



Art Jones, left, chairman of the 4th annual Lincoln Birthday dinner to be sponsored by the Fulton Republican Committee, and John Kruk, committee chairman, sell a ticket to Mayor Vance Drabach.

REPUBLICAN CITY COMMITTEE: Lincoln birthday

On Friday, March 1 the Fulton Republican City Committee will be holding their 4th Annual Lincoln Birthday Dinner.

According to dinner chairman Art Jones, the roast beef dinner will be held at the "Boechner" Restaurant with a cocktail hour at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The event was started four years ago to honor President Lincoln's birthday.

Guest speaker for the evening, according to Jones, will be State Senator John McHugh.

The dinner is open to the public. Tickets can be obtained from any Republican committee member by calling Art at 592-5645 or John Kruk at 598-3684.

Oswego Art Guild: Writers' conference schedule set

The writers' conference at the Oswego Art Guild, located in Fort Ontario Park, has been set for February 15, 16, and 17. Participation in the three day event will include Rose Imhoff, art instructor at SUNY Oswego, Karen Elias-Button, Rosemary Calderini, and Leigh Wilson, who are poets, novelists and writers from the English Department of SUNY Oswego. Andrew Sherry and Maria Welch of Syracuse Herald American, and the Speakers' Bureau of the Oswego County Press Club will provide a panel of journalists and photographers consisting of David Dwyer, freelance photographer, Roy Hodge, editor of the Fulton Patriot, and Vincent Caravan, president and executive editor of the Valley News Guild director. Carlos Steward will be providing information on grants available to artists and writers.

The conference will also include poetry readings, a drama workshop and performance, a poetry workshop, a beginning writers' seminar, journalism panels and information for photojournalists.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 15, 8-10:30 p.m. grant seminar for artists and writers; 7:30-8:30 p.m. "Journalistic Writing" by Maria Welch; 8:30-9:30 p.m. Reading by Leigh Wilson from her book of short stories.

Saturday, February 16, 1-3 p.m. Panel by the Oswego County Press Club: "Photjournalism" by David Dwyer; "Writing and Developing Your Case Column" by Roy Hodge; "Feature Story Writing" by Vincent Caravan.

Sunday, February 17, 8-10:30 p.m. "Poetry Workshop" conducted by Karen Elias-Button; 8-8:30 p.m. "Drama Workshop" by Rose Imhoff; 9-9:30 p.m. "Poetry Reading" by Andrew Sherry; 8:30-9:30 p.m. "Poetry Reading" by Rosemary Calderini; 9:15-9:30 p.m. "Drama Performance" by Rose Imhoff and workshop participants.

Sunday, February 17, 2-3 p.m. "Writing for Short Stories and Novels" a seminar for beginning writers by Leigh Wilson; 3:30-5 p.m. grant seminar for artists and writers. Registration is \$5 for all three days or \$2 per day. Students and members of the Art Guild registration is half price. This event is made possible with support from Poets & Writers, Inc. which is funded by the Priority Fund of the New York State Council on the Arts.

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ALBANY REPORT Education tops legislative issues

By Margaret A. Kelly, Albany News Coverage

Certainly every educator to a person agrees that something has to be done in order to bring the bright young people to the profession and encourage them to remain those excellent teachers that we have in the system now.

"The most obvious way to do that and probably the most effective and certainly the quickest way would be to do enhance the level of compensation for teachers," stated Senator John McHugh.

The New York State Legislature has become concerned about the problems in the schools, and this may prove a predominant issue for the 1985 session as lawmakers wrestle with the question, McHugh talks to Capitol News Coverage about this and CNC also reports that another responsibility has accrued to him. He has been named to more committees in the Budget and Government Committee and also on Environmental Conservation and Recreation. This is above and beyond his chairmanship of the Standing Committee on Education, Recreation and Sports Development, and other committees.

And I think that, as it has already been indicated, 1985 is a state school bid. I think that it perhaps will best be known as a year of the teacher.

The mechanism to do that to me is unclear to me at this point. I don't know if I'm ready to adopt statewide flat rate teachers' salaries. I'm not saying I'm against that but I haven't had an opportunity to look at it to see if it's the best way to go at this time.

