

Lunchless Troy Schools Described as 'Unusual'

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The State Education Department says the Troy city school board is acting legally in its refusal to provide space facilities for children who bring a lunch to school, but admits their action "is unusual."

The department's chief counsel, John Jehu, who called the Troy board's policy unusual, said he hadn't heard of any Board of Education that didn't have a lunch program of some kind.

The board refused to act Monday night on resolutions offered by its president, Fred Grimm,

calling for an immediate provision for lunchrooms, and the start of a hot lunch program next year for all elementary children. Although no vote was taken, the resolutions died for lack of a second.

The absence of school action led to expressions of anger and resentment by residents, several neighborhood group representatives and the Troy office of the Economic Opportunity Commission, at the meeting.

To Help Mothers
OEO director David Hutchinson says the issue is "hot, and we feel the board isn't really indicating a concern for the

children." He claims the chief need for the lunch program is to free working mothers from having to be home at noon, and he cites safety and health factors to children as a detriment of the present policy.

The Troy school doors are locked and the children must leave, Hutchinson remarked.

The Troy policy, disallowing lunches even when the weather is bad or long distances must be walked — is unmatched in any other city's lunch program in the Capital District. A survey of each school district shows all of them have some provisions for children to eat at school, on at least bad weather days, in at least some of the buildings.

Watervliet is the next most stringent, denying lunch at school on all except an "emergency basis" for children. In Rensselaer Cohoes, Albany and Schenectady public schools and in the Albany Diocese schools, lunches may be carried to some buildings, under policy usually arrived at the individual school.

Furthermore, hot lunches are provided in Albany's Giffen School, Rensselaer's Van Rensselaer and Fort Craigo Schools, and will be provided in Schenectady's soon to open Halsey School.

All of Cohoes elementary children can eat at school if they wish. On the other hand, Cohoes is the only city district where high school students do not have in-house cafeteria facilities for hot lunches.

Benedetto New Renss. Councilman

The Rensselaer Common Council filled a vacancy in its ranks Wednesday night and asked the Legislature to amend the General Municipal Law to permit the creation of an Urban Renewal Agency.

Anthony S. Benedetto of 1483 Broadway was named to replace the former Seventh Ward alderman Edward Ratcliffe at the regular meeting. Ratcliffe has resigned. Benedetto will be sworn in at a special ceremony in the office of Mayor John H. Warden Tuesday at 10 a.m. His term will expire Dec. 31.

The five members of the proposed urban renewal unit will be Mayor Warden, Irwin Stewart, Common Council president; James Millea, corporation counsel; Aaron Mullen, fire alarm superintendent; and a local resident.

The council approved a measure to grant the state an adjusted annexation agreement for \$550 in connection with the planned Albany - Couese arterial highway.

The council okayed a measure to permit William Smith and Charles Elliott, appraisers, to evaluate property owned by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the town of North Greenbush. The appraisal will be made in connection with the planned Palroom Island Bridge, according to Setwart. The appraisal cost is to be split between Rensselaer and East Greenbush.

The council authorized Mayor Warden to negotiate a contract with Albany Motor Ambulance Service, 166 Lancaster Street, to provide emergency service.

In other action, the council: —Purchased electrical equipment from the Henzel Electric Co., Albany, to be used at its Troy pumping station for \$1,430. —Authorized the City Clerk to advertise for bids, returnable at the next meeting, for a 1½-ton dump truck to be used by the Water Department.

Schenectady County to Advise Takeover of Central Park

By ROBERT J. BARBER
The Schenectady County Board of Representatives is expected "shortly" to recommend to the city that its 372-acre Central Park become a part of the county park system and operated exclusively by the county.

Joseph Mastrianni, County planner, said Wednesday the County Comprehensive Plan includes this recommendation for incorporation into the program for development of the Mohawk Riverfront.

The county master plan also calls for development of Mohawk River islands for recreation. This would fall into line with legislation recently introduced by Assemblyman Clark C. Wemple for the establishment

of the Mohawk River Valley Commission.

The county planning department signed a contract last December with the city at a cost to the city of \$35,000. Mastrianni said the city report will be ready in May or June.

He added that if the city had hired consultants to make the

study, it would cost about \$100,000.

The county planner said the county report has been completed and is now being edited. It will then be submitted to the county board for approval.

Opposition Expected
The proposed take-over of Central Park by the county is

expected to run into considerable opposition. It has been the city's pride for many years and is one of the most attractive recreational facilities in the area.

The park has swimming, tennis, shaded picnicing areas, play areas for children from tots to teenagers and draws visitors from all over Capitaland.

Outsiders Charge Considered
In fact, the draw from outside the city and county in recent years has been so heavy that the city council considered charging each car bearing an out-of-county license plate.

The park also has a small zoo which has been growing each year and it is dotted with rock gardens. Heavily patrolled by police at night during the summer, the park draws large crowds in the early evening hours to see the multi-colored fountain.

But in the overall plan, Mastrianni said, probably the most important single item concerns transportation. He said the present draft contains more than 100 pages and is now being evaluated by the transportation committee of the county board.

