

News Of Castleton And Schodack

South Schodack Dedicates New \$63,000 Fire Station

"You have one of the finest fire houses in Rensselaer County," said William Dougherty, Rensselaer County Fire Safety Co-ordinator, as he spoke at the dedication exercises of the new South Schodack Fire House. The exercises were climaxed with the arrival of a new \$63,000 fire truck which is "one of the finest pieces of equipment in the area" according to Fire Chief Harry Duncan.

The Rev. Arthur Richter, pastor of the Missionary Alliance Church in Clearview, gave the invocation. Town Supervisor Richard Drumm and Steve Marlet for the County Board of Representatives were on hand to give their good wishes, and the cornerstone was laid by local Fire Commissioners Clarence Turner, Harold Coons, George Mesick, Hamilton Davids, and John Spring. The deed to the new building was presented by Commissioner George Mesick to Fire Company Directors Bob Donnelly, Anthony Maier, and Jim Stockman, and the keys to the new structure were presented by Commissioner Harold Coons to Fire Chief Harry Duncan, Company President Dick Dailey and Mrs. L. Dannelly, President of Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Joyce Davids, Chairman of Directors of the Ladies Auxiliary, presented a plaque of a fire brigade three generations ago to Commissioner Clarence Turner, Commissioner Hamilton Davids, Chief Harry Duncan and President of the Fire Company, Dick Dailey who promised that it would be appropriately hung in the new fire house. Mrs. Eleanor Swartz, voted Popularity Queen of the Auxiliary, cut the ribbon to the house, assisted by Mr. Dougherty. Others on the speakers' platform were Architect Dominic D'Ambrosio, Roupe Boucher, Director of Fire Safety and Dale W. Goodall who presided.

The band of the Mitzeskill Reformed Church under the direction of Mrs. Jean Adams played several selections. Boy Scout Troop 253 under the direction of Assistant Scoutmaster Donald Shields formed the honor guard for the flag raising.

The new fire house is the result of a three-year effort and became possible when the District voted bond issue of \$70,000. The structure has an area of 3,300 square feet and cost \$63,000.

Miss Bennett Is DAR Good Citizen

Miss Katherine Bennett, a senior at Maple Hill High School, has been selected to represent the school in the D. A. R. Good Citizen program this year, announced Richard Bamberger, High School Principal.

Miss Bennett was selected by her senior classmates on the basis of her dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The selection which was made by the senior class was also approved by the faculty of the high school.

Miss Bennett is a member of the National Honor Society and of the high school Chorus. She is also the Co-Captain of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad. Last year Miss Bennett was a member of the Model Congress Club, the Girls Tennis Team and the Student Council.

Castleton Man Visits Birthplace Of Martyred Kin

Robert W. Metzger of Castleton, visited the birthplace of his father's cousin in Germany this summer. There was nothing unusual about that, excepting that Metzger's cousin, a Catholic priest, was beheaded at Brandenburg near Berlin, in April 1944, after Hitler's "People's Court" had sentenced him to death on charges of "collaboration with the enemy." Father Metzger in messages to foreign church leaders in Western neutral countries, had urged them to advocate and work for a "just and bearable peace treaty" with Germany after the certain defeat of the Hitler regime.

Father Max Joseph Metzger

or "Brother Paul" as he was affectionately called was priest in the cathedral at Freiburg at the time and was prominent in the Una Sancta movement, an organization aimed at better understanding between Catholics and Protestants through theological discussion.

On the memorial plaque in Schopfheim - his birthplace - these words are inscribed: "I died for peace in the world and unity in faith."

Visit From Ballet
The Boston Ballet Company appeared at the Schodack Central Elementary and Middle Schools Oct. 27th. A lecture demonstration was given by Miss Sydney Leonard, Ballet Mistress of the Boston Ballet who explained to the children the basic terminology. Miss Kathy Munphy and Mr. Alphonse Paulin of the Company demonstrated basic steps and concluded the program with the grand Pas De Deux from the Nutcracker Ballet.

First Senate Session Held At Maple Hill

By M. Gootz
Early in October, students at Maple Hill participated in school elections. In this election, five students were chosen to be on the Executive Council.

