor, so far as we know, at any subsequent time request that Nationalist Chinese troops be sent to Viet-Nam.

The United States Government, on its part, believes the presence of Nationalist Chinese troops in Viet-Nam would cause the main issue between Taiwan and the mainland, that is the Chinese civil war, to become heavily involved in the already complicated Viet-Nam situation. Under present circumstances, this would not facilitate the solution of the Viet-Nam problem but would, rather, complicate it.

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Would you please inform me of what legal steps I can take against a person living in Czechoslovakia for slander?

P. I.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss I.:

We would suggest that you consult a private attorney, who would be in a better position to advise and represent you. The New York City Bar Association could provide you with a list of lawyers in your city.

Should you desire to obtain legal services in Czechoslovakia, the following information may be useful. There is no private practice of law in Czechoslovakia. However, one of the state legal offices has been designated to specialize in international private law with facilities for correspondence in English. This office may be reached at: Legal Advice Bureau No. 1 (Advokátní Poradna c.1), Narodni tr. 32, Prague 1.

It should be noted that the Department of State cannot assume any responsibility for the independence from government control, the integrity or ability of these attorneys, in representing the interests of United States citizens. If you decide to enlist their services, you may wish to inquire first as to the scale of fees.

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Listen Veteran

THE NEW DIC LAW now provides that if a veteran served satisfactorily for six months or more in a higher rank than the one held at the time of his discharge or death, his basic pay, for dependency and indemnity compensation purposes will be determined on the basis of the higher rank if it will result in payment of a greater amount.

THINGS TO REMEMBER: Veterans with a VA approved home loan should 1 - protect their investment by keeping their property in good repair; 2 - make their payments on time . . . and be sure to contact their lender for advice immediately should they be unable to make a payment; 3 - contact their lender before selling their home for a release from liability to the government.

ADDITIONAL TIME, ten years to be exact, is now allowed under certain circumstances for a service-connected seriously disabled veteran to complete vocational rehabilitation training. The additional time may be used if the veteran has not previously been rehabilitated through such training or if his service-connected disability has worsened so that he can no longer follow the occupation for which he was originally trained.

MINOR CHILDREN of deceased veterans remain eligible for pension payments even though their mother loses her eligibility by remarriage, or if her income exceeds the limit for pension eligibility.

Miss Wright Hostess At DAR Meeting

Tianderah Chapter #973 DAR held a meeting Friday, Mar. 3, at Miss Rose Wright's home, Morris, with 13 members and four guests present.

Mrs. Richard Allen, Regent, presided. After the Invocation, there was a business session with the secretary's and treasurer's reports given and approved.

Mrs. R.V. Seaman, program chairman, gave a paper on McGuffy's Readers. Also taking part on the McGuffy family background were Mrs. Arthur Freer, Mrs. Richard Allen, Mrs. DeWitt Curtis, Mrs. Paul Tillson and Mrs. Cox Sherwood.

Mrs. Curtis read the President General's message and Miss Rose Wright gave some points on National Defense.

Four members attended the Sidney DAR Chapter's 50th anniversary luncheon.

The nominating committee, including Mrs. Tillson, Mrs. Vera Klindt and Mrs. Curtis, will report at the April meeting at Mrs. Ralph Harris' home, Gilbertsville.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and Mrs. Frank Simonds and Mrs. Klindt.

Farm employment in 1966 dropped nearly seven per cent.

Orville Freeman To Address Forum

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman will address this year's Agricultural Leaders' Forum at Cornell University, March 23.

The nation's top agricultural policy maker will discuss the rising food cost and what it means to the overall U.S. agricultural policies.

Freeman's topic is "Implications to National Programs." He will speak at 2 p.m. in Alice Statler Auditorium, where the annual event will be held under the sponsorship of the N.Y. State College of Agriculture, Cornell.

Under the theme "Rising Food Prices: Causes and Consequences," the day-long program will focus on why food prices are up and what effects this has on the consumer, the producer, the food industry, and other segments of the food chain.

The forum also features these speakers: Edmund H. Fallon, executive vice president and general manager, Agway, Inc.; Harrell DeGraff, president of the American Meat Institute; Prof. Max B. Brunk, marketing specialist of the College of Agriculture; and Mrs. Helen E.

Nelson, president Consumer Research Foundation.

Fallon will examine implications of the rising food cost to the farmer, and DeGraff's topic is "Implications to the Food Industry." Brunk will discuss the "Impact on Food Sources and Marketing," and Mrs. Nelson will examine "Implications to the Consumer."

The event will get under way at 10 a.m. with a welcome by Charles E. Palm, dean of the College of Agriculture. Steven Muller, vice president for public affairs, Cornell, will preside over the morning session; Don Wickham, N.Y. State commissioner of agriculture and markets, is the afternoon session chairman. Prof. Nyle C. Brady, director of research at the College, is general chairman.

More than 165,000 workers were employed in the cashew nut industry in India in 1965.

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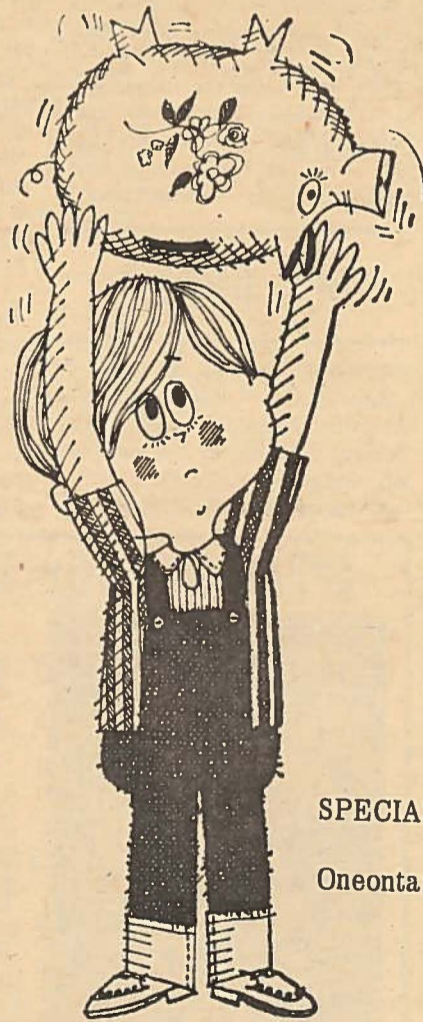
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SOCIAL NEWS

MORRIS

MISS ROSE WRIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kennedy of Walton were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Card on Sunday. They also called on the Durward Valentine's.

