

Dewey OK Placed on Teacher Pay Bill

Governor Dewey today signed his administration's permanent minimum salary bill for public school teachers, saying it provided the "highest statewide schedule in the nation."

The measure, criticized by spokesmen for most of New York's 77,000 teachers, guarantees \$800 individual increases over June 30, 1945, salaries and a \$2,100,000 rise in its annual payroll by 1953.

Termed by Mr. Dewey "a tremendous stride forward toward a new high level of educational standards," the bill provides:

A minimum salary schedule ranging from \$2,000 to \$4,510 in the state outside New York City and from \$2,500 to \$5,125 in that city, plus a \$200 differential for all teachers with master's degrees.

A 15-year program including five annual, automatic service increments and six merit or "promotional" increments, the latter based on unusual teaching skill, additional training and extra-curricular community activity to benefit children.

A single salary standard covering both grade and high school teachers, with regular substitutes "as well as regular teachers," according to the Governor.

Mr. Dewey said the bill "accomplishes a dozen notable gains at a single stroke."

The program goes into operation July 1 but the first increment will not become effective until a year later. The \$300 master's differential will be paid this year to teachers when it does not raise their pay beyond the prescribed minimum for their service in the first-year transitional period.

Permanent Schedule
The permanent schedule incorporates the \$32,000,000 temporary program adopted last January on an 18-month basis. It provided \$300 raises over 1945 salaries and a \$2,000 minimum compared with the previous \$1,600. This means the \$800 provision of the permanent bill will amount at most to an actual \$300 raise.

The new permanent minimum schedules:
Districts under 100,000 population—\$2,000 to \$4,100; districts of 100,000 or more \$2,200 to \$4,500 to \$5,125. The \$200 master's differential is added to these schedules.

New York City teacher organizations criticized the schedules claiming they would provide no actual raises for many teachers there and conceivably could result in pay reductions. New York City and upstate teacher groups vigorously opposed the promotional increment system, contending it would result in "politics in the systems."

Mr. Dewey took cognizance of both criticisms in a memorandum. He noted that "this schedule establishes only the minimum salaries to be paid. It does not prevent a school district from paying salaries in excess of those which it requires."

Governor's Comment
Referring to the promotional increments, the Governor said:

"While preserving the maximum degree of flexibility and local control, the bill protects able teachers against favoritism and niggardly economy by mandating the promotion of generous percentages of teachers into upper salary brackets."

"Further, it places in the hands of the teachers themselves the opportunities for working with school administrators and boards of education to define, enforce and develop true professional standards of teaching."

The bill stipulates that promotional merit requirements be classroom teachers in the formulation, application and review of such standards in accordance with regulations established by the (state) commissioner of education."

10 BELGIAN NAZIS DIE
Mechelen, Belgium — (UP)—Belgian firing squads executed 10 guards from the Nazi Breendonck prison camp at dawn today. Convicted of war criminality, all were members of the NV Party, the Flemish equivalent of the Rexist or Fascist Party.

AUTO INJURIES FATAL
Niagara Falls — (AP)—Robert Thomas Hoey, 24, died early today of injuries suffered when the car in which he was riding struck an electric light pole last night.

Noise Intrigues Detective, Leads to Motorist's Arrest

Detective John McDermott is not one to sit quietly when he hears a crash outside Police Headquarters.

As the detective told the story in Police Court, he heard the noise at 4 a. m. today, ran to the street and discovered a detective's parked car had been hit by another auto.

The other car, McDermott said, was proceeding down Eagle St. The detective said he gave chase and arrested the driver, listed as William Maloy, Jr., 23, of 8 Magnolia Ter., on charges of leaving the scene of an accident and driving without an operator's license.

Kids Work, Play During Holiday



George Bennett, center, has just scored two bull's eyes during a dart board contest at the Neighborhood House. Admiring his skill are Michael Regan, left, and Donald Hendrickson, right.



Albany school children worked and played at the Clinton Square Neighborhood Association's Neighborhood House during Easter vacation. Here William Spinks, left, of 47 Ten Broeck and his brother, David, are hard at work reconditioning toys for the Junior Chamber of Commerce's toy lending library.

Golfers Have One More Week to Wait

Take the wraps off those club heads, golfers, and get in a few practice swings.

Next Saturday has been set by Public Works Commissioner Kenneth W. Marsh for the first day of golf for 1947—weather permitting.

The Albany Municipal Course is still wet in spots, but with favorable weather during the week should be dry sufficiently to permit opening the season, he said.

\$325 and Cigarettes Taken from Store

Theft of \$325 in cash and 27 cartons of cigarettes from her grocery store, 1211 Broadway, was reported to police today by Mrs. Elizabeth Barrows. She said the thief entered the place last night through a rear window and found the money, which had been hidden in a cigar box under the counter.