Along with these students, there are three teachers and two administrative members. This council is the group which has the final say in all matters except legal ones which must go through the school board.

This past week the first school Senate meeting was held. This group will make up agencies on school problems and make recommendations to the Executive Council on how these problems or ideas can be solved and put into effect.

Until a formal constitution is adapted and until the Senate is organized, the Council must determine the rules or guide lines it will follow. In the meetings the Council has had so far, there has been a great range of opinions among the members. This need not necessarily be bad for the Council. As our school principal, Mr. Richard Bamberger has said, "We may get mad at each other, but we are communicating, and this good."

It is good that the students, faculty, and administration are finally talking to each other. Finally, at long last, the students are seeing a few of the problems the teachers and administration must face. The faculty and administration are also seeing some of the problems of the students. It is a give-and-take of ideas that will do Maple Hill a great deal of good. If the students stay involved and interested, Maple Hill's government can be a smashing success.

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Some of the projects we will be doing will be basic sewing, basic cooking, and community projects and gardening.

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Among The Churches
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The following week, Nov. 14, the Emmanuel Reformed Church will sponsor a turkey Dinner and Sale at its Education Building, Maple Hill Road.

The Holy Spirit School Guild, E. Greenbush, will hold a ham dinner and bazaar on November 7. The bazaar starts at 2 p.m. and ham servings at 4 p.m.

Citizens Plan Ball
Castleton Senior Citizens will be the Reception Committee at the Countywide Senior Citizens Ball to be held at Lasalle Institute, Troy, Nov. 15. They are busy now making name tags for the 500-600 guests expected to attend. On Thursday the local Senior Citizens unit will have a buffet type luncheon at St. Paul's Methodist Church Hall, Main street.

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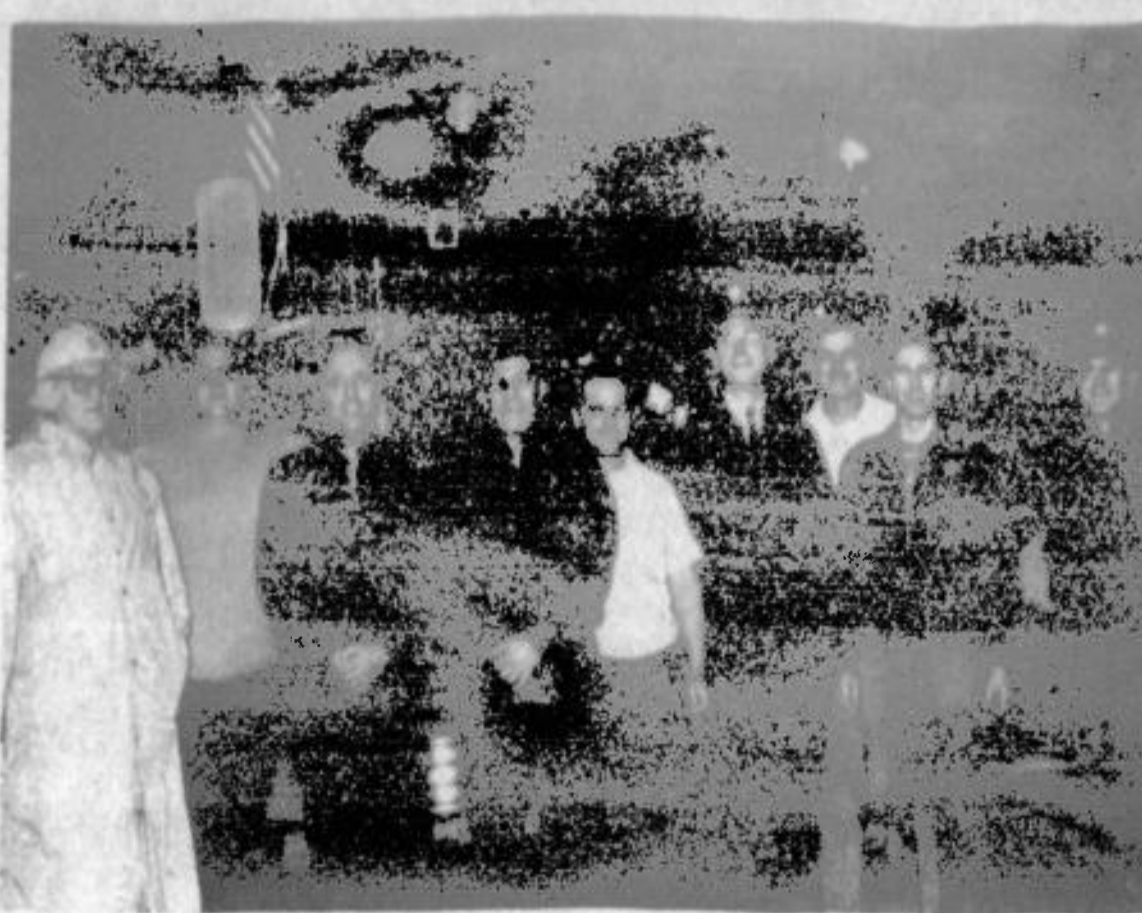
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PROUD VOLUNTEERS: Standing before the South Schodack Fire Department's new pumper are these active members, from left, Fire Police Chief Harry Stickle, Ron Riley, Capt. Hamilton Davids, Sal Lomonaco, Capt. Mike de Julio, Board Chairman Clarence Turner, Lt. Jack Spring, Capt. Bill Goodall and Capt. Harry Duncan. Missing from the group was Chief Harry Duncan. (Courier Photos by Linsky)