Herman Penn moved last week to his home recently purchased on River St., Oneonta.

Barry Douglas and Winnie Harris were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Douglas, West Edmeston.

Mrs. Arthur Colvin called on Miss Anne Lingley and Mr. and George Knox, Garrattsville.

Miss Arlouine Strait has suffered a bad fall.

Roger Foote, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Foote was named on the Dean's List at Cobleskill Ag and Tech.

Weekend guest of Mrs. Myrtle Hammond was her sister, Mrs. Cora Gregory of Oneonta.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lull spent the weekend at King's College, Briarcliff Manor, with their daughter, Deborah.

Mrs. Fayette Wing was a Saturday night guest of her son Donald's family, New Berlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chase and family were last Sunday guests of his mother, Mrs. Bessie Chase, Edmeston.

Mrs. Lois Burdick, moved Saturday from Liberty St. to the apartment in the Gage block, vacated by Mr. Penn.

Mrs. Fred Wrench of West Burlington called Thursday on Miss Arlouine Strait.

Recent guests at the Gerard Bourgeois home were Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Conroe and children of East Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. James Nissen and children of Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goodier and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harrington, West Burlington.

Mrs. Vera Klindt arrived back home Thursday from Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wassenaar and Mr. and Mrs. Riner Wassenaar called Friday evening on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Otten, Wellsbridge.

Mrs. Edna Pegg is assisting in the home of Mrs. Reed, Holmesville.

Mrs. Myra Valentine is home after being employed in New Berlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Douglas of West Edmeston were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Douglas.

Curtis Steele, Garrattsville, was a Sunday dinner guest of his aunt, Miss Vivian Curtis.

David Shields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenreid Shields is home for a vacation from his duties with the Space Tracking Team.

Johann Newlands of New York visited friends in the Morris area over the weekend.

Mrs. Elsie Hayward will have her 85th birthday on Friday, Mar. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Brechbuckle and daughter Joan were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gunther, Sr.

Mrs. Harrington of Fort Plain is visiting at the Maurice Wilber home.

Mrs. Elsie Cooke's sister, Mrs. Cecelia Peet, is in the nursing home on Chestnut St., Oneonta.

Nathan Russell of Tuscon, Arizona spent last week with his niece, Mrs. Francis Elliott.

Mrs. H.W. Naylor's sister, Mrs. Helen Wilbur, Woodbury, Conn., recently passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Springett are in Georgia for two weeks.

Francis Elliott is on a trip to Tuscon, Arizona.

Miss Janice Wayand and Charles Fountain, Albany, were weekend guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wayand.

BURLINGTON

ELSIE C. CHASE

The men of the church are working afternoons in the church basement remodeling the kitchen. Anyone wishing to help with either work or financial part would be very helpful. Please contact Charles Bolton for information.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vibbard and daughter Deborah attended the graduation of her brother, Malcolm Bloomer of Cooperstown, R.D. from the New York State Police Academy at Albany Saturday.

Mrs. Leo Bull with Miss Mildred Bull of New Berlin, who is spending the weekend at the Bull home, were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Telfer and Mrs. Iva Stephens at Richfield Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland DeWolfe of Cortland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edwards.

Mrs. Frank Wenz and Mrs. Ada Stickles were in Oneonta Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Svendsen of Durham spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shillieto.

Mr. and Mrs. David Edwards returned home Saturday from their two weeks trip to Texas.

Carl Green had the misfortune to fall while in Oneonta last Thursday and fracture his leg just above the ankle. He is now confined to bed. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

MT. UPTON

METHODIST CHURCH ITEMS

W.S.C.S. . . . The ladies will meet on Thursday, Mar. 16 at Dorothy Swanson's. The nominating committee will report.

A cluster meeting of the M.Y.F.

is scheduled for Sunday, at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

OES NEWS

The Butternuts Chapter, OES will meet on Tuesday, Mar. 14 in the lodge rooms. At this meeting there will be an official visit of the District Officers. There will also be practice on Sunday, March 12 at 2 p.m. in the Star rooms.

MUCS NEWS

The Seventh and eighth graders won their basketball games.

Last Wednesday the students of the Second Grade made a trip to the Planetarium at SUCO. They were accompanied by Mrs. Balingler, teacher, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Satterlee. The youngsters had a marvelous time.

MEETING: . . . A meeting of the Mt. Upton Lay Committee on Reorganization is scheduled for Monday, Mar. 14 at 8 p.m. in the library of the high school. Mr. Donald Preston will be on hand to present facts and answer questions. The public is invited to attend.

A group of the Lay Committee attended the meeting held in New Berlin on Monday night.

GIRLS' RIFLE TEAM

The Girls' Rifle Team of MUCS edged out the Boys' team of the Bainbridge Bullets Rifle Club in a closely contested match on Feb. 28 on the MUCS range.

After the smoke cleared away, the Girls had 843 points to the Boys 839, but the 4 points were all that were needed to make the Girls the winners of the 3 match series which was stretched to 4 matches due to a tie shoot on Jan. 17.

On Sunday, Mar. 12, the Girls will compete in the NRA Sectionals at Auburn, N.Y.

BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The ladies of the Congregation held a sewing bee on Friday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and succeeded in making 14 more seat cushions for the church.

Pastor Eastman was in Binghamton where he attended a class at Baptist Bible Seminary.

Rev. Eastman has started a new series on the 53rd Chapter of Isaiah to be continued every Sunday during the Easter season.

CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Awards were presented at the Blue & Gold dinner held on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Elementary School. Recipients included: William Goodrich and Perry Goodrich, each a wolf badge and gold arrow point; Harold Townsend, George Townsend, and Charles Nober, each a wolf badge; Peter

Marks, Paul Marks, each a gold arrow point and a silver arrow point; Michael O'Connell, Charles Sutton and William Howe, all received their bobcat pins. These presentations made for a very happy group of little boys.

BORDEN HOSE COMPANY

The Borden Hose Company of Mt. Upton was called to extinguish a chimney fire at the Perry Butts home on Sunday afternoon.

