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The Fire Department

Town and township officials have acted wisely in their recently-announced move to acquire two identical 1,000 gallon per minute fire trucks for use by the local fire department.

The firm from which these trucks have been ordered is a reliable one, and it is close enough that its service facilities can be used without delay. In addition, the American Fire Apparatus Co. has been kind to the local community by loaning a demonstrator model fire truck for use until permanent equipment can be obtained.

It is interesting to note that before the disastrous March fire, the local firemen had available a total pumping capacity of no more than 1,250 gallons a minute on two fire trucks. The equipment now on order, plus a recent second-hand "bargain" rig of 1,000 gallons a minute capacity purchased from the city of Frankfort, will give the local department almost 2 times its former capacity.

Farsighted management of town and township affairs is evident in the manner in which the fire department is being reequipped, and citizens of the community can compliment themselves in the choice of their elected representatives.

SALUTATORY

Harry Alfrey, salutatorian of the 1960 graduating class, gave the following address at commencement exercises in Syracuse May 31. It is reprinted here for your enjoyment and as another example of the way in which many of the young people of today are planning for the future.

Count Down

Fellow classmates, parents, teachers, members of the Board of Education, and honored guests.

The class of 1960 welcome you to the "Count Down" of our high school days.

"Count Down" is one of the most intriguing terms that has come into familiar usage as an outgrowth of the new age. The term has many interesting implications, so many in fact that I could not mention them all tonight if I wanted to. However there are three things that I would like to call to your attention.

First of all "Count Down" implies that days and weeks and sometimes months and years of study and planning and effort have gone into the preparation for a particular event. We know that no success of any undertaking is directly proportionate to the amount of preparation that has gone into it.

Every now and then we hear of a person who has pole vaulted fifteen feet, run the hundred yard dash in ten seconds, or has been successful in some field of endeavor. We then hear someone say, "Gee, but I would give anything in the world if I could only do that." A person may be capable as the one who accomplishes much in his lifetime, but doesn't get the job done himself because he is doing nothing about it but wishful thinking. He is not willing to pay the price in work and time that the doing would require of him.

Anytime you see a successful person in any field of endeavor, you can know that he has invested much time energy in that success. It may be that he has a lot of what we call talent or native ability, but it is also true that the greatest possible success will not be his unless he spends a lot of time and effort in the undertaking.

Lastly, "Count Down" implies that something important is about to come to a climax. Observers are expectant and filled with anticipation. They want to see the successful completion of a task or the attainment of a goal. Of course, to add to the suspense there is always the possibility of a mishap or slip-up. If for any reason the first try should fail, the project should not be allowed to die, because all is not lost. By using experience as a new starting point it is very likely that only a minor change in the original plans and specifications will be needed to correct the fault and the next try will be successful.

In these three ways the term "Count Down" implies a uniting of the elements—study and planning; adherence to plans; and proper training—so essential to the successful completion of any undertaking, be it large or small.

In the closing minutes of our "Count Down", we would like to thank the parents, the teachers, the Board of Education, and others concerned for all the efforts and sacrifices which you have made to afford us an education. Thank you.

Harry Alfrey

To Have Evening Class In Senior Life Saving

Senior life saving classes will be given evenings from 6 to 8 for anyone who has a daytime job and cannot attend the regular classes. Those wanting to join an evening class should contact Leila Connolly or Barbara Thornburg.

Classes in Swimming and water safety begin Saturday. The regular schedule for all beaches will be published next week, according to Miss Thornburg who begins her third year with the water safety program here.

SYRACUSCENE . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Nusbaum attended a family party at Walbridge Park in Toledo during the week end. They were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilder Border.

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The Letter Box

(The Journal welcomes contributions to the Letter Box. Because of limited space, letters of 300 words or less are most suitable. All letters are subject to careful condensation. Requests that writers' names not be published will be respected, but the names and addresses must be submitted.)

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To the Editor:

The letter in the Syracuse paper last week (unsigned) concerning the use of the public park at the lake needs some explanation. Parks are made for and dedicated to the use of the general public.

