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THE DEATH of Dr. Margaret Mead last Wednesday evoked some fond memories of this great lady among a number of local citizens.

She was 77 at the time of her death, and lived life to its fullest until she was hospitalized October 2. She literally "died with her boots on." This is the type of person Margaret Mead was.

A close college friendship with Katharine Rothenberger, a resident of r 2 Syracuse (Papakeechee Lake) and Muncie, brought the famed anthropologist to the Syracuse area just a year ago.

In fact, Phil and Evelyn Fawley were host and hostess to Dr. Mead and a number of close friends at a dinner party in the Fawley home at 612 South Lake Street on Saturday, Nov. 12, and the next evening, Sunday, Nov. 13. Dr. Mead was the honored guest at an unusually attractive dinner party in the home of Mary Bushong at 48 North Shore Drive.

The two dinners gave a group of local people an opportunity to sit around and chat with this prodigious author of 22 popular books and outspoken spokesman for many popular causes.

One of her most popular books was "Blackberry Winter," an autobiography of sorts, in which she delineates the winds of influence in her somewhat turbulent yet forceful life. She comments on her DePauw University friendship with Miss Rothenberger and their early sorte in campus politics. The friendship has endured throughout the years, and her world-wide popularity and constant flow of honors have not dimmed this long friendship.

Dr. Mead had her office in New York city where she was curator emeritus of the Museum of Natural History. She was constantly lecturing, often times espousing liberal, sometimes unpopular causes.

This writer sat beside the ebullient Dr. Mead at the Bushong residence and as politely as possible prodded her on several issues. At the time the racial turbulence in South Africa was awash, and she said that country and Rhodesia would eventually ("in about 25 years")

have black rule.

Asked about former President Richard Nixon she said, "I have no comment," then added, "If he had been president another three years the country would have been taken apart."

In the November 16, 1977, issue of The Mail-Journal, commenting on Dr. Mead's visit to our community, we wrote, "Dr. Mead proved a woman of wide-ranging interests, and, in the vernacular, she doesn't pull her punches. If asked about a subject, she comes forth with a firm answer, like it or not, as if the answer had been well thought out in advance."

The story of her life was well reported in the media during the past week. We can only add that we were pleased to have met this singular woman. It's delightful to speak to someone who doesn't feel she has to qualify every statement.

THE KOSCIUSKO County Republican Central Committee found itself in a dilemma a week ago — they were in the unique situation of having \$2,798 dollars no one wanted to claim.

It was money given them on the night of Al Rovenstine's stunning victory over incumbent Sheriff John Hammersley, and it amounted to \$1 per vote that Rovenstine defeated Hammersley.

The money came from Syracuse resident Jack Mason, who has wide gambling interests in Honduras, C. A., and was poured out on the counter of the small Atwood Cafe which is owned by Rovenstine and his charming wife, Sandy, at a midnight hour while the victory celebration was in full glow.

Rovenstine wouldn't take the money, but county GOP chairman Ed Pratt did — with alacrity. He gave it to county GOP treasurer Pauline Jordan, who held it for a time, then eventually put it into the party's bank account.

No one really wanted to claim the money, yet the party could use it. They kept the secret pretty well until this column came out with a brief note on the uncanny predicament last Wednesday. Then the story broke wide open. If it were kept a secret, the party would have been accused of a cover up.

Mason supported Hammersley four years ago, but became turned off when the sheriff arrested several workers on a Mason land development site on Ogden Island. As near as can be determined, Sheriff Hammersley was executing his duty, that's all, but Mason didn't like it nonetheless.

And so he became "a Rovenstine man." Does this mean Mason will lean on Rovenstine to get gambling in Kosciusko County? No way.

But, then, is the \$2,798 tainted

money? Well, the GOP has never in a long time, if ever, been in a situation where they accepted campaign funds at arms length as they did in the case of the Mason contribution.

If it had come before the election, would it have been any different?

BANK PRESIDENT James E. Caskey was pleasantly yet dubiously surprised last Wednesday when so many of his friends remembered his 40th birthday.

All sorts of artifacts went up in the bank, reminding him of his milestone. These included a wheelchair, sympathy wreath and a large "Happy Birthday" banner, among lesser reminders.

Before closing time, a man and woman dressed in black, unbeknown to Jim and the others in the bank, walked into the center of the lobby, looked about remorsefully, then the woman stepped forward, sang her own rendition of "Happy Birthday", handed Jim a birthday cake with black frosting, then turned around and left just as unceremoniously.

"Who was that?" someone asked Jim, who vowed he had no idea. It was noted, however, that their car had an Elkhart county license on it.

Caskey was associated with an Elkhart bank before returning to his home town of Syracuse to head the local bank.

About 40 friends of the Caskeys

met them at a surprise get-together at the Anchor Bar Wednesday evening, and presented Jim with a lot of zany gifts.

