



WINTER SPLENDOR — Winter decided to put on a show for area residents this week as flakes of pure, white snow descended from the sky to blanket the ground. This beautiful scene was spotted along South Main Street in Syracuse by a passing Mail-Journal photographer. It shows how beautiful Turkey Creek can become with a little white dressing.

'Magic cop' makes crime disappear

People call Steve Mathews "the magic cop."

Mathews is a professional magician who is also a police detective in Washington, D. C. And he is sometimes able to put criminals behind bars by combining the two trades.

Mathews carries a deck of cards with him wherever he goes, and often stops to do tricks for people on the streets, especially kids.

His "act" makes a lot of friends for him and the police force. Recently, it helped him solve a vicious rape case.

The rape occurred a few days after Mathews had been doing card tricks for some kids at a playground. He interviewed the rape victim and, as he was

leaving her apartment building, a youngster approached him. "Aren't you the cop who does the magic tricks?" the kid asked.

Mathews said he was. "Well, I know who did it," the boy said.

The youngster's information was right and Mathews arrested the rape suspect a few hours later.

Mathews' interest in magic began when he saw his first trick, done by his dad, who could put a toothpick in a handkerchief and make the toothpick disappear.

Mathews doesn't make enough money from his professional appearances to do magic fulltime, but he hopes that the day will come when he will.

Controversy —

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or lakes in the state of Indiana, or to dig or dredge, or in any way lower, or attempt to lower, any outlet or part of outlet to any such lake at any point in such outlet within two hundred and forty (240) rods of any such lake."

"You are therefore advised to cease and desist any further lowering of the water levels of Lakes Wawasee and Syracuse. The gates of the control structure should be closed until such time as the water levels of these lakes are restored to their respective legal water levels. Once the legal levels are restored, the gates may be opened and closed as needed so as to maintain the court ordered water levels."

"Please advise this office of your intent to comply. Be advised that if steps are not immediately initiated to restore the legal water levels of these lakes, this Department will request that the Attorney General instigate the appropriate legal action to obtain an injunction to have the level of the lakes restored."

"If you have any questions, please contact Victor H. Wenning, Assistant Chief, Division of Water."

Grisamer could not be reached for comment as he is on vacation.

The first admiral of the U.S. Navy was David S. Farragut, who was appointed in 1866.

Perry, Levernier return from Rome

By DEB FOX

"I thoroughly enjoyed it" commented John Perry. Dan Levernier said, "The people were very friendly but I would not want to be out in the evening." What are these two men from Milford talking about?

John Perry and Dan Levernier joined a group of 170 people for a trip to Rome from November 14 to November 22. The group tour was sponsored by a pharmaceutical group from which Perry buys drug supplies for his store. They met with a group in Indianapolis and flew to Washington D.C. where they met a larger group that came from the Dallas Airport.

On the seven-day trip many sites dealing with the Renaissance period were seen, along with other monuments of that era.

A place of interest to both men was the preservation of the Pantheon which was built in the second century A.D.. The Pantheon was once devoted to the gods but has been used since 609 A.D. as a Christian temple. Levernier stated the pillars in the front are made of marble and are approximately 85-90 feet high and are four feet wide. This building still has its original structure.

While visiting Saint Peter's Square, the men were fortunate to have audience with Pope John Paul II. "The guide told us that approximately 100,000 people were in the crowd when the Pope made an appearance at 12 noon," said Levernier. The Pope made a speech to a sixth grade class who won the trip for what is believed good behavior.

Other areas the men saw were the Vatican; Isle of Capri; Blue Grotto, an artificial cave structure, where it is said Caesar was to have bathed; and they spent some time in the city of Sorrento. During their bus rides to and from the different areas they passed the town of Pompeii where they could see Mount Versuvius, an active volcano.

A stop in Florence, the center of the Renaissance art, was

highlighted by a visit to the Uffizi museum where Michelangelo's statue of David is exhibited. In the Santa Croce church of Pope Dante and Michelangelo's Pieta of Jesus, Nicodemus and Mary were seen. The Accademia di Belle Arti housed the unfinished Pieta of Michelangelo's famous Jesus and Mary and his tomb was seen in the Santa Croce Holy Cross Church.

The wishing fountain, Fountain of Trivia, was visited along with a walk through the Borghese Gardens, the Basilica of Saint Paul the Apostle and the Catacombs of Domitilla.

In ancient Rome they saw the Arch of Titus, Arch of Constantine, the Roman Forum and the Colosseum.

While they were in the area of the active volcano, Mount Versuvius, the guide brought to their attention that the apartment houses were built with volcanic ash. Levernier said that the guide also stated these apartments did not need heat in the winter and are cool enough in the summer not to have air conditioners.

In Rome and other areas, Levernier said there were police standing on street corners wearing fire and bullet proof vests and carrying machine guns and in other areas there were guards about because of the terrorist situation.

