

## Retail Division's future discussed

By TERRI CHILCOTE

Members of the Retail Division of the Syracuse-Wawasee Chamber of Commerce discussed the division's future at its meeting Tuesday morning, March 30, at a local restaurant.

Because of poor participation, the merchants discussed whether they should disband as a division, meet only when they have specific business to discuss or withdraw from membership in the chamber and form a separate organization.

Most of those present feel the Syracuse-Wawasee Chamber of Commerce does not benefit the merchants.

Retail Division President Diana Walker said she sent a letter to the chamber's board of directors, asking its members to attend the retailers' Tuesday meeting.

However, she reported the board of directors declined to attend because it did not feel its attendance was the proper way to handle the situation and suggested the retailers attend the next board of directors' meeting. Mrs. Walker said the board indicated it was unaware a

problem existed.

The group felt attending a board of directors' meeting was not "the proper way to handle the situation either." They decided to send another letter to the board, requesting the officers of both groups set a special meeting time when they can discuss the problem.

Margaret Freeman suggested, if the retail division continues as an organization, a newsletter be sent regularly to members to generate interest. The group agreed it was a good idea.

In other business, Mrs. Walker reminded merchants to begin thinking about grass mowing in the village and caring for the potted trees up town this summer.

In a brainstorming session last month, the retailers had discussed co-sponsoring a street fair on May 1 with the Syracuse Park Board. Mrs. Walker reported the park board is not interested in becoming involved. "For one thing, we are out of our jurisdiction," stated Mrs. Walker who is also a member of the park board. She also pointed out the park board will be busy preparing the parks for the summer season.

## To stock brown trout in Kosciusko County lakes

Anglers will have the chance this fishing season to catch more than 50,000 brown trout the Department of Natural Resources is stocking in 46 lakes and streams, according to James M. Ridenour, director of the department. In Kosciusko County, the following lakes will be stocked:

Sechrist Lake will receive 1,000 brown trout. It is located 2.5 miles southwest of North Webster in the Barbee Lakes Chain. Wyland Lake will receive 800 trout and is located in the Tri-County Fish and Wildlife area, five miles northeast of North Webster.

Ridenour reported 27 lakes currently are being stocked with trout, while 19 streams will be stocked before and during the stream fishing season.

Anglers may fish year-round for trout in Indiana lakes. However, stream fishing for rainbow, brown and brook trout is allowed only from April 24 through December 31.

All trout stocked by the DNR will be the minimum legal length of seven inches. Fishermen ages 17 through 64 are required to have a valid 1982 fishing license and trout stamp to fish for trout.

Non-resident anglers may purchase a one-day fishing license which does not require the purchase of a trout-salmon stamp. In addition, out-of-state fisherman can buy three-day and seven-day licenses. A stamp is required with these licenses to fish for trout.

For more information on trout

## Eliminate written tests to obtain driver's license

Requirements for Indiana motorists were revised during the latest session of the General Assembly. The changes will affect obtaining a drivers license and automobile registration.

People who have birthdays after April 1 will be able to renew their drivers license without taking the written examination.

The new law was passed with the purpose of saving the state money in operating costs. Fewer employees will be necessary due to decreased paper work for processing written examinations.

All first time drivers in Indiana, out of state, learner permits, and first time operator's license applications, must still take and pass the knowledge test prior to issuance of an operator's license.

If an Indiana operator's license has been expired for two years or more, the operator's test must be given. Also, if any Indiana driver's license has been expired for three years or more, a driver's test must be administered.

Note: Over 75 must still pass the vision and driving test; however, they will be exempt from the written test. This bill does not apply to chauffeur, public passenger chauffeur and motorcycle endorsement knowledge testing.

The only change in these three classes of licensing procedures is the operators test is no longer administered. On all renewal licenses a vision test must be given. This bill will allow any applicant to renew an operators license if 21 years or older, and who has less than six points against their drivers license to be exempt from any knowledge testing.

Effective January 1983

Proof of financial responsibility will be necessary to register a car. Currently Indiana law requires drivers to carry \$15,000 personal injury insurance covering one person, and \$30,000 to cover two people. After June 1, 1983, the amounts will increase to \$25,000 and \$50,000 in personal injury coverage. Property insurance coverage must be \$10,000.

If an uninsured motorist causes an accident, the insurance company representing any insured motorist involved would pay for the necessary repairs.

Mauzy said, "The new law will equally distribute the financial responsibility of operating an automobile in Indiana."

Resident of another state whose car is registered there, government vehicles and individuals with certificate of self-insurance are exempt from the new requirements.

The fine for reinstating a revoked license or registration will increase from \$5 to \$10.

## Scouts to sell coupons

Once again this spring, Boy Scouts in the Kosciusko District of the Anthony Wayne Area Council will sponsor a coupon booklet sales program to provide money for unit activities.

Participating units will keep half of each booklet they sell. The remainder will go to the Anthony Wayne Area Council. The council will pay for solicitation of coupons, printing, binding and distribution to units.

