



NEW OFFICERS — Members of the Milford Lions Club held a '50s night and installation of officers on Monday.

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The 1988-89 officers are pictured above. From left in front are Elmer Sorensen, treasurer; Tom Sorensen, second vice president; Keith Beer, president; Kent Doty, immediate past president and tail

twister; and Dr. Gervais Schafer, third vice president.

In the second row are Dr. T. A. Miller, tail twister; Dr. Jay Zehr, director; Mike Zimmerman, director; Floyd Yoder, director; Dick Smith, director; D. G. Seely, secretary; and Past District Governor Eugene Downhour of the Greene Township Lions Club who installed the officers.

In back are Dr. Bruce Lamb and Steve Haab, Lion tamers.

Milford Lions hold '50s night, install officers

Dress styles of the 1950s came back Monday night as members of the Milford Lions Club held a '50s night in the community building. There were Lions present in bluejeans, t-shirts and dark glasses. The ladies were dressed in full skirts and bobby sox and dresses that showed the styles of 30 years ago. There were high school sweaters and jackets and many wore their classings for the special night.

Outgoing President Kent Doty

presided over the opening events of the evening with special guests including Inez Beiswanger, Ruth Hoppus, Edith Baumgartner and Della Baumgartner, widows of former Lions; Kim Newcomer, "Miss Milford" in the Mermaid Festival, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Newcomer; Amy Eberly, winner of the 1988 Lions Scholarship, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Eberly; Rev. and Mrs. Ben Whirlledge, new Milford United

Methodist minister and wife; and the Ray Doss family, who provided the evening's entertainment.

Doty presented a number of "gag" awards to members of the club.

Doty will be serving on District Governor Ray Enfield's cabinet as a zone chairman this year and announced Milford would host the first cabinet meeting of the year. It will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7. The Milford club will serve dessert and beverages.

D. G. Seely, secretary, inducted Steve Haab into the club and presented new member pins

to sponsors, Elmer Sorensen, Tom Sorensen, Bruce Lamb and Gervais Schafer.

Past District Governor Eugene Downhour of the Greene Township Lions Club near South Bend installed the club's new officers.

The Doss family presented a number of gospel and bluegrass songs for the evening's entertainment.

Incoming President Keith Beer presented floral centerpieces to the four widows present and announced that he would have a list of committees and goals to present at the August 1 meeting.

At Webster Lake —

Park board president answers complaint on shallow depth

By MARK WEINSTEIN
Staff Writer

A light agenda, featuring park and police concerns, greeted the North Webster Town Board at its monthly meeting Wednesday, July 13.

The low water level at North Webster's park, located next to the Dixie Boat, was addressed by Howard Ziegler, park board president. According to board member Sid Markley, some local residents complained about the shallow depth.

"The lake itself isn't that deep," said Ziegler in defense of the complaints. "Right now the water level is down eight to nine inches."

The park board president added that the lake is normally fairly shallow. "You can walk from the beach area to Paradise Point," added Ziegler. "That's just the way the lake is."

This is the first year for the beach in North Webster. The community received grant money to help assist the new facility.

The other difficulty placed in the board's lap was police car trouble. Town Marshal Jerry Craig noted that the two cars have experienced vapor-locking this summer.

"I don't know what the trouble is, but we are having trouble with vapor-locking," said the town marshal. "When I take off after a

violation and the car locks, it's really frustrating. This summer has been a real headache."

One remedy Craig suggested was changing of gas stations for a higher quality gasoline. He is unsure if this would solve the problem, but is looking into the matter.

The switch in gasoline vendors also is important since it's impossible to purchase gas at Crystal Flash after 10 p.m., when the facility closes.

"If we have to make a run to Warsaw with a violator after 10 p.m. we may need to get gas before we go," said Craig. "We can't do that when the place we get gas closes before that."

Craig's recommendation was to purchase gas at the 24-hour Ex-

press station in North Webster.

In other matters, the town board approved a pay raise for police officer Craig Bales. He formerly made \$14,175 and will now earn \$14,904.

The board also approved to drop its mileage payment from \$.25 to \$.22.5 because of state guidelines. If the town paid the higher figure it would have to count it as income. The lower figure is not under the same guideline.

