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## Bond Issue Not Wanted

Opposition appeared to be building today in Lewis County and throughout Upstate New York to the \$3.5 billion transportation bond issue, which the voters will pass judgment upon at the November 6 general election.

The reasons for the opposition were readily apparent: (1) New York City would benefit most from the issue; (2) The State debt is already sufficiently high.

Two years ago the voters of Lewis County turned down a similar bond issue - for \$2.5 billion - by a wider margin than any other county in the state.

Subject to approval by the voters at the November election, the transportation plan proposed by the Governor Hochschild and supported by the Legislature at the Special Session on July 31, will:

(1) on a fifty-fifty state-local government matching basis pay the operating deficits of New York City subways, metropolitan commuter railroads, and express bus systems;

(2) authorize new state debt of \$3.5 billion for transportation capital expenditures of which \$2.1 billion is allocated for mass transportation and \$1.4 billion for highway improvements; and (3) increase the state share of the cost of low highway improvements from 25 to 40 percent.

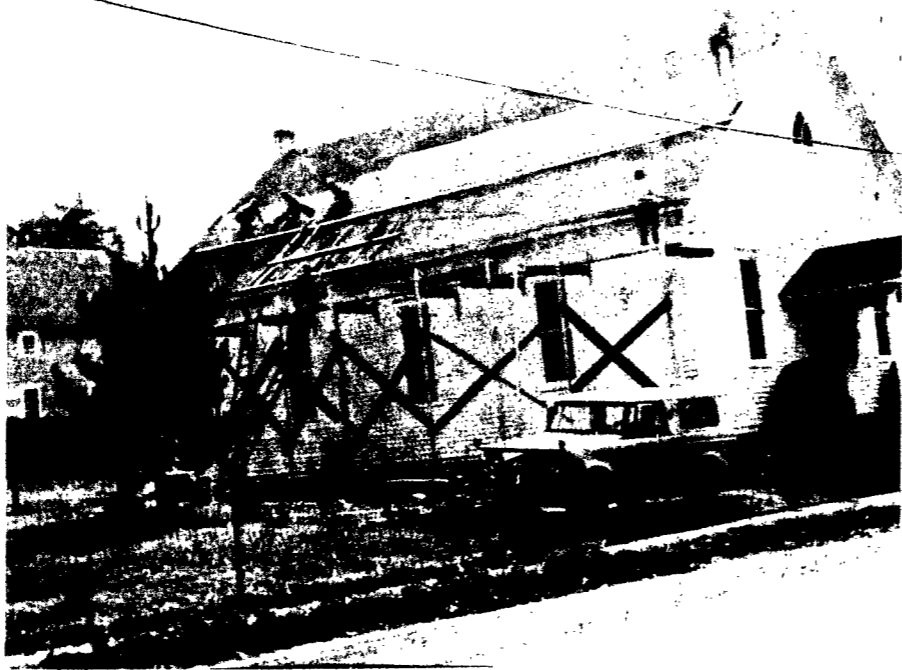
The proposition which will appear on the November ballot reads as follows:

"To facilitate the maintenance of subway, bus and commuter rail lines at present or lower levels, and to provide monies for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement and rehabilitation of certain public transportation facilities and equipment, shall be enacted a chapter of the Laws of the State entitled 'Transportation Capital Facilities' and set of nineteen hundred seventy-three, authorizing the creation of a state debt in the amount of three billion five hundred million dollars, to be approved."

Subject, of course, to approval by the voters and annual appropriation by the legislature, the \$3.5 billion bond issue is allocated as follows:

Highway improvements and purchase of abandoned railroad transportation property: New York City, \$250 million; Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester counties, \$400 million; all other counties, \$750 million; total, \$1,400 million.

Mass transportation capital improvements - rapid transit, railroad, buses and marine - New York City, \$1,100 million; Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester counties, \$600 million; all other counties, \$400 million; total, \$2,100 million.



**REPAIR ROOF** - People from the congregation of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Harrisville, have banded together and donated labor and money to put a much-needed new roof on their church. The last roofing on the building was done 30 years ago, and in a rather haphazard way, covering over areas that needed repair. Last year, the local church tipped off the roof covering on one side, repaired the necessary areas, and re-angled that section. This year, they tackled the other side, again repairing rotted parts of the main roof structure. The total project, which cost an approximate \$1,500, was made possible only through the efforts and perseverance of the congregation.

To offer assistance, denominational members and pastors from other areas, including Kingston, Ontario, Bloomingdale, Russell, Ogdensburg, and Schenectady, arrived at pre-scheduled times to work in a way reminding one of an old-fashioned barn raising. The local church's women prepared food for the laborers. It is understood this practice of "mutual aid" is a common occurrence in the Holiness Church until July 10 of this year when it was incorporated and became a member church of the Pilgrim Holiness denomination, after completing an affiliation of three years. This decision was made by more than three-fourths of the congregation and became official at the church's annual conference in Albany.

