



Hang on!

Francis Guernsey, 10, enjoys the airplane ride at the Ovid Fire Department Field Days last night. (Times photo by Kathy Greule)

Fun for campers at field days

By KATHY GREULE
OVID — The Ovid Fire Department Field Days began on a special note last night.

The annual "kiddies parade" started promptly at 7 p.m., but this year, unlike other years, 140 handicapped children from Camp Onseyawa were on hand for the festivities as guests of the Ovid firefighters.

Squeals of laughter and anxious chatter were heard as the fire trucks and South Seneca schoolbuses arrived on the carnival grounds loaded with the kids and counselors all dressed in light blue tee-shirts.

More than 1,000 ride tickets were donated by 35 local businesses and interested individuals as well as firemen.

The campers giggled as they rode the horses on the merry-go-round, hung on for dear life while soaring through the air on the chair swings and talked about the moon and the clouds while getting off the ferris wheel.

The 50 counselors, who obviously enjoyed the evening as much as their charges, encouraged and helped, pushed wheelchairs and carried kids, laughed with them and affectionately gave them a hug every now and then.

Vickie Riddell, senior girls' counselor explained that Camp Onseyawa, sponsored by Rotary Clubs in Ontario, Seneca, Yates and Wayne Counties, has been in operation for 25 years. They share the facilities at Babcock Hovey Boy Scout Camp in Ovid. The two-week camp is usually held after the scouts have left. This year the two

groups overlapped slightly, but presented no problem.

The campers range from 9 to 21 years of age. Ms. Riddell describes the camping program as "addictive," adding she has been a counselor for eight years, starting out as a college student. She, like many of the other counselors, is a special education teacher and "loves" her work.

She commented that "each kid loves the camp and looks forward to it each year... we get to see them as they grow up and mature — it's very special. I have met some of my very best friends at camp. I may only see them two weeks a year, but I still consider them very close."

The kiddie parade drew an appreciative crowd. Judges Patricia Archambault, Patricia Gulnan and Demi Kavis awarded prizes to children in the various age groups. In preschool and kindergarten, winners were Asa Swick, Charity Twist and Bethany Kaiser; first to third grade: Carl Arden, Susan Wilkins and Tammy Turri; fourth to sixth grade: Anna Evans, Logan Goldinger and Carol Lee Covert; above sixth grade: Toby Larsen. Prizes for decorated bicycles were given to David Corning, Julie Alexander and Bobby Stapleton. The C.B. Hounds took first prize for their float and Mark Walborn and Tammy Dodson took second place.

The firemen's parade starts today at 7 p.m. On Saturday the highlights of the day will be a "giant everything auction" at 2 p.m. and a chicken barbecue at 4 p.m.

22 seek change in zoning

By MARCIA DOBUSH
ROSE — The only item of business on Monday's agenda of the Rose Town Board was consideration of a petition from 22 residents requesting an amendment to the zoning law.

All the residents live south of Rose on Route 414. Their request is to change the classification of lands adjoining the highway, and extending 250 feet east and west, from an agricultural classification of ASA to a residential classification of R1A.

The board referred the petition to the planning board chaired by Fred Burley for review.

Supervisor Joseph DeAngelis reported that the house numbers have been distributed to the majority of the residents, and those remaining are

primarily for abandoned or vacant houses.

Commenting on the success of distribution, DeAngelis observed, "I think people have accepted them real well."

The town adopted a housenumbering system that ties each house into a county-wide grid. The system is proposed for all of Wayne County but is being implemented on a town-by-town basis with some towns electing not to participate.

The ad hoc water committee formed to talk informally with a similar committee of the North Rose-Wolcott School Board reported that a date to reopen discussion on the still unsettled water contract has not been found. Councilmen Fred Durbin, Lydia

Tyre debates justice clerks' pay

By LAURIE BENNETT
TYRE — Tyre town justices and town board members debated for more than two hours last night about a resolution passed by the board to stop paying justices' clerks.

Noting that the justices' \$1,500 expense account was nearly depleted, the board voted last month to stop paying hourly wages for the two clerks. Judge H. Andrew Batty, who is also a member of the board, was absent from the July meeting.

"The big thing is we're out of money in the expenses item," Batty conceded last night. "If I knew last summer what I know today, the clerks would have been budgeted \$1,200."

No money was set aside in this year's budget specifically for clerks, but the board agreed at the beginning of the year to pay their wages from the expense fund.

Batty's wife, Betty, and Elizabeth Steiner, wife of Judge Richard Steiner, serve as justices' clerks. Together, they have received about \$628 this year for their services.

Batty cited a large caseload and increasing paperwork as reasons for the overrun. "The load on the bookkeeping runs considerably more than I ever thought," he said, adding that the state has required increasingly more detailed reports during his three years in office.

Batty said the clerks also help with mailings and phone calls "at all hours of the day. And casewise, the Town of Tyre handles probably as many or more than any other town in the county."

He estimated that he and Steiner handle an average of at least 100 cases monthly. "Every road goes through the town; 50 percent of my cases are from the Thruway."

Yet Town Supervisor Harry Amidon responded, "We're the smallest town with the biggest expenses." He pointed out that justices' expenses were budgeted at \$500 in 1976, \$1,000 in 1977 and \$1,500 in 1978. A recent audit by the state Department of Audit and Control warned the town against overspending this account, said Amidon.

Several people also objected to the clerks' being paid on an hourly basis when other town officials receive a flat sum. "It would be nice if we could have a Cadillac system, but we don't have Cadillac money," said Town Clerk Elizabeth Sutterby.