Polish Dance Circle To Appear Tonight
The Polish Folk Dance Circle of Watervliet, which has appeared at several Capital District colleges, will present three dances at a post-Easter Ball at 8:30 p. m. today at St. Casimir's Hall, Sheridan Ave.

The circle, under the direction of John Lapinski, will perform, in costume, the Krakowiak, the kujawiak and the mazura, widely known Polish folk dances.

State Contest Victor Reaches U. S. Finals

Edward F. Smith of Buffalo, who was awarded first prize in the state oratorical contest of the American Legion in Albany two weeks ago, has qualified for the national contest in Charleston, W. Va., Apr. 15.

Young Smith went on to regional victory last week at Hartford and gained top honors in the sectional contest, which embraced 12 states, last night in Washington, D. C.

Russian Pastor Has Busy Time At Easter

It requires practically the endurance of Hercules to be pastor of a Russian Orthodox Church in the Easter season.

The Rev. Joseph S. Banit, pastor of St. Basil's Russian Orthodox Church, Watervliet, today started his round of Easter duties. His church has retained the Julian calendar which says this Sunday is Easter.

The priest arose at 6 a. m. today to visit every home in his parish to bless the Easter food. The parish extends over a sizeable area since Russian Orthodox Churches are "scarce."

Special services at the church tonight will terminate at 1:30 a. m. and the Easter Mass will begin at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

MOSCOW MARKS EASTER

Moscow — (AP)—Worshippers waited in long lines today to get into Russia's churches for services which will continue until the dawn of the Russian Orthodox Easter tomorrow. The lines began forming early in the day, and overflow crowds were expected at all cathedrals and other churches.

Doctors Increase Basic Fee For Calls

An increase in basic fees for medical treatment was announced today by Albany County Medical Society.

Beginning May 1, the society said, the basic fee for a call at a doctor's office will be \$3. The fee for a regular house call will be \$4, and house calls received after 10 p. m. will cost \$5.

Some Albany doctors have been charging \$1 less for house and office calls.

In a resolution presented by its committee on general practice, the society said: "The fees of the general practitioner have remained unchanged for many years, during which time there has been marked increase in the cost of living as well as in the costs incident to the practice of medicine."

"Although other county societies have approved such increases in the past," the doctors added, "no action had been taken in Albany County since it was hoped that living costs might come down in the near future. Since such does not seem to be the case, the members of the Society feel that increase in fees could no longer be postponed."

Borntrager Succeeded by Cleveland

The new superintendent of the Hudson-Mohawk Division of the New York Central Railroad at Albany will be Augustus Hart, now division superintendent at Cleveland, the railroad announced today.

Mr. Hart will succeed Karl A. Borntrager, who has been named assistant to the Central's vice-president J. L. McKee at Chicago. Mr. Borntrager will leave for Chicago Tuesday.

The new superintendent is expected to arrive in Albany Wednesday. He started with the railroad as a stenographer on the western lines.

VFW Auxiliary Elects Officers

Mrs. Florence O'Mara has been elected president of the newly organized Auxiliary of Sheehy-Palmer Post 6776, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Other officers chosen: Senior vice-president, Mrs. Helen Fitzpatrick; junior vice-president, Mrs. Margaret Huligan; chaplain, Mrs. Carolyn Laptula; conductress, Mrs. Elinor Catherine Brady; guard, Miss Betty Rositzka; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Strawbridge.

Color bearers, Mrs. Margaret Higginson, Miss Collette O'Mara, Miss Marion Rositzka and Miss Marie O'Mara; secretary, Mrs. Alice Higgins; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Beatrice McCombe and historian, Mrs. Irene Brady.

Officers of the post and auxiliary will be installed Apr. 25 at a dinner meeting in the Jeannette Restaurant.

Brothers Deny Causing Disturbance in Grill

Two brothers, Alexander Zielinski, 39, RD 7, Schenectady, and Frank Zielinski, 42, of 12 Second St., Albany, were arraigned in Police Court today on complaint of John Pauly grill proprietor of 362 Central Ave., who said they had created a disturbance in his place of business last night. They pleaded not guilty and were released on \$50 bail each for appearance Apr. 19.

Phone Pioneers Attract 700 To First Annual Hobby Show

The Telephone Pioneers, Eastern Council veterans of 21 years or more service, drew a gallery of 700 to their first annual hobby show yesterday at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel, but they still are awaiting the results of a visitors' poll to determine who gets the cash awards of \$15, \$10 and \$5.

More than 50 hobbies, with examples entered by telephone company workers and their wives, were on display from noon until midnight yesterday, while a motion picture show ran continuously in another room. The film subject was the 100th anniversary of Alexander Graham Bell, founder of the system that bears his name.

