GREENWOOD NEWS

[illegible] Reporter

The division of the Boards of Education of Greenwood, Jasper and Troupsburg, Central Schools to move ahead with plans on consolidation in the three school districts [illegible] in motion a series of steps to be followed in each of the districts. Dr. Richard MacDonald of Bath County Supt. of Schools, explained "The direct route to reorganization or consolidation", which will precede the preparation of factual material and public meetings in each of the three Districts. He said the decision on whether to consolidate will be determined by the people in the Districts on more than one occasion. He explained that a strong majority of eligible voters in each District is needed to sign petitions asking for the layout of the proposed consolidated district before any further steps towards bringing the issue to a vote can be taken. MacDonald and the three Principals hope to provide information [illegible] of a consolidated district. He said the material will be as factual as possible. He said some of the pupil projections and other information developed in the feasibility study made in each district will be used. The studies was a factor in the decision of the three Boards to bring consolidation to a public vote.

There was a general sentiment in the feed-backs of the Rosal meetings on each district as a part of the study for the three schools consolidation. The three Boards will meet in joint session to review the information assembled by the Principals and Dr. MacDonald's office before a brochure on the proposed consolidation is distributed in each district. This will be followed by public meetings in each district.

The first formal step towards consolidation will be the preparation by the three Boards of petitions asking the Commissioner of Education to lay out the consolidated district. These petitions will be circulated in each district to determine the public interest in consolidation. Only those in favor are to sign. If a majority of eligible voters sign (about 60%) the Commissioner will lay out the District. The next step will be a second petition to the Commissioner asking for a vote on the creation of a new District. They must be signed by a number equal to 10% of the children on the school census in each District. These are 335 in Greenwood: 334 in Troupsburg; and 485 in Jasper so petitionss would be signed by 35 in Greenwood; 34 in Troupsburg; and 50 in Jasper. No date for the actual voting would be set within 30 days after the Commissioner receives the second set of petitions.

Voting would be in each of the Central Schools but all ballots would be counted in a central location as a single vote. The proposition would be a signed yes or no and a majority of 51% would rate. If the consolidation is approved, a meeting of the voters of the new District would be called by the Commissioner of Education to elect the new Board of Education. The new consolidation District would function July 1st if the voters approve the consolidation this Spring.

MacDonald and the three Principals have emphasized that the decisions about buildings, curriculum, any construction, transportation routes and other matters will not be made until a New Board has been [illegible] approval of the consolidation of the three Districts. The present Boards can make recommendations but only the New Board can decide on these matters, according to MacDonald. The [illegible] the eligible voters in the three districts and then when and if the question is put to a vote [illegible]

St. Mary's Church in Rexville will serve their annual Ham Dinner election Day, November 2 at the Rectory. They will be ready to serve at 11 A. M. - 3 P. M. You can take both dinner and supper out that day in Rexville & Greenwood.

Lynn Bingingham of Rexville, Myrlan [illegible]son of [illegible] Brown and [illegible] Smith of [illegible]ville have just returned from a two weeks pack in Elk hunting trip to Rudd National Forest, Elkhead Mountain at Craig, Colorado. Ben was the only one to bag an Elk.

Mrs. Carol Miller of Santa Barbara, California, [illegible] Tuesday visit [illegible] Mrs. Clarence Hendy [illegible] Greenwood. [illegible] home of [illegible] in Hornell. The Greenwood Ambulance went to move Mrs. Hendy.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Harkenrider of Rexville were weekend guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryer and two sons of [illegible]

The United Methodist Women held their October meeting at the [illegible] Church. President Mrs. Marian Hussey conducted the business meeting. A report was given on the [illegible] Fellowship Sharing Day announced to be held at [illegible] Church, Wednesday, November 3. A Nominating Committee for new officers was: Virgil Streeter, Margaret Rolline and Ann Stephens to report in November. Mrs. Geraldine Lansdale is Chairman for the Annual Agway Dinner to be held at the Church Tuesday, October 26. It was reported that new equipment for the kitchen has been purchased and also donated by Miss Permelia White. Devotions and a lesson on Africa, mostly on Rhodesia, was given by Miss Grace Young. Hostesses Margaret Rollins and Marian Hussey served refreshment to fourteen members and two guests, with a birthday cake for Ray Albaugh.

