

Social and Personal

Kreisel Family Reunion

The 18th annual reunion of the Kreisel family was held Sunday at Wintergreen Park, Canajoharie, with 51 members in attendance. A basket picnic was enjoyed.

At a business meeting conducted by the president, Mrs. Ernest Geiger, officers were re-elected for the coming year as follows: President, Mrs. Geiger; vice president, Mrs. Gilbert Otto; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Samuel A. Maxwell; assistant secretary-treasurer, Miss Linda Maxwell; historian, Miss Clara Balfanz; press secretary, Mrs. James Rogers; nominating committee, Mrs. William H. Young, Mrs. Henry Dillenbeck and John D. Rogers.

Mrs. Barbara Balfanz was the oldest direct descendant present and Terry Lynn Sammons the youngest.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William H. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherman, Mrs. Mildred Geiger, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Geiger, Mrs. Barbara Balfanz, Miss Clara Balfanz, Albert Balfanz, LeVern Balfanz, Mr. and Mrs. Max Balfanz, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Almsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. Kreisel, Miss Caroline Kreisel, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hammond, Diane and David Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dunn, Karen, Carol and Mark Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rogers, Mrs. Mary Seahorn, Mrs. Max Otto, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Otto, Mrs. Samuel Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Otto, Richard and Tina Otto, Amsterdam.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dillenbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sammons and Terry Lynn Sammons, Tribes Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sager, Schenectady; Kenneth A. Sager Jr., Scotia; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Snow, Whitesboro and Mrs. Florence Mackesey, Utica.

Mrs. Cassius Gorham, Fort Johnson, and Miss Louise Huested, Johnstown, were guests.

Silver Anniversary

Open house was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Calisant, 18 Locust Ave., Sunday in honor of the couple's 25th wedding anniversary.

A buffet lunch was served from an attractively decorated table which had a money tree with 25 roses as centerpiece. Mr. and Mrs. Calisant were presented with numerous gifts of silver.

Mrs. Calisant was also honored at a surprise party Friday night given at the home of Mrs. Ben Maley by the B. H. Club. Games were played and prizes won by Mrs. Vincent Torrisi and Mrs. Bart DiThomas. Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Maley, Mrs. John Pepe and Miss Nancy Ziegler.

Mrs. Calisant was presented a chest of silver by the club members.

Farewell Party

A party was held recently at the home of Miss Patricia Ordon, 282 Church St., in honor of Leonard Mae, who will leave Wednesday to begin service in the Air Force.

Those present were the Misses Roseann Hazzard, Jacqueline Hayes, Gloria DePalma and Albert Zeppieri, Donald Mastrotta, John Auriemma and Jack Skowronek.

Mabie Reunion Held

Sixty-six descendants of the Mabie family held their 34th reunion at the home of the late Hanson D. Mabie on Upper Steadwell Ave. Sunday.

A buffet lunch was served and a business meeting was conducted by the president, David H. Mabie. Officers re-elected for the coming year were David Mabie, Canajoharie, president; Emmett Mabie, South Valley, vice president; Earl Mabie, Altamont, secretary-treasurer; Maurice Strobeck Jr., Johnstown, historian; and Verla Mabie, South Valley, publicity chairman.

Seven births, three marriages and one death were reported by Mr. Strobeck, the historian.

The oldest member present was Emmett Mabie, South Valley, who is 86, and the youngest was Kim Lee Thompson, nine-month-old daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Leland Thompson, Albany.

It was decided to hold the 1959 reunion the second Sunday in August at a place to be picked by the committee.

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Ruling in Auto Cemetery Case Being Awaited

A decision in the case against Auggie Greco is expected Friday by Supreme Court Justice Willard L. Best.

Greco, proprietor of Auggie's Auto Parts in Amsterdam and in the Town of Perth, was arrested May 22 for alleged violation of the Town of Perth Motor Vehicle Dumping Ordinance.

Justice Best is to determine whether the case should be heard by the Fulton County grand jury or by Justice of the Peace Aaron Clark of the Town of Perth.

The case was to have been tried before Justice Clark on June 12 but was put off by a show cause order signed by Justice Best. At a hearing on June 24, arguments were presented by Attorney Charles S. Tracy, counsel for Greco, and Fulton County District Attorney Allen H. Pulsifer, and the Supreme Court justice concurred with the district attorney that the case should be tried by the peace justice.

He gave Attorney Tracy until Aug. 1 to file briefs. A final determination as to where the trial is to be held is due Friday.

Attorney Donald A. Campbell has been engaged by the Perth town board to prosecute the case.

Around the City

—The PNA dance group will hold an important rehearsal tonight at 6:30 o'clock.

—Scattergood Grange will hold a card party in the hall at Haganman Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock.