Ron Hillman's resignation as assistant sewage superintendent was accepted by the board. Finally, the board appointed Kay Andrews as North Webster's representative at the Kosciusko County Development Association.

Mississinewa battle to be remembered

After 175 years of neglect, the U.S. Soldiers and Indians who died at the Battle of the Mississinewa in the War of 1812, are being remembered.

The Mississinewa Battlefield Society announced recently, that through the cooperation of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the way has been cleared for the creation of a Mississinewa Battlefield Memorial on the site of the December 18, 1812, battle.

Martin Lake, Marion, president of the society said action by the state and federal agencies climaxes nearly 80 years of effort by people in Grant and Wabash counties to memorialize the men and the battle.

The battlefield is seven miles northwest of Marion, on the northeast bank of the Mississinewa River. While part of the battlefield site is in private ownership, a portion is on the Mississinewa Reservoir property, owned by the federal government and administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The reservoir is a part of the Upper Wabash Valley Flood Control Reservoirs and was created in the early 1960s.

The memorial will honor 12 federal soldiers and 23 Miami and

Delaware Indians who died in the Indian counterattack after Lt. Col. John B. Campbell attacked and destroyed three Indiana villages along the Mississinewa River during the first months of the War of 1812.

The dedication of the memorial site will be held in conjunction with the society's first annual "Mississinewa 1812" living history rendezvous and reenactment October 14-16.

"After the Department of Natural Resources gave its approval last winter to the society's plan for "Mississinewa 1812" this October, I followed up with a request to the DNR for a permanent battlefield memorial site," Lake said. "G.T. Donceel Jr., director of reservoir management for the DNR, said the DNR had no objection and was recommending it to the Corps of Engineers. In April the Corps of Engineers approved the project, and doubled the size of the memorial site."

The site, located at the northwest edge of the 175-year-old battlefield, is in a wooded area on a bluff overlooking the Mississinewa River. The one-acre memorial will include: A stone memorial to the federal soldiers who died there; a stone memorial to the Indians who died there; and individual marble

markers, provided by the U.S. Government, for the 12 soldiers killed in the action.

The battle was the result of a mission ordered by Gen. William Henry Harrison.

Harrison had sent Lt. Col. Campbell and a contingent of about 600 Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Kentucky volunteers to destroy Indian villages on the Mississinewa River, villages which Harrison believed were staging areas for Indian attacks on the U.S. Army of the Northwest.

After the destruction of three villages without resistance, the troops camped on the night of December 17 at the site of one of the destroyed villages.

The pre-dawn counterattack was staged by Indians who came south from villages located near the mouth of the Mississinewa River at the Wabash River.

In a sense, the battle was a victory for both sides.

Although the Miami Indians were never again a factor in the

war, they had preserved their hold on the Mississinewa valley, which they did not surrender until they sold their land to the government at the Treaty of Paradise Springs in Wabash in 1826.

For the Harrison's army, the battle was heralded as a victory in a dismal year which had seen defeats at the hands of the British and Indians at Fort Michilimackinac, Dearborn and Detroit.

Richard Simons, Marion, vice president of the Indiana Historical Society, is chairing the memorial site planning committee. Others on the committee are: Charles Wanninger, publisher of the Chronicle Tribune newspaper; Marilyn Rumsey, representative of the Miami Nation of Indians; Robert C. King, president of Farmers State Bank; Ron Spall, Grant County Tourism and Convention Bureau; Phillip Sisson, a Marion Realtor; Cynthia L. Vironet and Jackie Steiner, representing the Mississinewa Battlefield Society.

Area residents booked at jail

The following persons were recently booked in the Kosciusko County Jail:

Patrick ("Spanky") Joseph Wilber, 21, 419 Boston St., Syracuse, was charged with public intoxication and released on \$250 bond.

Deborah Ann Mast, 28, r 5 box 355, Syracuse, was arrested on a body attachment warrant from Kosciusko Superior Court and released on \$450 bond.

Mark Gale Argenbright, 38, r 1 box 660, North Webster, was charged with driving under the influence and released on \$350 bond.

Joni Sue Pearson, 20, P.O. Box 38, North Webster, was charged with a minor in a tavern and released on \$175 bond.

Todd Ronald Eyer, 25, 900 East Greenhaus Apt. 17, Syracuse, was charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct. He was released on \$350 bond.

