

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

The School Consolidation petitions required by the Commissioner of Education are being circulated from Feb. 18 to March 6, 1977 by the following people: Donna Pritchard, Diane McKenna, Patricia McNeill, James Feenaughty, Sandra Hulse, Patricia McCaffrey, Joan Driscoll, Marian Dixon, Harriet Redmond, Gale Simonini, Virginia Putnam, JoAnn Williams. They have been instructed to take a census of eligible voters of each household and ask anyone in favor of consolidation to sign the petition. If not interested do not sign the petition. They are not to get into discussions of the pros and cons of the issue. This is the first step. If there is a positive indication from all three districts the Commissioner of Education would be asked to set boundaries of the New District made up of the school districts of Greenwood, Jasper and Troupsburg. This would be followed by a petition to set the date for an election where the voters of all three districts would vote to have a newly consolidated or not to, which ever way you vote you will probably be making some locally historical decisions. If you are in favor, it will mean a new school district and not necessarily a new K-12 building. (That will be up to you, the voters) at a later date. If you are against you will continue with our local system with continued increases in cost. The administration never indicated it would be cheaper to consolidate. They do feel we can get more for the dollar than now being spent.

Campbell Soup Labels and Post Cereal Box Tops are still needed.

The Annual Masonic Talent Contest Show will be held at Greenwood Central School, Friday, Mar. 25 at 8 P. M. Two age groups. Get your act together and come for fun and entertainment.

A Public Speaking Contest is also March 25 - 8:28 to 9:13 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tolhurst and two children of Westfield, Pa. came Saturday to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malin and attend the Firemen's Dinner.

This month Greenwood Junior and Troupsburg Junior Senior High Chorus will be combining for a big Festival Concert. The schools are rehearsing separately but will have a combined rehearsal at Jasper Central School on Wednesday night, March 16 from 7:00 - 8:30 p. m. The first performance will be Wednesday, March 23 at Troupsburg at 1:00 p. m. and will run about 45 minutes. The next concert will be Tuesday, March 29 at Greenwood Central School at 9 a. m., then the chorus will go to Jasper that same morning to present the Concert at Jasper Central School at 10:30 a. m. The combination of these three choruses will total about 90 students. Community members are cordially invited to attend all of these performances.

Mr. Yarnell is interested in organizing Summer Educational Excursions (SEE) to places like the sea shore, LaRay Caverns, and the Adirondacks of Greenwood. He has gotten enthusiastic response from the kids in his classes, he needs confirmation from the parents that would be supportive of such a private summer program costs have not been worked out. It depends a lot on how many go but would probably range somewhere between \$10 - \$20 a day per kid for transportation, food, and lodging. If you would be interested in such a program for your son or daughter, give a quick call to the school and log in your potential reservation.

The Firemen's Spaghetti Supper, Saturday night was well attended from the area including Rexville, Canisteo, Almond and Westfield, Pa. The men worked all day making and selling donuts and at night many men and their

wives worked. The gift crocheted table cloth went to July Bailey of Andover.

The parents and community may be interested in the Basic Competency Tests that have been given to the present 9th and 10th Grades. The State Education Department requires that a student desiring to receive a diploma upon graduation, must now pass certain Basic Competency Tests. For the Class of 1979 they must pass a Reading and Mathematics Test. The reading test consists of 40 questions with a passing score of 26. The mathematics test consists of 50 questions with a passing score of 33. For the Class of 1980 they must pass 5 tests: Reading Mathematics, Writing Skills, Civics and Citizenship and Practical Sciences and Health. The reading and math are the same as '79 Class, with writing skills being graded on a 0 - 100% scale, and a passing score of 65%. The other tests have 40 questions and a passing score of 26. In our present Class of 1979 out of 26 students 4% (1 student) has not passed the reading test and 8% (2 students) have not passed the math test. In the present Class of 1980, out of 28 students, all students taking the test have passed the reading and writing skills tests. In math, 20% (6 students) Civics and Citizenship 20% (6 students) and Practical Sciences and Health, 14% (4 students) have not passed. All students in 9th and 10th grades have received a Certificate of Achievement, informing them of their status on these tests.

Remedial work is being done to help overcome these deficiencies and opportunity to take the test again in June will be provided. The Guidance Office is ready to help on any questions.

The Library Media Center reports that all G. C. S. students grades 9 - 12 except for one transfer student, passed the minimum competency reading test, a requirement for graduation. Media Center statistics prove that our students can and do read. Book circulation for the first semester was 5473 in elementary and 1885 in 7-12.

Book Donors - Mrs. Furd Skoloff gave the book "Man's Unconquerable Mind" by Gilbert Heighits, to the professional library. Memorial Books - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Moore have jointed the list of faithful donors of magazines.

Two books have been given to the School Library in Memory of Clarence Webster. Greenwood Grange gave the book, "To Save The Soil", by Talley. Introduction to the book was written by Stewart Udall. Greenwood Friends and Neighbors gave the book, "The Forging Of Our Continent". This is an up-to-day book produced by the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C.

Cafeteria Menus at Greenwood Central School for the week of March 7 - 11 are:

MONDAY - Barbecued Beef with Bun, Buttered Spinach, Apple Sauce, Cookie, choc or white Milk.

