

HAPPENINGS
of
Local Interest

At the Allegany County Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention held in Allentown July 10 thru 13th, marked the first time the Convention had been held in Allentown. Andover Central School Band was among those to receive an award and a trophy.

Miss Victoria Lynch, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Lynch, will attend the 1963 annual Grange Youth Leadership School held July 21-27 at the Agricultural and Technical Institute at Delhi, according to Miss Pat Emerson of Syracuse, Youth Director of the New York State Grange. This school which annually attracts some 125 young people will officially open with a 2 p. m. registration on Sunday, July 21. In addition to classes on cooperatives, Grange procedure and programs, recreation, public speaking and public relations, Grange Youth activities and projects for 1964 will be studied and adopted.

Merton Clifford Wright, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Merton C. Wright of Andover, is among the new students enrolling at Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana at the opening of the summer quarter. Mr. Wright is a 1962 graduate of Andover Central High School and is enrolled in the course in Drafting and Design. A certificate is awarded those who successfully complete the twelve month course. Tri-State College founded in 1884, at Angola, Indiana, awards Bachelor of Science degrees in five branches of engineering and in three majors in business administration.

Mrs. Guy Tucker entertained the members of the L. L. Bridge Club and guests at her home Thursday evening to a 7:30 bridge dessert, followed by cards. Honors were presented to Mrs. E. J. Allen, Mrs. Fay Boyd and Mrs. Avery Mead.

Bruce Johnson, 1963 graduate of Andover Central School left Monday to attend the Williamsport Technical Institute at Williamsport, Pa. Bruce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson of Elm Valley.

Alan J. Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Kelly, R. D. 3, Wells-ville, has been initiated as a member of Beta Phi Theta, one of eight collegiate fraternities at Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana. Mr. Kelley is a student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Tri-State. He is a 1962 graduate of Andover High School.

Home Demonstration

Members of the Home Demonstration Unit held their annual picnic last Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Everett Clark. A 1 p. m. picnic dinner was served to 17 members and one guest.

Land Retirement Raises Questions

One-third or 11 million acres of land in New York State have been retired from farming since 1900; and with technology now available but not yet adopted, an additional 25 per cent can be retired without decreasing production, says a Cornell land economist.

Speaking at the recent State 4-H Congress, Ernest E. Hardy, graduate assistant in agricultural economics, and Prof. C. R. Harrington, associate director of Extension, N. Y. State College of Agriculture, said this land retirement raises questions and problems that all citizens will have to help solve.

Hardy pointed out only about two million acres have gone into urban use, and though the remaining retired land can be reforested, no one will make much money from it. He reviewed the 14 agricultural regions of the state and predicted changes in agriculture and use of land.

Professor Harrington said citizens of the state are going to have to answer questions as to who should own this land. Should it be publicly or privately owned? What should the policy be to protect some green areas for future generations? How adequate are the policies and practices relating to water supply and use?

The Cornell specialists reminded the delegates certain skills and knowledge are necessary to use small portions of the land for their home and personal recreation. They stressed that any young person interested in farming should know and study changes taking place so they can avoid marginal or submarginal areas.

If A Pond Had Been There

"A farm pond a half mile away could not be reached so the trucks wheeled back and forth on Route 19 straddling the hamlet of Houghton for refills from a hydrant" six lines taken from the Olean Times Herald—page 2, Feb. 2nd.

It happens this way sometimes. In fact the odds are excellent from November to April that this can happen. Insignificant, perhaps. But not to the seven left without a home that night.

The Allegany County Soil Conservation District will build about fifty ponds this summer for various reasons—stockwater, fishing, swimming, fire protection, etc. Why dictates where, usually. A fire protection pond limits the "where" severely. It must be near, or made available near, the objects needing protection. Probably most important—can it be easily reached in winter. Can the fire company get water from the pond through a dry hydrant or will they spend time cutting a hole in the ice for their pumps. After all, would you buy fire insurance valid only during the summer months?

If you build a pond primarily for fire protection, you'll foot the bill. You pay your fire insurance. Will you get your money back? Well, that depends on whether or not you have a fire.

Niagara Falls, on both the Canadian and U. S. sides, have suddenly grown 16 feet taller. Hydroelectric projects have taken water from the Niagara River and increased the distance from the brinks to the pools below. The Horseshoe Falls are now 176 feet high, and the American Falls 183 feet.

Roses Can Be Dried For Winter

You can have this summer's roses to look at next winter as well as now, suggests County Agricultural Agent C. W. Hebblethwaite.

You dry the flowers. By drying them, you can preserve the color and form; everything in fact, but the water in the petals. All you need are some pretty roses, some silica gel, a box and some patience. Start by getting the silica gel, a drying agent. A very finely ground form is now sold just for drying flowers. Find a box that is deep enough to hold an entire rose flower—more than one if you are ambitious. A shoe box works well.

On a hot, dry day go out and pick your perfect rose. Choose a partially open flower. Cut as many as you think you can handle. Bury the flower very gently and completely in silica gel. To preserve the flower's natural shape, a sifter or a spoon can be used to place the drying agent between the petals. Silica gel dries flowers so quickly they retain their original color and form. The time varies, but your rose may be dried and ready for permanent use in 4-6 days.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fuller (Faye Button) are the parents of a daughter, born Friday, July 12, 1963 at the Jones Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Fuller are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murray are the parents of a 9 lb. 7 1/2-oz son, born in Mount Park Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miles are the maternal grandparents.

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