One of the earliest organized religious groups in Harrisville, the congregation originally met in a tent on the island in the Oswego River near the Grist Mill. During most of the early years, the pastor was Rev. Frank Jones. Incorporated in 1923, Mrs. Wallace (Elsie Kearns) Ayres is attributed with the founding and organizing of the church at its present location. The Pilgrim Holiness Church is now served by Rev. Maurice Hobart. Prior to coming to Harrisville, Rev. Hobart and his family lived in Africa on a missionary assignment.

## BOCES Students Hit 580 Mark

Approximately 580 students have registered for classes at the Lewis County Area Occupational Center for the fall semester. The first regular day of attendance for students is Wednesday, Sept. 5. Staff members will report on Sept. 4.

The center enrolled 191 students during its first year in 1965 and has grown each year. Approximately 50% of all students attending local high schools, who are eleventh or twelfth graders, will be attending classes at the center. Each year has seen growth in the services provided adults of the area in addition to the unique needs of local industries. Programs have been established for adults, veterans and handicapped students. Over 300 adults participated in evening courses during the past school year.

The advisory board on the occupational program plays an important role and was instrumental in the house-building project conducted by the center this past year. Members of the Advisory Board include: Francis Foy of

Dear River, Beryl Freeman of Lowville, George Geibert of Beaver Falls, Blair Law of Lyons Falls, Byrne O'Connor of Lowville, Gerald Keen of Glenfield, C. James Shapland of Lowville, Richard Smith of Lowville, Douglas Brodie of Lowville, Mrs. Shirley Parker of Lowville and Carl Kleinmann of Lowville.

The house that is being constructed by various classes is located on the Glendale Road, opposite the Occupational Center. Visitors are always welcome to tour the building. This building should be completed in May, 1974

and will be sold to the highest bidder.

The complete listing of courses available to high school students include Advanced Business Machines, Agriculture I and II, Agribusiness, Mechanical, Auto Body Repair, Auto Mechanics, Beauty Culture, Carpentry, Conservation, Data Processing, Electrical Trades, Farm Production and Management, Food Preparation, Heating, Plumbing and Refrigeration, Practical Nursing, Machine Trades and the Cooperative Work Study, Merchandising and Display will be a new program and starts this September.

To accommodate the increase in student enrollments, the following changes will take place: The Practical Nursing Program will be using the Lewis County General Hospital and the Carthage Area Hospital for clinical experiences three days per week, a late afternoon section of Auto Mechanics I will be held from 2:45 until 5:15 and a teacher assistant will be employed in the Carpentry Program.

Mrs. Mureen Golas will teach food preparation, replacing Mrs. Helen Kogut. Mrs. Jackie Milligan has been employed to assist in the supervising of nursing students during their clinical experience.

James Arvanites, director of vocational education, also reported the completion of plans for the evening adult program, which should start October 1. Brochures will be sent through the mail in September, describing the sixteen courses to be offered and the method of registering.



**EXCHANGE STUDENT** - Kristina Annette Stein, of Nurbury, Germany (population 450,000) will be arriving in Lowville, August 23. She will remain throughout the school year, under the auspices of the American Field Service, making the senior class of Lowville Academy. Now 17, she has been an excellent student and has gained proficiency in English, French, and Latin, along with her native German, and hopes to become an interpreter. She is the only child of Josef (an engineer) and Ursula Stein.

Kristina has many and varied interests. She is fond of music of all types, including classical, jazz and rock and plays guitar. Art, drawing, and graphics are important to her, and she hopes to continue to study these in the future. She likes reading, initiating, and getting to know different kinds of people. In the sports field, the exchange student has participated enthusiastically in skiing, volleyball and riding.

While in Lowville, Kristina will be residing with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boisy, Day Street. She will have three American sisters - Leslie, 18, Amy, 16, and Barbara, 15. In order to give her time to adjust to American language and customs, Kristina will not be free to address community groups until December, after which she would enjoy being the guest of several.

Throughout the entire year, it is hoped that persons who invite Kristina into their homes and to various social activities, in order that she will know the people of Lowville well and that they will

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## South Lewis Board Meets

A regular meeting of the South Lewis Board of Education was held Monday, August 13, at the junior-senior high school in Turin.

The board approved the use of the Port Leyden School facilities for the Town of Lyonsdale on Sunday, October 7, 1973.

A letter of resignation was accepted from Mrs. Eleanor Karpinski, cleaner at the junior-senior high school.

Reports were given to the Board on the progress of the Elementary Building Project. Several areas are behind schedule due to difficulties in obtaining materials. It is not expected that the building will be completed in time for the opening of school.

