

Summer theater:
"West Side Story"
at
Oswego campus
Aug. 2-6

This is Fulton

Jim and Jean Greene who are good friends of ours from Syracuse, were at a fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kranz of Hannibal and afterwards on their way home stopped in to say hello. They wanted to see what the house looked like after the remodeling and I'm afraid that they didn't get a chance. It was like free but day at MacArthur Stadium. Everybody was there with islands of chairs every fifteen feet. But it was mid-afternoon Sunday and I got Jim and Jean to go for a few drinks figuring it would dull their senses and then invite them to stay for a Polish picnic since my mother-in-law brought with her a panful of golumbika. Anyway Jim and Jean went on and I doubt whether they had a chance to see much of the place other than the ice cubes but before they left one of my daughters wanted to know how come I was so smiling. And I asked Jim and Jean whether I looked pleased when I said hello to them and she said, yes, pleased but also surprised. Later on I thought of one of my daughter's remarks that I seem to have a sad look about me as if I was displeased about something and it seemed to be true. As you get along in years the effervescence bubbles away faster and the buoyancy leaves your face. One becomes facetiously lazy. No reason for it. As I get older my ties become gaudier; my sports jackets almost become louder and more obnoxious. Come back Jean and Jim and I'll say hello like I meant it, even if there were seven grandchildren hovering by the refrigerator, two great grandmothers, six in-laws and Charlie Knapp's boy working in the cellar on a burned-out switch box.

Fred Sant stopped over the other day to renew a subscription for one of his children who lives in the north country. Hadn't seen Fred for a number of years and asked him what he was doing. Same thing, he said. Back in 1964 was the last year Fred worked for Elon Rowlee in the dairy business. In those years when he got through delivering milk early in the morning, he would make up some sandwiches and some milk and would go to Dilts and sell through the plant and office. He started this back in 1921. Still does, even though the folks at Dilts have vending machines. That's more than 50 years and it's still sandwiches and milk. No coffee. That's 50 years and time perhaps for some sort of a service pin too.

Peter Hoffman was in to drop off some photos he had taken for the Patriot which he has been doing since he has been a sophomore in high school and now he is going to college. To Clarkson - this fall to study engineering and I am going to miss his work. He has done well here and I must say he was devoted to his work because on the day in June that he brought the photos there were some pictures of the junior prom and I asked him if he went to the prom and he said he didn't go with anyone. He said he couldn't do justice. I believe the explanation went to both so he chose one. His camera.

I didn't dare offer him advice but I do now. When you're in Clarkson and there's a chance to get to dance. The camera can wait, twinkles, the blondes don't. And besides when you're at Clarkson, real honest-to-goodness dancing might be back. I hear real dancing is coming back, the kind you put your right arm around her waist and hold her right hand in your left hand and then you both glide to the music, one-two, one-two. A lot of young people are discovering that it's great. I tried it many years ago for the first time at a place called Goldberg's on South Salina Street. I was there with two fellows for three nights in a row and each of us stared at three different girls at a table across the floor for three nights on the fourth night we all got up and walked across the floor and asked and sure enough the girls said yes. Beats taking pictures.

St. Luke tour

An estimated 1,000 people had a first-hand glimpse of the new Saint Luke Intermediate care facility during public open house on Sunday, July 29, and officials of the residence were "literally overwhelmed" by the response, according to Rev. William J. Brown, president of the board of directors.



PRIVATE AIRPLANE PILOT AT 17. Anthony J. Terranova, right, receives congratulations from flight instructor George Potter following his successful completion of tests at the Oswego County Airport recently which qualified him for a private pilot license. Anthony is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Terranova, Polard Hills and will be a senior at G. Ray Boddy High School this fall. Last year "A. J." won his student pilot license to become one of the youngest pilots in the state. His next goal is to get his commercial pilot rating which requires 200 hours of flying. After graduation he would like to work with the airlines at Hancock International Airport in Syracuse to prepare for a future in aviation while attending evening classes at college. (Harold Terranova Photo)

It hits this area, too The great canning lid mystery

By Steve Chirello
Just as a thirsty man on the desert would give his lifeblood for a drink, so too would a person who cans fruit and vegetables pay a high price for the lids - which are in short supply nationwide. The Patriot made a survey of stores in the area in quest of the elusive lids, but the pickings were slim. Barkers Discount Dept. store had the lids about a month ago but were sold out within a few days and a spokesman said he "couldn't swear" that there would be more. The Agrway Supply and Feed Store said that they had lids in March and April but they "sold out without even being put on the shelves" a representative said, once it had been divulged that they had them.

