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Morris Father Drowns While Swimming in Pond

Body of Vet Recovered In 10 Minutes

David Benjamin, 29, a Scintilla employe, was drowned about 6:45 p. m. yesterday in the Linn pond at Morris, while giving an eight-year-old boy a piggy-back ride across the water.

The boy, Carlyle Hoffman, was pulled from the water by Greta Tinsley.

Mr. Benjamin's body was recovered some ten minutes later by Everett Shoemaker, a Morris gas station operator.

Dr. John Steele of Morris, who served as coroner's physician, listed death as accidental due to drowning.

It was the second drowning in the area in less than a week.

Last Tuesday, Arthur W. Darling Jr., 16, of 5 Fairville St., Oneonta, was drowned while swimming in the Susquehanna River, about a mile southeast of the city.

According to friends, Mr. Benjamin had worked a double shift at the Scintilla plant in Sidney and, when he returned home, he had attended a baseball game and then gone swimming.

While ferrying the boy across the pond on his back, Mr. Benjamin suddenly sank beneath the surface. Older swimmers rushed to his assistance and the boy was brought to shore by Mrs. Tinsley.

Word of the drowning spread throughout the village, causing a large crowd to gather.

The body was recovered in about six feet of water.

A six year veteran of the Army Air Forces, Mr. Benjamin was born Feb. 8, 1922, in Farmington, N. J. He married the former Marjorie Lamb.

Besides his wife, a son, Wayne, 4, survives as do three brothers, Wayne, with the armed forces in Korea; Robert of Montreal, and LeGrand of Stratford, Conn.

The body was taken to Shaw's Funeral Home, Morris.

Firemen Called To Scaffold Task

Wobbly steel scaffolding at the Oneonta Theater resulted in a call for the assistance of firemen about 10 a. m. yesterday.

Harold Jr. (Spike) Cary, one of two fellow officials in the city, said the mass of scaffolding used by an interior decorator in the theater had become displayed, causing the two-story affair to sag against walls of the building.

Firemen used ropes to right the scaffold following which the management decided to discontinue the unit, rather than endanger patrons during performances later in the day.

The scaffold will be re-erected sometime today, Mr. Cary said.

Wife Beater Fined, Put on Probation

Charles G. Southwell, 20, of Fleischmanns, Saturday was fined $15 and given a 60-day suspended sentence in Onondaga County Penitentiary by Police Justice George Mayes of Fleischmanns following a plea of guilty to a charge of third degree assault.

Southwell also was placed on one year's probation and directed to report to Probation Officer Marshall Steinberg of Delhi. He was arrested by State Police of Margaretville Friday night on a warrant obtained by his wife, who charged he beat her.

Winsor Heads Endowment Drive

L. Orville Winsor, class of '26, was chairman of the Oneonta section of the Binghamton-Oneonta-Norwich area endowment fund for Hamilton College, in which $53,350 was raised.

Raised during the drive throughout the nation was $1,614,744 of the $3,500,000 goal set for a two-year period. Southern Tier chairman was Edgar W. Cleaver, special gifts and Binghamton regional chairman. William O. Spicer of Norwich led the drive in that area.

Prankster Draws Jail Sentence

John William Orlen, 20, of New Jersey and Worcester, will spend 30 days in Otsego County Jail as a result of what police said was a drunken caper in pretending to attempt suicide by lying on the D&H tracks.

He was arrested by state police of Oneonta substation and charged with disorderly conduct Saturday. Yesterday he pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace A. E. Smith of East Worcester and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

RELIEF BARBECUE — More than 500 persons attended the lard barbecue held by the Oneonta Sportsmen's Club atop Franklin Mountain yesterday. Some 150 pounds of Aberdeen Angus beef from the "rounds" roasted over a pit of hickory coals for 12 hours before the noon serving. Above prior to the first serving shortly after noon are Herbert Sweet, president of the club, and Al Smith, the barbecue master.

Fresh Airs Vacation Here On Tuesday

It will back to the sidewalks of New York tomorrow for approximately 112 "Fresh Airs" who have been guests of area families for two weeks.

The children, unless application has been made for an extended visit, are to be at the D&H station tomorrow at 8 a. m. (DST) with the train scheduled to leave at 9:45.

"It is necessary that the children be on time at the station," said Mrs. Lee Chamberlain, "in order that they may be checked by officials."

Families are asked to pack lunches for their little guests and, if possible, to furnish refreshments. They also are asked to give the child any heavy item to carry but to mail it to them.

Families desiring to keep children longer are asked to call Sidney, and those who made plans to keep children for an extended period before they arrived here are also asked to call Sidney. Thirty-six children are now guests of longer vacations in this area.

Police Chief Ends Vacation Today

Chief of Police Robert J. Simmons is scheduled to return to his duties today, following a vacation on the shores of Otsego Lake in Cooperstown.

With the chief's return, Acting Police Chief James A. Fassbender reverts to his former rank of sergeant.

Patrolman Harold F. Woods terminated his ten weeks' vacation yesterday.

