

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 uptown 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.

Webster service clubs to help in flood clean up

North Webster Marshal and Lions Club Member Charles Parker announced the North Webster Lions Club, Lakeland Kiwanis Club and the American Legion Post in North Webster will assist Tippecanoe Township residents who need assistance in cleaning up due to flood waters.

According to Parker, the clubs will offer free manpower to residents on week ends as a community service.

To request assistance, Tippecanoe Township residents should call 834-7434.

No injuries in freak accident

Lester W. Booher, 18, Leesburg, was not injured in a freak accident, Tuesday, March 23, at 6:25 p.m. The accident occurred on CR 150W in the Suburban Acres Trailer Park, Warsaw.

According to reports, Booher was underneath his parked van and working on the gasoline line when the rear of his vehicle was struck by a car operated by John E. Grim, 80, r 9 Warsaw. There was up to \$1,000 damage to Grim's auto and less than \$200 damage to Booher's van.

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 Molebash, 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 slashed 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 Leann 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 General Chairwoman Clare Baumgardt to discuss further plans for the show.

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.

On Thursday evening, March 18, the guild held the first meeting in the home of Judy Schmah in which the 1982 agenda and style show was discussed. Also Jill Stover, playhouse

owner, announced the season's program which will include: "Carousel," "Fiddler On The Roof," "Shenandoah," "The Music Man," "The Sound of Music," "Shakespeare's 12th Night," and four children's shows.

The guild will be meeting again on Thursday, April 15, in the home of Jeanne Gardiner. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

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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)

Bel 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. Hershberger, 24, 1909 Cheryl St., Goshen. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

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

Pizza cut-up

Try cutting your next home-made or frozen pizza into slices with scissors.

Gilt-less

Tarnished gilt frames will shine again if cleaned with a rag dampened with turpentine.

Lions to pick up litter on Saturday

Each spring for the past few years, volunteers from more than 400 Lions Clubs around the state have given up one Saturday of their time to help pick up litter along the highway roadsides, litter and trash that has accumulated over the winter.

Those volunteers will be out on the roads again this coming Saturday, April 3, and motorists are cautioned to be on the lookout for them and to exert special driving caution when they spot a group of workers.

These volunteers will be walking along the highways and interstates beginning early Saturday morning, and in some cases, may have a slow-moving vehicle as an escort. They may also be dressed in bright, visible colors, with some wearing safety vests, but drivers are urged to be especially watchful when they see these folks who are helping out, says Indiana Department of Highways Director Gene K. Hallock.

Proclamation

In honor of the Lions' contribution, Governor Robert D. Orr has issued a proclamation commending the Lions for their civic-minded efforts and declaring April 3 as Lions Litter Pickup Day.

Lions Club litter drive chairmen say they may have some additional help on the drive this year from other service groups and youth groups and they have chosen April 10 as a rain date. In some areas of the state, certain clubs also may work alternate dates if they are unable to schedule their volunteer time on the designated date of April 3.

Helps State

Hallock explains that these Lions volunteers have been helping out his department, and, in turn, all citizens of the state, since 1979 by devoting time each spring to help the state's Department of Highways with litter pickup. Their donated time could free up as many as 50,000 working hours of labor that highway crews would have had to

Volunteers needed for Scout Cabin

The Syracuse Scout Cabin is used weekly by more than 100 Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts, the Syracuse Boy Scout Troop 728 and is the site of the Real Services which provide hot meals for our senior citizens. Due to increases in utilities, the budget for repairs to the cabin is nearly nonexistent.

Many of the people who use the cabin are unable to do the needed repairs themselves and the need for donated time to perform these repairs is urgent. This winter some of the Scouts' fathers did repairs, however, many still remain and a list of persons to call for minor repairs, as they occur, is needed.

A leaking seal in the bathroom needs fixing, as well as tables that won't stand up and a problem with the gas heater. Fluorescent lights are needed in the large room of the cabin to save energy and brighten the area for the troops that meet in this room when two troops meet the same evening.

Anyone who can donate any time please contact Mrs. Leonard Kline, service unit chairman of the Syracuse Girl Scouts, at 457-4658.

available for and allocated to clean-up decrease, Hallock says.

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