On the commercial supermarket scene, it was the same story. No one knew how soon they'd get more and they haven't had them for a while. The Great American store warehouse hasn't got any lids said Manager Ed Panek, and according to P&C Manager Art Brown, his store has only received five cases in the past two months in Fulton. The only store surveyed that had a large amount of lids recently was Super Duper which, according to manager Bob Snyder was 20 cases six weeks ago. According to Angelo Mirabito, of Angelo's Big M, he had some in April which sold very fast. "We're expecting some soon," he said, "but it's not easy to acquire them." Francis Mirabito, of Mirabito's

Street paving at half-mark
Approximately two miles of street re-paving on the westside of the city has been completed, according to Carl R. Taylor, Commissioner of Public Works, marking the half-way point of the program planned throughout all wards of the city. He reports the new paving machine purchased recently at a cost of \$29,665 as doing an excellent job and accelerating work in spreading an average of 200 tons of blacktop in one day. Recent violent thunderstorms which caused the uprooting of some trees and the loss of many limbs through-

Nestle workers back following wildcat strike

Most of the 150 repair and maintenance employees at the Nestle Company returned to their jobs last Wednesday following a two-day wildcat strike in protest of the firing of a veteran maintenance worker and an alleged lack of concern for grievances. According to Plant Manager Charles Cieszeski, the issues were resolved and "never in this has anyone been fired. The 150 repair and maintenance employees believed that they had been fired because their time cards had been pulled. Company officials said that pulling of time cards doesn't mean discharge. The men had voiced discontent with the company's "deal ear" to grievances, and agreed that the believed firing of a colleague Friday had triggered a bomb ready to explode anyway.

Market on W. Broadway, said that it's a "really tough item" to get in stock and that he was having just as much difficulty as the other supermarkets in town. The lack of canning jar lids is such a national mystery that a Congressional subcommittee is investigating the problem with more hearings this week. It would appear that with corn growing tall and tomatoes beginning to blush, Congressmen have been getting some heavy mail from back home about the lids. William C. Hannah, group vice president of Ball, the largest manufacturer of the lids, said in testimony before a House subcommittee that the industry has fluctuated over the years. Because of inflation there was a sharp demand for fruit jars in 1973. This was coupled with a shortage of tinplate. In the first four months of this year Ball has shipped twice as many replacement lids as in 1974, he said. Hanna urged consumers to buy only as many replacement lids as they anticipate using. He fears that there has been hoarding.

"Friends of mine have gone to Georgia and Canada on vacations and I have asked them to check for lids," said Mrs. Ann Nichols of 10 Baldwin Ave. She said that she cans beans, beans, tomatoes, pickles and mincemeat and finds it "most upsetting that some people have to put in reserve orders at their local supermarkets" to get a piece of this new golden board.

"People are stopping here in Fulton, Ind. on their vacations," Schrantz said. One woman, he commented, learned that his side had once worked for a nearby newspaper, called the newspaper, wangled this address, drove to the man's house and insisted he take her to the plant and open it up so she could get some lids. It didn't work. The side still wonders if there was a gun in her handbag. Because of this nationwide deluge of requests for action, one point is clear to the manufacturers, retailers and Capitol Hill: Halt hat no jury like a woman with baskets full of ripe garden produce and no canning jar lids.

Mrs. Mary Wallace, of 58 Whitcomb Rd., said that she bought her lids in the spring and that she anticipated a lid shortage as the result of experience from last year's squeeze. Mrs. Wallace, who cans peaches, pears, pickles, tomatoes and cherries, said that her friends can't get lids and that many of them must freeze their crops, literally give them away or see them waste on the plant. According to Vern Schrantz of Ball, placement caps and lids for the government estimated 19 million families could have gardens this year. We're working on an estimate of 23 million families. Even so, this means there'd be 75 lids for every family. Harold Metzger, general manager for Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corp. in Sand Springs, Okla., says Kerr and Ball manufacture more than 5 million lids a day.