TUESDAY - Juice, Baked Chicken, Cranberry Sauce, Potato Salad, Buttered Corn, Rolls, Ice Cream, choc or white Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Tomato Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Cookie, Glorified Rice, choc or white Milk.

THURSDAY - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread, Fruit, choc or white Milk.

FRIDAY - Tuna Boat, Buttered Peas, Pickles, Fruit, Doughnuts, choc or white Milk.

Tuesday the Varsity Basketball Team played Jasper at 7 p. m. at Alfred Uni. Gym and were eliminated in the play-offs 56 - 49. This was the third game with Jasper and our team improved each time, so it was a good ending for our boys. Scoring: Hoyt 4-0-8; K Moore 3-0-6; H. Moore 1-0-2; I. Babcock 6-1-13; Good, 3-0-6; Ah earn 0-0-0; T. Babcock 1-0-2; Putnam, 1-0-2; Simonini, 1-2-4; Reisman, 1-0-2; Rollins, 2-0-4.

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

New York State's average welfare payment is currently the highest in the nation - exceeding the national average by approximately 63 per cent. If we compare our subsidy with the average payment made by the more industrialized urban states like California, Michigan, Illinois, and Massachusetts, New York pays 30 per cent more.

No one has ever demonstrated that we have a higher cost of living than the other states providing less, nor can anyone show that the recipients in other states with much lower benefits are being denied necessary help.

For this reason, I am sponsoring a welfare reform proposal which would, under a two-year phase-in period, peg our welfare assistance grants in New York State to approximately the same level as six other comparable urban states. Under provisions of the legislation, the State Social Services Commissioner would designate six comparable states by using such criteria as population density, per capita income, cost of living, and the degree to which industrialization contributes to the economy.

Using the latest federal figures New York's payments would be based on the following averages in these states: Michigan \$305.00;

The Girls had a good night too, winning 21 - 18 over Savong Thursday. Peg Hanbach and Sandy Hunt, each scored 6 points. The girls have 3 more games: Monday Mar. 7 at Campbell; Wed. Mar. 9 Hornell here; and Monday, Mar. 14, Canisteo comes to Greenwood.

A son, Joseph Nathaniel was born Wednesday, March 2, 1977 to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brewster (Bonnie Snyder) of the Canisteo Road, at the Bethesda Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Brewster of West Greenwood are the paternal grandparents.

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Massachusetts \$275.35; Illinois \$275.35; New Jersey \$274.97; Connecticut \$266.68; and California \$259.55.

Figuring that New York State's average payment is presently \$363.65, the bill would save state and local governments \$102 million in the first year and an additional \$75 million, the second year. Payment levels would be fixed at 120 per cent of the six-state average in the first year and would be reduced to 105 per cent of the average in the second year.

Under this plan, three major objectives would be accomplished. First, it would provide essential and immediate financial relief to the state and local governments since both levels of government share equally the costs of providing assistance to the needy.

Secondly, the bill prepares New York for the eventual federalization of public assistance programs. On the federal level, it has been established that the most basic need is for the standardization of payment levels with possible adjustments for cost of living differentials. The passage of this proposal would place New York State in a more advantageous position for federal aid should federalization of public assistance take place.

Thirdly, the legislation would go a long way to remove the work disincentive now created by the present public assistance payment levels. A recent study showed that the average New York State worker and his family, get \$368 a year, or about one dollar a day more than the welfare family of four receiving tax-free benefits.

If we are to rebuild our state's economy and to reaffirm the strength of our workers' earnings we must bring social services expenditures in line with the national average. The weight of the nation's poor, who move to New York State because they can get more welfare dollars than in any other state, is pulling us down the drain to economic ruin.

For the salvation of this state's hard working taxpayers, and for the long-term benefit of all those people who need assistance, New York State must bring its welfare payments in line with the rest of the nation.



30 YEARS AGO

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Principal J. H. Kessler of the Andover Central School reports far too many violations of the new school bus stop law are being reported to his office by the bus drivers and issues a warning to motorists.

The Andover Home Bureau will meet at the Grange Hall Oct. 10 for the final lesson on making of rayon dresses, given by Mrs. Dorothy Burdick. A tureen dinner will be served at noon with Ceddle Ruger, Helen Beach and Glenora Pelton acting as hostesses. 21 members attended the meeting held Sept. 26. Three more ladies joined at this meeting. Mrs. R. D. Stein of Wellsville will attend the Oct. 10 meeting with her fall samples of millinery, which members can order what they like for making hats for the November Home Bureau meeting.

The Kings Daughters will meet Oct. 10 at the home of Mrs. Almond Wood.

Thomas Lynch of East Valley is spending this week with relatives in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCaffrey of Greenwood, are parents of a son born Sept. 23.

Victor Oakes returned to his studies at Syracuse University after spending a month at his home in Andover.


Mrs. William McGee and two sons of Bedford Hills, is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. W. F. O'Connell.

Mrs. J. J. Oakes left Monday for Niagara Falls after spending some time at her home in Andover.

Mrs. Harry Lynton returned Monday after passing 10 days guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Snyder at Watertown, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hulin and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Ro-


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