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Births And Deaths Increase First Six Months Of Year

Births and deaths increased the first six months of 1939 in comparison with the similar period of 1938 while marriages showed a considerable decrease, according to a half year report submitted this week by Town Clerk Carl Ballard.

According to the vital statistics records there have been 25 deaths recorded this year while 16 were listed in 1938. Thirteen children have been born this year, in comparison with 8 of last year. Marriages have shown a considerable decrease, the report disclosed. In 1938, 12 town of Mexico couples went to the altar while only five have tied the nuptial knot so far in 1939.

Number of hunting and fishing licenses issued to local and non-local sportsmen showed a considerable increase, with 325 permits already signed out this year for a total of \$731.25.

MISS RUTH F. ROBERTS WEDS MR. RALPH TITUS IN SYRACUSE CHURCH

The marriage of Miss Ruth Frances Roberts, daughter of Mrs. Frances M. Roberts of North Syracuse and the late Rev. David L. Roberts and Mr. Ralph Theodore Titus son of Mrs. Caroline Titus of Dunellen, N. J., took place Monday morning, July 17th, at 11:30 o'clock at the Park Central Presbyterian church, Syracuse.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ray Freeman Jenney.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Finley Joor of Syracuse, cousins of the bride, attended the couple and the bride's sister, Miss Luella M. Roberts of North Syracuse played the wedding marches. The ceremony was attended only by the bride's mother, Mrs. Frances Roberts of North Syracuse, her sister, Winifred J. Roberts of Dunkirk and David and Ellen Joor of Syracuse.

The bride is a graduate of Watertown high school and Elmira College and for the past few years has been teaching French in the high school at Patchogue, L. I.

The groom who is a graduate of the Clinton, N. J., high school was formerly employed by the American Hardware Corp. and for five years represented this firm through the Philippine Islands. He is now a representative of the Wm. L. Blumberg Co., Inc. in the Long Is. territory. He is a resident of Islip, L. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Titus will make their home on Long Island after returning from a short wedding trip through the New England states.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. McQueen of Syracuse were Sunday callers on Dr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Whitney of Spring Street, and Mrs. Edwin M. Huestis, Church street.

Miss Virginia G. Simons And Mr. George Vonderahe Married in Fulton Rites

Miss Virginia Grace Simons, daughter of Carl Simons of this village, became the bride of George Roland Vonderahe, of Bridgeport, Conn., at two o'clock Saturday afternoon in one of the most impressive weddings solemnized in Fulton this year. The ceremony was performed in the First Presbyterian church and was conducted by the Rev. Edwin C. Daniels, pastor.

Attending the couple was Mrs. F. Richard Ankers of Red Bluff, California, sister of the bride, as matron of honor and Alfred Vonderahe, a brother of the bridegroom best man. Miss Helen Gilders of Fulton, was maid of honor. Ushers were Joseph D. Bennett and William Haskell, both of Bridgeport.

Miss Simons' gown was white illusion net over white satin falling full length in front and carrying a full length train. The sleeves were full. Her veil, which was fingertip in length, was of tulle and was caught at the crown with orange blossoms. White velvet bowknots sprinkled the veil. She carried an arm bouquet of gardenias and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Ankers carried a bouquet of blue delphiniums and lilies of the valley and was gowned in yellow net that featured a cornflower blue ribbon through the top of the bodice and at the hip line.

Miss Gilders' gown was blue with the bodice caught at the top with a maize ribbon which was also carried at the hip line. Her bouquet was of blue delphiniums and yellow roses.

A reception was given the bridal couple at the Fulton Club immediately following the ceremony. The club was decorated with summer flowers.

Summer flowers decorated the church. The altar, lighted on each side by two large candelabra, was a bank of evergreen used as a background for settings of white gladiolus, white madonna lilies, blue delphinium, and yellow gladiolus.

The going-away jacket worn by Mrs. Vonderahe was tailored black sheer, having a short jacket with white embroidered lapels. She wore a black and white hat, white gloves and accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Vonderahe will reside after August 1st, in Bridgeport.

Mrs. Vonderahe is a graduate of Mexico Academy and of the Albany New York State Teachers' College. She has been a member of the Fulton high school faculty for the past four years. Mr. Vonderahe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vonderahe of Schenectady. He is in the advertising business in Bridgeport.

Four From New Haven At Summer School

Four residents of New Haven are attending the summer school session at Syracuse University. They are: Miss Alberta Rowe, Miss Reatha Rowe, Miss Grace L. Halligan and Miss Verda Halligan.

Local Youngsters Will Appear Friday During Horse Show

With at least 25 youngsters 18 years of age or under already entered from Pulaski, Oswego, Watertown, Syracuse, Mexico and Sacketts Harbor, the third annual horse show conducted by Miss Elise White at the Pople Ridge farm, one mile south of the village, promises many local and out-of-town spectators Friday afternoon. The exhibition starts at 1:30.