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Maple Hill Students Study Indian Culture

The seventh grade students at Maple Hill Elementary School have been studying about the Indians of New York State. It is hoped that such a study will help the children understand and appreciate the culture of the Indians as well as develop a sense of historical pride in their state.

To make this study more meaningful, the seventh grade teachers have teamed together to integrate the unit in some fashion within their basic academic spheres - English, Math, Science as well as Social Studies.

Besides the regular class periods, weekly large group instruction was held to develop an aspect of Indian Culture.

Mr. Joseph Szeski, the math teacher, gave a lecture, showed examples and led a discussion about Mayan Math. The Mayans were a highly civilized group of Mexicans Indians that developed quite a complex culture. Using the symbols that the Mayans used the explaining how they came to be, the seventh graders gained valuable information that will allow them to compare their own number system with the Mayans as well as the Indians of New York State.

Mrs. Janet Hollander, seventh grade English teacher, presented the group with an explanation and samples of Indian poetry. In her presentation, she emphasized that Indian poetry was almost totally religious in nature and was used in the ceremonies of the tribe. The poetry was always sung or chanted and relies heavily on the poetic devices of rhythm, repetition and symbolism.

Mr. Gerald Leggieri, seventh grade social studies teacher, presented the group with a demonstration of hunting and trapping equipment. Mr. Leggieri also emphasized the athletic aspect of the Indian culture - games and sports that they played especially lacrosse.

Mr. David Craig, seventh grade science teacher, presented the group with a slide lecture program on the tools that he made of Mexico. The slides emphasized the land and its people and gave the children an opportunity to compare the land, its people and its inherited traditions with the Indians Cultures of New York State as well as our modern day society.

Hear Plea For Indians
Mrs. Connie Lauson, whose Indian name is, "Shining Star," a Mohawk woman of the Turtle Clan was guest speaker for the large group instruction period for the 7th grade.

She gave a short talk about Indian life on the reservations today, specifically, the St. Regis (Place of partridges drumming) Mohawk Indian Reservation at Hogsburg, New York. Her talk showed how the Indians of American are gradually being assimilated into the Modern American Culture.

We spoke about certain differences in living on reservations as compared with the rest of America. Some of the big differences were: no sales or federal taxes, or requirements for hunting licenses but that these small advantages were outweighed tremendously by the fact that Indians are not considered U.S. Citizens and cannot vote. This lack of a united voice, no vote, hinders the Indian in his attempts to better his lot in America.

Her talk was followed by a question and answer period.

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