Not on tax rolls — Jefferson Township residents must pay to use area libraries

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cording to Jurss, non-resident library patrons are often displeased when they come for a card and find they must pay a fee. "They think this is unfair because this is a public library and they think the public should use it," Jurss says, adding, "I say it should be public to those people who are supporting it."

Berger says that the residents of Jefferson Township have not been denied access to libraries, they can purchase non-resident cards, as Berger has done. At \$100 per year for use of the Nappanee facility, Berger says that the card costs him less than a third of what the library tax would cost. "I think it's a good bargain," Berger states.

Non-resident cards do have drawbacks, however. For example, they are not reciprocal, and cannot be used at any library other than the one at which they are purchased.

Jefferson Township residents who wish to petition for a merger into one or both of the Milford and Nappanee library taxing units should do so quickly, according to Berger. A total of five percent of the registered voters of the township must sign the petition before it can be presented to the

trustee and his advisory board for action. "If the people in the township really have decided they want to merge, they should start on it by 1989, if they want it by 1990," advises Berger. He added that this would give all interested parties time to take action.

Items taken from parked cars

Two thefts and one incident of vandalism were investigated by Syracuse Police between last Wednesday, July 13, and Monday, July 18.

Laurie A. Stookey, Warsaw, reported the theft of various articles from her unlocked 1982 Pontiac Trans Am while it was parked near Fish & Fun Resort and the Wawasee Condominiums, South Front Street. Two hubcaps were taken from the tires, while an eight-man tent, purse, and five cassette tapes were taken from the hatch of the car sometime between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. Sunday, July 17.

Stookey noted that \$150 in cash was in the purse, although no value was given for the other items.

The St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, SR 13N, reported that an offender kicked in the bottom of a plate glass door sometime during the evening hours of Thursday, July 14. No value was given for the door.

Two Sony speakers and one equalizer were taken from a 1967 Chevrolet while it was parked in Wawasee Heights between 1 a.m.

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Dirk Ferverda at Parkview

Dirk D. Ferverda, r 1 box 289, Leesburg, is in progressive intensive care at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following an incident on July 10.

Kosciusko County Police were called to the emergency room of Kosciusko Community Hospital at 1:35 a.m. after Ferverda was dropped off at the hospital by a private vehicle. Information given to police by the emergency room nurse included that Ferverda had a severe injury to his head and back and shoulder problems. A nurse in the emergency room stated the only information they were able to obtain was that he had been on a motorcycle that wrecked.

Police are continuing their investigation.

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Pedestrian injured at Syracuse

Syracuse Police investigated four accidents between last Wednesday and Saturday, July 15-16, with one injury being reported to a young pedestrian.

Driver inattention contributed to a two-vehicle collision at 8:38 p.m. Saturday, July 15, when Lydia T. Kettering, 69, Syracuse, was traveling east on John Street and sideswiped a parked 1978 Dodge pickup with the 1979 Mercury she was driving. Each vehicle suffered up to \$1,000 in damages.

Construction on SR 13 was blamed for a collision near Railroad Avenue. Lewis Cobbum, 80, Syracuse, was traveling south near the raised railroad tracks on SR 13 when the 1985 Chevrolet Caprice he was driving struck the rear end of a 1976 Oldsmobile Cutlass, driven by Stoney L. Williams, 23, Ligonier. Williams claimed that he had slowed down for the rough tracks before being struck at 7:38 p.m. Friday, July 15. Up to \$1,000 damage was caused to the Cobbum vehicle, while

the automobile Williams was driving suffered up to \$200 in damages.

Christie McCarrick, 7, Syracuse, suffered abrasions to the knees and lower legs after being struck by a 1978 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven by Samantha Ringler, 29, Syracuse.

Ringler was traveling west on Main Street when the youth ran onto the street. While she applied her brakes and slid sideways, Ringler was unable to avoid striking McCarrick, who was treated and released from Goshen Hospital. No damage was reported to the Ringler vehicle after the accident, which occurred at 5 p.m. Friday, July 15.

In an incident still under investigation, a parked 1984 Pontiac owned by James R. Garner, Leesburg, was struck by a second vehicle while it was parked at Augsburger's Super Valu, SR 13, at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, July 13. The Garner vehicle suffered up to \$1,000 in damages.

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