PERSONALS

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Peter Howley from Florida accompanied Arne Christensen from Norway on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Christensen of Shumway Hill Road. Arne Christensen, a brother of Astrid Christensen made his first visit in 22 years to the United States.

Esther Graves, Jane Curtis, and Charlotte Klablel attended the Chenango County American Legion Auxiliary Meeting at New Berlin on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manchester entertained Mr. and Mrs. Claude Moore and son Terry of Rome, Pa. at Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark of Rochester called on friends in Mt. Upton on Sunday.

Kathy Pope is spending several days at home. Miss Pope has passed her State Board exams and is now a full fledged Registered Nurse. Congratulations!

Sp/5 Walter B. Gardner, his wife and three children left on Saturday for Fort Ord, Cal. They will remain there until June. Mr. Gardner has just returned from a year of duty in Vietnam.

Mark and Carol Ann Christensen are spending some time with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Christensen. Mr. and Mrs. Ty Christensen, parents of the children are hunting an apartment in Chicago where they plan to move very soon.

GILBERTSVILLE

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Glascock leave next week on a vacation at Hobe Sound, Florida. They will be accompanied by their son, Harold, Jr., who returns home Friday for Spring vacation.

Mrs. Guy Post attended an overnight midwinter conference of the Susquehanna Valley Presbyterial held at Lisle last week.

Several from Gilbertsville were guests of Mrs. Clifford Gregory of Morris at a Sunday brunch.

Kenneth Saunders returned from

The Hospital, Sidney, last Thursday, where he had been a patient for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Nesbitt of Oneonta have purchased the Windgassen home on Maple St.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Saunders and the Rev. and Mrs. John Williams and family helped Mr. and Mrs. R. Howard Todd celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary, Sunday.

Morris Solicitors For Red Cross Named

Miss Patricia Lull, chairman of the Morris Red Cross Fund drive, lists the following solicitors for the area:

Mesdames Henry Eaton, George Roffe, William Matthers, Daniel Gassler, Albert Gugel, Peter Gregory, Raymond Hyde, Earl Dixson, Henry Springett, Richard Tracy, Edward Rendo, Robert Joy, Ralph Lull, Gene LaTour and Ralph Hanson.

Also the Misses Phyllis Anderson, Suzanne Pickens, Vivian Curtis, Pat Skoglund, Linda Zoch, Karen Akulonis and Felice Marlier.

And Messrs. Warren English, Sherwood Holmes, William Pickens, Eugene Cerosaletti, Maurice Harris and John Murphy.

Church Group Will Visit County Home

Methodist Church Wesleyan Circle will meet Thursday, March 16. The group will visit the County Home at Cooperstown. They will share supper at 5:30 p.m. and prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. Cars will leave Morris at 4:45 p.m. This is an opportunity to see the County Home. Arlina Miles, Jeff and Elvina Lamphere will be glad to see the group.

Red Cross Fund Drive Under Way In G'ville

The Red Cross Campaign is under way across the nation to raise funds necessary to meet the tremendous need for disaster relief, the Blood Program and the Home Service activities. The Red Cross gives generous aid when a family or a town is stricken by fire, tornado, epidemic, or other disaster.

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Karen Hanson On Dean's List At S.U.C. Oneonta

Miss Karen Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanson of Morris, has been named to the dean's list of State University College at Oneonta for the first semester of the 1966-67 school year.

Miss Hanson, a 1963 graduate of Lewis Rutherford Morris Central School, is a junior majoring in general elementary education.

Eligibility for the dean's list at Oneonta requires a 3.50 (A-) cumulative average for a minimum of 12 semester hours.

District Grand Officers To Visit Butternuts Chapter

Official visitation of district grand officers to Butternuts Chapter No. 338 of Gilbertsville will be March 14 at 8 p.m. Initiation practice March 12 at 2 p.m.

WRC Plans Party For Mrs. Mittie Anderson

The WRC of Gilbertsville at its regular meeting, planned a farewell party for Mrs. Mittie Anderson, a 40 year member, who will leave in the Spring to reside with her daughter in California.

This will be held Sunday, Apr. 9 from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Presbyterian Church parlors. The public is invited.

Mrs. Charles Morris is collecting coupons, given by the local Valueway Store, for dishes for the Corps. Any coupons donated will be appreciated.

B-V Grange

The S&H Committee will have charge of the literary program at the March 13 meeting of the Butternut Valley Grange. Mrs. Abram VanVranken, Mrs. Archie Saunders and Mrs. Marsden Moore are the committee. A covered dish supper will precede the meeting at 7:45. This will be Good Granger night.

New York State's potato industry has an annual farm value of more than \$32 million.



GILBERTSVILLE SCHOOL

Cafeteria Menu - Mar. 13 - 17
 March 13 - Hot dogs on roll, Pork & Beans, Dessert, Milk.

March 14 - Hot Corned Beef Sand., Seasoned Veggies., Dessert, Milk.

March 15 - Spaghetti w/meatballs, Bread & butter, Seasoned Veggies., Dessert, Milk.

March 16 - Hot chicken sandwich, Seasoned Veggies., Dessert, Milk.

March 17 - Tuna Fish Salad, Toasted cheese sandwiches, Seasoned Veggies., Dessert, Milk.

SOUTHTOWN ECHO

Elinor Stratton, senior, has received a scholarship to Mary Wood College. Mary Wolf has won a Regents Scholarship. Susie Wells, sophomore, will represent the South New Berlin Central School in Oneonta, March 7, for Oneonta Star Day. High school students from the surrounding area are guests of The Oneonta Star for journalism classes.

Robert May, freshman, has written a play, "I Won't Forget Him". On Wednesday, Feb. 22, the cast members presented this play for the 9th grade English class.

Several faculty members attended the Oneonta Bi-Monthly meeting of the Catskill Area School Study Council.

Mrs. Johnson recently attended a meeting on Structural Linguistics at the Norwich Senior High School.

Dawn DeBoer, junior, recently wrote a poem about the deaths of Virgil Grissom, Edward White and Roger Chafee. Dawn's poem "Three Brave Men" is being published in the Cape Kennedy Newspaper.

At the 4-H Center in Norwich, Tuesday night, Steven Button and William Fredricks on members of the Great Brook Stars, gave a demonstration - "How to Tape a Calf." Both boys received a commendable award certificate. If you don't know how to "weigh" a calf with a tape measure, ask these boys. Cindy Anderson gave a foods demonstration - "How to Make a Fruit Upside down Cake". She also received an award certificate.

