

# GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

December 19

For two months School Board members and administrators of Greenwood, Jasper and Troupsburg Central Schools have been working developing information to be shared with district residents on the proposed consolidation of the three schools. Three long work sessions of the three joint Boards and Principals were held to review factual information on programs, finances and facilities. Administrators have had the responsibility between work sessions of doing the calculations necessary to an appropriate review by the Boards. Since none had been through a consolidation process before, they had no idea of the enormous amount of work and time the study would take.

Dr. Richard J. McDonald BOCES Dist. Supt., said in commenting on the information review, the hard work is paying off and the joint Boards should be able soon to send to each district voter, the basic information about the proposed consolidation. A locally printed information brochure is being planned and should be available sometime after the first of the year. Following receipt of the brochure, residents of each district will be invited to attend a public meeting in their district to discuss the proposed consolidation.

Greenwood Varsity Basketball lost to Savona 58-54. They were tied at 40-41 at the end of the third quarter. Savona got a 9 point lead and Greenwood came back to within 2 points with 20 seconds to go but fouled. Team scores: Looney 0-2; Hoyt 5-0-10; Moore 3-3-9; Bobcock 5-2-12; Good 7-1-17; Boyd 1-2-4; Rensman 1-0-2. Totals 22-10-54.

Roger Williamson with ten friends from the Bath area went Big Game Hunting in Iowa in November. Roger shot a bear and brought home the pelt.

Big Game Season ended here last week Tuesday with shotgun and Friday for Archery which also preceded the gun season of two weeks.

The Greenwood Central School Christmas Concert was presented at 7:30 p. m. Thursday under the direction of Scott Kieckhefer, Band and Louise Petrone, Chorus Teachers.

The Senior Band played "Pueblo De Los Angeles" with Sandy Dierksen soloist; the "Theme From SWAT" with Howard Moore soloist; "Love Will Keep Us Together" two Bach Chorales "Chestnuts Roasting on the Fire" and "Silver Bells".

The Senior Chorus sang "Silent Bells"; "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and "Little Drummer Boy".

The Junior Band played "Theme from MASH" and "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear". An Instrumental Ensemble played Christmas Carols. The Sixth Grade Mini-Jazz Ensemble played "Tijuana Taxi" and the Senior Jazz Ensemble played "Georgia Camp Meeting", "Shish Bach" and "Saturday Night". The Fifth and Sixth Grade presented Handel's "Water Suite" to the accompaniment of Lami Sticks.

Twila Neuenschwander, Lisa Feisman and Ann Hanbach sang "Silent Night". The Choir sang "My Sweet Lord" accompanied by the Jazz Ensemble and a Christmas medley. Student accompanists were Shelly Lamphier and Annette Ahearn. There was no admission charge. Mr. Kieckhefer also played with four students for a Christmas Ensemble of Carols.

Louis Petrone was one of the accompanists and sang in the Whitesville Community Christmas Chorus recently. He also sang with the Alfred Community Chorus, Sunday, the "Messiah". He sings in the choir at the United Methodist Church and the Combined Choir will sing Sunday night at 8, in

the Greenwood Church. Terry Smith is the Narrator. Those taking solo parts and duets are: Karen Mullen and Louis Petrone, Valerie Atherton, Vicki Bosworth, Louis Petrone, Virgil Hussey and Robert Oyer.

The United Methodist combined Worship and Church School Christmas Program, Sunday, was: Opening by Rev. Ray Albaugh, call to Worship and Unison Prayer; Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; Choir Anthem, "Ding Dong Merrily on High"; Reading, "The Light Is Come"; Mrs. Virginia York, solo; "There's A Song in the Air"; Vicki Roshworth; Candle Lighting by eight children, each holding a sign on the star and lighting a candle, with Readings by Sandy Dennison; and Shelly Lamphier, song, "Little Baby in a Manger"; Church School, music played by Karen Mullen; at the piano; song, "Silent Night" sung by Valerie Atherton and her four children; Hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Reading, Robert Oyer; Candle Procession. United Methodist Youth Fellowship Chorus: "Alleluia" by Choir; Offertory with song by Valerie Atherton and Prayer. Virgil Hussey presented gifts: Poinsettia plants to Church Organist June Rollins and Choir Director Valerie Atherton and a purse of money from the congregation to Rev. and Mrs. Ray Albaugh.

