

Council Meets Tonight to Talk About Housing

AMSTERDAM — Mayor John Gomulka said yesterday afternoon that the Common Council will meet tonight at City Hall to discuss the proposal of Highland Associates to construct a housing complex on Edson Street Extension.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

First news of the proposed housing development came last week when the aldermen voted to conduct a public information meeting to permit Highland Associates officials to explain their plan. The public information meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday at a site to be designated.

Kula Rites Tomorrow In Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM — Andrew P. Kula, 67, of 12 Voorhees St. died Sunday night in St. Mary's Hospital where he had been a patient five weeks.

Born in Poland, he came to this country as an infant and had lived in Amsterdam since. Mr. Kula was a communicant of St. John's Church and was employed by Mohasco Industries Inc. until his retirement five years ago.

He is survived by two brothers, Michael Kula of Amsterdam and Edward Kula of Detroit, Mich.; three sisters, Mrs. Catherine Crouse of Perth, Mrs. Frances Carbone of Amsterdam and Mrs. Emily Curcuritto of Albany; also nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral will be at 8:15 tomorrow morning at the Sargolis Funeral Chapel and at 9 a.m. at St. John's Church. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery. The funeral home will be open from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Techmanski, Ex-Rug City Resident, Dies

AMSTERDAM — Simon Techmanski, 59, formerly of Amsterdam, died Sunday in Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, following a short illness.

Mr. Techmanski was born in Amsterdam and was employed by J. Hay Whitney in New York City. He was a World War II veteran, a member of American Legion Post 701, and a communicant of St. Stanislaus Church.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mary Krygowski of Long Beach, California, and Mrs. Adeline Mullarkey of Amsterdam; two brothers, Raymond Techmanski of this city and Theodore Techmanski of Phoenix, Ariz.; an uncle, also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Dylon Funeral Home.

The Pontchartrain Railroad, first railroad west of the Allegheny Mountains, began service between New Orleans and Lake Pontchartrain—a distance of 4.96 miles—in 1831.

State, Federal Mandates Draw Fire at Fulton Board Session

By LOU AGOSTA
Gazette Reporter

JOHNSTOWN — A stand against accepting state and federal mandated programs was urged by two Fulton County supervisors yesterday afternoon at the Board of Supervisors meeting at the county building.

Gloversville Supervisor Emmett Davis took the opening shot at mandated programs when a resolution was offered to create several posts in the Social Services Department. He said he was going to vote against the measure when it would be presented.

Davis then said that every time "they get a whim, we have to do something." He added, "If we do not vote against some of these things, the state thinks we are happy with the mandates." He then added that he did not think that the state and federal governments would stop their aid programs if a firm stand in opposition was taken by the board. Before resuming his seat, Davis said "They have taken away so much, I do not know why we have boards of supervisors or common councils."

Town of Perth Supervisor William Zierak took a hard line stand by declaring "I will vote against every state mandate, beginning with this one." He said the state should wise up and stop sending down mandates. He demanded that from now on that mandated programs carry a 100 per cent reimbursement tag. In addition, Zierak asked that local legislators in

Albany be advised of the local stand. He also said that the governor and federal government officials receive similar notification.

The resolution, which triggered the responses, was one which stated that there would be the creation of a new position of director of administrative services, community aides, senior caseworkers, and welfare unit assistants with the Social Services Department through a mandate of the State Department of Social Services.

Board members balked at the creation of new posts in the department and an amendment was tacked on and approved by the board that the changes be implemented as an interdepartmental program from the current budget allocation. The community aids are to be hired to replace present jobs and on a when needed basis.

Before voting, Social Services Commissioner William Morris was invited to explain the mandated program. He was questioned closely by Zierak as to whether the program meant hiring additional staff members. Morris said that as far as he could determine, the program could be implemented without additional hiring other than what was indicated in the resolution for community service aides.

The amendment to the resolution, on community service aides and no new positions, was approved with Davis, Zierak and Supervisors Fred Ohler of Johnstown and Everett Quackenbush of Oppenheim voting against the measure.

The board became deeply involved in another measure on a data processing feasibility study previously passed jointly with Montgomery County. The study would have committed the county to spending \$1,787.75 as its share for the study.

Davis initiated a long debate when he noted that letters have been received from IBM and others to do a feasibility study on a computerized program and do it for nothing. He said IBM, Burroughs, National Cash Register and Honeywell are some of the concerns who could provide the study and have qualified personnel do it.

A vote to reconsider was approved by a 11-9 vote of the supervisors, with weighted voting showing approval as a county of 281-232. The study resolution was defeated by a 9-11 vote and by a weighted voting tally of 311-302.

A resolution to increase the county treasurer's salary from \$8,800 to \$10,000 was approved 11-9 and a public hearing on the measure will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. Unless challenged within 45 days by 10 per cent of the county's voters and forced into a referendum in November, the resolution may be adopted by the board after the hearing.