Recent visitors in the SNBCS were Mrs. Jerry Lewis, formerly Joyce Austin, a graduate, who now manages the Utica College Cafeteria. Also Corporal Ronald Christian, USMC, now stationed at Beaufort, S.C. Ron is also a graduate of SNBCS.

Lt. Roberta Van Pelt, former graduate of the SNBCS and former teacher at Hartwick College is now stationed at Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Del. From March 4 to April 15, 1967, Lt. Van Pelt

will be on temporary assignment in the Azores.

SO. NEW BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL MENUS

Mon. 3/13 - Lasanga, Lettuce w/Dressing, Bread, Jello, Milk.

Tues. 3/14 - Meat & Biscuit Square w/Potato & Gravy, Carrots, Pear Half, Milk.

Wed. 3/15 - Shepherd Pie, Cole Slaw, Bread, Frosty, Milk.

Thurs. 3/16 - Hamburger on Bun, Potato Chips, Orange-grapefruit Sections, Milk.

Fri. 3/17 - Peanut Butter & Jelly, Tomato Soup, Crackers, Carrots & Celery, Lemon Tart, Milk.

Friday, Mar. 10, 1967 - Immunization Clinic 9:00 a.m.

SEX EDUCATION: The Human Reproductive Systems, the first presentation in a series of Sex Education courses sponsored by the SCO for adults, will be held on Mon., Mar. 13 in the School Cafeteria. We are allowing up to 2 hours for these meetings which begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. Visual aids and discussions will be included. There is a \$2. registration fee per family for the courses and each enrollee is given a packet of literature dealing with timely topics in sex education. The sex education courses include 7 meetings in all and will be held on Monday evenings. Process of Birth will be the topic for the next meeting on Monday, Mar. 20. All interested persons in the SNBCS District are welcome to enroll in these courses.

Obituaries

GORDON CLARK

Gordon Clark, 65, of 1619 Bayita Lane, N.W., Albuquerque, N. Mexico, 87109, died suddenly Saturday, Mar. 4, 1967, at his home, of a massive coronary.

His remains have been cremated. Mr. Clark was the husband of Mrs. Ruth Slaughter Clark, formerly of Gilbertsville.

JOHN C. STRAUSS

John Charles Strauss, 24, died of apparent smoke inhalation from a fire in his apartment at 15 Main St., Oneonta, Sunday, March 5, 1967.

A Requiem High Mass was offered Wednesday, Mar. 8, at 9:30 a.m., in Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, Morris. The Rev. Harvey J. Thompson, pastor was the celebrant. Burial will be later in Hillington Cemetery, Morris.

Mr. Strauss, a son of Anna Marie Strauss of Morris and the late John Strauss, was born in Munich, Germany, Aug. 10, 1942. He was an engineering draftsman at the Electronic Components Division of the Bendix Corp. at Sidney.

He served in the Marine Corps from 1960 to 1964 and was in the Marine Reserves. He was a member of Holy Cross Church and had been a student at SUCO.

His mother, owner of the Morris Inn, survives. Also surviving are two brothers, Oskar, serving with the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Barney Missile Ship and Raymond at Griffis AFB, Rome, N. Y.; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The Rosary was recited in the Lewis Funeral Home, Oneonta, Tuesday, Mar. 7, at 8 p.m.

CHURCHES

GILBERTSVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. John Williams, Pastor
 Mrs. Arthur Lawson, Organist
 Mrs. James Yager, Music Director

SUNDAY -
 10:30 A.M. - Morning Service
 11:30 A.M. - Church School
 7:30 P.M. - Youth Fellowship
THURSDAY -
 7:00 P.M. - Prayer meeting and Bible Study Hour.

GILBERTSVILLE First Presbyterian Church
 Rev. Roger Beach, Pastor
 Mrs. Conklin Mann, Organist

SUNDAY -
 9:45 A.M. - Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. - Morning Worship.
 7:30 P.M. - Youth Fellowship
WEDNESDAY -
 7:30 P.M. - Bible Study

GILBERTSVILLE CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Rev. Edwin J. Mosher

SUNDAY -
 8:00 A.M. - Holy Communion
 10:30 A.M. - Choir Practice
 11:00 A.M. - Morning Service and Church School

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 Rev. Edmund Martin, Pastor
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SUNDAY -
 10:00 A.M. - Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. - Morning Service
 There is a nursery during the worship hour.
 Official Board - Second Sunday immediately following Service.
 7:30 P.M. - MYF Meeting
WEDNESDAY -
 7:00 P.M. - Choir Rehearsal
EVERY THIRD THURSDAY -
 8:00 P.M. - W.S.C.S.

MT. UPTON BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Joseph Eastman
 Phone PO 4-2961

SUNDAY -
 10:00 A.M. - Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. - Morning Worship.
 6:00 P.M. - Choir rehearsal
 6:30 P.M. - Young People
 7:30 P.M. - Evening Service
WEDNESDAY -
 7:30 P.M. - Mid-week Prayer Service.

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH NEW BERLIN
 Rev. Ronald Fitts, Rector
SUNDAY -
 9:15 A.M. - Morning Prayer and Church School
 Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month

SOUTH NEW BERLIN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Kenneth Simpson, Pastor

SUNDAY -
 9:45 A.M. - Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. - Worship and Sermon
 6:30 P.M. - Junior BYF
 7:30 P.M. - Senior BYF
WEDNESDAY -
 7:45 P.M. - Bible Study period
 8:45 P.M. - Choir rehearsal

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
 Wood's Corners, Norwich, N.Y.

FRIDAY -
 12:2 P.M. - Reading Room
SUNDAY -
 11:00 A.M. - Service
 11:00 A.M. - Sunday School
WEDNESDAY -
 8:00 P.M. - Tesimony meeting.