War veterans don't want to join
The members of Oswego Valley Post #106 of Disabled American Veterans in Fulton are alarmed by the number of eligible veterans who do not belong to any veteran's organization. According to Post #106 Commander Charles Griswold, there are 500 to 600 veterans that are eligible to join veteran's post in the county and receive the benefits they offer. Griswold emphasized that in order to receive maximum benefits from State and Federal legislatures, a large number of veterans must be represented from each post. "This means," Griswold said, "that the few or members posts can claim, the fewer the benefits they offer. The local post urges that all veterans who are eligible to join veteran's organizations do so as soon as possible. Griswold said. It does not matter which organization they join because all are dedicated to the protection of the rights of veterans, widows and orphans, he said. Griswold added that veterans from all wars - including World War I and II, and the Korean conflict - are urged to join because many are under the impression that the posts are just set up for current Vietnam veterans. Anyone wishing further information on a Veteran's organization should call the following: Charles Griswold, 592-7586; Elwood Sturge, 686-6532; and James N. Lewis, 683-9001.

West side pool opens Aug. 9

The weekend of August 9th is given as the tentative opening date of the West Side municipal swimming pool as repairs continue to delay use of the facility. It is revealed by Leonard A. Spaziani, Fulton Superintendent of Recreation. The renovated pool will sport a new concrete deck, replacement of all equipment including new life-guard chairs, new one-meter and three-meter diving boards and new stainless steel ladders, it was said. Spaziani promises several weeks of swimming at the pool before school opens and a ready-to-go, practically new, pool for next season. Meanwhile, record crowds have been accommodated at Stevenson Beach and the east side pool during the extremely hot summer weather.

Public hearing for two ag districts in four towns

Residents in the rural areas of Volney, Palermo, Schroepel and Hastings are showing a concern for property tax assessments and the formation of an agricultural district in those areas soon as a possibility. An industrial movement expands into various county towns, rural property owners are seeking stabilization of assessments on their lands. The purpose of the agricultural district, according to Legislator Robert Jones of Scriba is to keep land values from inflating for assessment purposes. Oswego County's first two Agricultural Districts will be discussed for approval on August 7th, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the County Legislative meeting in Oswego. According to the agricultural district law which is a state law, the county legislature must hold an open hearing to hear those in favor and against the district. Once the county legislature gives approval the proposal is sent to Albany for their study and approval, then it comes back to the Legislature for final approval. The law also states that the county legislature must notify by letter of the hearing each landowner within the proposed district. County law states that adjoining landowners must also be notified. Landowners within and adjacent to the proposed district have been notified by letter from County Attorney Bob Nicholson. The two Ag. Districts involved are the Pannellville District in the Towns of Schroepel, Hastings and Palermo. Sixty-six landowners signed up 9,632 acres of the 11,000 acres in the proposed district. The Volney District lies in the Towns of Volney, Palermo and Schroepel with 19 landowners signing up 2,125 acres of the 2,175 acres in the proposed district. Both Districts have been approved by the County Planning Board and County Agriculture District Advisory Committee.

First National to merge with Bankers Trust N.Y.

Officials of the First National Bank of Mexico, New York and of Bankers Trust New York Corporation, have signed an agreement for the bank holding company to acquire the Upstate New York Bank. Announcement of the agreement came from Alfred Brittain, III, Chairman of Bankers Trust New York Corporation, and Raymond E. Laviole, Jr., President and Chairman of the First National Bank of Mexico, New York. The transaction is subject to the approval of the New York State Banking Board and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. If the acquisition is approved, the First National Bank of Mexico, New York, will become the tenth banking affiliate of Bankers Trust New York Corporation. The personnel of First National will remain unchanged. The holding company had deposits of \$15.8 billion on June 30, 1975. The First National Bank of Mexico, New York, which was chartered in 1906, had deposits of \$9.7 million on June 30, 1975. The bank has three offices in Oswego County including its main office in Mexico and one branch each in Fulton and New Haven. The affiliate banks of Bankers Trust New York Corporation are Bankers Trust Company, New York, Bankers Trust Company of Central New York, U.S.A., Bankers Trust Company of Albany, N.Y.A., Bankers Trust of Binghamton, Bankers Trust Company of Hudson Valley, N.Y.A., Poughkeepsie, Bankers Trust Company of West-ern New York, Jamestown, Bankers Trust Company of Rochester, Bankers Trust of Suffolk, N.Y. and Farmers National Bank of Malone.



HAPPY LOUIE AND HIS ORCHESTRA. The nation's No. 1 polka band played to another sellout crowd of dancers and admirers at the Fulton Polish Home recently. Combining lively polka music with joyful singing, Happy Louie with his wife Julie, won thunderous applause the entire evening. This appearance of Happy Louie at the Polish Home caused him to get a new attendance record, surpassing that of retired Frank Weyrowski, another Fulton favorite. The next Polish attraction in Fulton will bring the Polish Canadians from Toronto here, next month. (Peter Hoffman Photo)