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EAGLE SCOUT—Michael C. Toddings of 4 Greenbriar Way, East Greenbush, receives an Eagle Scout pin from his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Toddings. Michael is a member of Troop 41 in East Greenbush sponsored by the East Greenbush Rotary Club.

Latitude for Boards
Jehu, remarking on the Education Law, said the boards had wide latitude to make reasonable regulations on lunch programs. However, he said, if parents felt the board wasn't acting reasonably, they could appeal to the Education Commissioner or the State Supreme Court. "It depends on all the facts and circumstances" as to what a ruling might be, Jehu said.

Schenectady school officials say only five of their 19 schools do not allow children to eat at school, while at other schools children can carry lunches, at least during the winter months, if they live six-tenths of a mile or more away. Typically, 10 to 30 percent of the youngsters eat in, they point out.

Albany gives elementary children a 1½ hour lunch break at most of its neighborhood schools and sends them home, but most of them live close by and there's no hardship, says Superintendent Dr. James Hepinstall. In at least three schools, Nos. 5, 6 and 7, children buy bag lunches.

The superintendent of Albany Diocese schools, the Rev. Thomas Maloney, noted that "generally there is opportunity for kids to eat lunch in school, but in a few 'it's not easy to have lunch' because of a lack of time or personnel. In some schools there were no facilities for lunchrooms, and in others, with facilities, mothers may help, he said.

Rensselaer Superintendent Joseph Reilly said besides hot lunch facilities at two schools, transferred pupils now attending School 3 could bring a bag lunch, while the regular pupils went home.

Across the River
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Tamarac Man Killed By Tractor

A 66-year-old school custodian was crushed to death beneath his tractor Wednesday after the vehicle struck a tree on his farm in the Town of Brunswick, Rensselaer County, State Police report.

Lorenz Ernst Wiese, of Lock Road, Tamarac, was dead on arrival at Samaritan Hospital, Troy. Rensselaer County Coroner Anthony Maters withheld a verdict pending further investigation.

Wiese's daughter Mrs. Gloria Green also of Tamarac, discovered her father's body pinned between a tree and the right rear axle of the tractor about 3:45 p.m. State Police at Brunswick said Wiese was apparently backing the vehicle when it hit the tree and jolted him out of his seat.

The accident was investigated by Zone Sergeant P.J. Maier and BCI Investigators J.M. Clare and G. Loney, all of the Brunswick substation.

Wiese was employed as a custodian by the Brittonkill School District. Besides his daughter, he is survived by his wife, the former Edna Purvis, two brothers, Ernest and Jerome Wiese, and two sisters, Mrs. John Reilly and Mrs. Larry O'Shea, all of Norwich, Conn and one grandson. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Howard Tate Funeral Home, Pittstown.



SENATOR-FIREMAN—Sporting a three-inch bandage over his nose, State Senator Jay P. Rolison Jr., R-38, Poughkeepsie, is treated for facial cuts sustained in fighting a store fire in a Poughkeepsie shopping center. A volunteer fireman, the senator had just returned from Albany when the alarm sounded. (AP Wirephoto)

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2 Councilmen Charge Supervisor Broke Faith

SAUGERTIES — Two Republican town councilmen criticized Democratic Supervisor Michael Schovel for 'failure to live up to his announced intention of cooperation in running town affairs' Wednesday.

Councilmen Bernard Rinaldi and George Turner said that the four councilmen had given Schovel all possible cooperation and that he had broken faith with them.

Specifically the councilmen said that they had waived the two days notice required for a special meeting at the supervisor's request. Then they met with him before a regular meeting last week to go over the agenda.

Turner and Rinaldi said in a prepared statement that Schovel had deliberately held back two letters, later brought up at the meeting. They stated that he had also kept his request for a deputy supervisor secret until the public meeting.

"The supervisor not only acted in bad faith, but also showed that he has no intention of cooperating with the councilmen, despite his preaching to the contrary," the statement continued.

Noting that the supervisor had campaigned on a promise to be a fulltimer, the Republicans pointed out that the work of the office has been reduced because of the reorganization of the

board and the election of separate county legislators.

The Republicans asked, "Does he really need a deputy supervisor? After a month in office, could it be that Mr. Schovel has found out that the demands of his private business do not allow him to spend sufficient time in Town Hall to carry on the affairs of the Town of Saugerties?"



APPOINTED — William M. Wesel, 19 Jones Drive, Colonie, has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Barranquilla, Colombia, at the Grand Lodge of New York, Masons.

Greenhouse Will Filed Against

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Hearing Today Will Weigh Plan to Rebuild Wolf Road

The State Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing at 3 p.m. today at Colonie Central High School to consider the proposed reconstruction of Wolf Road.

The work would affect a 1.9-mile section of the road between Central Avenue and Shaker Road. The plan includes widening of the present road to four lanes with a 16-foot-wide road level median, following the present alignment and grade of the road. The project will require the appropriation of lands along Wolf Road, since the width including right of way is planned at 120 feet.

The hearing will be conducted by Frank J. Fuller, district engineer for the department in Albany. Preliminary plans showing location of the project and properties in that area will be available for study.