Amsterdam Wastewater Report Due by March 1

AMSTERDAM — The Town of Amsterdam expects to receive results of a New York State Environmental Facilities Corp. report by March 1. The report will analyze the current and future wastewater situation for the town.

The report is the initial stage leading to ultimate establishment of a comprehensive sewage disposal system for the town.

Following receipt of the report, the town will be in a position to negotiate with the City of Amsterdam to receive the town's sewage and also to determine the limits of a sewage disposal district which will encompass a part of the town including the Village of Fort Johnson.

Town officials explained two items must be determined: where trunk lines of the town will tie in with those of the city, and how much it will cost the town to eliminate sewage via the city's facility now being constructed east of the city.

There are several alternatives for method of payment such as

by the number of households, outlets per house, or gallonage of sewage that passes through the plant.

The Standard Engineering Co. of Albany, contracted with by the state and town for the sewage study, has submitted a timetable which it feels is a reliable indication of time required for the project.

The first of seven steps is completion and delivery of its report to the town by March 1.

About May 1 it is anticipated that the town and city could launch negotiations relative to linking of town and city lines.

At the conclusion of these talks, engineers can start work on a report on the actual construction of town facilities. It would not be until June 1972 that the report would be completed and approved and a series of public hearings and referendum can be held in the town.

If these steps follow on schedule, final plans should be approved by June of 1973, construction started by September of the same year, and work completed by September of 1974.

Mrs. Wollaber, 42, Dies

COBLESKILL — Funeral services for Mrs. Winifred R. Wollaber, 42, of RD Cobleskill, who died Sunday in Schoharie County Community Hospital, will be conducted at 2 p.m. tomorrow from the Cobleskill Wesleyan Church by the Rev. Orville Lawrence, pastor of Cobleskill Wesleyan Church. Burial will

be in Cobleskill Rural Cemetery.

Mrs. Wollaber had been ill several months.

Born in Steuben, she lived in North Western until 1959, when she moved to Cobleskill. She was a member of Rising Star Chapter OES and Cobleskill Wesleyan Church.

She is survived by her husband, Forest Wollaber Jr.; two sons, Bruce Wollaber and Lawrence Wollaber; two daughters, Pamela Sue Wollaber and Mary Ann Wollaber, all at home; a sister, Mrs. Gerald Andereg, West Branch; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Roberts, Rome, N.Y.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mereness Funeral Home will be open after 7 tonight. Memorial contributions may be made to the Schoharie County Community Hospital.

Clergy Decry Plight of Soviet Jews

AMSTERDAM — The newly organized Clergy Association of Greater Amsterdam has unanimously adopted a statement concerning the plight of Soviet Jews.

Rabbi Samuel Bloom presented the statement which declares, "We raise our voices and join with all concerned with religious freedom in vehemently protesting the harsh penalties imposed by the Soviet Court on those seeking to flee from persecution and oppression."

The statement urges local residents to write to the Russian ambassador in an effort to have the Soviet Jew prisoners freed.

The executive committee of the association, formerly called the Greater Amsterdam Ministerial Association, is composed of the Rev. Samuel Fehl, the Rev. Robert Haven, the Rev. William Goodrow and the Rev. Randall Patterson.

9 Sentenced In Schoharie County Court

SCHOHARIE—Two men were sentenced to prison terms in Schoharie County Court yesterday while seven others were placed on probation or given a conditional discharge by County Judge J. Robert Johnson.

Sentenced to three years in Dannamorra Prison was Albert F. Heine, 32, of Yonkers. Heine had pleaded guilty to grand larceny after another indictment against him for possession of stolen property was previously dismissed.

Edward Tratzka, formerly of Central Bridge, was given six months in county jail on a perjury charge to run concurrently with the sentence he is now serving.

Indicted for selling narcotics, David Rodriguez of New York City and Jeffrey Baum of Cobleskill pleaded guilty to possession of dangerous drugs and were both placed on probation.

Indicted for burglary and grand larceny and placed on probation for four years was George Becker Jr., 22, of Prattsville.

William VanDahten of Lindenhurst, L.I. was given a conditional discharge on the same charges.

Sentenced earlier on morals charges and given a conditional discharge were Joseph Rich, 19, of Schoharie; Walter Cutterback, 23, of Cobleskill, and Alice Mellon Cutterback, 18, formerly of Sharon.

County Court was adjourned to Jan. 18 and the jury will report at 10 a.m. Jan. 20.

Schrader Canajoharie Town Justice

CANAJOHARIE — The Canajoharie Town Board has appointed Fred H. Schrader of Canajoharie as a town justice of the peace to complete the term of the late Frank Ackerbauer who died last month.

Schrader is a former member of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept., and a former police chief of the village of Canajoharie. He is employed at the Canajoharie Post Office.