A Christmas meditation "For the Fall and Rising Again of Many" by the Pastor, Benediction and "Alleluia" by all. The Church School brought money December 5 for Miss Eleanor Acker, Missionary in Kentucky of \$59.64.

Greenwood Church people are invited to Andover to the Carol Candle Light Service Christmas Eve at 11 P. M.

Be sure to come to the Christmas Service, December 26 with Special Music and short sermon. Greenwood Choir members will go to Andover for the Carol Candle Light Service of Christmas at 11 A. M. There was a special entrance, Sunday night. Elder Carol Bassoff gave the Prayer. Donald Wallace and Bradley Holt were ushers. The Cantata was well received and the Candle Light Ceremony and "Silent Night" was very effective.

Nine members of the United Methodist Women met at the Social Hall, Thursday afternoon to pack Christmas Care Boxes for Senior Citizens and those not well. Twenty-four boxes were distributed to Nursing Home patients and local and several cards mailed to friends away.

Mrs. Marian Hussey, President gave a brief devotion. She made a presentation of Special Membership Cards and Pins to the United Methodist Women from the Women's Division to Miss Grace Young, a long-time member. A committee picked the one to be honored, considering her loyalty and willingness to help. Miss Young belonged to the old Ladies Aid and was the first President of the newly reorganized Women's Society of Christian Service and has held several offices also in the new United Methodist Women. Mrs. Freda Stephens, another long time member and serving in many offices and committees, was honored in 1975. A special gift of Missions of the Women's Division is given in their name.

The Zion Youth of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints went out Carolling in town Saturday night, December 18. Leaders going with about 20 youths were Mrs. Linda McCaffrey and Mrs. Vicki Bosworth. They returned to the RLDS Church for a party and refreshments.

The Sunday School of the RLDS Church is holding the Christmas program, Thursday, December 22 at 8 P. M. Mrs. Terry Smith is the Chairman.

Several members of the Greenwood Senior Citizens dressed dolls for the Hornell Salvation Army, Monday. President Myra Campbell, her daughter-in-law Blanche Campbell and Mrs. Agnes Sherman and Elizabeth Russell and Sarah Terribury of Jasper attended a Christmas Award Winning Tea at the Salvation Army. Receiving an outstanding award was Elizabeth Russell who dressed 5 dolls and had her picture in The Evening Tribune. Blue Ribbon winners were Mrs. Russell, Blanche Campbell, Maude White, Agnes Sherman, Freda Stephens, Rachel Wallace, Myra Campbell and Sarah Terribury. Red Ribbons were awarded to Blanche Campbell, Mrs. White, Mrs. Russell and a Yellow Ribbon to Mrs. Russell. Earle in the Fall, the Salvation Army purchased seven dozen dolls to be distributed and dressed.

The Volunteer Firemen are planning ahead special events to help pay for the pumper purchased in March. The first event is a Donkey Basketball Game with Greenwood Central School Faculty to be held at the School, Saturday night, January 8. There will be an advance ticket sale. A Spaghetti Supper will be served March 5 at the Greenwood School. A special project will be the awarding of a lace table cloth.

Greenwood Central School is sponsoring a Blood Bank to be held Friday, January 21 at the United Methodist Church. Donors are welcome from 18 to 70. Let us advertise this and ask your friends to come. It is the first time a Blood Bank has been held in Greenwood. Principal Gary Moore and Mrs. Valerie Atherton are Committee in Charge. The hours are: 1:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.