"We're early into the budget review process to limit our options as such an early time. I'm totally in agreement that something has to be done in the hard sciences, math, reading, science and so on. We need a high quality teacher to produce quality educational services in this state then we're in huge trouble," said McHugh.

His sentiments are certainly those of others. Mandated pay raises were censured by Arthur Kramer who chairs the Assembly Ways and Means Committee for first year teachers.

"I intend to recommend to the Assembly leadership a percentage increase in the bottom salary step, Kramer said, adding that certain state aid to school districts would be tied to meeting first year salaries by an unspecified percentage over a number of years.

State Education Commissioner Gordon Amich said salaries would have to be increased by some fifteen percent annually to make entry level salaries competitive with other professions.

The Education Department and Gov. Mario M. Cuomo have asked that districts be allowed to lump-sum to spend on improving teacher salaries.

Senate and Assembly Education Committees have proposals to encourage more teachers into the profession.

Assemblyman Jose Serrano suggests that state aid specifically be used to boost pay for the 25 percent of teachers with the least experience. Senator James Demoranville without career ladders, rewarding teachers on the basis of merit.

New York State United Teachers and the National Education Association back the state minimum salary approach.

"We recognize the problem when we negotiate—we don't negotiate for incoming teachers," said Robert Rice, NYSUT spokesman.

"It's just not a high priority on either side of the table. The union is negotiating for existing membership and the district isn't concerned about teachers who aren't there."

However, Louis Grumet, executive director of the New York State School Boards Association, noted that lowering district-to-district minimum salary would cause resentment among the other teachers.

Subsidiary offered at Fulton V

Oswego Subs will be offering an eight-week course in scuba diving at the Fulton Family YMCA beginning February 20, 7 p.m.

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The hearing location and time will be as follows: February 15-City of Watertown, State Office Building, 21st Floor Conference Room, 10 a.m.-12 noon; February 21, City of Oswego, County Building, Legislative Chambers, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; February 22-Village of Canton, Municipal Building, 2-4 p.m.

TO GRADUATE

Ronald Cotton has completed graduation requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education from Ithaca College. Commencement exercises will be held in May, 1988. Cotton is a 1960 graduate of G. Ray Bodley High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. For more information please contact Ron Clark 598-2888 or Ed Jenkins 498-1030 after 5:30 p.m.

Listen-ins planned

Senator John McHugh and Assemblymen Ray T. Chesho, H. Robert Noritz and John G. O'Neil will be holding a series of "listen-ins" on the proposed 1984-85 State Budget.

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Masons plan Washington dinner

Fulton Masonic Lodge will hold its annual George Washington dinner Friday night, February 22, social hour from 6-7, dinner at 7. Guest speaker will be Deputy Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York R.W. James Singer. Reservations are a must to Wayne Vaccanti, 593-6076.

Dean Popham in Who's Who

Lewis C. Popham III, dean of continuing education, public service and summer sessions at SUNY Oswego, has been selected for inclusion in the 1985-86 edition of "Who's Who in the East," published by Marquis Who's Who Inc. The 20th edition of this nationally known reference book has just been released.

Popham has served at Oswego since 1973 and has been administrator of college teacher in various institutions since 1921.

Calendar of events

Wednesday, February 13
Fulton Historical Society membership meeting, 7:30 p.m. Dinner presented by Harry Wough.

Saturday, February 16
Fulton Figure Skating is holding their Greater Fulton Figure Skating competition, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 17
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Friday, February 19
The first of the Columbian Auxiliary's Lenten dinners will start at the K of C Home, South First Street, 5 to 7 p.m. Complete fish dinners served—fish sandwiches—take-out orders available. Adults—\$3.75; children—\$2.75; and under 5-free.

Sunday, February 24
Syracuse Symphony Orchestra Concert at 8 p.m. at the Oswego High School Theatre of the Performing Arts.

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Grants available

Applications for Light Work Grants, grants awarded through Syracuse's Light Work Community Darkrooms center, can be obtained by contacting the Oswego County Council on the Arts at 342-1624 or stopping by OCCA's office at 11 West Bridge St., Oswego. OCCA will mail out applications to individuals interested in applying for grant support.

Residents of Oswego County are eligible to apply unless they are students during 1985-86. For those who might not wish to enter that competition, but are interested in applying for other awards, receiving news of upcoming exhibits, job openings, and grant opportunities, are urged to call the arts council so that they may be put on their mailing list to receive pertinent information.

