

# Syracuse Wawasee Journal

"I wholly disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire.

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## Annual County Speech Festival Here Friday

Philip Fawley, instructor of speech and business education at the Syracuse High School, is general chairman of the annual Kosciusko County Speech Festival which will meet here Friday afternoon in the high school auditorium.

"We have the speech festival each year for the experience and help that the participants receive and not to eliminate or discourage a student," said Mr. Fawley.

There are nine divisions of events: extemporaneous speaking, in which twenty-five are enrolled; original oratory with five enrolled; oratorical declamation with eleven enrolled; poetry reading with twenty-two enrolled;

Radio announcing in which fifteen are enrolled; humorous reading with eighty-eight enrolled; dramatic reading, fifty-two enrolled; one-act play with eighty-eight enrolled; dramatic reading, fifty-two enrolled; one-act play with two schools enrolled and sixteen students; and Bible reading with twenty-seven enrolled. Bible reading is a new division this year.

The 261 students enrolled in the program are from all county schools and Warsaw.

Judges, chosen by Mrs. Herbert Petrie of Warsaw High School and Mrs. Earl Robinson of Leesburg High School, will come from Grace Seminary at Winona Lake, Manchester College and Goshen College.

There will be a brief general session at 12:30 p.m. Terry McClellan, Syracuse High School student council president, will welcome the participants. County Superintendent of Schools Glen Whitehead, will speak briefly to the assembly and Mr. Fawley will make announcements of general interest. The Rev. Noble Greene will close the general session with prayer.

Other Syracuse faculty members assisting will be Lewis Immel, vocational guidance counselor; Mary Alice Witsamen, instructor in English; and Betty Kwallik, third grade teacher.

Syracuse High School students who will participate or assist are Wanda Coy, Sharon Miller, Suzi Klink, Linda Lantz, Bill Dorsey, Ed Anglemeyer, Patti Dreher, Pat Seiffert, Judy Jones, Terry Frushour, Sharon Byrd,

Janet Riley, Tom Miller, Shirley Levernier, Fred Godshalk, Marilyn Martin, Nancy Stump, Nelson Kistler, Harriett Traster, Bea Bachman, David Rupprecht, Paul Beezley, Jim Caskey, Carol App and Carol Dreher.

### THEATRE AWARD WINNERS TO RECEIVE PRIZES WED.

Prizes for winning the Academy Award Sweepstakes, sponsored by the Pickwick Theatre, will be awarded Wednesday 26 March.

Contestants who have not submitted their selections have until Tuesday. Completed entry forms must be turned into the Theatre by that time.

### Free Passes!

If you find your name hidden in the classified ads—come into the Journal office for your free pass to see

## BATTLE HYMN Pickwick

Sunday — Monday  
March 24 — 25

## Syracuse Citizens Of Tomorrow --



This week's representatives for Citizens of Tomorrow are



And, Jean, 8, Wayne, 3, and Lee, 1½, children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eppley.

### Chamber Encourages Magnolia Program

Once again the Chamber of Commerce is encouraging the planting of magnolia trees and has issued a reminder that now is the time to plant this beautiful, spring-flowering tree while it is in a dormant state and may be moved with a minimum of shock.

W. E. Long originated the idea of making Syracuse a "Magnolia City" a number of years ago and over a hundred trees were planted during the years that the program flourished. A year ago the Chamber of Commerce voted to revive the tree-planting program and is continuing to stimulate interest in magnolia trees.

There are eighteen species available with several varieties in each species. Their colors range from pure white to deep red-violet altho the white and pink are the most common here. Trees bearing pink blossoms are available at the Wawasee Nursery.

### School Out Friday P.M. For Speech Festival

With two hundred and sixty participants entered in the county speech festival to be held in the school auditorium Friday afternoon, and many others attending, regular afternoon classes will be dispensed with, Principal Glen Longenecker announced Monday.

Scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m., the speech festival will take up the remainder of the day.

### Attend Hair Fashion Clinic In South Bend

Mrs. Orval Klink, Mrs. Walter Miller and Mrs. Keith Koble of Berniece's Beauty Nook, attended a hair fashion clinic in South Bend Sunday.

