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Merely Mention...

HERE WE GO AGAIN. Time to start making enemies again! A pessimist defined ambition as working your head off at a job you don't like, in a place you don't like, trying to save money you can't keep, in order to spend your declining years in idle boredom that you can't stand at some place you won't like any better.

Makes you feel good all over, doesn't it?

Bowled and chatted with Chan Norton last Thursday. He said he was heading to Florida for a few days and would be returning probably within the week. — Chan: You sure have it tough, don't you? Why don't you plan these trips when less fortunate people (no names mentioned) can make it, too.

Speaking of Chan, I once knew a guy who was so conscious of his weight he would shave before he got on the scales. He disliked work so much he thought Manuel Labor was a Mexican?

So, rather than work, he went on a diet... and lost so much weight his shoe laces didn't fit.

Deadline Drawn — When Curtain Goes Up Presses Shut Down

Wh. place... cause of the show!

What's that mean? Well... to WIN a PLACE in the Feb. 23 edition of this paper means an early deadline, because of the SHOW. "The Odds 'n Ends of '67." Most of the staff of the Wayuga Community Newspapers has an active part in the Red Creek Community Players stage production next week, and will therefore be deserting the fluorescent tubes for the footlights on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

The deadline change has been deemed important to mesh the acting with the press work and the staff has extended a plea to regular correspondents for an early arrival of copy. Monday evening's mail is the target for contributions to the "Among Ourselves" page and an "absolute cut-off point" has been set for Tuesday morning — All such copy reaching the office after that will be used the following week.

All other material should be in the Red Creek office by Tuesday evening to assure publication.

And then "On with the Show."

Winter Weekend Ready at ACC

A full roster of activities will begin Friday, Feb. 17, as Auburn Community College celebrates its 13th annual Winter Weekend with the theme "Wonderful World of Color," a tribute to the late Walt Disney.

Opening the three-day program will be a dinner at 5 p. m. Friday at the Auburn Inn, which the Winter Weekend King and Queen finalists are to be presented.

A concert by the 30-piece Ithaca College Jazz Lab from 8 to 9:30 p. m. in the ACC auditorium will follow the dinner. William H. Schwab, director of student personnel, said it is anticipated that a limited number of seats will be available to the public for this return appearance of the jazz group.

The evening will conclude with a semi-formal dance in the gymnasium from 10 to 12 p. m. Music for the dance, during which the Winter Weekend King and Queen are to be crowned, also will be provided by the Ithaca College Jazz Lab.

A faculty-student basketball game from 2 to 3 p. m. Saturday is open to the public. Judging of the traditional beard-growing contest will be at halftime.

The Serendipity Singers will present a public performance from 8 to 10 p. m. Saturday in Emerson Auditorium, East High School, as the feature attraction of the weekend. An informal dance in the college cafeteria, open to ACC students only, will follow the concert.

Judging of snow sculptures depicting the work of Walt Disney will conclude the weekend Sunday afternoon. The sculptures will be on public display on campus throughout the day.



By L. F. RYAN

After a while his nickname meant absolutely nothing so we dropped it: "Belly on Legs" became so slim you couldn't see him when he stood sideways.

Received a few words of welcome advice from "Doc" Goodwin last week. Unfortunately, Doc, the changes are most difficult when you know as few as I do, especially in the Cato area. But in time, there is a definite feeling that acquaintances will increase there, also. And perhaps more will write opinions.

The cast of the show at Red Creek "Odds" has gotta "end." They are the wackiest bunch of comics ever, I guess. The group of dancers, all shapes, sizes and states of despair, have improved steadily in their performance. Though each is an individual exhibit of fitness there is only one who is a true "Pitcher." (Heh-heh! Sorry Dick)

One thing bothers me: How did Jack Durrell escape the group... he has all the moves 'n then some. P.S.: I'm hoarse from laughing.

A young woman had just finished her first aid course and emerged from the instructional center ready to save the world in any crisis. Before she had gone a block she spotted a man looking face down over a flooded gutter. She ran to him, flipped him expertly on his back and began to apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The man suddenly set up, pushed the woman away. "I don't know what you have in mind, lady," he said, "but I've got to finish opening this drain!"