The 11th annual Light Work Grants are made possible with funding through the New York State Council on the Arts. Deadline date for Light Work Grants is March 1, 1985.

CYO plans boys' sleepover

Catholic Charities CYO, sponsored by the United Way of Greater Fulton and the N.Y.S. Division of Youth, is planning a boys' sleepover on Saturday, February 16.

The sleepover is open to any boy between the ages of 6 and 14 and in grades kindergarten through 8. It will start on Saturday night at 7 p.m. and will end on Sunday morning at 9 p.m. Popcorn and Kool-aid will be served Saturday night and Doughnuts and milk will be served for breakfast Sunday morning. The cost is only one dollar and only the first fifty boys to sign up and pay will be able to come. Boys should be signed up and paid by Thursday, February 15.

The only things the boys have to bring are a sleeping bag and a pillow. They will be a variety of games with fun for all. Some activities offered will be pool, video games, basketball, dodgeball, hula hoop, a pillow fight and much more.

For more information contact Bill Kemp at the CYO or call 598-3980.

New doctor opens Fulton office

Dr. Linda Robinson has recently opened an office in Fulton as a family physician. Her office is located at 160 South Third Street (Dr. Brown's former office). Office hours are by appointment by calling 593-8667.

She is a residency-trained and board certified in the specialty of Family Practice, from the newborn to the elderly.

Dr. Robinson is a native of upstate New York, born and raised in Syracuse. She was graduated from Assumption Academy there, obtained a B.A. degree in Psychology from SUNY at Buffalo, and a B.S. degree with high honors in Chemical-Biological Technology from Northeastern University in Boston. She is a member of the National Biological Association.

Donna Halstead's engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Halstead, Fulton, announce the engagement of their daughter Donna to Martin Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perry, Norwich, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of SUNY Oswego and is employed at Norwich City Schools. Her fiancé is a graduate of Morrisville and is employed at Norwich Eaton Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

A March 23 wedding in Norwich is planned.

Recent bride

Miss Kim Holmes became the bride of Jerry Pirman January 19 at the Fulton Flower Fashions. Just off the Peace, Edwin Winkworth, heard the wedding vows.

A reception followed at Carvell's Road House.

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From the Police Department

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A 43 year old Cayuga Street woman was charged with DWI, driving with a BAC over 0.10%, and operating a motor vehicle, on February 9. Police observed the car she was driving on West First Street, fish-tailing and entering the opposite lane. She had a BAC of 0.16% according to police reports. Bail was set at \$300 and a February 13 court date was scheduled.

A 47 year old resident of Danube Place was arrested on February 8 when police observed the car he was driving, go up onto the sidewalk on the Broadway Bridge. He was charged with DWI and driving with a BAC over 0.10%. Police reports indicate he had a BAC of 0.19%. Bail was set at \$500 and he is scheduled to appear in court on February 13.

A 26 year old town of Granby man was arrested on February 5 and charged with DWI, driving with a BAC over 0.10%, operating a motor vehicle while his license was suspended for an alcohol related incident (in Ohio), and driving with no

Art Guild announces donations

The Oswego Art Guild has announced the recent donation of literary press, typesetting, and related equipment to be housed in the Art Guild and in the Wayne County State Building in Lyons, N.Y. The room and equipment have been generously donated by Mr. Peter Berman, publisher and writer. The gift enables the Guild to publish art and photography books, short novels, literary magazines, volumes of short stories, poetry and other creative projects.

Grants are available to enable artists to publish their projects through the New York State Council for the Arts and a seminar will be given at County 4-H.

County 4-H appoints Jennifer Kraft

Jennifer Kraft of Swantonville, N.Y. joined the Oswego County Cooperative Extension 4-H Staff in January. She is in Niagara County. A recent graduate of Cornell University, Jenny received her Bachelor's degree in animal science and natural resources. This was through the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Jenny's responsibilities with Oswego County 4-H will be youth development through the areas of plant and animal science. 4-H develops its youth by providing programs such as poultry science, vegetable judging teams, guide eye-dogs, horse shows, dairy bowls and gardening. Jenny's 12 years of experience as a 4-Her, acquired her with many of the project areas 4-H offers.

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