ACCORDING TO Mrs. Leonard Kline, the Syracuse Girl Scouts are in need of volunteer Scout leaders. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Kline about this opportunity.

THE STORY in this column the past two weeks concerning young folks who were apprehended during a raid on a lake home early Wednesday, Nov. 1, evoked more than a little ire from several mothers of the youths.

The parents in question went to considerable lengths to intimidate the arresting officer. They went so far, in fact, as to call advertisers of The Mail-Journal in a futile and stupid effort to effect a boycott of the paper.

As we see it, the ire should have been directed at the seat of the pants of their errand children and not at the officer or the paper for reporting what appeared on the public record.

A LOCAL lady, shopping at an Indianapolis shopping center children's store Saturday was asked if she had a photograph of her grandchildren in her billfold.

"Why, yes, of course. Why do you ask?" the puzzled lady inquired.

"If you do, I'm authorized to

give you 15 per cent discount on any purchase you make today," the sales lady replied.

ROBIN DUST turned 23 Monday, and hearing reports it was to snow that day, kept her eyes skyward, thinking this would be a good way to mark her birthday. As it turned out, it was, for a light snow fell in the early evening hours.

SYRACUSE POLICE chief Ron Robinson, who will leave his responsibilities here the first day of the new year to become first deputy to sheriff-elect Al Rovenstine, is urging the Syracuse town board to pick his replacement from within the ranks of the department.

That would put Danny Gallmeier and Bob Houser in line for the job, if Robinson's wishes are carried out. They both came to the department full time in May 1975.

Louis Mediano left the department to become chief at Milford, then returned to the Syracuse force only recently. The fourth man in the department is 32-year-old Jack Zimmerman, who joined the department Sept. 1, 1977.

The chief's job pays \$11,550, and the job Robinson is about to assume pays \$11,800.

The three current board members who will make this decision are John Cripe, president, and Darrell Grisamer, Forrest ("Bud") Cripe and Paul Isbell.



Turns 40 — State Bank of Syracuse President James E. Caskey looks a little foxy, a little wiser and a little older as he turned 40 last Wednesday and friends (?) inundated him with unusual gifts, as witness this candid photo.

Julia Rose at Manchester

Julia Renee Rose, daughter of Mrs. Muriel Ferris, Syracuse,

has been accepted for enrollment at Manchester College, North Manchester, for the 1979 fall term.

Barbara Brouwer honored at Adrian banquet

Barbara Brouwer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Jay Brouwer, 500 S. Front St., Syracuse, lettered in volleyball at Adrian College, Adrian, Mich., during the fall sports season. She is a junior at the college and is majoring in mathematics and physical education.

A banquet was held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, on campus to honor Adrian College athletes.

Manchester College, an independent liberal arts college, offers BS and BA degrees with majors in more than 26 areas and a Master of Arts degree for teachers and a two-year Associate of Arts degree.

The college has increased its emphasis on career planning and has established a comprehensive career planning and placement office. Students can come to this office for help in examining their interests, in setting career goals and in deciding upon an academic program which will help them meet their objectives.

Don't expect the appointment until late in December.

A SURPRISE birthday party was given in honor of Syracuse street and water commissioner Harley Conrad last Thursday at the Town Hall. Conrad is 75-years young.

"A big thanks to all my friends," said Harley, on the surprise birthday gift.

Lake City report brings totals up

Lake City Bank of Warsaw, North Webster branch, reports that from their five branches, \$281,043.55 in Christmas club checks were mailed on November 16 to 936 members. Last year Lake City Bank mailed over \$261,192.17 to 939 account members.

Adding these totals onto the previous amounts brings the total to \$552,327.21 in Christmas club checks mailed to persons banking at Leesburg, Syracuse, North Webster and Milford banks. This total is up \$58,827.21 from last year and the 2069 account members, raises the account members by 127 persons from last year.

LOOSE DOGS WILL BE PICKED UP

Milford Town Marshal David Hobbs has announced that as of Monday, Nov. 27, all dogs will be picked up if they are found running loose or do not have tags.

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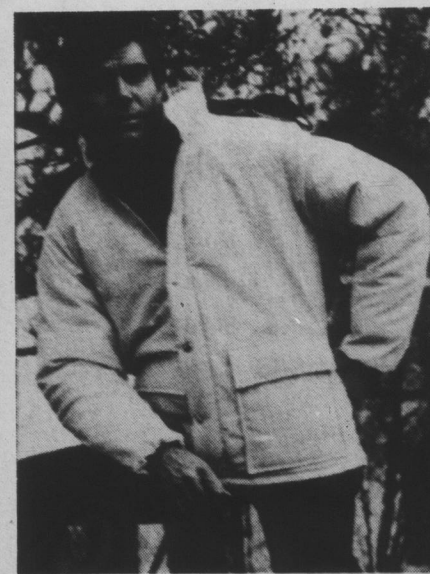
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