Eight classes of horsemanship will be presented with trophies and ribbons to be presented to winners in each department. Judge of the youngster's riding ability will be Major F. Marvin Callan of Albany.

Included among the local entrants are John Burgess, 11, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Burgess of Mexico, and DeMitt Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graves, who will show his pony in the young children's class. Also appearing with Graves will be Miss Hazel Weldman, also of Mexico.

Miss Jean Parsons of New Haven is expecter to enter with her own horse.

The horse owned by Mrs. Mame Newcomb of Mexico, will appear in the show.

Entrants will be judged on jumping, horsemanship and all-around participation.

Buck-Casper Nuptials Held Sunday Afternoon In Home of Parents

The attractively decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dean Buck on the Mexico-Maple View Road, was the scene of the marriage of Miss Mary Casper of Newark, N. J., to their son, Warner H. Buck, also of Newark, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Harold H. Barnard, pastor of the Methodist church of Mexico.

The ceremony, which featured the ring service, was performed under an arch from which a white wedding bell was suspended. The background was banked with ferns, evergreens and hydrangeas.

The bride was gowned in white silk crepe with white accessories and carried an arm bouquet of red roses and fern. The matron of honor, Mrs. Whitney, wore a dress of navy silk crepe, white accessories and a shoulder corsage of pink roses and fern.

A buffet lunch, including a tiered wedding cake decorated with white roses and silver colors, was served following the ceremony.

The bridal couple left immediately afterwards on a wedding trip to Niagara Falls. They will spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Buck before returning to Newark where they will make their home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Buck are associated with the Newark General Electric company, Mr. Buck acting as an electrical engineer. Prenuptial events in Newark included a shower given Mrs. Buck by company employees.

Those invited to attend the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Dean Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whitney, Robert Buck, Mrs. Marion Buck, Miss Lois Black, Mrs. Ella Hosford of Phoenix and the Rev. Harold H. Barnard.

BAND CONCERT NO. 4

Fists will fly and toes will tap at tonight's band concert at 8:30. Bandmaster Glenn H. Smith has promised. Appearing on the varied entertainment program will be two or three boxing matches with the "community gloves" and tap and toe dancing by Miss Muriel Blumer of New Jersey, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. George Blumer, who is visiting in the community.

- The program.
1. March, Legion of Honor.
 2. March, The Rajah
 3. Overture The Princess of India
 4. Fox Trot Wishing
 5. Old Timer's Waltz
 6. March, On The Mall
- Entertainment—Solo dancing by Miss Muriel Blumer from N. J.
7. March, Anchors Aweigh
 8. Waltz, Chimes of Spring.
 9. War Songs
 10. Trombone & Cornet duet, Two Zephyrs, played by Carl Snyder and Mr. Griffiths.
 11. March, Contest Winners
 12. March, Three Rings
 13. Star Spangled

FIREMEN SAVE NORTH MEXICO CHURCH



HOSEMEN POUR STREAMS of water on North Mexico Church fire Saturday. Pictured above managing hose are Marvin Vincent, Lawrence Bateman, Harry Glove, Frederick Kellogg, kneeling, and Clifford Ruth.

Trustees and members of the North Mexico church are this week mapping plans for the repairing of their 80-year-old chapel which suffered damages estimated as between \$500 and \$600 when fire of mysterious origin suddenly burst forth about noon Saturday. No cause for the blaze has been advanced.

Smoke was first observed coming from the front part of the building by William F. Kranz, whose farm is located within several hundred yards of the church. Notifying the Mexico Volunteer firemen's corp. Mr. Kranz, neighbors and passing motorists attempted to quell the flames which were rapidly eating into the wooden framework.

Prompt action of the Mexico firemen was responsible for saving the building from complete destruction. Firemen had a hose playing on the fire within 12 minutes after the first alarm was sounded and kept the blaze confined to the front and front-top of the structure. Several of the firemen suffered slight ill effects from smoke while working in the building's interior. An inventory this week disclosed that few of the heavy beams and timbers were badly damaged. There was some insurance on the building but none on the furnishings.

Rev. Harold H. Barnard, pastor of that and the Mexico Methodist church, announced yesterday that church services would be held Sunday in the home of Clarence Morton.

It is believed that the church was erected in or near the year 1859.

Garagemen Save Drowning Child

Had it not been for the prompt efforts of Edgar Lusby and Robert Watkins the murky waters of Black Creek would have claimed the life of the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Weeks of Church street, Thursday afternoon. The youngster, playing alone on the bridge railing near the Fetcha-Lusby garage, slipped from the railing unnoticed and would have drowned in the four feet of water had not Mr. Lusby, while working on a car nearby, noticed air bubbles coming to the surface of the water. Investigation showed the Weeks youngster completely under water and struggling to reach the water's surface.