Schrader will serve until a new town justice is elected in the Nov. 2 general elections.

Johnstown Council Stays Action On Tax Exemption, Sewer Law

By LOU AGOSTA
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JOHNSTOWN — The Johnstown Common Council adopted a local law on repealing of current mileage rates and deferred action on two others for the future, in agenda matters last night at City Hall.

The council adopted a measure which repeals a 1950 local law providing 8 cents per mile reimbursement for auto travel for city officials.

Tabled until the next meeting were measures for expanding eligibility of elderly persons for a partial tax exemption, and a measure on the sewer rents and regulations which was previously adopted.

The 1967 law on partial tax exemptions for persons 65 years old or older is to be amended so that eligibility can be established if at least one of the spouses is 65 years old or older and qualifies. Before the proposal, both spouses had to be of the minimum age 65 to qualify.

A local law which had been adopted to establish a sewer law and sewer rents was tabled for at least seven days when the council plans to re-adopt the measure after substituting one or two words to replace the word "ordinance."

George E. Langr, city attorney, said the Department of State, or rather, S. Edward Brown, the assistant director of the elections and law bureau of the Department of State, has refused to accept Local Law 5 of 1970 for filing. "This local law provided for the establishment of a sewer ordinance and sewer rates." The reason given was that we use the word "ordinance" rather than the word local law in the body of the measure. This refusal disregarded the fact that it was a local law, adopted with all the formality of a local law, and merely used the word "ordinance."

Langr said Brown's position is that filing of "ordinances" is not permitted. "My position is that the refusal is merely bureaucratic nit picking and it is not the word ordinance which controls the act of the legislative body in the formality with which they adopt a measure."

He said to play safe and in order to save time "We are re-adopting this local law and substituting the word law or local law where the words ordinance previously appeared."

The aldermen adopted resolutions to amend the 1971 budget to a transfer of \$467.20 from contingency to offset a deficit of similar amount because the appropriated cash surplus was estimated at \$110,000 but was short that amount.

Estimated surplus of \$50,000 in the water fund was more than anticipated by \$19,387.38. The unanticipated water fund surplus was allocated to two different accounts.

Mayor Peter S. Wilson was authorized to enter into agreement with the Hudson and Mohawk Humane Society for the pick-up of injured or dead animals for the contract sum of \$600, payable in semi-annual installments.

George J. Laird, chairman of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, was authorized to dispose of certain records as provided for under regulations of the commissioner of education.

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. was authorized to install a 175-watt mercury light on Warren Street. The new light is to be in addition to master plan lighting changes previously adopted by the council.

Wilson commended Alderman-at-Large Anthony Greco for substituting as acting mayor during the mayor's absence while he was on vacation.

The mayor discussed briefly the financial picture facing Johnstown and other communities and the state and federal governments. He said the City of Johnstown and other communities are relying on certain state aid monies for local governmental operations, and that there exists a strong possibility that local operations could be seriously hampered in 1971.

He said that in looking ahead through the year, the city operations must be conducted as stringently as possible and unnecessary spending be curbed. He said someone is going to have to start saying no to expenditure proposals even though this will be difficult to do in Johnstown as well as on the state and federal levels.

Grecco said the City Highway Department would pick up discarded Christmas trees on Friday, barring unforeseen bad weather. He asked Johnstown residents not to place the trees out before Thursday so that if the weather did turn bad, snow removal operations would not be hampered.

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Snowmobile Flips; Driver Is Run Over

NORTHVILLE — In a late Sunday night accident involving an auto and a snowmobile, a village resident was run over by a car after he was thrown from his snow machine and landed on Briggs Street.

David Sowle, 21, was treated and released from St. Mary's Hospital, Amsterdam, where he was taken with injuries to the lower part of his body. The auto apparently ran over his legs.

Northville Police Chief George Scunziano issued Sowle a summons for driving an unregistered snowmobile in the village where streets are not open to the snow machines.

Gale Skiff of Northville was eastbound on Briggs Street and said she did not see Sowle lying on the highway when her auto went over part of his body.

Scunziano said Sowle was east bound on Briggs when his machine flipped after it struck a snowbank. The vehicle tipped over to one side, with Sowle landing in the opposite direction and into the road. The accident occurred about 11 p.m. Sunday.

In another accident investigated by Scunziano, Steve Mitaccone of Wading River, was given a summons for failing to yield the right of way, after his auto collided with a town truck.

Driver of the truck, used to haul away snow, was Kenneth Shippe of Northville. Scunziano reported Mitaccone was parked on Main Street and was pulling away from the parking place when the car collided with the truck. The collision occurred about 12:45 p.m. Friday. Mitaccone is to appear Friday night before Town of Northampton Justice Elwood Ginter.

Golden Agers Letter Series Slated in Feb.