According to J. Burch McMorran, commissioner of transportation, persons attending the hearing may present their views by written or oral statements.

Engineers Slate Meeting With School Counselors

The Eastern Chapter of Consulting Engineers Council of New York State, Inc. will host over 40 guidance counselors from Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga, and Rensselaer County public and parochial high schools Feb. 15 at the Tom Sawyer Motel, Albany, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Robert D. Krouner,

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Thruway Crash Kills Sch'dy Truck Driver

A 24-year-old Schenectady truck driver was killed early Wednesday when the stake truck he was driving veered off the Thruway about 10 miles west of Utica and burst into flames.

The driver, James Mabee of 1859 Becker Street, was trapped in the burning cab for about two hours after the accident. The accident occurred at about 2 a.m.

State Police said Mabee was employed by McCormacks Highway Transportation Inc. of Schenectady. He was the father of two children.

Mabee was driving west on the Thruway, near the Westerlo interchange, when, authorities believe, he fell asleep at the wheel. The truck veered to the right, went down an embankment into a grove of trees and exploded.

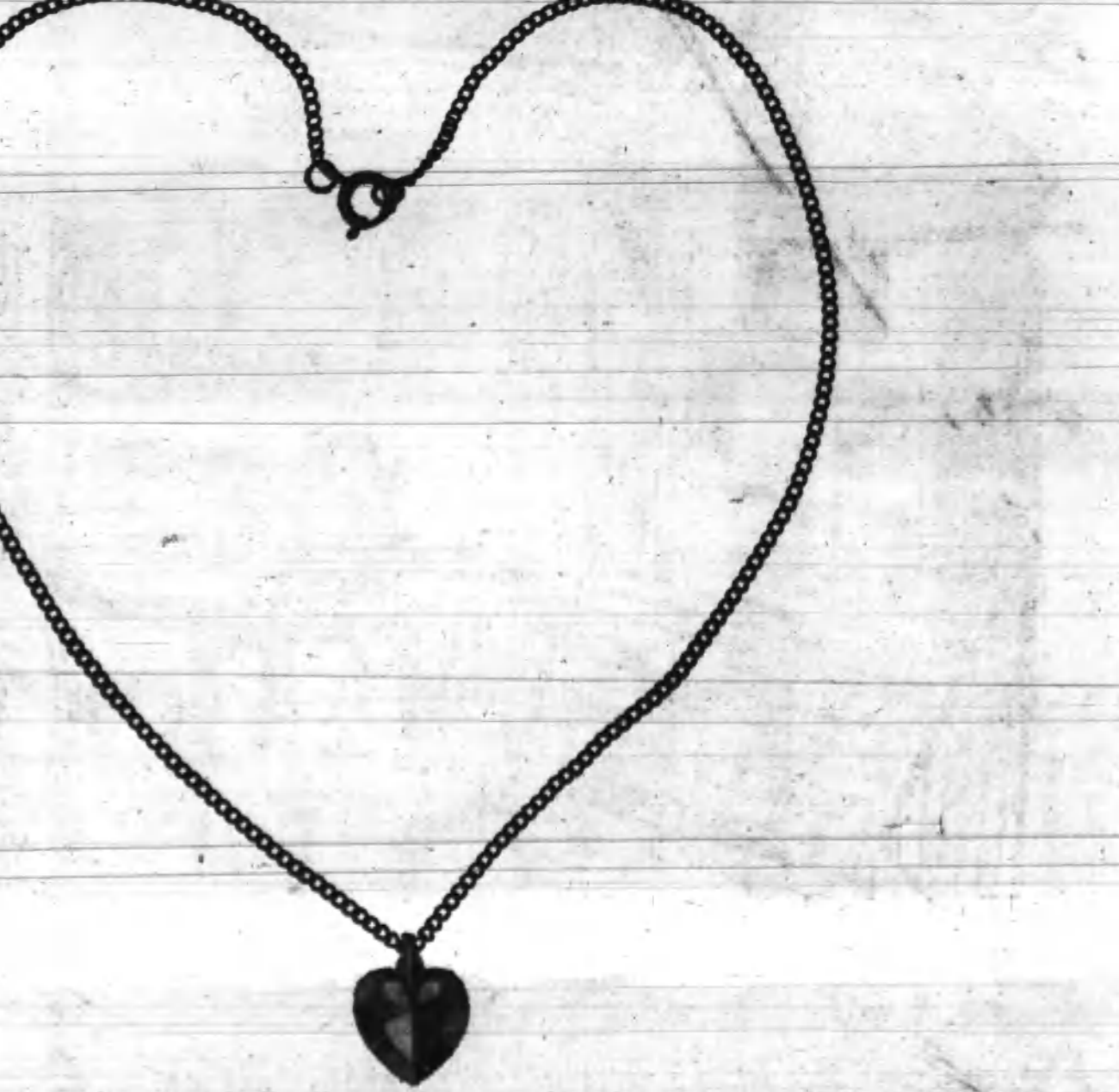
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NOTICE

Change in Bus Schedules will be effective February 17, 1968, on Albany, Route 20, between Schenectady and Albany. Time tables available on buses or mailed on request.

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