

Views and Reviews ...

Ernest Buchholz, town clerk, is driving his own car again after more than a year of "no driving" following his illness in early 1959. With this new freedom and a brand new Ford acquired several weeks ago, Mrs. Buchholz has quite a time keeping up with his schedule. Once he takes off in the new black Ford, it's hard to tell where he's going and when he'll return.

The big fishing contest at Wawasee and Syracuse Lakes is in its third week now and will go through August 26. 500 game fish tagged with No. 28 markers were placed in Wawasee Lake again this year. Each contest week begins Friday noon and ends the following Friday noon. Promoted by WSJV-TV at Elkhart (channel 28), it is sponsored by the local chamber of commerce and seven local businessmen. Syracuse and its lakes are beautifully publicized every Sunday night on the 10 o'clock program over Channel 28. Winners of each week's contest are invited to appear on the program to receive their prizes (fishing tackle by South Bend Tackle Company). This year a grand prize will be awarded at the end of the season furnished by Aero Mfg. Co. and the Ken Harkless Wawasee Boat Company. The grand prize is a 12 foot Sea Nymph aluminum fishing boat and a 5 1/2 h.p. 1960 Johnson outboard motor. Contestants are to report to the Harkless boat company with a prize catch, either tagged or untagged fish.

If we must have cloud bursts and steady rain for several hours at a time as we had during the week end, perhaps the weatherman can be persuaded to hold off the last of June and first week of July while the Mermaid Festival in Webster and Syracuse Street Fair are in progress.

Cap Johnson, Goshen druggist of many years standing and Syracuse Lake resident for almost as long, is going out of business. His exact plans for the future he did not reveal but at any rate, he's retiring from the business world.

We asked the Junior Mothers if they planned to have chicken and noodles among the delicatessen items of their bake sale Saturday. The answer is "yes". Someone has promised to make nutbread, too.

The Chamber of Commerce is accepting donations for the fireworks display for July Fourth. Nelson Auer and John Kroh will be glad to receive any contributions. Remember last year and the number of boats that filled Syracuse Lake, some 600 from Wawasee. And that didn't include the spectators that lined the shores and watched from cars.

Copies of an interesting booklet called the "Presidential Election Handbook" are available at the Journal office, free for the asking. Designed to answer most convention-time and pre-election questions and valuable as settlers of arguments, these pamphlets have been prepared as handbooks for those who want to watch the incoming national political conventions on television, follow them on the radio, or read about them in the papers. Other plans for distribution of the booklets will be made, but at present they like the up-to-date Indiana highway maps, can be obtained only at the Journal office.

A year ago it was estimated that some 5000 people watched the Fourth of July fireworks display at the City Park. And this was considered a conservative estimate. If that many people got enjoyment from a holiday program at Syracuse, then the money was well spent. Those same people will be back again to the town which takes

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Bible School Closes With Program Friday

The Community Vacation Bible School which has been in session at the Syracuse School with an attendance of over 160 children, will come to a close on Friday June 17.

Open House will be held at the school Friday evening from 7:00-7:30 at which time the parents and friends are invited to visit the classrooms to view the handwork projects. This will be followed at 7:30 by a closing program in the new gymnasium.

Rev. K. E. Robinson, dean of the school, and all of the teachers invite the public to attend the closing activities. A free will offering will be received.

Street Fair To Open With Fire Works on Fourth

Street Fair activity will begin during the day uptown on Fourth of July but official opening of the week's program will begin at the City Park with the annual fire works display at dark.

Sponsored by the Syracuse police and fire departments, the Fair will continue with special events scheduled for each day through Friday. Anyone wanting to enter contests may do so by contacting the chairmen of the events for details and time of the contest.

In addition to entertainment booths, and rides, which will be located in the parking lot on Washington street between Huntington and Harrison streets, there are special events for each day directed by committees as follows:

Tuesday: Parade. Bill Hess, chairman; Bill Darr.

Wednesday: Family Day. Contests for 1. Greased Pig, Don Niles, chairman; 2. Pie Eating, Bud Kline, chairman; Greased Pole, Nelson Auer, chairman.