For those people who reside (which includes the undersigned) nearby, a public park is a general nuisance. However, that is not going to change the picture—the parks are going to remain for public use. And they should and must grow. The parks can—and must be kept clean. This last year for the first time in history the people who use the parks, most of them non-residents, paid fees for the use of tables. For this the town received last year some \$350.00. This year the park board leased the facilities to a concessionaire for \$500.00. This is about one-half the amount required to keep up the park and does not take into consideration the thousands of dollars Syracuse people invested in the grounds and buildings.

The park is an advertisement, something that should and does draw favorable comment from people who visit here, who may become residents and taxpayers. The park board will certainly be considerate of any and all who have criticisms or suggestions to make—but they should be made personally—not unsigned letters.

The town of Syracuse now has \$10,000.00, secured as a gift last year by the town board for the specific use of parks. This money should be used immediately to acquire the Hoopingarner property across the road. If it is not used this year, the state tax board will no doubt require the town to use it in general expenses next year and it will be lost for park use. If this money is NOT used this year another bequest of \$5000.00 by a community citizen will be lost also.

We have heard rumors that this \$10,000.00 may be used to help pay for the fire equipment burned up. One town board member has stated that this is his view. This money is bound morally (but not legally) to be used for park purposes alone.

In the six months time now passed in 1960, we see where the "leadership" of the town as put in office by Sharkie and the Warsaw paper, has by negligence burned up \$150,000.00 of fire equipment. I say this because the "leadership" of the board allowed fires to be used in the old fire station all night long "full blast". No one in their right mind would have allowed an oil stove to go all night long, full blast—as happened here since Jan. 1, 1960. This same "leadership" is giving orders that patrons and service trucks to his store NOT be given parking tickets when they refuse to put in money at the parking meters.

The Board of Trustees is in a continuous turmoil because of back-biting, carping, no co-operation and general inability to supervise help and get things done. In 1959 we stated that a man who in 40 years had been unable to co-operate with his fellow-businessmen, even in joining the Chamber of Commerce, could not be expected to co-operate with anyone else.

We need someone now to take the lead in getting the streets uptown widened some 30 inches while the bank and others are putting in new sidewalks—and others are badly needed.

It is a darn shame those members of the Town Board who have by years of proven community service in many fields of community life should be subjected to the worry, extra work, and actual money spent, by the set-up as it now exists. The taxpayers will pay—the community will pay—by taxes in replacing this \$150,000.00—and by lost opportunities because there is no leadership and co-operation.

The Rockhill political interests at Warsaw is directly responsible for these things. People were paid here cash money to campaign against the undersigned. The organization was formed in Warsaw, with all instructions coming from there. They have no thought of what is good for Syracuse—they wanted to chastise and control those in public office. They "used" some nice people here in their campaign by mistaking, lies, insinuations, by playing stories "up" or "down" as suits their desire, they confuse the public. The results are now coming out.

AT YOUTH RALLY

Eight hundred youth from Northern Indiana E.U.B. conference attended a Rally Sunday at Oakwood Park from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Those attending from Syracuse were Charles Garner, Tom Stametz, Bill Peterson, Loren Longenbaugh, Danny Duy, Lou Ann Longenbaugh, Nancy Plank, Jean Inley, and Janice Peltcher. Rev. and Mrs. Kennard Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Craw attended as counselors.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kitson stopped over night Monday in Syracuse en route to their home in Michigan after attending the funeral of their brother-in-law, Garfield Walker, in Indianapolis Monday morning.

LEGAL NOTICES

INDIANA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION
201 Illinois Bldg. Indianapolis
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board of Kosciusko County, Indiana, will, at 10 a.m. on the 22 day of June, 1960 at the Clerk's Office, Court House in the City (or town) of Warsaw, Indiana in said County, begin investigation of the application of the following named person, requesting the issue to the applicant at the location hereinabove set out, of the Alcoholic Beverage Permit of the class hereinabove designated and will, at said time and place, receive information concerning the fitness of said applicant, and the propriety of issuing the permit applied for to such applicant at the premises named:

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