CHURCH OF NATIVITY OF THE B.V.M., EDMESTON
 Rev. Harvey J. Thompson
SUNDAY -
 11:00 A.M. - Low Mass
 Confessions before Masses

HOLMESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Derwen G. Hauser, Pastor

SUNDAY -
 10:00 A.M. - Bible School for all ages
 11:00 A.M. - Morning Worship
 6:30 P.M. - Jet Cadets. Senior Youth and adult training union
 7:30 P.M. - Evening Service
WEDNESDAY -
 7:30 P.M. - Mid-week Prayer Service

WEST LAURENS COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Rev. Wilfred Lyon, Pastor
SUNDAY -
 10:30 A.M. - Sunday School
 8:00 P.M. - Evening Worship

MORRIS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. John R. Tinklepaugh, Pastor

SUNDAY -
 10:00 A.M. - Sunday School
 11:00 P.M. - Morning Worship
 6:15 P.M. - Youth Fellowship
 7:45 P.M. - Evening Service
WEDNESDAY -
 7:45 P.M. - Prayer meeting
 6:45 P.M. - Choir rehearsal

MORRIS METHODIST CHURCH
 Rev. Wilfred Lyon, Pastor

SUNDAY -
 10:00 A.M. - Morning Service
 11:10 A.M. - Sunday School
 6:30 P.M. - Youth Fellowship

HOLY CROSS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH MORRIS
 Rev. Harvey J. Thompson
SUNDAY - 8 & 10 A.M.
 Confession before Daily Mass - 7:15 A.M.
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.
 Novena & Benediction
EDMESTON
SUNDAY - Mass 11:30 A.M.

MORRIS ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Rev. William J. Matthers, Rector
 263-5158
SUNDAY -
 8:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Sermon
 8:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship

Week Day Services -
 8:30 A.M. - Mon., Tues., Thurs. Fri. - Morning prayer and Eucharist.
 7:30 P.M. - Evening prayer

ROCKDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Rev. Edmund Martin, Pastor
 Phone PO 4-2095

THURSDAY -
 8:00 P.M. - Choir rehearsal
SUNDAY -
 9:45 A.M. - Morning Worship
 11:00 A.M. - Sunday School
EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY -
 7:30 P.M. - Ladies Union Society
EVERY SECOND TUESDAY -
 8:00 P.M. - Adult Class

GARRATTSVILLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Rev. Roger Beach, Pastor
SUNDAY -
 9:00 A.M. - Church Service
 10:15 A.M. - Sunday School

GARRATTSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
 Rev. Wilfred Lyon, Pastor
SUNDAY -
 10:30 A.M. - Sunday School
 11:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
WEDNESDAY -
 7:30 P.M. - MYF at Church

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Centralization Briefing Given School, Lay Leaders

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cause of lack of space, for elementary school libraries, for gymnasiums where more adequate physical programs can be pursued; for remedial reading rooms; for special classrooms for pupils needing special attention in other subjects; rooms for retarded children, and adequate room for teachers to correct papers, study, prepare lessons, etc. when not actually involved in teaching. None of the schools feel they have adequate facilities of this kind for teachers.

All schools mentioned lack of sufficient rooms to store musical instruments, physical education equipment, cleaning supplies, other school supplies, etc.

ADVANTAGES POINTED OUT

Each of the principals as well as Erle Smith, Otsego County District Superintendent, and Donald Preston, Chenango County District Superintendent, observed that the first basis for considering centralization should be the advantages to all children in providing more adequate teaching opportunities. The cost, which would admittedly be somewhat higher, was considered secondary and not sufficiently greater to justify failure to centralize.

Among the advantages envisioned by the speakers was separation of high school from elementary school students permitting greater concentration on the needs of younger pupils; more specialization of secondary teachers permitting several sections in major courses; expansion of the number of courses offered particularly in foreign languages, sciences, art and music, industrial arts, home economics, commercial classes, etc.

The courses leading to regents exams would better prepare students, for college entrance, according to the speakers. At the same time dividing basic courses into several sections would permit students primarily interested in industrial arts to qualify for high school graduation requirements while permitting them at the same time to spend part of their week in special vocational schools which will be started this September in both Norwich and Oneonta. The plan calls for transportation of such students to one or the other of these vocational centers on certain days of the week.

It was felt that broadened educational opportunities would reduce school drop-outs and provide students of varying capabilities the type of training which would prepare them to meet their needs for existence in this fast-moving modern world.

COSTS ANALYZED

Mr. Preston, using charts he had shown at a meeting of the Student-Community Organization in South New Berlin school on Tuesday evening Feb. 28, explained the proposed building needs and the cost involved to the State and to local tax payers.

The estimated cost of the main building is \$3,500,000 plus \$150,000 for a school auditorium and \$250,000 for erecting a swimming pool, with a total cost of \$3,900,000. The latter two additions had been suggested by a group which met in Albany on May 23, 1966.

The original amount can be

considered as 100% eligible for State participation while the additional \$400,000 would probably be shared on a 50-50 basis.

Of the total cost it is estimated that the State would pay 81%, the local district 16.4% with 2.6% coming from miscellaneous sources.

In the first year of re-organization 1967-68 enrollment in both elementary and secondary schools is projected at 2780 pupils (present enrollment 2721) which would move to 2954 in the ultimate year 1971-72. Ultimate year is the last year of a five year projection which is the maximum term allowed by the State.

On an average daily attendance of 95%, State aid would be based on 2585 pupils in 1966-67 and on 2806 pupils in 1971-72.

However, weighted average daily attendance using 100% allowance for full day kindergarten and elementary pupils, 50% on half-day kindergarten and 125% on students in grades 7 through 12 would provide actual State aid on 2820 pupils in 1966-67 and 3105 in 1971-72.

A newly reorganized school district would assume the present indebtedness of a area schools: approximately \$190,000 in Gilbertsville, \$175,792 in Morris, \$225,000 in Mt. Upton, \$413,707 in New Berlin and \$104,397 in South New Berlin for a total indebtedness of \$1,108,897 for which the State would provide \$892,219 and the local district \$216,677. This is based on the regular State aid formula and does not include incentive aid which applies to the new building. The present indebtedness is considered fairly evenly distributed based on population of the school district.

This indebtedness is not included in the cost of the new building but is included in the "true value" tax rate which is projected at \$14 of true value in 1968, \$15.50 in 1969, \$16.00 in 1970 and \$18.00 in 1971 and 1972. True values of real property for these years is calculated at \$36,159,520 in 1968; \$36,504,905 in '69; \$36,850,290 in '70; \$37,195,675 in '71 and \$37,541,060 in '72.