Mr. Scheidt, transportation supervisor, indicated that there will be approximately three less bus routes in the district this fall. This has been accomplished by combining routes to increase bus capacity in some areas. Details on any changes will be distributed prior to school opening.

The board has adopted the new required free lunch policy which provides new standards for eligibility. Letters explaining the policy and application forms will be mailed to all families in the district before school opens.

The fall-out shelter area at the junior-senior high school will be utilized in the future for supervised activities only.

Extra-curricular and athletic assignments were approved by the board as follows: Athletic Director, Kenneth Phelps; varsity football, James Wright; assistant varsity football, Robert Carls; J.V. football, Harold Dorf-

## Rescue unit appeal...

On Monday, August 6, the Lewis County Search and Rescue Service, Inc., held its regular meeting. At this meeting, a resolution was introduced stating that unless this service received an agreement from the county and the towns in the central-Lewis County area, by September 15, the effort to establish a volunteer ambulance would be withdrawn.

A plan to establish such a service was drawn up after the Volunteer Funeral Home, Inc., stated that it would not provide ambulance service after the end of this year. The plan has been presented to the Board of Legislators and to several of the Town Boards but to date no plan to negotiate a contract has been proposed by them. The Directors of the Lewis County Search and Rescue Service feel that unless something definite is done by September 15, not enough time would be left to recruit, train and equip a workable ambulance service on a volunteer basis. There is a problem of where to house ambulances and equipment. It is desirable to keep the station in Lowville because of its central location and nearness to the hospital. Such equipment cannot be left out in the cold and

be expected to operate as it should.

Other business concerned the election of two directors, one to replace Malcolm Farner, who resigned, and the other to fill a vacancy that existed since the incorporation of the service became final. Robert Yousey was elected for one year.

Chief Howard Jantzi gave a report on the first aid station operated at the Lewis County Fair by members of the Search and Rescue Service. He said that 31 persons were treated for injuries ranging from blisters to possible back injury suffered when a man fell from a ladder.

On Saturday night, names were drawn by Janice Cooper, Fair Queen, for the prizes. First prize was a 15 foot canoe won by Jim Fingers of Croghan, second prize was a 10-speed bike won by Paul Mounat of Belfort. The third prize was a camp stove and went to Clara Kovacs of Croghan and fourth prize was a picnic cooler that went to Gay Mandeville of Brantingham. The awards were a success and raised money for needed equipment. It was noted, however, that much more is needed to buy land search and water search equipment.

## Added Social Security

The Watertown social security office is taking applications for supplementary security income payments, a Federal program starting January 1974 that will establish an income floor for people in financial need who are 65 and over, or disabled, or blind, Charles K. Reynolds, Watertown district manager of social security, said today.

People now getting old age assistance, or aid from county departments of social services because they are blind or disabled, do not have to apply. They will get more information later about the program which will affect them.

The first monthly payments under the new Federal program will be made in January 1974. Under the county social services offices will continue to make payments in the usual way.

"Federal supplementary security income payments will be made by the Social Security Administration, but financed by general revenues, not by social security contributions from workers, their employers, and the self-employed," Mr. Reynolds pointed out. "It's not the same as social security."

The aim of the new program is to provide supplemental payments in cases of need so that people 65 or over, or blind, or disabled will have a basic cash income of at least \$130 a month for one person and a \$195 a month for a couple. Under recent amendments, these payments will increase to \$140 and \$210 for July 1974.

"This doesn't mean every eligible person or couple will receive that much every month," Mr. Reynolds explained. "The actual amount will depend on how much other income he has."

Visitors may add to their basic Federal payment to provide a higher level of income.

Eligibility for the Federal payments will depend not only on the amount of income a person has but on the value of his assets.

"If you're single - or married but not living with your husband or wife - you can own property worth up to \$1,500 and still get the Federal payments," Mr. Reynolds said. "A couple can own property worth up to \$2,250. However, not everything you own has to be counted."

A home of reasonable value will not be considered an asset, nor will items be put on the homes of people getting the new payments. Personal effects and household goods won't count in most cases. Insurance policies or a car may not affect eligibility, depending on their value.

Certain income will be disregarded in determining the amount of payments. The first \$65 a month of earnings won't be included in counting income, and only half of additional earnings will count.

Except for earnings, any other income above the first \$20 a month generally will reduce the Federal payment. This includes social security benefits, veterans' payments, workmen's compensation, pensions, annu-

## Reading Program Report

Three summers ago, a new idea was conceived at Beaver River Central School, Beaver Falls, of taking remedial reading to the neighborhoods of students in the widely scattered school district - something like the old one-room rural school days. Church basements, Grange Halls, and, in one instance a teacher's home, have been utilized.