A special letter series, designed to cover the interests of elderly persons, will be started by the home economics division of the Cooperative Extension late next month.

"Notes to Golden Agers" will include articles on physical health, nutrition, valuable papers, wills, credit, etc. Bulletins and pamphlets, containing helpful reference material, will also be available to recipients of the series.

Free to all senior citizens, the series, consisting of 12 letters, is an attempt "to reach as many as possible."

Persons interested may contact the Cooperative Extension in Gloversville or Fonda by Feb. 1 to have their names included on the mailing list.

BOMBAY — Mechanical threshers are now used to separate the grain from the straw from more than 80 per cent of India's wheat crop.

Sister M. Adeline, 54, Dies

AMSTERDAM — Sister M. Adeline, (Agnes Tomaszewski), 54, of Mt. Loretto died yesterday at St. Mary's Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Yonkers, Sister M. Adeline received her first vows in 1934 and her final vows in 1939. She taught school at St. Mary's Elementary School in Schenectady, St. Casimir's in Albany, St. Michael's School in Cohoes and Immaculate Conception School in Watervliet. She received a master's degree in English from Fordham University.

Survivors include three sisters, Miss Helen Tomaszewski, Mrs. Michael Lutomski and Mrs. Sophie Skripko, all of Yonkers; a brother, Stanley Tomaszewski of Yonkers; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sisters of the Resurrection Chapel, Mt. St. Joseph, Castleton-on-the-Hudson where a consecrated mass of the resurrection will be celebrated. The office of the Dead will be chanted at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Castleton-on-the-Hudson. Arrangements are by the Lasak Funeral Home.

Chairmen Are Appointed For Fulton County Board

JOHNSTOWN — Gloversville Supervisor Louis Nicolella yesterday afternoon indicated that he was axed from the post of chairman of the personnel committee which was assigned to Johnstown Supervisor Frank Vacek.

He said that over the last three years, a particular department head had been attempting to have him removed from the "most important" personnel committee and "He finally got me removed."

Town of Caroga Supervisor Emma Krause, board chairman, replied that she exercised her own prerogatives and that no one guided her in making her appointments for the year. She said that all have done good jobs on their assignments and that she was placing Nicolella in another assignment to give him the opportunity of stepping into another field.

When Johnstown Supervisor Fred Ohler commented that in business a person is usually

CP Telethon To Be Aired Feb. 13, 14

AMSTERDAM — Fielding K. O'Kelly of Amsterdam, executive director of the Central Mohawk Valley Cerebral Palsy Association, and Michael Di Marco of Gloversville, association president, will again serve as co-chairmen of the annual cerebral palsy telethon.

The co-chairmen said the telethon will be held Feb. 13 and 14 at the Washington Avenue Armory, Albany, and will be televised by WTEN, Albany. They explained that pledges for this area will be accepted at National Commercial Bank and Trust Co. offices in Amsterdam, Fultonville and Gloversville.

Complete details of the telethon, including stars who will participate, will be announced later, they said.

\$37,000 URA Check Given To Rug City

AMSTERDAM — Although not obligated to pay taxes, the Amsterdam Urban Renewal Agency has presented the city a \$37,000 check in lieu of taxes.

As a federal agency, urban renewal is not obligated to pay taxes on any property acquired for its programs. However, the Department of Housing and Urban Development recommends that local agencies make a payment in lieu of taxes.

Frank Gillis, urban renewal director, said that as of this year the agency has paid \$132,000 to the city in lieu of taxes.

He also emphasized that regardless of the length of time that the agency owns a building before demolition during the year, the tax is based on the entire year.

Montgomery Oratorical Contest Set

AMSTERDAM—Students from six high schools in Montgomery County will participate in the annual American Legion oratorical contest to be held Friday at the Canajoharie High School.

Participating high schools are Bishop Scully and Wilbur Lynch of Amsterdam, Fonda-Fultonville, Fort Plain, St. Johnsville and Canajoharie.

A plaque will be awarded to the winner and it will be presented by the New York State department commander Jan. 24 at the Bergen Post 39 rooms in Amsterdam.

David Shaeffer, chairman for the county contest, said the county winner will be district honors on Lake George High School.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

— Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Casper Sr. of Box 171, Central Bridge, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house. They were married on Dec. 25, 1920, at the home of her parents in East Cobleskill by the Rev. Harry C. Morehouse, then pastor of the Second Reformed Church at Howes Cave. Casper was employed for several years at the cement plant in Howes Cave, retiring in 1958. He was also employed at the General Electric Co. in Schenectady. Mrs. Casper, the former Lila Mae Warner, was employed before her marriage as a stenographer. She was also employed at the GE in Schenectady and as a desk clerk at Hotel Augustan in Cobleskill. They have three sons, Howard of Richmondville, Reginald of Delmar, Ralph Jr. of Schenectady, and eight grandchildren.