Current vacationers in the department now include Patrolman Raymond A. Bliss and Floyd L. Blair.

Fireman Howard L. Field will leave late Wednesday for a 30-day sojourn at Pottsgrove, L. I., where he expects to do considerable "deep sea" fishing.

His vacation includes regular time off plus accumulated overtime.

Kin of Oneonta Woman is Dead

Mrs. Grace Ammerman Mather, 75, mother of Mrs. John L. Wishnath, 171 Fair St., died Saturday after an illness of four days in Berwick (Pa.) Hospital. In the last 18 years Mrs. Mather, widow of Dr. John F. Mather, had often visited her son-in-law and daughter here.

Mrs. Wishnath went to Hornolen Wednesday and Mr. Wishnath will leave today to attend the funeral at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

Accident Victim Leaves Hospital

John Hoyt Payne, 28, of Algony, admitted yesterday to Bassett Hospital at Cooperstown after an accident at Cherry Valley, was discharged Saturday.

Hospital authorities said the full extent of his injuries had not been determined before he elected to return to his own home.

Nichols Gets Wings

Orlo Nichols, Otego, a representative of a publishers of school text books, qualified for his private pilot's license Saturday. Mr. Nichols, formerly principal of the Otego Central School, uses his plane extensively in his work in calling on the schools in his territory.

Child Hurt in Fall

Walter Palmer Jr., three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Palmer Sr., Bloomsville RD 1, was given emergency treatment for a cut forehead at Fox Hospital yesterday. The boy fell while playing and cut his head on a

Blood Bank Quota Lags

Fifty persons today have made appointments to give blood when the Savarese regional Red Cross bloodmobile pitches in St. Mary's School from 12 noon to 5 p. m. Tuesday.

A big rush of appointments is needed today to assure the Oneonta quota of 225 pints, Mrs. Thomas C. Flanders-Wardle, chairman of the blood program, said.

Because of the Black to Kosciusko we must make our quota this time to insure good eating to Koreo on time," Mrs. Flanders-Wardle said. The regional blood banks in Kosciusko have been in state operation for the present, so it is absolutely essential that Oneonta make its quota Tuesday.

Only by appointments spaced at regular intervals throughout the six hours can the quota be reached.

Call the Red Cross, phone 2600, and make an appointment. Keep blood available. You may need it next. Only you can give your blood.

Two Oneontans Unhurt in Plane Take-Off Crash

Two Oneonta men walked away uninjured yesterday when their light plane crashed in taking off from Harpursville Airfield at Harpursville.

Owner and pilot of the plane was Clarence L. Johnston, 376 Chestnut St. Passenger was George G. Payne, 21 Monroe Ave.

Keyes Airport officials said that the Harpursville field has a short runway, and that because of the "dead air" atmospheric conditions yesterday, with no breeze to aid in the takeoff, the plane could not get properly off the ground. Damage to the plane, they said, was comparatively minor.

Weather Report

The forecast for today is fair and warm. Temperatures in Oneonta yesterday ranged from a low of 52 to a high of 83 degrees, with the thermometer registering 80 degrees at 11:52 p.m.

Temperatures in other cities yesterday were:

Albany	91	70
Binghamton	86	66
Boston	84	67
Buffalo	86	66
Cleveland	83	62
Detroit	86	66
Jacksonville	94	74
New York	91	71
Philadelphia	92	67
Pittsburgh	86	67
Rochester	86	62
Syracuse	86	64
Washington	94	71

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State Trooper, Who Arrested Armer, Resigns

One of the two state troopers who arrested Matthew L. Armer, suspected slayer of Cpl. Arthur H. Hilfendahl, has resigned from the State Police.

Trooper Tracy E. Powell Jr., whose resignation from the State Police became effective yesterday, is going into the business of manufacturing and selling automobile seat covers in Louisville, Ky.

Attached to the Colonie substation of Troop G, Troop Powell made his home in Bellerion Spa with his wife and two children.

He was guest of honor at a weekend party in Cobleskill, near Albany, during which he was presented with a purse of $200 by Lt. Kenneth Gray of Troop G. More than 65 attended.

Troopers Powell and Allen A. Condon arrested Armer on Mitchell Road, Nassau, in Rensselaer County, early on the morning of Sunday, June 24.

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Gilbert Lake Has Record As Old Sol Sizzles

Oneonta had a general exodus yesterday as Old Sol roasted up to his 90th, and Gilbert Lake State Park had a general jamboree as area residents shuffled the lake's cooling atmosphere.

Superintendent of Conservation George L. Cuono said the park had what appeared to be an all-time record attendance, judging by the number of cars.

A total of 865 cars was admitted to the state preserve to break the record of 825 set July 4, 1950, Mr. Cuono said. There is no way of reaching an accurate check of attendance, but the cars average 4½ persons each, the superintendent said.

The first hourly at least 3,000 persons visited the park, and thumbing cabin concessions and those in huts and trailers in the tourist range, Goodyear Lake, Arena's Lake and all waterfront spots were extra popular.

