

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

Maps of the proposed 18,699 acre agricultural district in the Towns of Greenwood, Hartsville, Canistota, Jasper, Troupsburg and West Union were shown at a meeting last Tuesday night at the Greenwood Central School. The proposed district has been mapped by Mrs. Patsy Hulise and Mrs. June Sekoll. The project began about a year ago after a meeting in the Greenwood area when the agricultural district was explained. There was enough interest in the concept to start the mapping. Contacts were made by telephone and word of mouth and the two women held several sessions in the Greenwood Town Hall to talk with interested landowners and to map them in the district if requested. They vounteered much time.

The proposed district will be presented to the Steuben County Board of Supervisors for consideration. They expect to complete all necessary work to present it at the April 18 meeting. It will be submitted to the County Planning Board and the Agricultural District Advisory Board for recommendation. After that a public hearing and action to approve or reject the proposed agricultural district by the Board of Supervisors. It will then be reviewed by the Department of Environmental Conservation. After review by the State Agricultural Resources Commission and the State Office of Planning Services, the proposal if approved, is returned to the County Board of Supervisors for final action. If approved, the district will continue without change for eight years.

Steuben County Cooperative Extension Agricultural Agent, Wm Hudson of Bath, and Norman Clauson of Canistota, members of the Agricultural District Advisory Committee, attended the Greenwood process. Mr. Hudson said 20 percent of the land in Steuben County is in the Agricultural Districts. Larger districts are being created but the minimum district is 500 acres. The paper work is extensive for large or small districts. When the district is approved, the map of the district and names of every landowner in the district is filed with the County Clerk's Office. The Agricultural District Law to encourage continuance of a strong agricultural industry and to preserve prime agriculture land from urban sprawl and residential and commercial development was passed by the Legislature in 1971. Property tax assessments on land in an agricultural district may be based on agricultural rather than market value if a farmer qualifies and files an annual application.

To qualify he must have a gross sale of \$20,000 in the past two years and own a minimum of 10 acres. The right of public agencies to acquire farmland by eminent domain is modified if the land is in an agricultural district and the power of special districts such as sewer, water or lights to impose assessments on land in agricultural districts is limited. The farmers at the meeting agreed to continue the steps in the agricultural district process. They named Burdette Hulise of Greenwood, William Mullen of Canistota and Stephen Dennis of Jasper to a Steering Committee for the proposed district. The committee will represent the district during the steps to its creation and if any questions or problems develop after it has been approved.

The Busy Farmers and Farmettes Jr. and Sr. groups participated in Demonstration Day at Canistota, April 2. Those taking part were: Kim Atherton, Lise Harkenrider, Dan Harkenrider, Tim Harkenrider and Tom Harkenrider. All were blue ribbon winners. — Monica Harkenrider News Reporter.

April is Cancer Crusade Month. Chairman for Greenwood is Mrs. Janette Cornell. Mrs. Sharon Harkenrider is the Rexville Chairman. The door-to-door campaign will be April 24 to May 1. A Get-Wet-For-Cancer or Swimathon will be May 7 at Greenwood Central Pool. Bob and Irene Over are co-

chairmen of the event. Applications for the Swimathon may be obtained at the Greenwood School Office, Post Office, Druetto's Grocery in Greenwood, or Etta's Grocery in Rexville. The contestants will be calling for sponsors to pay for Cancer. All students under 18 must have parental signatures on the application.

Greenwood Central School presented the musical "The Enchanted Forest", Friday night. Director was Steve Kickbush. English Teacher and Music and Choreography by Chorus Teacher Louis Petroni. The production was well done and a good attendance turned out. The play was in three acts with five scenes in act I and two each in act II and III. Stage crew and scenery was in charge of Dan Warriner and Paul Zusebin, changing scenes in darkened stage with help; Costumes, Laura Symonds; Stage Manager, Shelly Lamphier and Publicity, Rena Jarrabet and Susan Wallace.

