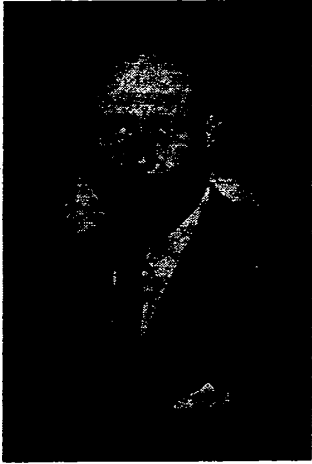


## "Bill" Serra Named Allegany County Judge



Governor Rockefeller has appointed William W. Serra, of Belmont as Allegany County Judge to fill the vacancy created by resignation of Judge Norman B. Fitzer, according to Robert L. McManus, Press Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. Serra, who has been County Attorney for Allegany since 1952, also will serve as Surrogate and Family Court Judge under his appointment as County Judge until December 31, 1964. Voters will elect a county judge for a full 10 year term next November.

Judge Serra, a Republican, is expected to be the party's candidate for the permanent position in next year's balloting.

He succeeds Judge Fitzer who recently was appointed by the Governor to the Supreme Court for the Eight Judicial District.

James Sikaras of Wellsville was appointed Monday by the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy of Allegany County Attorney created by Mr. Serra's resignation from that post, to take over his duties as County Judge.

"Bill" Serra has practiced law in Allegany County since January 1948 and has been a partner in the law firm of Serra & Serra in Belmont since 1953. His brother, Wesley, has indicated that he will carry on the business alone, since County Judges are forbidden to conduct private law practice.

Mr. Serra received a Bachelor of Science degree from City College of New York, a Bachelor of Laws degree from St. John's University and a Doctor of Juridical Science from Brooklyn Law School.

He served in the U.S. Army from June 1942 to February 1946, being discharged as an Infantry Major. Presently he is a Lieutenant Colonel, Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army Reserve.

Mr. Serra is also a director of the State Bank of Belmont and a member of the Canaseraga Advisory Committee of the First Trust Company of Allegany County.

He is a past exalted ruler of the Wellsville Lodge, B.P.O.E.; past master of Melrose Lodge, F.&A.M., Angelica; and has held the presidency of the Allegany County Shrine Club; Belmont Rotary Club; Belmont Industrial Association; Canaseraga Young Republican Club; and is now President of the National Christmas Tree Growers Association Inc. In addition, he is past district governor of the Allegany County Young Republican Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Serra reside at 37 Schuyler St., Belmont, with their son, Douglas William, 4.

### Masonic Notice

The Stated Communication of Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M., will be held Monday evening, November 18, at 8 o'clock. All Master Masons welcome.

## News That's Print To Fit

We are sorry that our readers were inconvenienced last week by the tardy results of our handiwork—but, when a machine refuses to work properly—mere words will not cure its illness. It takes direct action to correct a mechanical malfunction, but, until a proper diagnosis of the root of the trouble can be reached, the fixing job is more or less a "cut and try" proposition.

For the past several weeks the folding machine that attaches to the Newspaper Press, has been acting as if it were full of Gremlins since it would run all right for 8 or 10 papers and then proceed to ruin around the same amount. Despite the fact that we ran extra papers on the first run to make allowances for spoilage, we could see our number of good copies dwindle at an alarming rate, so would have to stop and make adjustments every minute or two.

To say it was frustrating would be putting it mildly because it seemed that the more we adjusted things, the worse it got.

However, after frightening the bystanders and well wishers away on several occasions, by sheer perseverance we finally discovered that the roller with the cutter on it was loose on its shaft and was floating back and forth thus making it impossible to affect a cure by mere adjustment.

After discovering the cause of the trouble, it took only a minute or two to tighten the set screw and then a few more minutes to adjust the rest of the machine. Then—Presto—it was back running like a new machine. However by this time it was 6:30 so it was too late to get the papers into the Post Office so don't blame them—blame a cantankerous old machine that should have been retired many years ago—but when it runs good—it runs very, very good—and when it doesn't—!

With everything happening around here almost at once—it seems as if we have been late for a lot of things—due to Election, big news events, Hallowe'en etc.—we've been date to our own funeral, late with the paper, even late with our congratulations!

Ennaway, we feel that real congratulations are in order to "Dick" for that beautiful color photographic spread that adorned the cover of the Buffalo Courier Express Sunday Rotogravure Section several weeks ago, as well as the entire two page middle spread.

We talked with the Editor of the Courier Express last week and he told us that he seldom saw his Color Photography Editor enthused about anything, but, that when he brought the color proofs in on that spread he was really happy. The Color Editor's remarks about "Dick's" pictures were that "they were truly a work of art."

Nice going "Dick"—that's quite a compliment for a feller that's treated like an amateur in his home-town by some of the near-sighted appearing Village Bored members when it comes to fair treatment for a would be Main St. businessman.

Seems more like they are out to settle petty personal grudges than to be interested in the business welfare of the Community that made them public servants and pay their salaries.

That also reminds us that we forgot to thank Mayer Paul for his kind remarks about wishing that he could have been a Pall Beaver at the "Mock Funeral" as well as Trusty "Hugh" for his sweet sentiments about wishing he had known about it so he could have sent yours truly flowers for the occasion. Seems like they could have arranged to at least have had the Village dump in better shape that it was in for such a noteworthy event!