In Oneonta, streets were strangely quiet in the afternoon. The business district was almost deserted. Near perfect weather for baseball attracted only 300 paid customers to Knickers Park, as reactivated to 1,700 Saturday night.

The actual weather readings hailed for Monday had an sidewalks and near brick walls. The day's official high, as recorded at WBNR transmitting house on the river flats, was only 84 degrees, but a thermometer on Sherman's Drug Store, where it was exposed to the sun, registered 125 degrees at 4 p.m.

The heat was so fierce that Marion Sarsi, 27, sterling rendered for Schenevus, collapsed from the heat during the 15th inning of a baseball game at Schenevus. He was taken to Fox Hospital and admitted.

County VFW Session Postponed

Meeting of the Otsego County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, originally scheduled for August 5, has been postponed to August 12 at the VFW Country Club, Stamford.

The August 5 date was selected, according to the Adjutant Alfred J. Velardo to avoid conflict with the baseball scheduled at Cooperstown on that date.

Mr. Velardo requested very prominent planning to attend that dinner and meeting August 12 to make advance reservations with Commander Joseph Brandy of Lt. Harry Preston Jr. Post, Andes. August 5 Dinner is scheduled at noon.

Suffers Injured Hand

Cooperstown — County 4-H Agent Warren E. Wells suffered an injury to his left hand while preparing lunches for a picnic following a conference Friday at Richfield Springs.

SENATORS' FAN — Charles (Chuck) Bonne Jr., shown chasing up some pop flies, came home from an Albany game in style. He came up from Albany in the bus used by the Albany Senators Eastern League team, but was escorted to Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Chuck was accompanied home by his grandfather, Charley Young, sports editor of The Knickerbocker News. (Star Staff Photo).

Oneonta Boy Meets, Chats, Rides with Albany Senators

Seldom, if ever, does an eight-year-old baseball "fan" get to meet his favorite baseball team, eat dinner with the players and even ride in their luxurious bus on a road trip.

But that's what happened over the weekend to Charles (Chuck) Bonne Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bonne, 125 Spruce St.

Chuck spent the past two weeks at the home of his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, 2 Clayton Place, Albany.

Grampa Young is Charley Young, veteran sports editor of The Knickerbocker News and one of the nation's foremost baseball authorities.

Seems Albany neighbors of the Youngs were amazed over the activity around the editor's home during the past few weeks.

The neighbors, who customarily don't see Mr. Young until mid-afternoon in their days of night baseball, were startled to see him out on the lawn almost every morning playing ball with Chuck.

As reported in Mr. Young's own newspaper, the gray-haired sports editor had to rent an extra guest set in the neighborhood to keep the baseball talent came out as he instructed Chuck in the intricacies of pitching a curve and a change of pace.

Two weeks of playing baseball with his grandson during the day, and writing reams of baseball copy at night left Mr. Young weary, to say the least.

The Albany Senators right now are in seventh place in the Eastern League, after topping the pennant two years ago.

Early Saturday morning, Chuck, who spent considerable time watching his favorites at Hinckley Stadium, prepared to come back to Oneonta.

How did he get here? That was simple. He just hopped aboard the Albany Senators bus with his grandfather as the team set out for Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and a series with the Barons.

All the way home, Chuck, a third grader at St. Mary's school, had himself a wonderful time, meeting each one of the players personally, hearing their baseball tales and collecting a host of souvenirs.

When the bus rolled into Oneonta, it stopped in the downtown district to discharge its young passenger.

Grampa Young saw his grandson to his home, then rejoined the team and continued on to Wilkes-Barre.

Said Chuck's mother: "His eyes were like saucers when he first heard he was going to ride with the team. He was thrilled to death."

Baseball seems to be in the boys blood and that's understandable since he's a grandson of the famed sports editor.

Yesterday, Chuck was playing ball again. This time with his father, a booster for the State Commerce Department, at Wilber Park.

Man Hurt in Fall

Herbert Figary, 36, of 102½ Center St., suffered a cut head Saturday in a fall on Broad Street. He was given emergency treatment at Fox Hospital and discharged.

Symphony Pilgrimage Planned

The fifth annual series of Sunday trips to Tanglewood, Mass., to hear Boston Symphony Orchestra at the Berkshire Music Festival will begin next Sunday, John L. Wilsbach announced yesterday.

The music excursions, both by chartered bus and private cars, will be on the Sundays of July 22 and 29 and August 5. They have been arranged for summer students at Music Teachers College and residents of Oneonta area who wish to hear symphonia music.

For next Sunday the regular conductor, Charles Munch, will be on the podium in a Mozart program with William Kroll as guest violinist.

Mr. Wilsbach said persons wishing to go should notify him or NYC office by at least Wednesday to permit chartering a bus. The transportation will be slightly more than $1 and the general admission to Tanglewood will be $1, minimum more. It was $2 last year.

Concerts will begin at 3 p. m. The bus will leave NYC corner at 9:30 a. m. and be back by midnight. Persons should bring along a picnic lunch and also dress for a picnic, Mr. Wilsbach said.

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