Mrs. Louise Smith was an honored guest at the Greenwood Grange meeting and Christmas Party last Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lamphier.

Mrs. Smith was presented a 50-year Membership Golden Seal Certificate and Pin by Master Lillian Sehenck. She was also presented a gift from the Grange. She joined the Grange in November 1926. At that time the Grange Hall was the building now owned by the American Legion. She has filled all the Officers including Master. Some highlights of her Grange years were remembered. Following the meeting Christmas refreshments were served and gifts exchanged. The article last week was the West Greenwood Grange.

Duane Chaffee started in the Fall to drive the Star Route to Whitesville twice daily.

Frank Druetto is a substitute Rural Mail Carrier from the Hornell Post Office and working in December the Hartsville Route.

Mrs. Eleanor Acker, Missionary at Dana, Kentucky, flew into Buffalo Thursday. She was met by her sister, Rev. and Mrs. David Knickerbocker of Mayville and stayed with them until Saturday. They brought her to Whitesville where she visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Acker and a niece brought her to the home of her father, Francis Acker. She is hoping to bring him home from the Bethesda Community Hospital and take care of him until the first of the year.

Dr. James Mercey entered the St. James Mercey Hospital for medical treatment for her leg. Her mother, Mrs. Howard, is staying with the family and visiting the hospital.

Douglas York returned home Friday from St. James Mercey Hospital where he was a medical patient for several days.

Mrs. Ruth York of Andover spent Sunday with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton York and attended the morning and evening Christmas Services at the United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Louise Smith had her grandchildren Jimmie and Mary Smith of Whitesville Saturday and overnight. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith came Sunday and took the children and his mother to Parkwood for a family Christmas dinner with their sister and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Lester Aldrich and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Holt and Laurie spent Saturday and Sunday

## "Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

"Tis the season" — not only to be "jolly" and to celebrate this special time of year, but to reflect on some of the better happenings in our state in 1976. It's true there may have been little to gift wrap and put under the state tree, but we need a time to be charitable, and this holiday week is as good as any.

An interesting point was made by a veteran newsman in an Albany newspaper recently. He wrote:

"New York State must rid itself of its current woe-begone image and handog look. Both are disastrously counter-productive to the economic well being of the state. Yet that woe-begone image and handog look are exactly what has been created — albeit, inadvertently — by Hugh Carey, governor of this state of ours, as he quite appropriately seeks to make the state face the financial facts of life.

— the governor, who has charged his predecessor with sweeping problems under the rug is creating the side effect of nudging the state's light under a bushel. He is knocking this Empire State's crown askew and making it look like a bowery derelict — It is an ugly side effect of his efforts to make ends meet.

Well, there may be some who would argue with our Governor's ability to "make ends meet". The writer has some interesting points to make, but, as with every year there was a measure of good in the hallowed halls of the State Legislature during the first seven months of 1976, and in other areas of state government.

For instance, the public sometimes forgets that one of the most important jobs of a state representative is to shepherd so-called local laws through the maze of legislative procedure. These are laws which become necessary in order to begin or carry-out a local area project such as sewer construction, funds for one type of public facility or another or to change rules, regulations and laws which apply to local governments but are connected with state laws. In some political infighting over the past several years (caused by the politically split houses of the Legislature) most of these local laws eventually pass and it is a vital service which your local legislators perform.

In the Legislature in 1976 we also passed bills which will benefit groups such as volunteer firemen, senior citizens, and many others. Some of these may seem insignificant, but they serve a very definite need, and are part of our responsibility as legislators.

If we look even further for some "light from under the bushel" in our state, we can be thankful that our court system, as imperfect as it is, managed to strike down most of the unjust and obviously illegal "fees" which this Administration attempted to impose on our residents. These included the so-called cable television tax and the "driver violation" fees which the state has based on motorists with poor driving records, in addition to the license and registration costs they already pay. These so-called "fees" were nothing more than taxes imposed without the approval or even the knowledge of the State Legislature which is clearly unconstitutional, and the courts have done their duty in so declaring. Now the problem is: what about the money which has already been collected? Will it be returned?