Payments on a \$3,900,000 bond issue would be made on a basis of 10 years, instead of 20 as has been customary in past school financing and would be figured on a 4.4% interest rate. The total interest over the 10 year period would be \$1,084,600 with principal and interest payments totaling \$4,984,600. During the initial year interest would be \$85,800. Principal payments plus interest for each of the succeeding 10 years would be as follows: \$511,600; \$496,640; \$481,680; \$466,720; \$451,760; \$536,800; \$517,440; \$478,720; \$478,720 and \$459,360.

Mr. Preston explained that costs to residents of each present district worked out fairly in a combined district because of tax equalization.

The formula for figuring the equalized tax is as follows, he said. The assessed valuation divided by the equalization rate equals the true value. The tax levy (total money raised by local property tax) divided by the total true value equals the true value rate. The true value rate divided by the equalization rate equals the assessed valuation tax rate.

He then gave some examples

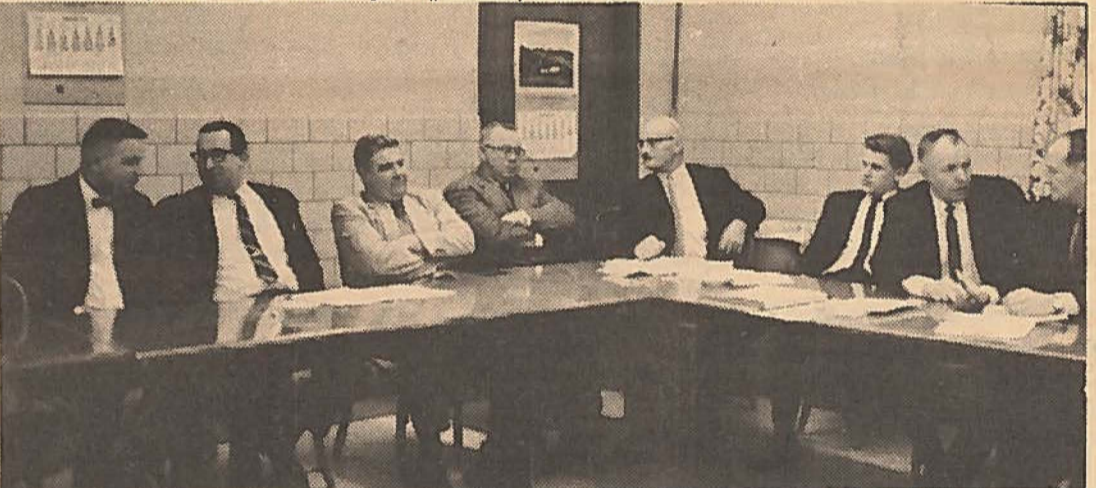
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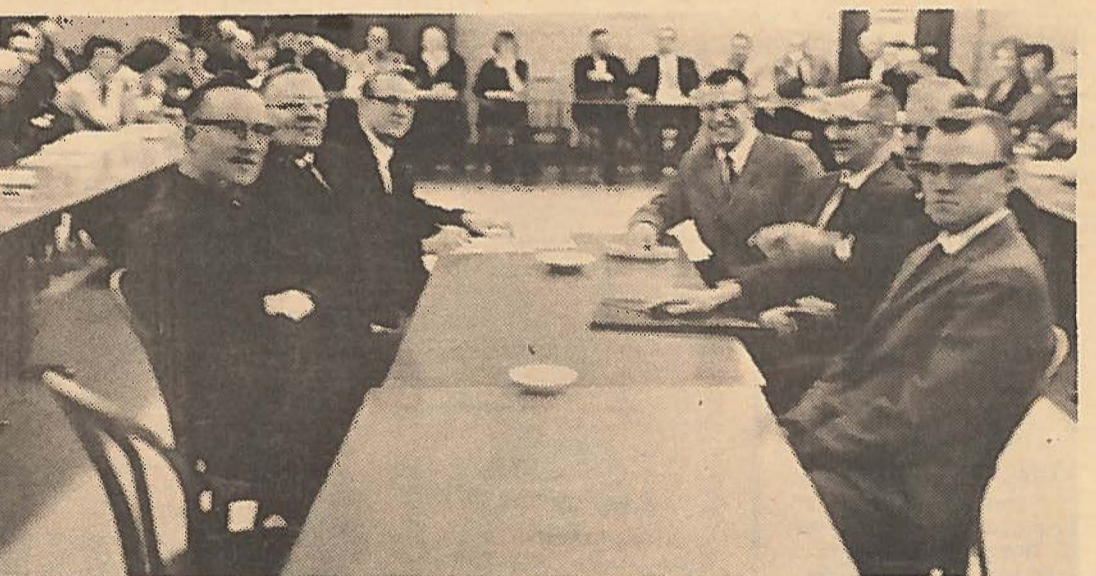
Left to right: Ben Nelson, Mt. Upton; Mrs. Robert Farrell, Mt. Upton, Lay Committee Chairman; Mrs. Tracy Webb, Mt. Upton; Mrs. Dan O'Connell, Mt. Upton; James Moore, Mt. Upton Board President; Robert Spicer, Mt. Upton Principal; Harold Gilbert, Rockdale and Charles Anderson, Rockdale.



Left to right: Mildred Freer, Gilbertsville; Kathryn Yager, Gilbertsville; Hubert Cezair, Gilbertsville; Louis Rizzieri, Gilbertsville Principal; Nancy Phelps, New Berlin; Harriet Lyon, New Berlin; Richard Keene and John Williams, Gilbertsville.



Left to right: John Kiernan, Chenango Occupational Director; Dan Moskwa, New Berlin, Sewell Neilsen, New Berlin; Ray Lottridge, New Berlin Board President; Carl Eiholzer, New Berlin; Paul J. Dixon, South New Berlin; Richard Marsters, South New Berlin Principal and Harry Pike, South New Berlin Board President.



Left to right: Irving C. Jensen, Gordon Carey, Phillip Lord, Robert Rowe, George Tobey, Robert Faber and Rupert Hunt from Gilbertsville.

of how the rate worked. One was a case where the assessed valuation was \$2200. The equalization rate was .22. This equalization rate divided into \$2200 gave a true value of \$10,000.

A total true valuation of \$36,159,520 in the new district for the year 1967-68 divided into the total tax levy (money to be

raised by taxes) gave a true tax rate of \$14.00. This true tax rate divided by the equalization rate of .22 gave an assessed tax rate of \$63.63 per thousand or an actual tax on a property assessed at \$2,200 of \$139.98.