Scotia Boy Wins Industrial Award

NEW YORK (AP) — The Ford Motor Co. awarded \$50,000 in prizes today to 716 fledgling craftsmen from the nation's trade and vocational schools.

Winners were selected from among 40,000 teen-agers who submitted projects ranging from a combination electric guitar and mandolin to a radio-controlled model Coast Guard cutter.

Richard Tecco, 18, of Parma, Ohio, took the \$100 first prize in the machine shop division for a plastic injection molding machine. He also won a trip to Ford headquarters at Dearborn, Mich., and a \$50 ingenuity award.

Francis D. McLeod, 18, of Scotia, duplicated Tecco's achievement in the electrical division. His entry: a mineralogical computer.

Other top winners included Dennis E. Dyer, 17, of Endicott, N.Y., who built a cherry-stained table and Robert Duncan MacDougall, 17, of Freeport, N.Y., who entered a model contemporary home.



ENLIST IN MARINES—Leaving today for 12 weeks of basic training at Parris Island, S.C., were, left to right, Charles DuRose, 10 Corey St., Robert Wieszchowski, 11 Pleasant Ave., and Francis D. Romleski, 25 Haganman Ave., Haganman. The three Marine recruits were enlisted through the local Marine Corps recruiting office in the Post Office.

DuRose and Romleski enlisted under the "staple program" while Wieszchowski chose a four-year general duty enlistment. After 12 weeks of basic at Parris Island and four weeks of advanced combat training at Camp Lejeune, N.C., the trio will be eligible for 15-day leaves. (Recorder Photo.)

Aldermen Have No Authority To Reject Assessment Listings, State Tells City Administration

An official of the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment has advised Corporation Counsel Frank A. Dziduch that the Common Council has "no authority either to review or reject" assessments.

Theodore H. Kline, chief local assessment consultant of the board, confirmed by letter an earlier telephone conversation with the corporation counsel, who asked for an opinion on whether or not the aldermen have power to reject the new assessment figures.

Kline said that "under the constitution, laws and judicial decisions of this state, the judgment of local assessors as to valuations of property for assessment purposes is supreme, subject however, to review on grievance day and judicial review. The Common Council of the City of Amsterdam has no authority either to review or reject such assessments."

He added that the power of the Common Council under Section 103 of the City Charter relates to local assessments not to assessments for general property taxation. The other powers of the council with respect to the assessment roll do not relate to the valuation of property for assessment purposes.

He cited the following sections: Section 95—Common Council is given the same powers as the Board of Supervisors with respect to the town assessment rolls. These provisions are found in Sections 54, 56, 86-a and 57 of the Tax Law and relate respectively to corrections of errors in description, errors in copying from the field book and omissions, corrections of manifest clerical errors and reassessment of property illegally assessed.

Section 96—Reassessment of a void assessment, etc.

Section 84—Confirmation of the tax roll, after taxes have been apportioned and extended.

Voting Slow in Primaries Polls Open Until 9 Tonight

A total of 14,125 persons in the City of Amsterdam and 11,651 in the Towns is eligible to cast their ballots in today's Primary election, and some 6,591 others who are not enrolled in any political party may vote on the bingo issue.

Enrolled voters in the city include 6,725 Republicans, 7,335 Democrats and 65 Liberals. In the towns, the enrollment is 7,559 Republicans, 4,058 Democrats and 34 Liberals.

Any persons registered in the last general elections may vote on the bingo issue but persons must be enrolled in a party to vote for Primary candidates.

The polls will be open until 9 o'clock tonight.

Highlighting the Primary contests are those for representative in Congress on both the Democratic and Republican tickets, Schenectady Mayor Samuel S. Stratton and Schenectady County Clerk Carroll A. Gardner are seeking the Democratic nomination, and Harry A. Moss Jr., Gloversville glove executive, and Walter C. Shaw, Schenectady County Republican chairman, are seeking the GOP nomination.

William W. Campbell, former Schenectady mayor, and surrogate, is conducting a write-in campaign for the congressional seat on the GOP ticket.

It is expected that a good turnout of voters, particularly women, will be realized because of the voting on the question of legalizing bingo in the City of Amsterdam, Mohawk, Glen and St. Johnsville.

A check of several of the polling places showed voting was very slow up to 1:30 p.m. One polling place reported 14 voters, another, 13 and a third only 12. However voting is expected to step up after working hours.

Gangland Quiz Runs Into Snag

NEW YORK (AP)—A state investigation commission hearing on the Alapachin underworld convention ran into a snag as it opened today.

Frank Joseph Valenti, of Rochester, N.Y., the first witness, declared that immunity granted by the commission was "worthless and of no value."

The hearing recessed after Valenti balked at answering 36 questions without immunity and then refused to answer the first question put to him after the commission voted the immunity.