There is probably reason to be cheerful during this season just because there were no new taxes imposed on the residents of this state in 1976 now that these attempts at "fees" have been struck down. Also, it appears we will escape the holiday period without

with their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Steve Caparco at Henrietta.

Miss Judy York of Rochester arrived home Saturday for two weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton York. She is working in the Library at the School for the Deaf in Rochester

Mrs. Elizabeth Canty of Belmont came Friday and took her mother Mrs. Hulda McDonough to Hornell.

another ominous "special session" such as that called five days before Christmas in 1975 to impose crippling taxes on what remains of this state's business and industrial community.

There is even evidence, fortunately, that some of the commercial and industrial stability which this state once had is returning — very slowly. The announcement last week that Corning Glass would begin a \$15 million expansion of its facilities is certainly good news not only for this state but particularly for our area of the state, and let's hope it is only the beginning. It can be safely said that if the present Administration had kept going on its course of taxing industry and had not seen at least a little of the "light of day", such an announcement would never have come.

On balance, Santa's sleigh may not be filled with good news for our state in 1976, but there is some cause for optimism for the year ahead and certainly a pledge from this assemblyman that he will continue to work diligently on behalf of the residents of the 136th Assembly District and our state as a whole so that when Christmas, 1977 rolls around, we'll all have a great deal more to be cheerful about.

In the meantime, the very best for the holiday season from the Emery family to you and yours: May 1977 bring you good health, peace, joy and happiness.



### 40 YEARS AGO

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Claire C. Backus, Publisher

A daughter, Mary Ellen was born August 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cronk of Olcan.

The Swain Reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cooper, Labor Day with 51 relatives present. Officers for 1937: John Swain, President; Roger Swain, Vice President and Mrs. Nora Hess, Secretary and Treasurer. The 1937 Reunion will be held at Canaseraga Park, Labor Day.

The Ghostly Reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles in Shovel Hollow Sunday with 70 relatives attending.

The Third Annual Reunion of the George W. Green family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green on Barnet Street on Sunday with thirty relatives present. It was voted to hold the next Reunion at the home of Charles Green in Perry, N. Y.

The Eighth Annual Cronk and VanOrder Reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hann Sunday. Dinner was served to 70 members in the M. E. Church dining room. Officers elected were: President, Wilmer Cronk and Secretary and Treasurer Virgil Slaght.

The Officers for the Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Margaret Northrup; Vice President, Mrs. Pearl Mesler; Treasurer, Mrs. Lulu Emery; Secretary, Mrs. Valencia Slomom; Floral Committee, Mrs. Edith Thorne.

The Andover High School enrollment is as follows: Post Graduates 6; Grade 12 - 22; Grade 11 - 25; Grade 10 - 35; Grade 9 - 34; Grade 8 - 28; Grade 7 - 30; Grade 6 - 25; Grade 5 - 22; Grade 4 - 30; Grade 3 - 29; Grade 2 - 32; Grade 1 - 33 — Total 357.

Helen Church and Lasea Baker of Voorhees Hill, entered Wellsville High School as freshmen Tuesday A. M.

Allison Baker of Voorhees Hill played with the Legion Band at their Concert Sunday.

There was a good attendance at the Annual Reunion of Voorhees Hill "Old Times" Sunday at the Pine Grove. Mrs. Alice Livermore was the oldest member present and was presented a beautiful bouquet of "Glads".

Louis Dean and Con Casey of South Hill went to Buffalo Saturday afternoon and enjoyed the lake trip to Cleveland and back. They also went to Toronto to the Fair. They returned home Tuesday. Howard Barney looked after the Dean chores.

Joseph Potter, Robert McCormick, Arnold and Lawrence Hawks, John and Donald Lewis, Harold

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