Unlike the popcorn sales, this is not a by-order program. Participating units should contact Jim Molebush, 269-2206 or Cindy Scheuer, 269-2668 with notification of the number of books desired before the April 7 roundtable. Distribution will take place at the roundtable. Collection of all money will be completed at the May 5 roundtable. This will provide a full month for sale of the coupons and a good change for the pack, troop, team or post to raise money for activities and equipment.

### Roundtable

The April 7 roundtable will cover information on a number of important topics including the coupon book distribution, details on the Cub family campout on April 17, Operation Soar, and the Spring Camporee. Also being discussed will be the council dinner, summer camp leaders meeting, the Gypsy week end, Cub Day Camp and information on the new youth award for senior patrol leaders. The roundtable begins at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 449 Warsaw.

### Damage estimated at \$750 to auto

Damage was estimated at \$750 to a vehicle owned by Mrs. Sarah Richcreek, r 1 Leesburg, after the auto was vandalized. The vandalism occurred sometime late Wednesday, March 24, or early Thursday, March 25, while the car was parked on the Uniroyal lot north of Warsaw.

The vandals sliced four tires, cut the vinyl top, scratched the paint and dented the door. Kosciusko County Police investigated.

### Hit-run accident in parking lot

A vehicle struck a parked car owned by Leam E. Culbertson, 48, r 5 Syracuse, at the Lakes Village Shopping Center parking lot near K-Mart, Warsaw. The hit and run occurred sometime Friday, March 26, according to Warsaw City Police.

The Culbertson auto was pushed into another parked auto registered to Mimi S. Barton, 28, 1037 Ireland, Warsaw. Damage was estimated up to \$1,000 to each vehicle.

## Open bids for highway work in county

The Indiana Department of Highways opened sealed bids on furnishing and installing painted pavement markings on a number of highways in Kosciusko County Tuesday morning, March 23.

Those highways included SR 5, SR 13, SR 14, SR 15, SR 19, and SR 25. The bid for these highways and a number of others in 10 other counties totaled \$89,682 by Allied Striping, Inc., Fairfax, Va.

Gene K. Hallock, director, stated there were contracts for nine road, 19 bridge, 30 maintenance and 11 traffic work opened. The total of all eligible bids was \$12,956,719.09. The department's engineer estimated a total of \$15,829,602.29.

## 'Sail into Summer' to be guild style show theme

Plans are underway to "Sail into Summer" with the seventh annual Style Show, sponsored by the Enchanted Hills Playhouse Theatre Guild. The show will be Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wawasee High School auditorium.

The style show committee chairwomen met on Monday evening, March 29, in the home of Jeanne Gardner. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

This year there will be nine retail stores participating, including those from Syracuse, North Webster and Nappanee. Clothes will be modeled by guild members and their families.

Tickets are on sale and can be obtained from any of the guild members or purchased at the door the evening of the show.

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GETTING READY FOR EASTER — Students at Milford Elementary School have started getting ready for Easter. Joan Folk and Dian Schwab's class in the resource room made brightly colored Easter eggs that go in a giant yellow basket in the hall. Students sitting in the front row are Ramiro Castro, Brian Wilson, Curtis Shepherd and Bob Roder. Kneeling in the second row are Lisa Morehead, Tammy Barley, Don Barley, John Miller, Nicky Hernandez, and Steve Marquart. Standing in the third row are Bonnie Gillespie, Traci Roder, Marlene Price and Jeff Zimmerman. (Photo by Morrine Halfacre)

## Bell released from hospital following fraternity party

J. C. Bell, 19, Leesburg, was released from Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, Thursday, March 25, after being admitted Tuesday, March 23, in critical condition. Bell was admitted along with two other freshmen after leaving a Ball State University fraternity rush party intoxicated.

Treated and released were Garret James, 19, Bellefontaine, Ohio and Vic Keifer, 18, Huntington.

Ball State University officials said no decision had been made on disciplinary actions against the fraternity, Delta Tau Delta. School regulations prohibit drinking on campus, however, the fraternity house is off-campus.

## Teen arrested on charges, returned to Porter County

William James Scott, 17, Syracuse, was returned to Porter County to face charges of theft, burglary, illegal consumption and forgery. Scott was booked and charged for the offenses early Sunday morning, March 28, in the Kosciusko County Jail.

He was returned to Porter County, his home county, where the charges will be filed and proper action taken.

Scott was charged with breaking into a camper owned by Clarence Buck, r 1 Leesburg, and removing a sweatshirt and a box of matches. There was an estimated \$75 damage to the camper window and frame. The vehicle was parked behind the Buck residence along CR 475E, one-fourth of a mile south of the Armstrong Road.

The case of forgery was pending against Scott prior to his arrest Sunday morning. Arresting officer was Kosciusko County Patrolman Tom Brindle.

## Goshen man arrested following accident at US 6 and SR 13

A traffic accident at US 6 and SR 13 north of Syracuse Sunday, March 28, at 5 p.m. resulted in the arrest of James L. Hersberger, 24, 1909 Cheryl St., Goshen. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Hersberger reportedly drove north onto US 6 and his 1967 Chevrolet El Camino collided with a west bound 1973 Pontiac Catalina driven by Everett L. Oyler, 40, 21658 CR 46 New Paris. Elkhart County Sheriff's Patrolman Ted R. Selman investigated and listed the damage as extensive.

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