In another Town where a property has been assessed at \$3,900 and the state has estab-

lished an equalization rate of .39 the actual true valuation is also \$10,000. The total taxable true value in the district divided into the total tax levy again produces a true value tax rate of \$14. This rate divided by the equalization rate of .39 provides an assessed valuation rate of (Continued on Page 8)

They'll Soon Be Talking Up Centralization



Left to right: Peter Case, Warren Ryther, Mrs. Benjamin Wells, Mrs. Harold Crumb, Mrs. Elinor Tremlett, Morris; Melvin Hayner, New Lisbon; LeRoy Poling, Richard Rollins, Garrattsville; Robert Hess and Robert Hoyt, Gilbertsville.



Left to right: Dr. Peter B. Gregory, Dr. Jerome V. Payton, Col. Graham Leslie, Merritt L. Bridges, Dr. Medardo Gutierrez, Mrs. Alma N. Elliott, Morris; Clifton Gee and John Mitchell, Mt. Upton.



Left to right: John Mitchell, John Hayes, Mt. Upton; Frances Robbins, A. James Schibeci, Rev. Ronald S. Fitts, New Berlin; Thomas C. Pike, Rev. Derwin G. Hauser, Mrs. Frances S. Weigel, and Mrs. Hilda Herman, South New Berlin.



Left to right: Julian Webb, Chairman Lay Committee, New Berlin Board member; Hicks Dow, New Berlin Principal; Erle Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Otsego; Donald Preston, Assistant Superintendent, Chenango Co., Ernest Youmans, Superintendent, Chenango Co., John Bishop, Supervisor, School District Organization, State Education Department.

Mrs. VonHaeseler Will Be Hostess To V-B Garden Club

The Butternut Valley Garden Club will meet at Mrs. Paul von Haeseler's home Friday, March 10 at 2 p.m.

Raymond Hyde of Morris will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "Spring Gardening."

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends for the cards and letters sent to me while I was in The Hospital, Sidney.

Ken Saunders

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to the Morris Fire Dept., Morris Emergency Squad, friends and neighbors for their help and kindness during our recent fire. Also to Ed Quinn and Gary Talbot for porting the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Cobb

N.Y.S. Dairy Princess Contest Starts Soon

The search for this year's Otsego County candidate for New York State Dairy Princess contest will get under way after the meeting of the Otsego County Dairy Princess committee Monday, March 13, in the Extension offices in Cooperstown.

Mrs. Howard Marlette, Mt. Vision, publicity chairman, in making the announcement said: "A preliminary meeting was held recently with Mrs. James Higgins, Mrs. Donald Drake, Mrs. Bernard Barton, George Sheldon, ADA & DO field representative; Clifford Drake, ADA & DC state director and Earl Feinmen, Otsego County Extension Agent in attendance.

Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Drake were made Co-Chairmen of the selection committee with Mrs. Barton heading the finance committee."

"With everyone cooperating", said Mrs. Marlette, "we hope to come up with many candidates that will make this the most successful county contest we have ever had. Complete details on requirements for contestants, etc. will be available after the March 13 meeting."

Per capita use of eggs is estimated at 301 in 1966 as compared with 393 eggs in 1951.

Legal Notices

CARD OF THANKS

My sincere gratitude and thanks to the Fox Hospital staff in the kitchen and 3rd floor for the lovely birthday cake on my 80th birthday, Feb. 22. It was very lovely and good to eat.

I also thank Dr. Haines and Dr. Van Denburg, the 3rd floor nurses and all personnel of the hospital for the wonderful care I have always received the many times I have been a patient. Also I wish to thank all friends in Oneonta, Morris and surrounding towns, the Order of Eastern Star; Martha #18, Order of Queen Amelia Court #64, Order of the Amaranth for all flowers, cards, letters received. Also the Morris Methodist Church, Pastor Bill and Martha Lyon, Home Dept. of the church.

Frances R. Thurston
Morris, N. Y.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election for the Village of Gilbertsville will be held in the Village Board Rooms on Tuesday afternoon, March 21, 1967 between the hours of two o'clock and six o'clock in the afternoon and at such election the following are to be elected for the terms set opposite thereto:

Mayor for term of two years.
Trustee for term of two years.
Four inspectors of election have been appointed by the Village Board to preside at this election, Mildred Freer, Chairman, with Emilie Faber, Marion Walters and Lillie Musson assisting.

Dated March 1st 1967.
Fred Myers, Mayor
Ralph Harris, Trustee
Volckert V.R. Mason, Trustee
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VILLAGE NOMINATIONS FOR 1967

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Candidates nominated By the Citizens' Party:

Name of Candidate—Fred Myers, Title of Office—Mayor, Place of Residence—Gilbertsville, N.Y.

Name of Candidate—Ralph Harris, Title of Office—Trustee, Place of Residence—Gilbertsville, N.Y.

Belle C. Moore, Clerk
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election for the Village of Morris will be held in the Town House on Tuesday afternoon, March 21, 1967 between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and nine o'clock in the evening and at such election the following are to be elected for the terms set opposite thereto:

Trustee for term of two years.
Police Justice for term of four years.

Dated March 1, 1967.
George Mansfield, Mayor
Raymond Card, Trustee
Virgil Crumb, Trustee
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Butler E. Quinton, Police Justice, Morris, N.Y.

C. J. Smith, Clerk
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Letter To The Editor Gallinger

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downstairs room and on the bed lay a 15-year-old girl, her face weary and tired. Polio had made it difficult for her to get around.

"I am sorry I bothered anybody," she said, "but I lay here and listen to the great bands and orchestras on the phonograph, and I just love to follow the clarinet parts. Oh, forgive me for giving in to the wish to play a clarinet."

"I understand your love for the instrument," Mr. Hedges answered. "I played one myself for many years until 'this' threw me out".

He lifted up his stiffened hand. "I can never play again."

The more Mr. Hedges talked with the stricken child the more his heart went out to her.

"Your fingers are in perfect shape," he said. "You will soon master the instrument. At least it will help to while away many hours. I want you to accept this clarinet. I have nothing to do these long days. May I be your teacher?"

The girl was so joyful that she almost forgot her physical condition. Hedges showed her how to blow the instrument, and she made a brave attempt. Both had many laughs at the attempts of the novice but at the end of the first hour Ruth could make a pretty good note.