The motivation and enthusiasm of the students are particularly noticeable for several reasons: (1) There are no distractions from their reading programs. (2) The students are taught individually and in small groups. Each child works at his own level of ability. (3) Reading material is of several types, audio-visual equipment, and an abundance of fascinating supplementary reading material geared to their particular interests are used. (4) Even though bus service cannot be provided, pupils seem to enjoy walking or riding their bicycles to a center in their own home area. Play clothes are worn and some children come barefooted. (5) Here tensions are absent and learning becomes fun.

This year remedial mathematics (Continued on Page 1-B)

## Bowling Pin Thief Arrested

A 30-year-old Lowville man was arrested by Lowville Police Chief Robert McCue and State Police of the Lowville Substation on Monday, Aug. 13, in connection with the theft of several thousand dollars worth of bowling pins from AMF, Inc., Lowville.

According to BCI Investigator R.O. Polet, Leonard Leo Oakes, North State Street, was taken into custody on a charge of second degree grand larceny.

Investigator Polet said the larceny had been taking place over a period of about four months and was brought to the attention of the police by AMF officials.

Oakes, represented by Attorney Earl B. Dunbar, Lowville, appeared before acting Village Police Justice Charles O. Turbryll, who referred the case to the Lewis County Grand Jury. Oakes was released in custody of his attorney, pending grand jury action.

Polet said additional arrests are expected in the case.

## Fair Success At Boonville

The success of a good county fair can be measured in many ways. Directors of the 85th Boonville Fair, which ended a six-day run on Saturday, Aug. 4, have evaluated the event and are pleased with the results.

Premium Secretary Mildred Fickbohm reported that premium payments to exhibitors at the fair will exceed \$20,000. Great enthusiasm was generated this year with the construction of the new exhibit hall. Ample lighting and varying displays made the new exhibit building one of the fair highlights.

Commercial exhibits were up considerably over last year with the Kivantis Building filled to capacity and space outside also being used. Plans for next year include construction facilities to allow for additional commercial space.

Attendance figures would indicate a 16% increase over last year with 41,353 patrons passing through the gates. The biggest afternoons were the Children's Days on Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday afternoon's attendance was 4,779 and Friday's was 6,372.

The two feature evening attractions were the Jeanie C. Riley Show on Friday and the Jole Chitwood Thrill Show on Saturday. Miss Riley drew over 8,000 and Jole Chitwood Thrill Show on Saturday drew 6,000. Friday was the biggest day in the fair's 85 year history.

Newell Wagoner, fair president said of the fair, "This was our best fair ever. We attempted to give something for everyone. While we had a substantial attendance increase our costs were also up. Construction costs included \$25,000 for the new Exhibit Hall, \$5,000 for the new horse ring, \$25,000 for road work and lighting. The entertainment package was \$25,000 and payroll before and during the fair was \$10,000. Over \$5,000 of our own money will go to pay premiums for exhibitors and advertising costs will be close to \$3,000. One can readily see then if we are going to be able to continue and give people a better county fair, we must have an increased attendance each year."

Fair officials thanked everyone who made the fair a success including workers and patrons.

## County ARC Posts Filled

The appointment of various committee chairmen was the highlight of the regular monthly meeting of the Lewis County Chapter of the New York State Association for Retarded Children, held Aug. 8 at the association's workshop on Jackson Street, Lowville.

The chairman, appointed by association president, Clarence Kelley, include the following:

Membership, Susan Jackson-Brewer; budget and financial affairs, Lynch; fund-raising, Elizabeth Fletcher; education, William Kallert; public relations, Mi-



**RECOGNITION AWARDS** - Dr. Kenneth E. Ford, Lowville, fair fight, a director of the TB-RO Association of the Seaway Area, Inc., and Richard B. Anderson, superintendent of Lewis County General Hospital are shown presenting \$100 recognition awards to Wendy M. Widmeyer, Glenfield, and Carolyn C. Lee, Lowville.

The high school juniors have been enrolled in the 1973 Health Careers Program, and have worked the past month on a volunteer basis in the Physical Therapy and Dietary Departments, respectively, at Lewis County General Hospital.

Dr. Ford congratulated the students on behalf of the association directors for successfully completing their four-week "on-the-job" training. He stated that the directors are justly proud of sponsoring the Health Careers Program and pointed out that in the six years it has been carried out, one hundred and twenty-two high school junior boys and girls have participated during July and August and remarked that quite a few have selected future college training to prepare for a career in one of the health fields. Dr. Ford continued today, "The students of Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties, who contribute to the annual Christmas Seal Campaign can indeed feel a sense of pride for through their confidence and financial support, the Health Careers Program is a possibility, and represents a sound investment of Christmas Seal Dollars."