Received a 1965 edition of the Cayuga Chief from Mrs. John Kick of the Auburn-Port Byron Road. When time permits, there ought to be a world of interesting contrasts available from perusing the well-preserved copy.

Have heard that the pike fishing at Fair Haven bay has been bad so far this year. Though the waters have given up precious little harvest of fish, they have claimed in return at least one of the ice houses used by these hardy sportsmen. During a recent thaw, several broke through and tipped low in the slush, then a subsequent freeze captured them there.

Hope to make the Klondike Derby at the Sire farm this Saturday. Held for the Northern District of the Cayuga County Council of Boy Scouts of America, the affair will be a series of winter-oriented contests, with a leaning toward the Scouting theme. The Derby will get underway in Throop at 10 a. m.

Received from a regular donor: "Male elephant, as female passes: 'Wow! A perfect 258-297-314!'... Exasperated dragon: 'Mother said there would be knights like this'... turtle-to-turtle: 'Don't you love the sound of rain on your roof?'" — Thanks regular donor.

Very seldom do I put a stamp of approval on a recipe appearing in the Pots and Pans column, since the feeling there is that taste is a personal thing. Therefore to spread sugar around regarding a culinary contribution would appear a bit chancy. However, the Cherry Meringue Bars which are published in the winner's column this week are (to me) outstanding, and what with George's birthday Wednesday they are also very appropriate. — A word to the cook: If they don't turn out right, blame that column, not this... I'm merely mentioning them.

Wife to husband: "One of the ducks you were buying last weekend called and left her number."

Fire Demolishes Fred Doty Home

A farm home owned by Fred Doty on Pople Road in the Town of Victory was demolished by fire early this morning. Information on the fire was not available at press time.

Rotary Speaker Hits Drug Abuse

Visiting at the Monday evening meeting of the Cato Rotary Club were Bill Senior and Ed Keulear of Wolcott and Ray Sant Sr. of Cato.

It was announced that progress is being made concerning the two major problems of our community, which is the acquisition of a doctor and the solution of the water problem. More will be forthcoming regarding these projects in the near future.

John Dudley presented his guest, Ed Stanton, of the Smith, Klein and French Laboratories, manufacturers of drugs, who talked to the club using as his topic "The Hidden Sickness."

"Drug abuse is the hidden sickness of today," he said, "mentioning barbiturates and amphetamines, the most abused drugs. These drugs are good when used as directed by doctors, but many times they are used without their order and for other than medical purposes," he said. "The person who misuses these drugs can be compared to the alcoholic, and the only way to combat this evil is to stop the source."

He told the club that just recently legislation has been passed to help combat this illegal drug operation, and that Smith, Klein and French are behind all legislation and law enforcement in the prevention of the misuse of drugs. He also added "drugs are made to improve health, which they will do if taken as prescribed by a qualified doctor, but they can cause much damage if and when used improperly."

Young Co-ops Back From Conference

Ten Cayuga County Dairymen's League Young Cooperators have returned from the annual winter conference weekend held in Watkins Glen, Feb. 3, 4 and 5. Winter conference is a leadership training workshop for the young people of the Dairymen's League.

Lewis Mitchell, Union Springs, is president of the four-state group. Others attending from Cayuga County were president, Rollin Howard, Scipio Center; secretary, Barbara Hargett; Locke; secretary, Susan Coapman, Auburn; news reporter, John Redmond, Scipio Center; Christina Wright, Moravia; Marsha Howard, Scipio Center; Jeanette O'Connor, Weedsport; and Fred Baldwin of Cato.

Bus Driver Found Innocent of Morals Charge

Gerald Hotaling, 55, bus driver at the Cato - Meridian Central School was found not guilty of the charge of endangering the morals of a minor, in a trial held

Friday and Saturday at the courthouse in Cato. A jury of three men and three women returned the verdict after deliberating 55 minutes.

Maximum penalty for the charge, stemming from an alleged incident with a 13-year-old girl at her home in Cato on Oct. 27, 1966, could have been \$500 fine,

a year in prison, or both. State Police investigator Robert Faynor investigated.