"Your teacher will be back tomorrow," Hedges said. "Now if your pain awakens you tonight just lie there and imagine you are playing the clarinet. Really imagine it. I see hope for your success."

Ruth Stanley obeyed her teacher. Each night when the pain came she imagined that she was in a great orchestra. Often, in her imagination she "sat in" with the recorded orchestras. She became happy again, and in the happiness and success of his crippled pupil "By" Hedges found new interest in life and now and then would bring his priceless Verdi clarinet, which had been made especially for him by a leading manufacturer, and play duets with his pupil.

I knew "By" Hedges personally, and was proud of the fact that he had contributed much to my own musical education. One night after a brilliant concert by an "All-Girl" orchestra I met a lame girl whose name was Ruth Stanley, a featured soloist in the group - a clarinet soloist!

"By" Hedges had just passed on a few months before.

"I want to become a great player just for him," she confided, and she has had her wish.

Mr. Editor, it seems that it is never too late to do something good for somebody, and no one knows where a good deed will stop. Ruth Stanley went on to become a member of the great Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and has made a home for her mother. In newspaper musical columns recently it is indicated that she may come back home to her friends and become a member of the Syracuse Symphony.

"By" Hedges is long gone, but he answered the call of higher duty than he expected and was able to give to the world of music - the world he loved best, a new artist.

Thank you,
Very truly yours,
Roy Gallinger

Centralization Briefing Given School, Lay Leaders

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\$35.89 per thousand or a tax of \$139.98 on the assessed \$3,900 valuation of the property.

Other examples were given to show how the rates were equalized despite varying assessments in different towns.

ERLE SMITH TELLS NEEDS

Mr. Smith quoted an eminent educator as saying a few years ago that by 1980 there would be a shortage of 500,000 college grads to meet business and professional requirements, a shortage of 250,000 high school grads to fill vacancies within their abilities but there would be 550,000 dropouts for whom there would be no jobs because they are not qualified.

He said small schools today are geared to college kids and not enough attention is paid to the 40% to 50% who don't go to college. He said small schools have students from the genius classification to the mentally retarded and are not ready to handle them.

He outlined the many ways in which the centralized school system can meet these varied needs. He told of the possibilities of TV educational programs and commented that at the cost of \$15 per "jack" television programs could be provided in each room of the new school at an installation cost not to exceed \$15,000 to \$20,000.

TIMETABLE FOR DECISION

John Bishop, Supervisor of School District Organization of the State Education Department, Albany, stated that the State has no timetable which local districts must adhere to in deciding upon a reorganization program. However, any program to get under way in the Fall of the year, must be voted on and passed by July first of that year. Implementation of any program approved after July 1 would have to hold over for another year.

Assuming that local steering committees are ready to start work on the consolidation locally, Mr. Bishop said that there should be an information campaign of 4 to 5 weeks duration. Then petitions asking that a district be set up should be circulated and presented within two weeks to the Education Department. If a high percentage of voters (say in the neighborhood of 75%) signed the original petition, an order would be given to lay out the new district. If a bare majority signed the original petition, then the Education Department might send its own investigators to make sure that the petitions represented the true wishes of the majority.

At that point the steering committee would be asked to solicit 100 legal petitions in each district calling for a vote on the question. This should take 4 or 5 days.

Within two or three days an order establishing a referendum vote would be issued, providing however for a notice and waiting period of 10 to 12 days.

Once the referendum vote is taken, a report of the tabulated results should be in the hands of the Department in 5 to 10 days.

Assuming the vote is favorable, an order would be issued

for a special meeting allowing 10 to 12 days for notices and a waiting period.

At the special meeting the number of Board members to serve the new district would be settled and members elected.

A meeting of the new Board would be called a week later for the purpose of electing officers. During the next week to two months the Board would function in appointing school administrators, preparing a budget, etc. Those are the preliminaries to the birth of a new school district.

Present Boards were told to go ahead preparing their next year's budgets and plans in order not to be in trouble should the new District be turned down.

NEED MORE INFORMATION

At a request from the audience Julian Bishop, New Berlin, chairman of the five district steering committee, called for an expression from Board presidents as to what the situation seemed to be within their districts with regard to centralization.

Mrs. Alma Elliott of Morris said that their Board and steering committee were generally in favor of the move; James Moore of Mt. Upton said their local meeting is not scheduled until March 13 and that he does not know the sentiments of any large number of the voters. A member of his steering committee, Mrs. Robert Farrell, stated there were quite mixed opinions

in her area and many questions to be answered; at South New Berlin it was stated that the Board hasn't taken a position but that a show of hands at the SCO meeting the week before indicated a majority in favor; in Gilbertsville the Board chairman was not present but Gordon Carey of the steering committee said it was too early to know and that there seemed to be mixed feelings; New Berlin principal Hicks Dow said that not 15% of their people know anything about the subjects involved and stated they need much more information.

The meeting ended with a request for brochures and other information in a form that can be presented to the voters when they are asked to sign the petition.

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Nic Nac 4-H Club

A meeting of the Gilbertsville Nic Nac 4-H Club was held at the home of Mrs. Donald Post on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The calendar for the year was drawn up and the project on "Quick Breads" was discussed. For the crafts project, the members made pin-cushions from tuna fish cans dressed up as hats. At the next meeting, Saturday, March 25, the Nic Nacs will concoct a coffee cake and waffles.

A reminder to all members - don't forget the pattern for your sewing project.

Debi Beach - Newsreporter

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Membership Drive By Association For Retarded Children

Harry More, Oneonta, president of the Otsego County Chapter, New York State Association for Retarded Children has appointed Mrs. Doyle VanDusen, Gilbertsville and Mrs. Maurice Wilber, Morris to the March membership drive campaign committee.

It is the feeling of the local group that the time has come when mental retardation is recognized, not only as a national problem, but as one that each community must seek to overcome. To enlist the help of those in professions, business and industry, the organization has designated March as membership month.

The membership drive in Otsego County is part of a nationwide effort being conducted by the National Association for retarded children. The N.A.R.C. now has 1,100 local groups in all 50 states.

Membership fee is \$5.00 annually. To join this organization persons may contact: Mrs. Doyle VanDusen - Box 23, Gilbertsville, Ph. G'ville 783-2310 or Mrs. Maurice Wilber, R.D. #1, Morris, N.Y., Ph. Morris 283-5446.

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