The commission opened the hearing with two apparent legal weapons to encourage testimony. One was to offer witnesses immunity from prosecution if they talked. The other was to confront them with criminal contempt action if they refused to talk.

The plan was worked out at a conference last week, State Atty. Gen. Louis Lefkowitz has approved immunity for all but a few of the prospective witnesses, upon whom he is still deliberating.

About a score of underworld figures who attended the Upstate meeting last November are to be called during the investigation which is expected to continue for three days.

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Co. 'C' Off to Camp Drum Aug. 16; Several Promoted

Several members of Company "C", 105th Armored Infantry Battalion, will sport new ranks when the local National Guard unit leaves early Saturday morning for its annual two weeks of field training at Camp Drum.

1st Lt. Stanley A. Hanna, company commander, today announced these promotions:

Private first class to corporal, Philip Guadagno.

Private first class to specialist third class, Edward St. John, Fred Sisario, Frank Montano, Anthony Sampone, Frank Sampone, James Hespelt, Donald Norman, Carl Barbagelata, Joseph Orsini, William Lohmeyer, Garmen Sineropi Jr., Allen Trull, Harold Vandenburg, Michael Guadagno, Carmen Sineropi and Donald Strang.

Private to private first class, Thomas Adamchick.

NCO Club Elects

In other news from Company "C", the Non-Commissioned Officers' Club announced that it has elected the following new officers:

President, Albert Palmieri; vice president, Frank Was; recording secretary, David Thompson; treasurer, William Mitchell; steward, Robert Cooper; chief steward, Edward DiScenza.

Confessed Killer Gives Guilty Plea

ELMIRA, N.Y. (AP)—Frederick J. Sommer Jr., 18, admitted killer of two men, has pleaded guilty to second charges of second-degree murder.

He has already been sentenced to serve 40 years to life for shooting Leo W. Brown, 38, of Corning last December.

He pleaded guilty Monday to a murder charge in the shooting of Cecil Stratton, 42, of Horseheads, the father of nine. Sommer will be sentenced Thursday in State Supreme Court.

Sommer told police he hitchhiked rides with the men and then killed them to get their cars for use in holdups. The victims were murdered a week apart last December.

Both second-degree murder charges were reduced. Sommer had been indicted by grand juries in Steuben and Chemung counties on charges of first-degree murder.

Sommer, born and raised in nearby Cameron Mills, had been working as a janitor in a tavern in Horseheads.

The State Law Department held in 1943 the state could tax the Indians. The Tax Department has denied the current crackdown is aimed at the Indians as a group.

A spokesman said actions against tax delinquents were taken by counties and that it was merely coincidence that primarily Indians were involved in Franklin County.

The Chenango County board called the signal requirement "manifestly unfair" to farmers. They must post signal lights to farm equipment attached to tractors.

The requirement was included in an omnibus Rules of the Road bill approved last March. It became effective July 1.

Without a special session, the supervisors said, it would take from 9 to 20 months to change the law. In the meantime, they added, farmers would be put to great expense and inconvenience.

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Jacob Bogart, 85, of 78 Academy St., died this morning at 9:25 o'clock in the Katharine Nursing Home where he had been a patient for about six weeks.

Mr. Bogart was born at Sprakers and had lived in Amsterdam since a young man, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. William Sing for the last 23 years. He was a member of Zion United Church of Christ and prior to his retirement 15 years ago was employed by the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., as an elevator operator.

He is survived by one brother, Edward Bogart, Amsterdam, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

John A. Rembert

John Alfred Rembert, 1450 Boston Rd., Springfield, Mass., a former Amsterdam resident, died suddenly Monday morning at his home.

Born in Amsterdam Aug. 31, 1912, Mr. Rembert made his home in this city until three years ago when he moved to Springfield, having taken a position at the Thompsonville, Conn., plant of the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co.

Mr. Rembert was graduated from the Amsterdam High School and attended Rhode Island State University. Active in sports in his youth, he excelled in football and baseball and formerly played with the Rockton A.C. He also played professional football until a knee injury ended this career.

Survivors include his wife, the former Isabelle Dunham; one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Rembert, and two sons, Charles A. and John A. Jr., Springfield, Mass.; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Donald J. Guisti, Fort Johnson; one stepson, Ronald M. Fieger, Amsterdam, and four grandchildren.

The body was brought to the Boice funeral home, 124 Guy Park Ave., where the funeral will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. by the Rev. Dr. Floyd H. Moyer officiating. Interment will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Tribes Hill.

Mrs. Walter Gogola

Mrs. Rose Techmanski Gogola, a long-time Amsterdam resident, died at 10:15 o'clock this morning at the Mt. Loretto Convalescent and Rest Home following a brief illness. She had been a patient at the home for two weeks.