The cast included: Fairy Star-duet, Denise Higgins; Bobblewinke Thalia Edwards; Hoppy, Joel, the Trio main character; Witch-ugly, Face, Veronica Adderly; Mr. Great Composer, Mike Hor; Melinda, Sandy; Dennis; Fruity, Don; Simonini; Tutty, Leon Babcock; Nutty, Dave Adderly; Wise Owl, Howard Moore; Mrs. Cleanup, Janine Quick; Old Woman, Pam Heckman; Leprechaun I, Karen McKenna; Leprechaun II, Elizabeth Baker; Fairy I, Bonnie Dennison; Fairy II, Deanna Allen; Chorus of Fairies & Leprechauns — Tina Eals, Jeanne Putnam, Sally Sekoll, Maureen McKenna, Anna Sekoll and Kim Welch. Mr. Petroni also did the programs.

Terrance, formerly of Greenwood, is now working in Dharan Saudi, Arabia. He is working as assistant to the Vice President of Texas Instruments, Geological Division, presently on loan to Arabian-American Oil Co. (Aramco). He is a geologist who locates land for oil companies to drill for oil. In writing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pritchard of Greenwood, he states that milk is \$1.00 per quart; eggs 40c apiece, and ice cream \$10.00 per gallon. Terrance is a 1969 graduate of Greenwood Central School and a 1973 graduate of Texas A and M University.

A Speaking Contest was held at Greenwood Central School, Friday March 25, sponsored by Steuben County Language Arts Association. Students for the contest were chosen from classroom contests in grades 9 - 12. Judges were: Mrs. Virginia York, Mrs. Harriet Redmond and Mr. Sheldon Atherton. Winners were: Boys — David Adderly talking on "CB Radio"; Girls — Cam McCormick on "How To Give A Speech". Both winners were sophomores. Runners up were: Boys — Jimmy Putnam; Girls — Annette Ahearn. Other participants were: Boys — Howard Moore, Kevin Moore, Harry Blise and Donald Simonini; Girls — Susan Wallace, Sandy Dennison and Veronica Jarrabet. The winners will participate this week Wednesday, April 6, at 10:00 A. M. in the Steuben County Speaking Contest which will be held at the Greenwood Central School.

School closes at 12:30 Friday and Easter Vacation the week of April 11 - 15, reopening Monday April 18. Many from here attended the Maple Festival in Andover School Saturday and Sunday. Annette Pritchard, Greenwood participated in the All-County Band held in Addison, Saturday. Miss Pritchard was chosen to play in the Wind Ensemble.

Tuesday, April 5 is a Crop College Steuben County Extension at 8:00 P. M., in the local Central School Cafeteria. Also Tuesday, April 5 at 1:45 P. M., is a Financial Aid Program for students in Junior and Senior High School and their parents who want to go to college. David Gruen will be at the school from Alfred University to discuss with the students and parents the financial aspects of going to college.

This is the meeting to answer your questions about finances and a college education.

Thursday, April 7 is the Spring Band Concert at 8:00 P. M., directed by Scott Kickbush. The Band Concert for the combined three schools: Jasper, Troupsburg and Greenwood will be held Saturday afternoon April 30 at 2 P. M., at the McClane Center in Alfred.

Sunday, April 17, the West Union Volunteer Fire Company is holding an Ice Cream Social. They have other activities planned.

Friday, April 22 from 11:30 A. M. ON — the West Greenwood Grange is sponsoring a Fish Fry. Attention — West Greenwood Grangers — Saturday, April 9 in State Deputy Visitation and "Hup Of Life" Demonstration at 8 P. M.

Tuesday, April 19 the PTSA has asked to sponsor a program on sex education and moral issues in our schools at 8 P. M. in the school Cafeteria. The school wants to present what is being taught in these areas and discuss with you what you think about their approaches. These can become controversial topics if not handled well. As many parents and students as can attend the meeting to help the school handle these topics the best way.

The school thanks everyone for the Campbell Soup Labels. A little over 5,000 labels were received. The school will receive portable goals for use in gym classes for hockey, soccer, etc.

Baseball Season opens Thursday, April 7 at Whitesville at 3:30 P. M. Other games scheduled are April 20, Greenwood at Whitesville at 4:00 P. M.; April 25, Cohocton at Greenwood at 4 P. M.; and April 28, Greenwood at Prattsburg at 4 P. M.

The combined Chorus of Jasper Troupsburg and Greenwood scheduled for Tuesday at 9 A. M., at Greenwood and later at Jasper was cancelled. A date will be set later.

Several from here visited the Smith Funeral Home for Lvle Bettlinger of the Canistota Road.