Madam Marguerite Buck of New York, a member of the official Hair Fashion Committee of

## Dianne Martin Wins PTA Spelling Bee Second Time

Dianne Martin, 1956 winner of the spelling bee, holds the title for another year by winning the third annual spelling bee at the March meeting of PTA Tuesday night. Dianne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Martin, will represent Syracuse at the county spelling bee in Warsaw 27 April.

Larry Roe won second place and Ann Vanderford, third.

Mrs. Gladys Morris, fifth grade teacher, was chairman of the committee for the spelling contest. Pupils in grades five to eight were eligible and contests in each grade had been held in February. First and second winners in each grade, and an alter-

nate, participated in the final contest at the PTA meeting.

Words were given from a book published by the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette which sponsors the spelling bee. Sample words were given the twenty-two contestants for two rounds and then the real spelling began. It took 126 rounds to determine a winner.

Referee was Philip Fawley; timekeeper, Charles Garner; and judges were Miss Ethel Bowser and Mrs. E. L. Fosbrink. Rules that governed the contest were: 1. Pronounce word if contestant desired; 2. Do not change letter.

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### Byler Bros. At New Location In Village

Byler Bros. Sales, Inc. this week completed their move to the new location and building in Wawasee Village.

Rollie Byler has announced that he and Bob, his brother and partner, have discontinued their new Dodge and Plymouth franchise. The business will continue dealing in Like New Used Cars and new cars of all makes.

The new cement block building includes a new service department. Byler added that they will be able to do minor repairs, lubrication and warranty work more efficiently than in the old shop.

In making this change Byler Bros. wish to express their deepest appreciation for all the fine new car and used car customers of the past two years and state that they will continue to be of service to their automobile needs in the future.

Floyd Disher who has been one of their salesmen for the past years will continue in that capacity. Bob Emmons, their mechanic for a year and a half, will continue in the shop.

In replying to comments about the display lights on their new location, Bob Byler said there were 157 bulbs in the string across the 200 foot frontage of their lot. These lights are on until ten at night. Many have spoken of their brilliance lighting the south edge of the Village.

ment.

Elmer Stucky appeared before the board to ask about the proper procedure to be followed for cutting the sidewalks back three feet and making new sidewalks on South Main Street. The Board advised him that construction expense must be borne by business or property owners but that the town would check with state highway commissioners to see what the procedure would be and ask for an engineer to come here to establish curb lines.

Legal notice of application for a cumulative building and sinking fund for the erection of a sewage disposal plant and sewers is published this week and will be submitted to the State Board of Tax Commissioners at the specified time.

## "Boat Bill" Passed; New Rules For Indiana Lakes

Officials of the Wawasee Property Owners Association have been advised that Senate en-rollel Act No. 172, known as the Boat Bill, has been signed by Governor Handley and is now an Indiana Statute. Jack Vanderford, secretary of the association, reported last week.

This new law repeals all existing laws relating to boat traffic regulations and establishes a complete new set of rules to be observed by persons using Indiana lakes and streams for recreational purposes.

Among other provisions the new law more clearly defines the two hundred foot safety zone adjoining the shore line of Indiana lakes in an effort to separate boaters and swimmers and thus avoid accidents due to the intermingling of these two groups. Persons towing water skiers

must in the future carry a second person in the boat serving as a tow. The responsibility of the second person is that of watching the skier so the driver of the boat can give his undivided attention to the operation of the boat and to the course he is traveling.

Other clauses will assign new responsibilities to persons operating boats carrying passengers for hire and require that boats used for this purpose be annually inspected and licensed.

George W. Davidson, president of the association, in commenting on the bill stated, "This Bill, S.B. 172, is of interest to every lake property owner, fisherman, swimmer, boater in the state of Indiana, and its primary purpose is to establish safety on the water, in comparison to the laws we have promoting safety on our highways. You undoubtedly are aware of the fact that there are 'Hot Rods' on the water same as the highways."

It was George M. Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davidson, who introduced H.B. 70 in the state legislature. There was only one dissenting vote in the final passage of this bill known as the Conservation Officer Bi-partisan Bill.

### Midway Auto Theatre Opens 1957 Season

Midway Auto Theatre on U. S. Highway 33 announces opening of the 1957 drive-in movie season tonight with the showing of two giant hits in cinemascopic color.

First showing is at dusk.