Born in Poland, she was the daughter of Stanley and Barbara Szyguel Techmanski. She came to this country and Amsterdam as a young girl.

Mrs. Gogola was a member of St. Stanislaus Church and its Holy Rosary Society.

She was married twice, her first husband being the late Joseph Zais. After his death, she was married to Walter Gogola, who died about 20 years ago.

Surviving are one brother, John Techmanski, Utica; four stepchildren, and several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews.

Funeral of Mrs. Bates

The funeral of Mrs. Donald Bates was held Monday morning at 8:45 o'clock at the Riley mortuary and 9:30 o'clock at St. Mary's Church, where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Francis N. Cahill with the Rev. Francis Bell as deacon and the Rev. Edward H. Gilmour as sub-deacon.

The bearers were William Kowalski, Robert Kowalski, Joseph Janeski, Harry Miller, Howard Hinkle and William Smith Jr. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Father Gilmour officiating at the funeral home from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Malone Pallone, Liberty; Mr. and Mrs. William Fedullo, Mrs. John Cam-

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erano, Mrs. Ann Veneroso, Jersey City, N.J.

Also present at the funeral mass were Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Mary's Hospital and employees of the New York Telephone Co.

Visitors at the mortuary Sunday evening included members of St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, who were led in the recitation of the Rosary by Father Gilmour, representatives of the New York Telephone Co. and members of the Rotary and Emblem Clubs.

Adjournment

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The unsuccessful effort to cut the 27 1/2 per cent oil and gas depletion allowance was a renewal of an old fight, but proponents of the reduction got more votes than in other recent tests.

The allowance under tax law is for depletion of capital resources—that is, the oil and gas underground.

Benefit Is Necessary

Senators seeking to cut the allowance said it was an unjustified tax benefit for oil interests. Oil state senators argued the benefit was necessary to keep exploration for new sources at a high rate.

Sen. John J. Williams (R-De) tried to slash the depletion allowance to a flat 15 per cent, but lost 63-26. Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis) then offered an amendment to set up a scale graduated from 27 1/2 per cent to 15 per cent. This was beaten 58-31.

Other Action

During a session Monday lasting 13 hours, the Senate also:

1. Passed and sent to the White House a compromise bill to extend the reciprocal trade program for four more years, with authority for the President to cut tariffs up to 20 per cent in exchange for similar concessions from other nations.

2. Passed and sent to the House a compromise bill to set up a new independent federal aviation agency designed to improve air safety procedures. The House may complete congressional action on this bill today.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved 10-5 the long-stalled nomination of W. Wilson White to be assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's new Civil Rights Division.

The Senate Labor Committee approved a bitterly disputed bill to increase retirement benefits for 675,000 retired rail workers by 10 per cent, and to boost payroll taxes to pay for the new added benefits.

Communist MIG's Fly Near Formosa

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Late model MIG jet fighters appeared today near the Chinese Nationalists' offshore island stronghold of Quemoy. It also came under Red Chinese artillery fire.

The Military Information Service said MIG7 jets flew 90 sorties in the vicinity of Quemoy throughout the day and anti-aircraft guns opened fire on four of the planes. The Nationalists have put defense both in the offshore islands and on Formosa on the alert, charging that the Communists are building up their air power at bases across the Strait from Formosa.

The Bear River is the longest river in the United States which doesn't empty into an ocean. It wanders 550 miles through Utah, Wyoming and Idaho and empties into the Great Salt Lake only 150 miles from its headwaters.

Senators Seek Promotion for Adm. Rickover

WASHINGTON (AP)—A group of Democratic senators has demanded that the Navy promote Rear Adm. H. G. Rickover of atomic submarine fame.

They said he will be forced into retirement in a year or so unless he is upped to three-star rank.

As yet, the Navy hasn't said whether the 58-year-old Rickover will be moved up to vice admiral. Rickover was a moving force in development of the first U.S. atomic submarine.

The senators Monday night recalled the fight that occurred in 1953 when Rickover was promoted from captain after the Intercession of members of Congress and then Secretary of the Navy Robert Anderson. A board of admirals which controls promotions, twice passed over Rickover.

He said members of the House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee conferred recently with Secretary of the Navy Thomas S. Gates about retaining Rickover's services.

Sen. Anderson was joined by Sens. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash) and Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn) in demanding that the Navy give Rickover three stars.

Two Republican senators—Sen. Norris Cotton of New Hampshire and Jacob Javits of New York—praised Sen. Anderson for championing Rickover.

Critical of White House

The Democratic senators were strongly critical of the White House for not inviting Rickover to last Friday's ceremony announcing the submarine Nautilus' trip under the North Pole's ice cap.