Rushing into the garage, Lusby and Watkins brought a ladder to the bridge which enabled the latter to climb down and haul the child from beneath the water. The child suffered no ill effects.

Garden Club Members To Visit Moore Camp

Members of the Mexico Garden Club will motor to the camp of Mrs. Arthur Moore at Snow Shep Point, Henderson Harbor, Tuesday morning for a picnic lunch and meeting. All members wishing transportation or able to furnish cars are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Mrs. Orrville Sampson so that it may be provided. The party will leave Mexico at 10 o'clock.

Spies Hardware Selling Out Goods

The closing out sale of the stock of the Spies Hardware store in the former B. W. Pond block on Main street, was announced last week by Peter C. Spies, manager. Mr. Spies, a popular businessman in the village since the opening of his business in August, 1937, said that he was selling his complete line of goods.

Eight Mexico Scouts At Camp Twelve Pines

Eight Boy Scouts from Mexico troop 25 are enjoying the week camping at the county camp at Twelve Pines, near Parish. They are under the supervision of Robert Fern of Oswego, and Jack George of Mexico, assistant camp director.

Boys attending are Robert Miner, John Leary, Kenneth Willis, Ewing Hall, Harold Brown, Alvin Fenner, Bruce Beesley.

School Purchases 3 New Buses Friday; Re-Names Officers

In a meeting which lasted from 10:30 Friday morning until midnight, the Board of Education of Mexico Academy and Central School purchased three buses, announced appointments to district and school office posts and elected a president to act for the ensuing year.

Purchase of the buses was completed after thorough demonstrations and hours of discussion. Buses from the International, Brockway, Diamond T and White companies were inspected and displayed by representatives. It was decided to purchase two 37-passenger Mack buses and one 17-passenger Brockway. Total amount expended was \$9,745, a sum less than the amount approved for transportation expenditures by voters in the annual district meeting, Tuesday, July 11.

The meeting was attended by Dr. L. D. Pulsifer, Miss Hildred Trim, Howard Frey, Cameron Loomis, R. Austin Backus, board members. Principal Harold M. Elsbree and school attorney, James C. Feehey were present a part of the meeting.

Other matters approved included the appointment of Mrs. Leland Druce as school board clerk for the years 1939-40, and Miss Evangeline A. Rowe was tendered a contract to act as secretary to the principal for the coming year. It was also voted to engage Miss Dorothy Fox as full-time office assistant beginning with the fall school term.

Motions were also made and passed that Mrs. E. M. Thomas continue as tax collector and F. Hoyt Hollister as treasurer. The entire janitorial staff will be retained.

Motion was made and seconded that James Humbert be retained as bus superintendent and mechanic, as well as all bus drivers.

R. Austin Backus was re-elected president of the board upon a motion made by Miss Hildred Trim and seconded by Dr. L. D. Pulsifer.

Married Women Win at Softball

Softball notes as gleaned from the women players:

"The married women think they can afford to boast now as they beat the bachelor women by a 29-28 score on the municipal field Friday evening."

Mrs. Frank Davis made an outstanding play while playing second base when she caught a hard driven ball and tagged a runner out for the only double play of the women's series. Outstanding player for the unmarried women was Miss Louise Gero who knocked out a home run with the bases loaded.

An audience of more than 200 witnessed the game.

There will be a practice meeting on Friday night.

DROUGHT AND HEAT WAVE IS MEXICO'S CHIEF TOPIC OF CONVERSATION; CROPS HARD HIT

"Phew! It's Hot." That's the most oft repeated phrase along Main Street and the rural highways this week and the weather has been so hot and dry that the expression "nice rain we didn't have, wasn't it" is taking the place of the conventional "hello" when friends pass on the street.

But the lack of rainfall is costing this community, especially those who pursue farming and fruit raising as a business, plenty of money in terms of dollars and cents. Records show the entire Oswego county growing season has been dry. Rainfall for July alone is nearly two inches less than normal and nearly five inches below average for the last three months. So far this month only 21 of an inch of water has fallen while the normal amount for the first 21 days is 2.13 inches.

Red raspberry and blackcap growers report that a heavy yield was considerably decreased by lack of rain.

In the village aspects of the drought are visible everywhere.

For the first time since Mr. Dexter has operated his Main street mill there is not enough water moving through the Little Salmon River to turn the wheels for corn grinding.

And in Black Creek Pond the water is several feet below its normal level. Old stumps on the bottom which showed more than two or three inches above the water are now visible for almost a foot.

Lawns about town and country are burned to a dry crisp and meadows are nothing but fields of tinder-dry grass. In fact grazing has practically stopped while local dairymen are hauling freshly mowed hay back into the pastures for cattle to eat.

On July 1st, the New York state department of agriculture and markets reported that conditions of pastures were below 50 per cent of normal.

To further aggravate local drought problems, wells and springs and streams that have seldom or never been completely dry, are showing signs of getting that way.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roland Vonderahe



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