Trial was held before Cato Village police justice Geneva M. Sine. A panel of 43 jurors were called. Thirty jurors appeared in court, and the selection of the jury was completed at 12:30 p. m. Friday. Only three names remained from the original panel when the Assistant District Attorney, and former Assistant District Attorney Edward Knecht, representing the defendant, agreed the jury was satisfactory.

Mr. Pettigraas called six witnesses. Mr. Knecht had eight. Major exhibit in the case was a diary which the young girl kept. Four of the eight defense witnesses presented by Mr. Knecht testified that the defendant was getting a haircut at the time of the alleged incident, between 8 and 9 p. m.

When Mr. Hotaling was charged, he voluntarily took a leave of absence from his job at the school since school authorities were being queried on his continued employment. Defense attorney Knecht said, "Mr. Hotaling did not want to place the school authorities in an embarrassing situation."

Whether Mr. Hotaling would be reinstated as bus driver was not known at press time.

Doctor Committee —

Financial Picture Reviewed at Meeting

A lengthy discussion on the financial aspects of the doctor procurement problem highlighted a meeting of the Northern Cayuga County Doctor Committee held last Wednesday in the Cato-Meridian Central School Library.

The discussion was led by Earl Clarke of the Lincoln Bank, and covered the entire financial picture, including providing an office, equipment, residence and guaranteed income. The committee action pointed to the bank to appraise the Ragosta property for mortgage purposes, and withheld additional motions pending developments, it was reported.

Members of the committee attending were Chairman Waldo McDowell, representing Cato Village; Paul Southard, Ira; Garland Hayes, Meridian; Charles Rhoads, Ed Dudley, Meridian Fire Department; Merton Baldwin, Ira Fire Department; Ed Blanchard, Town of Victory; and Richard Chauncey, Cato Rotary Club. Chairman McDowell appointed

Clarence Blamer and Mr. Rhoads to represent the doctor group on the County Rural Practice Committee. He also appointed Mr.

AFS Student To Present Talk At Rotary Meet



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Post Offices To Be Closed

Area post offices will be closed on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, at 10 a. m. The star route truck will operate on the morning schedule only. There will be no rural delivery.

Cato Legion Post Hosts Tournament

The LaBuff-Cole American Legion Post of Cato will host the Seventh District American Legion Bowling tournament at Rainbow Lanes in Weedsport on March 4, 11, 12, 18 and 19. Entries close Feb. 18.

A banquet will be served at the lanes with Howard Lawver as chairman.

Legionnaires and their families from Monroe, Cayuga, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne and Yates counties will come to Weedsport for their annual outing of bowling, fun and feasting.

On the Calendar

Friday, Feb. 17
Basketball game, Southern Cayuga at Cato-Meridian, 7 p. m.
Tuesday, Feb. 21
10th grade girls' sports day, C-M at Weedsport.
Wednesday, Feb. 22
Washington's Birthday.
FFA banquet at C-M, 7:30 p. m.
Bowling — Weedsport at C-M.
Thursday, Feb. 23
Informational meeting on driving at C-M school, 8 p. m.
Friday and Saturday
Feb. 24-25
County basketball play-offs.

Zewdie Tibebu will be the guest speaker at the Cato Rotary meeting on Feb. 20. He is the AFS student from Ethiopia, now attending Hannibal Central School and residing with Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Neild, RD 6, Oswego. Zewdie will show slides of his native country and tell of many of his experiences.

Edwin Blanchard, past president of Cato Rotary, is the program chairman.

Second Alternate For Miss Warner

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Warner and daughter, Janice, and Mrs. Hugh Richard drove to Honeoye last Saturday and attended the winter carnival, where their daughter, Joyce, was one of 13 candidates competing for "Miss Winter Finger Lakes."

Joyce and her escort, John Taber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Taber, were the guests at a candlelight dinner on Saturday evening, prior to the judging of the 13 contestants. They also attended the Snow Ball dance held at Honeoye school, where Miss Marianne Morey of Webster (Miss Monroe) was crowned Queen. Joyce was honored by being chosen second alternate.