The groups tour was brought to a quick close when it was learned that at 8 a.m. the following morning there was going to be a General National Strike of Airport Mechanics and if they could not leave before that time they would need to stay until the end of the strike. The tour guide called Berlin, Germany and arranged to have an empty 707 flown in to pick up the group and fly them to Shannon Airport, Ireland, before the strike began.

Perry commented he was ready to go back and Levernier stated they had a wonderful flight over and back and the weather was beautiful.

You can feel better by watching 'good news'

A team of researchers reports that it has found that news broadcasts filled with nothing but good news make people feel better about others.

Psychologists at the Columbia University Teachers' College say they tested two groups of volunteers by exposing each to different kinds of broadcasts.

While each of the groups waited for the tests to begin, a radio played innocuous music in the background. Then, two different kinds of newscasts came on: one group heard nothing but happy items, such as celebrations of 90th birthdays, or accounts of Good Samaritans helping others in distress.

The second group was treated to a barrage of disaster reports, which included robberies, details of an international crisis and airplane accidents.

Volunteers in each group were then asked to fill out questionnaires asking them things such as "What percentage of people are basically honest?" or "What percentage of people do you think lead clean, decent lives?"

The researchers reported that those who had just heard a happy news report almost always rated their fellow human beings as being better, more decent people.

Ronald and Scoop say 'Nyet' to 1980 Olympics

Ronald Reagan, Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson and several other political figures are talking about organizing an American boycott of the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

Reagan and the others suggest that moving the games from Moscow or boycotting them might be a way of punishing the Soviets for their violations of human rights and other alleged transgressions.

One major organization that is not behind the Anti-Soviet boycott is the National Broadcasting Company which has already paid the Soviets \$40 million of a guaranteed \$85 million for the TV rights to the 1980 games.

Parade magazine reports that NBC, in fact, has already sold \$100 million worth of Olympic games ads — to the likes of Coca Cola, Gillette and Kodak — at the price of \$80,000 for a 30-second spot.

NBC, of course, stands to lose millions if the U.S. decides to boycott the games. To protect itself, the network has taken out an insurance premium with

Lloyds of London at a reported cost of \$2 million to cover possible losses. If the U. S. does back out of the games, Lloyds would reportedly repay NBC for up to \$40 million in losses.

Damage at car wash

Syracuse police investigated a mishap at the car wash in Syracuse, owned by Carl Reinhold of Warsaw, at 4:15 p.m. on Saturday.

Carl R. Eby, 21, 406 North Harrison, Syracuse, was backing from the car wash in his 1974 Oldsmobile and caught the door frame of the building with the left front fender area causing \$90 damage to the car and \$300 damage to the building.



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NEW UNIFORMS — The Wawasee High School marching Warriors will be sporting new band uniforms in the coming years. The new \$23,000 uniforms are shown above on seniors Brian Hartman and Michelle Johnston.

The money was raised to purchase the uniforms from band candy sales. The Lakeland School Board also contributed matching funds which were budgeted in the 1979 school budget. All the money was raised in the last five years.

With band members is Superintendent Don Arnold, left, who is receiving a letter of thanks from Hartman. Also shown is band director David Blackwell.

Next on the uniform list are Wawasee choirs and orchestra.

Good news — 9-year-old drives car with dying father to hospital

"Don't die, Daddy, don't die."

Those words, spoken by young Mark Spencer, will forever be embedded in the memory of Philip Spencer, for it was the boy's determination that saved his father's life.

Spencer, 53, picked up his nine-year-old son from the Highland Mennonite School in Wilmington, Del., as he usually did in the afternoon. But minutes after he pulled away from the school, he was struck by his fourth heart attack in a year. Managing to pull the car to the curb, he instructed his son to get a nitroglycerin pill from his shirt.

The boy placed the pill under his father's tongue, but the pain didn't subside, and Spencer slumped over.

Released on bond

Deborah Ann Mast, 18, r 5 Syracuse, was booked at the Kosciusko County Jail over the week end on a county court warrant for deceptive check issuance.

She was released on \$700 bond.

Mark realized he had to do something.

"I pushed him back and started steering," he recalled.

Barely able to reach the pedals because of his four-foot stature, Mark strained to see over the dashboard. Familiar with the route to the Saint Frances Hospital because of numerous trips there with his father, the boy honked the horn several times but ran only one red light.

He guided the big Oldsmobile through the winding streets, making a right turn from Delaware Avenue onto Franklin Street, driving a block and then making another right turn onto one-way Harrison Street, then making another right turn onto the four-laned Pennsylvania Avenue. After another left turn, then two more right turns, he arrived at the hospital's emergency entrance.

Mark jumped from the car, yelling that his father had had a heart attack.

"A man at an ambulance kind of looked at me and when he saw the look on my face he got some oxygen and a wheelchair," Mark said.

Driving was not a new ex-

perience for the nine-year-old. Periodically his father would let him take the wheel for spins around his neighborhood. He said his primary difficulty during the trip to the hospital was "getting past the other cars."

Mark's quick action kept his father alive.

"I need Dad," Mark said. "He loves us. He gave us everything we needed. He's really nice."

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