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The Facts Of Public Life

The Journal is in receipt of a letter from J. Barton Cox, secretary of the Syracuse Plan Commission, taking issue with a letter published previously concerning the zoning of certain property in the south end of town.

In his letter, Mr. Cox hits at the management of the Journal for personally attacking him, as he calls it, and he wonders in print as to whether the members of the Journal staff sit around the office composing letters to the editor just for the fun of getting under his skin.

We are surprised that Mr. Cox, himself a newspaper publisher for a number of years, is so naive as to think this. We are equally surprised that Mr. Cox is unaware of the aims and motives of any newspaper and its "Letter Box" columns. Indeed, he says he is even unaware who the owners of the Journal are.

In reply, we would like to point out that the names of the owners of the Journal have appeared in print any number of times, and if Mr. Cox is bit befuddled over who they might be, he can stop by the office and someone will be glad to find those editions of the paper and point out the necessary paragraphs.

It should hardly be necessary to point out to Mr. Cox, a public official now for several years, and, as we have said before, a newspaperman here and elsewhere before that, that it is common practice to withhold the names of persons who write letters to the Public Letter Box columns and request that their names be withheld.

If Mr. Cox is unaware of this practice, we would like to note that it happens every day, in any number of newspapers—daily and weekly alike—for the obvious reasons that not everyone who writes the editor a letter wants to step out into the open for a garbage-hurling match. Most of these people are just honest citizens with an occasional gripe or suggestion, and the fact that they prefer to remain anonymous should not shade the value of their opinions. It is an American tradition that suggestions should be judged on their merit, not on the personality or position of those who suggest them.

And along that line, we would also like to point out another thing which Mr. Cox seems to prefer to forget—when a man or woman feels it is his duty as a citizen to take over the responsibilities of an office of public trust, he opens himself to criticism from others and from the press not as another citizen, but as a public office-holder.

Mr. Cox seems unable or unwilling to realize that any criticism of the local government is anything but a personal crack at him. This is indeed a peculiar attitude for a public official. Mr. Cox was not drafted for any public office; if he did not think at the time that he could stand the pressure, it was his choice, and his alone, to take it or turn it down. Having accepted an office of public trust, it seems to us that Mr. Cox should learn to live with it. As a newspaperman, he certainly has learned that public officials can and should be criticized—indeed, it was Mr. Cox's criticisms in this very newspaper that can be credited for some of the forward steps made by the community in the 1940s. We sincerely doubt that the officials he was so ready to criticize in those days all thought he personally "had it in for them."

If, after a critical evaluation of the office of public trust that he holds, Mr. Cox still feels that anyone with a suggestion, complaint, or even a slap at the figure of Mr. Cox as plan commission secretary is also slapping at Mr. Cox as an individual, it might be best for him to decide that he is not ready for public office, nor it for him.

Domestic Relations

The Wall Street Journal

There has been speculation in recent months about this question: Is young Jack Kennedy big enough for the White House?

After reading about his family on the march—his mother, grandmother, brothers, sisters, in-laws and other assorted kith and kin—we wonder if the question shouldn't be put the other way.

Objects To Appeals . . .

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was enclosed.

The letter explained that the land was contracted for last year but that a Rotary club cannot hold title to property and that the club was therefore transferring the deed to the town of Syracuse boy scouts.

In accepting the deed the Town Board included the provision that the land would be used for Syracuse scouting as directed by the Rotary Club which sponsors the Boy Scout organization here.

Ernest Buchholz, town clerk, read a letter from the State Board of Health which refused a request by the town for a grant for the sewage disposal project.

Lawrence Firestone, speaking for the fire and police department benefit association, asked permission to hold a carnival next year on the same ground as was used this year. Permission

was given.

Firestone also mentioned that another street light was needed on North Huntington in the area just north of the intersection with SR 13. The board agreed to consult with Northern Indiana Public Service for such a light.

Marshal Don Enyeart suggested that the three parking meters across from the telephone exchanged building be removed as cars parked in these spaces present a hazard. The meters could be used on Main Street in front of the Hoppingarner property since the space there is no longer needed by the fire department. It was agreed that the meters should be transferred to Main Street with Huntington Street space marked for no parking.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Zirgow and family, were guests Sunday of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Fosbrink.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Longenecker and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Neer and family were visiting in St. Joe, Michigan Sunday.

Church News and Notices

CHURCH NEWS DEADLINE

Church notices must be in the office of the Syracuse-Wawasee Journal by noon Monday in order to appear in this directory.

Calvary EUB

Rev. Kennard Robinson, Minister
Calvin Johnson, S. S. Supt.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
Congregational meeting at church 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday EUB Mens meeting at parish house 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Christian Service Guild at home of Mrs. Dorothy Compton of Oakwood Park 8.