Election is Tuesday, November 2 with Inspectors of Election Geraldine Lewis, Jennie White, Bernice Osmin and Mary Teresa McCormick recording the vote. This is important. Come and cast your vote. You will be able to buy refreshments that day: coffee, donuts, homemade soup, sandwiches, pie at the Masonic Hall from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M., served by the Order of Eastern Stars.

Mrs. Martha Kernan asked her daughter, Mrs. Milton Newberry, to write and thank all the wonderful people for all the birthday cards she received. She is doing much better and enjoys hearing from everyone and the good weather in Virginia. Her address again: Mrs. Martha Kernan, c/o Mrs. Milton Newberry, Jonesboro Rd., Rt. 7, Abingdon, Va. 24210

Miss Sabrey Stephens, 91, died Thursday A. M., in the Buffalo General Hospital where she was a patient for a month after breaking her hip. She was a resident of the Presbyterian Home for five years in Lockport and moved to the Buffalo Presbyterian Home this spring when she needed more care.

She was the daughter of Randall and Flavilla Porter Stephens, born in Greenwood, January 24, 1885. She attended school in Greenwood, the Canisteo Teacher Training Class and took courses at Buffalo State University. She began teaching rural schools and taught elementary grades in Canisteo Academy, Greenwood Union School and Cuylerville, then taught sixth grade at Caledonia, Pre-Cheektowaga, Bloomfield Central School for 40 years from where she retired in 1955. For a few years she substitutde in Greenwood Central School after retirement to her home in Greenwood. She was a member of the Greenwood United Methodist Church.

She was survived by a niece, Mrs. Elmer Gifford of Buffalo; three great-nieces, one Mrs. James Butler of Kenmore, and a great nephew, Robert Gifford of Des Moines, Iowa.

Funeral services were held at the Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Canisteo Saturday at 11 A.M., with the Rev. Ray Albaugh officiating. Canisteo Cemetery was the burial place. Local Pall Bearers were Stanley Murray, Edward [illegible] and [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gifford of Buffalo were guests of her cousin, Miss Grace Young, Thursday evening to Saturday afternoon. Saturday Mrs. Jennie [illegible] Martha Hall of [illegible] were also the funeral and were [illegible] guests of Miss Young.

Fund gifts were given to the United Methodist Church and the Ambulance Corp of the Volunteer [illegible]

Mrs. Cecile Dennett of Delmar came back with her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Langhans [illegible] Sunday to spend a week.

Mrs. Betty Stewart of Bath, RD spent Tuesday visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Daniel Schmand and attended the [illegible] meeting.

Mrs. Rose Brundage of Soio and Mrs. Pauline Graves of Wellsville called on Miss Grace Young Saturday evening. They were attending a committee meeting to plan next year's Allen-Mach Family Reunion held at the Birmingham-Bard American Legion Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Streeter returned recently from a ten-day visit with their son, Lt. Roger Streeter with the Coast Guard stationed at San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Marian Ryan spent a week in October visiting her son and family who have just bought a new home at Huntington, Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Koehler (Karen Kosiptoski) of West Greenwood, are parents of a son born October 9, 1976 at the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Redmond attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Emily Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stewart of Buena Vista, to Larry Malinski of Detroit, Michigan, Sunday afternoon, October 24 at the First Baptist Church in Hornell. The couple will live in Chicago. The Redmonds were hosts to two members of the wedding party for the weekend.

Mrs. Bernice Osmin, Mrs. George Butler of Hornell and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sampson of Niagara Falls attended the funeral of their uncle at Jamestown, last week.

Mrs. Ann Sherman of Port Allegany, Pa., has rented a trailer space of Ward Woodward and moved her trailer there. She is staying with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Allo Downey until her trailer home is ready. Mrs. Dorothy Pulfer moved her trailer from the Ward Woodward space to Bath several weeks ago.

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