"I think what they (the state) are trying to do is to force the local justice out," said Batty. "They know the towns can't afford the way they're making us run the justice system." Expenses mandated by state law include justices' schools and certified letters for defendants entering trials, he noted.

The state now pays the town \$5 for every case handled by the justices. Batty said he expects this amount to increase. "We've had cases that cost us \$15."

Tyre's 1978 town budget has an estimated revenue of \$5,500 for the justices. Amidon predicted the town would exceed that amount by the end of the year. He suggested the board make month-to-month transfers from these revenues to the justices' expense

account. "I won't let the town board not pay your bills" for incurred expenses such as postage, he told the justices.

Batty estimated next year's expenses at \$7,000, with \$4,300 for the two justices' salaries, \$1,500 in the expense account, and \$1,200 for two court clerks. He said he expects revenues to also hit \$7,000 next year. The justices now receive a total of \$3,700 in salaries.

"I'm beginning to wonder how we're going to run the court system," said Batty. "This job is costing me money, but while I'm doing it I'm going to do it right."

Batty told the board that without the help of a clerk he might have to resign or limit the number of cases he handles. "I can't possibly handle 60 cases a month. There's not that many hours in the day and still be able to make a living," he said.

"I'd like to stick it out. I've never quit anything yet in the middle," Batty added. "I made up my mind a few months ago I wasn't going to run again anyway."

Man gets 3-year sentence

By HELEN CASEY
CANANDAIGUA — Rufus S. Whitney, 52, of Beresford Trailer Park, Shortsville, was sentenced yesterday in Ontario County Court to 14 concurrent jail terms including a three-year maximum term in state prison after pleading guilty to rape, sexual abuse and other charges involving young girls.

The six girls involved were 11, 12, 13, 14 years of age and one 22 months old.

Whitney was indicted on 14 counts, including two counts of third-degree rape, one count of first-degree sexual abuse, four counts of second-degree sexual abuse and several counts of endangering the welfare of a child, and unlawfully dealing with a child.

Before sentencing Whitney, Stiles warned him that "if you get in any trouble again" (after he gets out of prison), "you could be put away for life."

He was arrested at his home April 20 as the result of separate incidents, which authorities said occurred at his residence between Jan. 1 and April 20.

Whitney was sentenced by Wayne County Judge Harold Stiles who had taken his and other defendants' pleas in June while sitting for vacationing Judge George Reed.

Whitney's terms ranged from three months to one year in Ontario County Jail to the state prison term of three years maximum. All sentences are to run concurrently.

Stille ordered Whitney to be delivered to the state Correctional Facility at Attica.

Four men, arrested in a State Police drug raid June 4 at a Canandaigua town motel, were also sentenced to state prison yesterday. Their sentences carry a maximum life term.

The four were charged with third degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, LSD, a Class A-3 felony. They are:

David L. Bellis, 23, of 49 Chapin St.,

Canandaigua, a minimum term of one year.

John C. Stoddard, 22, of Townline Road, Holcomb, minimum term of two years.

Sherman L. Morris, 28, of Pratt Road, Sodus, minimum terms of two and one-half years.

Kenneth S. Wahl, 19, of Rochester, minimum term of months.

Court authorities said the defendants are required to serve the minimum terms before parole can be considered.

Two others arrested in the same raid, and charged with first degree attempted criminal facilitation for the sale of LSD, were also sentenced. They are:

Scott Stoddard, 19, Townline Road, Holcomb; and Kevin Collins, 21, of Holcomb RD 2, both of whom were given five years probation. The sentencing of Constantine Lee, 22, of New York City, arrested on the same charge, was postponed to Sept. 29.

Chad Curtis, 20, of Lyons, who pleaded guilty to first degree rape and first degree sexual abuse, was sentenced to a term of up to three years and ordered delivered to the Elmira Correctional Facility. On reaching the age of 21, he could be transferred to Attica State Prison.

Curtis and a co-defendant, Charles Fifield, 20, of Phelps RD 2, were accused of forcing a girl at knifepoint to drive her car from Wayne County into Ontario County and sexually assaulting her. Fifield has been sentenced to state prison.

A third defendant in the case, Robert H. Munsell, 22, of Lyons, pleaded guilty to attempted second-degree rape and first-degree sexual abuse. He was given five years' probation yesterday.

The following were each given five years probation after pleading guilty to the felony charge of driving while intoxicated:

Gregory Ross, 25, of 423 W. Miller

St., Newark, arrested on the charge June 6 on County Road 25 in Phelps.

John B. Ricker, 25, of Essex Falls, N. J., arrested April 8 on Putney Street in Geneva.

John S. Salsman, 25, East Main Street, Shortville, arrested June 13 in Canandaigua. He also was charged with second degree escape after a brief escape from city police at the time of arrest.

Albert J. Benzer, 48, of 7 Hillside Dr., Clifton Springs, arrested Dec. 23 on Rt. 96 in Phelps.

Leon Coon, 33, of Mary Street, Phelps, arrested May 8 in Phelps.

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Joseph Hines, 66 Main St., Dresden Genevieve Niver, RD 5, Penn Yan

Grange meeting

SENECA FALLS — The Seneca County Pomona Grange will meet at 4 p.m. Sept. 9 at Ovid Grange No. 155 to elect new officers. There will be a tureen supper at 4 p.m.

An ox roast will be held at the state fair from 4 to 10 p.m. Sept. 1.

Chicken barbecue

SENECA FALLS — Seneca Grange No. 44, Cayuga Street, will have a chicken barbecue Saturday, Aug. 26 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Takeouts will be available.

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