Now Just Bring on the Enemy!



Members of the 82d Airborne Division, which liberated Nijmegen in the Netherlands during World War II, are in Albany as part of the Nijmegen campaign, and to march in today's Army Day parade. Billy Castle and his dog, Buster, got behind the gun with Sgt. Lacy Hendrickson for this picture on the Capitol steps.

Maj. Gavin, Nijmegen Hero, To Be Feted

A visit to Albany by Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin, commanding general of the 82d Airborne Division, and the unveiling of a marble plaque in honor of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands are included in the schedule for Nijmegen Week observance.

General Gavin will receive the Nijmegen award of honorary citizen at a Victory dinner in Albany on Apr. 23 concluding the immediate campaign for the relief of the war-stricken Holland city.

Parachute Exhibit
The Queen Wilhelmina Club of Albany has commissioned the Empire Monument Company of Albany to prepare the plaque of Lee marble bearing the inscription "Queen Wilhelmina, who visited Albany, July 27, 1942. Erastus Corning 2d, Mayor." A special unveiling ceremony is planned next Thursday.

A last-minute call for Albany veterans of the 82d Airborne Division, liberators of Nijmegen, published in The Knickerbocker News, brought a score of the famous parachutists to the DeWitt Clinton Hotel, where they were guests at a dinner also attended by the special detachment of the present 82d Airborne Division.

The detachment is presenting a show of parachute equipment on the steps of the Capitol today, Monday and Tuesday. In the event of rain, the display will be temporarily transferred to the Postoffice.

The detachment will participate in the Albany Army Day parade today.

The rest of the Nijmegen schedule follows: Tomorrow, designated as Church Sunday when parishioners will bring packages of clothing, food, materials, etc., to their respective churches; Thursday, Queen Wilhelmina Day observance; Friday, special theater programs at the Palace, Strand, Grand and Ritz Theaters; Saturday, Dutch festival; Apr. 29, door-to-door collections throughout city; Apr. 21, 22 and 23, collections in schools, groceries, etc.

78th Division Sets Date for Reunion

A call for Capital District veterans who served with the 78th (Lightning) Division in World War II was sent out today by Edward N. Scheiberling, Albany member of the 78th Division Veterans Association.

The group is making plans for a divisional reunion Saturday, Apr. 26, in North Bergen, N. J. Reservations are being accepted by the national headquarters at 620 High St., Newark, N. J.

Woman Scalded As Baby Tips Pan

Mrs. Louis Jensen, 25, of 148 Lark, was taken to Albany Hospital at 11:30 a. m. today with a scalded left leg suffered when her 9-month-old daughter upset a pan of boiling water.

Police said the baby, Pamela, escaped with a slight burn on her left leg. She did not require hospital treatment.

Mrs. Jensen told police the pan of boiling water was on the kitchen table and she, with Pamela on her knee, was seated alongside. She turned her head, she said, and the baby pulled the pan off the table.

ALCO Plant To Lay Off 1,500 Friday

Schenectady — (AP)—Because of a critical shortage of materials the American Locomotive Company will lay off approximately 1,500 diesel production employees and office workers here for a maximum of five weeks.

The disclosure was made last night in a joint announcement by the company and local officers of the United Steelworkers of America (CIO).

The layoffs will begin Friday and all laid off will be recalled not later than May 26.

The statement attributed the furlough to "critical material shortages necessitating emergency curtailment of diesel manufacturing operations and office clerical forces."

The statement added that the shortage was "national in scope" and had reached a point of "critically affecting diesel manufacturing operations in all departments." ALCO's Schenectady works employs approximately 6,000.

Nassau VFW To Install

Officers of Chandler Young Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and its auxiliary will be installed at services at 8 p. m. Tuesday in Nassau School.

Post officers to be seated are: Commander, George Van Deusen; senior vicecommander, Clayton Miller; junior, Donald Chandler; chaplain, Russell Chandler; judge advocate, Morris J. Zweig; quartermaster, Ralph E. Mensing; surgeon, Dr. Nathan Schwartz; and trustee, Donald Keisher.

Auxiliary officers to be inducted are: President, Bessie Chandler; senior vicepresident, Helen Daley; junior, Elizabeth Cooper; treasurer, Frances Delaney; secretary, Dorothy Tremont; chaplain, Helen Young; conductress, Delia Miller; guard, Jean Chandler, and trustees, Irene Van Deusen, Rita Wiest and Agnes Blaricum.

Ben Pearsal, commander of Rensselaer Post, will install post officers and Mrs. Eustace Bender will direct the auxiliary ceremony.

Pearl Taxi Company Wins Safety Award

The Albany Safety Council's March award for Group I in the Inter-Fleet Safe Driving Contest has been awarded to the Albany Pearl Taxi Company, with a record of 384,881 accident-free miles.