## Record County Budget Approved At Special Session

### West Greenwood Couple Married 50 Years Plan Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rogers will be feted at an Open House in honor of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Sunday, November 24th from 2 to 5 P. M.

The reception will be held at the West Greenwood Grange Hall. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pease at West Greenwood by the Rev. Matthew Horton.

They have one daughter, Mrs. Walter Manion of Wellsville and one grandson, James Manion in the U.S. Navy at present.

## New Game Season Dates Announced

Conservation Commissioner Harold G. Wilm this week extended most game seasons in the State to compensate for lost hunting opportunity as a result of the recent drought-caused closing of New York's woodlands.

"As a general rule," the Commissioner said, "all seasons have been extended by the number of days lost while the woods and forests were closed. Only cottontail rabbit, varying hare and raccoon seasons have not been lengthened as these seasons normally run through February and March."

Big game hunters in the northern zone "lost" eight days during the woods closure and their season has been extended to Dec. 11. The southern and western zone big game season was unaffected by the shutdown of the woods and the season will run Nov. 18 - Dec. 3, as scheduled. In Westchester County where big game hunting is limited to long bow, the season has been extended to Jan. 1.

Archers, who were able to get in only three days of their special two-week pre-gunning season hunt, will be given 11 days at the close of the regular northern zone big game season. This marks the first time that bow and arrow hunters have had a post season opportunity to hunt deer and bear. The season will run Dec. 12 - 22.

Waterfowl hunters in upstate New York and on Long Island will also have their seasons extended as a result of negotiations with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Commissioner Wilm said that gunning hours, season bag limits and other regulations will remain the same as noted in the Department's "Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Guide."

A complete breakdown of the new closing dates for game seasons in this area are:

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**Waterfowl** — ducks and coots (Dec. 21); geese and brant (Jan. 10); rail and gallinules (Nov. 28); woodcock (Dec. 14) and wilson's snipe (Dec. 9).

**Small Game for Adirondack Counties** (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, St. Lawrence and Warren) — squirrels and ruffed grouse (Jan. 19); Hungarian partridge and pheasant (Nov. 14); cottontail rabbit and raccoon (Feb. 29, not extended); varying hare (Dec. 11, without the aid of dogs in all northern zone big game counties and parts thereof); and, varying hare (Dec. 12 - Feb. 29, with or without dogs).

**Small Game for Western, Central, Catskill and Eastern Counties** Squirrels and ruffed grouse (Jan.

The 1964 Allegany County Budget was unanimously approved Tuesday Night at a special session of the Board of Supervisors held in Belmont following a public hearing at which no opposition was offered.

After a very brief discussion, the Board approved the budget of \$3,534,354.11 which is up \$91,095.40 from last year's budget. However the Tax Levy is \$1,030,422.61 which will mean a decrease in the Tax Rate of around .44 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation so evidently there is an increased revenue either in State or Federal aid or from increased property assessments.

This means that the average Taxpayer throughout Allegany County will pay around \$2.20 less county tax than last year if his property is assessed at \$5,000.

The amount of decrease will vary in towns, according to their equalization rates. For individual taxpayers, the decrease is only part of the tax picture, because levies for towns and special districts are added to the county levy to make up the tax bill payable in January.

The total appropriations in the adopted budget is \$3,534,354.11, with largest single expenditures for County Highways and Public Welfare. The budget allocates \$1,299,236.00 to the Highway Department which is up \$10,140 from last year, and \$1,118,725 for Public Welfare which is up \$23,355.

At the Public Hearing, which preceded the final vote, Board Chairman Benson Smith of Cuba three times invited questions of the public or from board members and was greeted by silence each time.

Board members agreed to dispense with re-reading the budget, which was read by Board Clerk Manley Ackerman at the Oct. 28 session.

When the question was put to the floor, the 27 Supervisors present voted unanimously in favor of accepting the Budget with Supervisor Richard Fenner of Alfred arriving just after the budget vote and Supervisor Howard Crandall of Alma absent due to illness.

Upon the request of Raymond Kopler, chairman of the planning committee, the board authorized expenditure of up to \$160 to advertise Allegany County in an Industrial Properties Guide issued by the Society of Industrial Realtors which is scheduled for the next issue which will be devoted to New York State.

Richard Embser, Wellsville Supervisor, announced a small business workshop would be held Nov. 19th at the David Howe Library in Wellsville with any interested persons invited to attend.

Anyone wishing to see a copy of the entire budget can stop off at the News Office or else contact our local Supervisor Leonard Briggs.

## Past Noble Grands Club To Meet Monday

The Past Noble Grands Club will meet Monday evening, Nov. 18th at the Legion Hall for a 6:30 dinner. Irene Haan, hostess.

The Past Noble Grands Association will meet at the Rebekah rooms Wednesday, Nov. 20 for a 12:30 luncheon. A business meeting will follow the luncheon.

19); Hungarian partridge and pheasant (Nov. 21); cottontail rabbit (Feb. 29, unchanged); raccoon (Mar. 21, unchanged); varying hare (Feb. 29, unchanged); and quail (Nov. 21 in Orange, Putnam and Westchester Counties only).