Bruce Zeh of Jasper has replaced Richard Wallace at the Agway Store. He came March 14 to learn his duties before Richard left last Saturday.

Brothers of the Brush for the Sesqui-Centennial events in August, changed the date of sign-up to Tuesday, April 19 at 8 P. M. at the West Greenwood-Grange Hall. Chairman George McCaffery hopes to get good support, so turn out Men!

The Sesqui-Centennial opened activities April 2 - 3 by selling donuts and coffee at the Andover Maple Festival at the Andover Central School. Mrs. Patsy Hulise was chairman of arrangements getting supplies and workers. Cinton York got workers to make the donuts at the Fire Hall, Friday P. M. and Saturday. Erwin Allen got the money raising project ready for the weekend in Andover, also. The committee meets at the Town Hall Wednesday night, April 6 and every second Wednesday night.

The Well Child Clinic was held at the United Methodist Social Hall, Friday.

This Wednesday, April 6 was the Senior Citizens Easter Ham Dinner with music by the 3rd and 4th graders with vocal teacher Louis Petroni.

Easter Sunday, April 10, the Rev. Arthur Wright of Scio, a retired minister, will begin serving the Greenwood United Methodist Church until we get our permanent appointment. A committee from our Church, Virgil Hussey (Clinton York, Chares Smith and Mrs. Daniel Redmond and Mrs. Marjion Streeter met at the Andover Methodist Church with their Pastoral Relations Committee and interviewed a Rev. and Mrs. Gabriel, who will take the Parish in July.

The United Methodist Church was formed in Greenwood in 1827 and our church will be part of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration. Letters went out last week to invite former and present friends and members of the church to help us celebrate, Sunday April 24. Rev. Robert Jones, Pastor here and in South Canistota in 1957 - 58, will speak at the 9:45 Worship Service. There will be an hour of greeting and letters and exchange of memories, followed by a tureen dinner. Ham and beverage is furnished by the church. At 2 P. M., we will have another informal hour of music and greetings of former Pastors. The Bishop, Joseph Yaegri of Syracuse, will come from Wellsville at 3 P. M. and speak for our celebration. The History Committee has met several times

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"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

IT'S TIME TO STOP THE VIOLENCE

There is growing concern in our state over the increasing number of violent crimes being committed against all out citizens, particularly our elderly, and this concern is being reflected in the State Legislature. Recently legislation was introduced of which I am a co-sponsor designed to strengthen law enforcement against violent, terrorizing crimes. As a former sheriff, I have a keen interest in solving our growing crime problem.

One might tend to think that the bulk of these crimes are committed in the heart of the urban ghettos, such as New York City and while it is true that they have more than their share, these violent acts occur in our society at all levels and in all areas.

The significance of the measure which I am co-sponsoring can be seen in the fact that it is also sponsored by all 62 minority members of the Assembly, including Minority Leader Perry E. Duryea.

It is a comprehensive anti-crime measure which would modernize our penal laws to properly deal with the vicious crimes prevalent today. It identifies those crimes of violence and sets appropriately stiff penalties. An illustration of the contrast between existing law and the new legislative proposal can be seen in a case where, for example, an offender sexually abuses a child and then proceeds to administer a vicious beating. This may not be tasteless to discuss but it is necessary to understand the point.

Under current law, two crimes would have been committed; sexual abuse in the first degree and, if the beating resulted in serious injury, assault in the second degree — both class D felonies — and believe it or not the defendant could plead guilty to a misdemeanor and be sentenced to probation.

Under the proposed law I am co-sponsoring, however, the plea would have to be at least a Class D felony and the sentence would have to be at least a minimum two years imprisonment with a maximum term of at least five years. It is a case of providing an appropriate penalty and not just a legal textbook definition for the crimes committed.

It is high time all persons in New York State recognize that a strong policy of law enforcement is critical if our society is to be preserved. The problem we face now is that the wrong people are imprisoned. Our citizens are prisoners in their homes — not even safe there — while vicious criminals are returned to the streets through gaping holes in the law, to prey upon us time and time again. When enacted, this bill will be a major step forward in the war on these hoodlums.

There is also a move in the Legislature to do something about violent crimes committed with a deadly weapon. This is why I am co-sponsoring legislation in the Assembly which would mandate prison sentences for persons convicted of felonies in which firearms are used or displayed.