The safety plaque for first place in Group II, for operating 11,579 miles without an accident, went to W. M. Whitney & Company. The month's record for 630 commercial vehicles showed an average of 307 accidents for each 100,000 miles operated.

TRUCK CATCHES FIRE

A tractor-trailer loaded with newspapers was damaged by fire of undetermined origin at East Greenbush today. Cpl. Jacob Flubacher and Trooper John Thomas said the vehicle was owned by the Stibb Transportation Company, Buffalo, and driven by Joseph Burns, 16 Forbes Ave., Troy. The blaze was extinguished by the Clinton Heights and East Greenbush fire departments.

Cholera in Calcutta Kills 72; City Acts

Calcutta — (AP)—Armed trucks carrying doctors and medical equipment began a citywide canvass today to check a cholera epidemic which has been sweeping Calcutta for almost a week, exacting an official toll of 72 deaths.



By CHARLES L. MOONEY

WE TOOK a walk the other day through the woods that lie roughly between New Scotland Rd. and Krum Kill Rd. It became a walk down memory lane, for as we came to a clearing within view of the rear of the homes along Sawyer Pl., our mind flashed back to an earlier day.

It was a bright, sunny Sunday afternoon in June, 1928. We were police reporter for The Knickerbocker Press—destined to witness before that day was out, a sight such as Albany never before had beheld.

Today it seems difficult to believe, but into that natural amphitheater in the woods that day were crowded upwards of 9,000 members of the Ku Klux Klan and kindred organizations, in white gowns and other picturesque attire.

It was literally a gathering of the clans for the chief poo-bah of the day—U. S. Senator Thomas Heflin of Alabama—was coming to town.

THE Klansmen were there hours ahead of Heflin. They began arriving by 9 a. m., and by noon the clearing was a mass of humanity. Printed signs, similar to those used to distinguish county delegations at a political convention, told that the Klansmen were on hand from all sections of New York State and from Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Davy Crocketts in coonskin caps, packs on their backs and rifles slung handily under their arms, bobbed in and out of the crowd. Other huskies, shiny tin helmets setting off gray uniforms, carried businesslike clubs.

Kamelias, Pioneers and Rangers mingled with the Klansmen. It was like a farmers' picnic as the gathering broke out box lunches and left no doubt that they had brought not only their white gowns, but their appetites, too.

IT WAS 3 p. m., with the sun at its hottest when Heflin, the Huey Long and Bilbo of his era, made his customary dramatic appearance. The big man with the drawl, like a Kentucky colonel in his white suit and his tobacco auctioneer's hat, came quickly up the steps of the bandstand which he had promised he would "get off Alfred E. Smith."

The late former governor, it will be recalled, was the Democratic candidate for president in 1928, and as such had been the target of Senator Heflin's speeches in many parts of the country.

We never shall forget Heflin's arrival. We were on the bandstand with other newspapermen, and seated on one side were a group of Kiegles and sundry other titleholders. As Heflin mounted the stand he had to brush against our old friend, Maj. John A. Warner, former superintendent of state police.

Although Major Warner was Al Smith's son-in-law, he was there in his official capacity, seeing to it that Heflin was guaranteed the right of free speech. A freedom that, oddly enough, permitted him to say anything he pleased about Major Warner's father-in-law.

As Senator Heflin reached the podium and was shaking hands with the Kiegles, he chanced to discover in his path our old colleague, Samuel J. T. Coe, dean of Albany newspapermen. Sam was on the old Knickerbocker Press, too, and he took a lot of kidding about the big handshake he got from Heflin, who thought him a Kiegleg.

FOR THREE hours, while the Klansmen cheered periodically, the big man from the Deep South leveled his heaviest guns on Al Smith.

The applause from the Kluxers was thunderous as he wound up with: "I don't want Al Smith in the White House because he's a Roman Catholic."

It truly was a hectic day at Hurstville. As Senator Heflin spoke, meanwhile gesticulating for emphasis, his arm at times all but touched a banner that emblazoned, in huge letters: "America First."

It seems to us we've heard that title many a time since that Sunday afternoon. We're certain we've heard, in the same vein, many of the utterances of Heflin, and we're certain it was a fellow named Adolf Hitler who made them.

We came away from our latest walk in the woods with one thought, unpleasant as it may be: Regardless of the era, it seems there'll always be a Heflin, a Long and a Hitler, human frailties being what they are.

Cast of Operetta To Entertain Lodge

Members of the cast of Albany Light Opera Company's forthcoming production of "Naughty Marietta" will entertain Monday night at a meeting of Masters Lodge, F&M, in Masonic Temple.

The show, under the direction of George P. Kerchner, is to be presented May 15 and 16 in Philip Livingston High School auditorium.