

COMMUNITY LETTERS

News Correspondents

West Hill

Mrs. Dan Mullen, Reporter

July 21 — The Annual Mullen Reunion was held Sunday July 19, 1970 at Boyd's Corners on the Jasper-Cameron Road with about fifty being present from Greenwood, Canisteo, Andover, Arkport, Canaseraga, Jasper, Johnson City and Wellsville.

The business meeting was held after dinner with the following officers elected:

Helen Calkins — President
John Mullen — Vice President
Ruth VanDyke — Secretary
Treasurer

A poem written and read off the Mullens coming across the ocean from Ireland by Helen Calkins was enjoyed by all.

The Reunion next year will be held at the same place and the same date.

Lynch Pony Farm Has Successful Year At Angelica County Fair

Brian Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Lynch, enjoyed a successful year showing in 4-H horse and pony classes at Allegany County Fair last week.

Among eleven ribbons earned by Brian, he is proudest of placing third blue in western riding class with his registered quarter mare, Gypsy Doll. Other blues taken by Brian were with registered Shetland Indian Maid, in conformation classes.

Brian's showing this year marked the thirteenth consecutive year that Lynch Pony Farm has been represented at Angelica Fair.

Appreciation

We wish to express our thanks for the gifts and visitation we received while at the hospital and the thoughtfulness of our neighbor, is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Clarence Davis
and Michele

College Survey Shows 15,000 Aides At Work In Schools

Albany, N. Y. — Educational leaders have revealed a sharp increase in non-professional and sub-professional employment in nearly every school system in New York City.

The largest increases in the number of paid and volunteer workers in schools have taken place in the last four years, according to a survey made by the Department of Education of the N. Y. State College of Agriculture at Cornell University. The upward swing in such employment is expected to continue into the future.

Prof. Lawrence B. Hixon, leader of the College's investigating team, reports that during the 1968-69 school year nearly 15,000 school aides were at work in 101 jobs in school systems outside New York City.

Hixon and his fellow investigators found paraprofessionals serving a multitude of roles ranging from the teaching assistants to crosswalk guards, data processors, and yearbook advisors.

The majority of paraprofessionals work as either lunchroom, teaching, library, or playground aides. Nearly a third of all school aides are unpaid volunteers.

Hixon sees the complexity of running a modern school as a major contributing factor to the widening use of paraprofessionals. "School districts now find it effective and useful to turn many details of the school routine over to sub-professionals, so that teachers have more time to teach," Hixon said.

The College of Agriculture survey is the first phase of a continuing study of school paraprofessionals sponsored by the Bureau of Occupational Education Research of the New York State Department of Education.

Nearly 95 per cent of the 628 school districts responding to the survey use some type of paraprofessional aides. In all, the survey indicates that school aides are widely accepted by teachers, local school boards, and parents. Asked if they would use more aides if they were available, about 70 per cent of the school districts said they would welcome both additional paid and volunteer personnel.

Education.

More detailed studies are already underway at Cornell to help evaluate the roles of paraprofessionals employed in New York schools.

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