This bill would apply to those convicted of felonies in which a machine gun, air-arm, rifle, or shotgun was used or displayed. The bill establishes a schedule of maximum and minimum sentences for those convicted, to be fixed by the court as follows:

- for a class B felony, the term must be at least nine years and must not exceed twenty five years;
- for a class C felony the term must be at least six years and must not exceed fifteen years;
- for a class D felony, the term must be at least four years and must not exceed seven years; and
- for a class E felony, the term must be at least three years and must not exceed four years.

Persons convicted of armed felonies, would, under the provisions of the bill, be required to serve at least one half of the maximum term imposed.

It must be emphasized that this bill in no way restricts the right to own firearms, but rather is an attempt to provide a strong deterrent to those criminals who use deadly weapons in the commission of a crime. Since the provisions

of the bill only apply to those convicted of armed felonies, law abiding citizens who own firearms would not be affected. The increase in violent crime has alarmed all our citizens and tough measures are called for to stem the rise.



40 YEARS AGO

October 23, 1936

Claire C. Backus, Publisher
Harvey Thorne, Erwin Lewis, William Joyce and Floyd Pease were among those from Andover who attended the GL Business Meeting at Syracuse Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kibler of Rochester spent Monday and Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ruger.

30 YEARS AGO

October 24, 1946

Claire C. Backus, Publisher
Another New Industry coming to Andover. It was officially announced Saturday that a new industry to be known as the Andover China Company Inc., will start operations in Andover in the near future. The announcement was made by Mr. L. B. Coffin of Newark, N. J., who was in Andover making final plans for the company. Mr. Coffin, a native of Andover and a graduate of Alfred University in ceramic engineering, will be in charge of the Andover plant which will manufacture a high grade China Dinnerware, novelties, lamp bases, etc. The company has leased a part of the cement Silk Mill building on Rochambeau Ave., and expect to move equipment into it about Nov. 15 and start operations around the first of the year. The new plant will employ mostly skilled labor. They plan to bring a few key men with them and will hire local help for the balance. At the start they will employ from 15 to 20 people, both men and women. Lieutenant Barbara Temple arrived home Wednesday from Ft. Dix, where she was discharged from service. Lt. Temple has been in the South Pacific Area for some months.

Pvt. Carl Wentworth who passed ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wentworth, returned Monday to Greenville, S. C.

Word has been received by his father, that T-5 Richard W. Beihl is on his way home from the South Pacific Area.

The Andover Masons are requested to "Go To Church Sunday" October 27. The Lodge has been invited to the Andover Presbyterian Church at 10:15 A. M.

Mrs. Leona Blank, 77, mother of George Blank, died at St. James Mercy Hospital, Oct. 18. Besides her son, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Percilla Townsend of Canistota. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery at Almond, N. Y.

Mrs. Christina Atwell died Oct 19 in Whitesville. She was born in Greenwood Dec. 23, 1886, the daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Johnson Wood. On August 10 1895 she married Melvin Atwell who died July 19, 1937. She is survived by two sons, Earl of Elm Valley and Wilmer of Andover; four daughters, Mrs. Wyman Krusen and Mrs. Elton White of Greenwood, Mrs. Lawrence Smith of Whitesville and Mrs. Howard Green of Andover; three sisters Mrs. Lottie Covart of Bolivar, Mrs. Dan Hicks of Belmont and Mrs. Will Baxter of Darien Center; and one brother, Emory Wood of Middleport. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

The following new Officers of Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303 installed recently are: Irene Hanb Noble Grand, Ora Gath Vice Grand, Laura Witter Fin. Secy., Grace Wagner Rec. Secy., Jennie Carr Treasurer, Gertraude Kupp Warden, Marlon Theetge Conductor, Nora Higby Chaplain, Cora Snedeker Sittig P.N.G., Clara Whitaker Inside Guard, Bertha Freeland Outside Guard, Bertha Hardy R.S.N.G., Fannie Lehman R.S.V.G., Ethel Gath L.S.V.G., Beatrice Davis L.S.S., Pauline Yorton, Musician

James B. Mulholland was in Buffalo Monday, where he received delivery on a Packard Combination Ambulance and Hearshe which he drove home and is now equipped to answer emergency calls.

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