Finger Lakes Co-op Fights Dairy Move

A local dairy farmer leader has asked members of his cooperative organization to contact their senators and representatives to register opposition to a recent proposed decision by the Dairy Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Roy Campbell, president of the Finger Lakes Co-op, said he was asking his members to protest the proposal to reduce payments by more than 50 percent to qualified cooperative organizations for services to dairy farmers.

The proposed decision to reduce payments to cooperative organizations was announced Jan. 19 and came as the result of a hearing held in July and August, 1965.

Mr. Campbell in a statement said that "cooperatives are the major voice of dairy farmers and in most cases their sole representative." He indicated that "cutting of the payments is a direct threat to the welfare of all individual farmers in the New York-New Jersey milkshed."

"We find it hard to understand the thinking of the USDA on this matter," said Mr. Campbell. "We had been led to believe that the USDA was interested in fostering cooperatives as the best way to assure adequate food supplies, but apparently this is not so," said Mr. Campbell.

The Deacon to Speak in C-M

The Cato-Meridian Chapter of the Future Farmers will hold their annual banquet Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Cato-Meridian Central School.

The meal, a smorgasbord-type, will be followed by Deacon Doubleday as guest speaker. Slides of the chapter activities will be shown, followed by the presentation of awards to members and guests.

Odds 'n Ends Dishes Served Next Week

International in flavor, spiced with talent, prepared with delicacy and served with a sidedish



ME STRONG, OH, PSHAW! — Getting in a strong rehearsal. Emma Howard surveys the terrain.

of ham, the Red Creek Community Players have set the stage for a treat. A three-night stand at the Red Creek auditorium next week should provide a feast for lovers of amateur productions.

Costumes bear a marked international touch: With a gauntlet of overseas influence, it appears to those who have had a sneak preview that Red Creek's stage will be filled with answers to world opinion. The Montee Rounders of England, a South Pacific personality or two, a caravan from Arabia, all should provide an air of continental flavor. Comic strips will come to life. Antics will be the order of the 3-night stand.

And anything is apt to happen. The gymnasium at the Wayne County village will come alive next week with home-grown humor and talent, with a slight touch of professionalism for which the yearly event has become noted.

The "Odds 'n Ends of '67" are undergoing final piecing this weekend for the opening which will be Wednesday at 8 p. m. Other shows are set for Thursday and Friday.

with other rehearsals set for Thursday and Saturday nights this week and Monday night of next. A basketball game on Tuesday night forced the directors to step up the schedule for dress rehearsal.

Proceeds of the show go to the Red Creek Fire Department and Rotary Club, who have sponsored the ticket sales. The money is used for community projects.

Numbered among the performers are Walt Webster, Gene Morrill, Lois Pitcher, Carol Palermo, Barbara Guthrie, Fran Henwood, Ila Kleege, Ron Buckman, Jack Durell, Rhoda Stevenson, Janice Chase, Marie Caywood, Emma Henwood, Delores VanWie, Jack Kleege, Karen Verbung, Molly Griffith, and a full-cast chorus which will belt out (?) nine fast-moving numbers.

Directed by Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. VanWie, the show is produced by Jack Kenny of Wolcott. The costuming under the supervision of Marge Younglove, is as varied as the acts, and the color and cast which is pronounced in the design of the costumes is a subtle compliment to the brewing of the ingredients of the production.

The kettle of diversified talent (?) has been filled with the care

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C-M Principal Named to Group

Henry Sweetman, principal and supervisor of the Cato-Meridian Central School, has been appointed to the advisory group of the Central New York Regional Medical Program.

The Regional Medical Program, currently in the planning stages, is a project in which the Upstate Medical Center is teaming with local community health resources to fight heart disease, cancer, stroke and related diseases in the 15 county Central New York area.

The advisory group provides overall guidance to the Upstate Medical Center in planning and operating the Regional Medical Program. It includes representatives of health professions, institutions, agencies, organizations and the public familiar with the services provided for under the program, from all over Central New York.

Mr. Sweetman has been active in the American Cancer Society of New York State.



PICTURE A PITCHER — Costuming to emphasize her song. Lois Pitcher performs at rehearsal.