Thursday mid-week service 7:00 p.m. Choir practice 8:00 p.m.

Goshen First Church of Christ, Scientist

111 North Fifth, Goshen
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service, 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

Wawasee Lakeside Chapel

Phone UL 6-6661
Rev. Herbert Yoder, Pastor
R.R. 1 Cromwell, Ind.

Phone UL 6-6689

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Service 11:00.

Evening Worship service 7:30

Bible Study Wed. 7:30 p.m.

Children's Story Hour 7:30.

Juniors Story Hour 7:30 p.m.

Church of God

Rev. Elvin Hoffman, Pastor
Louis Firestone, Supt.

Sunday School, 9:30.

Morning Worship 10:30 p.m.

Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Prayer meeting and C.G.Y.A.

Thursday 7:30 p.m. in church basement.

Grace Bible Church

Rev. M. Raymond Mason, Pastor
Independent Fundamental

10:00 a.m., Morning Worship

11:00 a.m., Bible School.

6:30 p.m., Young People's

Training.

7:30 p.m., Evening Service.

Midweek Service Thursday

7:30 p.m.

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Solomon Creek EUB

Rev. John Schroeder, Pastor
Richard Longcor Supt.

Sunday School, 9:45.

Worship Service 7:30.

Burr Oak EUB

Rev. John Schroeder, Pastor

Lawrence Owen, Supt.

Sunday School 9:30.

Worship Service 10:40

Church of the Brethren

W. Harlan Smith, Pastor

Donald Davis S. S. Supt.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

No preaching service 10:30 a.m.

Sunday evening worship and

Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Ladies Aid—All day meeting.

Wednesday July 27th. Pot luck dinner at noon.

United Brethren in Christ (Indian Village)

Rev. Carl Gable, Minister

3 miles. S. of Cromwell, Road 5

A. Kuhn, Sunday School Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Evening Evangelistic service

7:30

Wednesday Prayer meeting

7:30 p.m. at church.

United Brethren In Christ (Zion Chapel)

4 Miles S. of Syracuse on Old 13

Rev. Carl Gable, Minister

Elden Watkins S. S. Supt.

Marie LeCount Ass't S. S. Supt.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Election of Sunday School and

Church Officers 11 a.m.

Thursday Prayer meeting

7:45 p.m.

Harvesters and YPMB meeting

Tuesday evening 7 p.m.

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State Officials . . .

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Jasper, and Representative John Copes of Nappanee. The Budget Department is headed by the Director, Phillip Conklin and two deputy directors, John Hatchett and Ardith West.

WRC PLANS FOR ANNUAL DINNER IN AUGUST

At the regular meeting of the Women's Relief Corps July 18 plans were made for the 11th annual picnic meeting at the Alva Nicolai home August 18. Guests at this meeting will be from the Nappanee, Bremen and Ligonier Corps.

At the close of the session, members continued with a social hour at the Dixie Restaurant where refreshments were served.

Owners Must Have Registration Records

Lake patrol officials have announced that boat registration certificates must be in the boat at all times the same as car certificates.

Earl Money, conservation officer, said that many warnings have been issued and will continue to be as long as people do not have their registration in the boats. The numbers on the registration certificates must be the same as those on the boat.

Mrs. John Sparling was hostess to six ladies for breakfast at Howard's Monday honoring Mrs. Martha Pryor of Pasadena, former resident who is here for the summer with her sister, Mrs. Elsa Griege.

Class Schedule For Water Safety Program

WAWASEE LAKE BEACHES WACO

Monday and Wednesday: 10 a.m. to noon Jr. Life Saving.

EAST END

Monday: 11 a.m. — Beginners; Wednesday: 10 a.m. Intermediate.

SEMINARY

Tuesday and Friday: 10 to 11:30 Long Distance Swimming; Tuesday: 11:30 — Beginners; Friday: 11:30 — Intermediate.

KALE ISLAND

Wednesday: 11 a.m. — Intermediate and Swimmers; 11:30 Beginners.

OAKWOOD

Wednesday: 10 a.m. — Intermediate and Swimmers; 10:30 Beginners.

Life guards are on duty at the City Park from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A life guard is on duty at Waco on weekends.

Life guards and instructors are Jerry Davis, Barbara Thornburg, Sally Rondot, Susan Morgan, and Ricky Stanfield.

Time To Move!

HAVE ROOM FOR FUN !!!



Why should you miss out on the fun of outdoor living being enjoyed by millions. See us for a home of your own that offers you this fun-feature. You can afford it ! ! !

Wm. T. JONES, Realtor

120 S. Huntington

ROBERT L. HULLEY, Associate

Phones: GL 7-3663; GL 7-3035; GL 7-2227