Thursday: Baton Camp Program. Contact Smith-Walbridge Camp.

Friday: Variety Shows with local talent, Joe Hughes, Chairman, Carl Merick, Walter Gilbert.

The following committees were appointed:

Queen contest. Mrs. Walter Gilbert, chairman; Mrs. William Hess, Mrs. Gail Benner.

Stage: Harold Kline, chairman, Bill Pipp.

Ticket sales: Dan Ganger, chairman; Lawrence Firestone, Gail Benner.

Advertising: Don Enyeart, chairman; Charles Dean; Everett Crow.

Judges for talent and parade: Harry Nicolai, chairman, Larry Weaver.

For general information call William Hess, GL 7-3787.

New Office Hours, Reporter At Journal

New office hours have gone into effect at The Journal. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Holiday hours, if any, will be announced prior to each individual holiday.

Miss Julie Evans, of Lake Wawasee, has joined the Journal Staff as a reporter and office employee, for the summer months. She is a student at Purdue University.

Big Pike Win Prizes In Second Week Of Contest



Glenn Biller, R.R. 4, is shown here displaying the 36" 11 pound pike which won him a prize in the first week of the fishing contest which began May 27 at Syracuse and Wawasee Lakes. It was Biller and not Glen Byler (also of R.R. 4) who won the prize. Byler's name was given in error last week.

Not to be outdone by her husband, Harriet Biller took first prize in the second week of the contest with the 33 1/2" 9 1/2 pound pike which she proudly shows in the picture above. These pictures were shown on TV when each prize winner appeared during the ten o'clock show on Channel 28 at Elkhart the last two Sunday nights to receive the prizes of the week.

name of Glen Byler was given as prize winner instead of Glen Biller.

Richard Wright of Nappanee, vacationing on the north shore of Syracuse Lake, won second prize with a 6 pound 31" pike caught in Syracuse Lake.

Prizes were awarded Sunday night during the 10 o'clock show over WSJV-TV from Elkhart (Channel 28). Mrs. Biller won the spin cast rod and reel, and Wright won the second prize reel, all from South Bend Tackle Co.

"Let's Go Fishing" contest is under the supervision of State

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FIRST PLACE WINNERS. Six members of the Syracuse High School cheerleading squad placed first in cheerleading competition last week at Smith-Walbridge cheerleading camp. Pictured on the bottom are Sandy Swenson and Shelly Miller; middle row; Sue LeCount, Linda Frushour, and Sherry Burson; and top, Mary Jo Firestone.

Photo by Perc Bartlett.

Ex-Publisher Of Journal Is Dead At 79

Services were held Monday morning in Indianapolis for J. A. Garfield Walker, 79, of 36 N. Audubon Place, Indianapolis.

Mr. Walker died Wednesday in Community Hospital from a heart attack complicated by acute leukemia. He had been ill three days.

Born in Dearborn County, he was the son of Charles Walker, a Civil War veteran. His parents died when he was about 5 and he entered the Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home at Knightsbridge. He attended high school in Akron, Ohio, and served in Cuba during the Spanish-American War with President McKinley's own regiment.

In 1907 he came to Syracuse and founded the Syracuse Journal the following year. The same year he married the former Ethel O. Kitson, daughter of the late Levi Kitson. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in October 1958.

For a time Mr. Walker taught band and music at the Knightsbridge Home with J. B. Vandaworker, founder of the Newsboys Band.

In 1911 he returned to printing when he became associated with the Burford Co. in Indianapolis and later the Cornelius Printing Co. He retired in 1947.

Always active in music circles, Mr. Walker sang with the Masonic quartet and was a choir director. He was a member of the Methodist Church and active in the choir and Golden Age group at the Irvington church. He was also an active alumnus of the Knightsbridge school and served on many of its committees.

Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Leland (Margaret) Clapp, formerly of Syracuse, and Mrs. Lewis (Martha) Lantz, of Indianapolis, and three grandchildren.