

# Obituaries

## MRS. MINNIE SPEERS, 84, RESIDENT OF CLINTON

Clinton — Mrs. Albert Speers, 84, of College St., died Aug. 28, 1957, in a Utica hospital after a long illness.

Minnie Copley was born in Georgetown, April 22, 1872, a daughter of George and Eliza Webster Copley. She was educated there. On June 17, 1896, she was married to Albert M. Speers in Leonardsville. He died Jan. 2, 1951.

For more than 50 years they lived in Willowdale, moving to Clinton in 1946, where she had since resided.

Mrs. Speers was an active member of the Methodist Church in Willowdale and Clinton; a member of the Adult Fellowship, the Methodist W.S.C.S., and the Utica Civic Club.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Cunningham of Clinton; two grandsons, Dale S. Cunningham of New York City, Deane C. Cunningham with the Army in Korea; a brother, Fred Copley of Utica.

The private funeral will be at 10:30 tomorrow from the Owens Funeral Home, 35 College St. Burial will be in Crown Hill Memorial Park.

## CASLER G. THIEM, 64, AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Cherry Valley — Casler George Thiem of Cherry Valley Rd., died in the Schoharie County Community Hospital at Cobleskill Aug. 27, 1957, where he had been a patient only a few hours.

He was born in Otego, July 28, 1892, a son of Henry and Mary Couse Thiem. On April 13, 1942, he was married to Ida May Roe. He was a laborer by occupation.

He is survived by his wife and son, Henry; a sister, Mrs. Grant Robinson of Milford and three brothers, John of Hobart; Fred of DeJanson and James of Utica.

The funeral will be held at the Ottman Funeral Home, Cherry Valley, at 2 Friday with the Rev. Paul Wagner, pastor of the Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in the Cherry Valley Cemetery.

## GEORGE A. PARKER, EQUIPMENT SALESMAN

Oneida—George A. Parker, 67, of 228 Park Ave., died Aug. 22, 1957 in Delaware Valley Hospital at Walton after he was stricken on Wednesday while on a business trip.

A native of Hinckley, Mr. Parker was a salesman of truck equipment 12 years. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Franchell, Oneida; a brother, David Parker, Verona Beach; three sisters, Mrs. Elsie Jones and Mrs. Flora Dunn, both of Oneida; Mrs. Christine Oils, Detroit, and three grandchildren.

His wife, the former Viola Keyser, died two years ago. The funeral service will be held at 3:30 Sunday at the James Hef Funeral Home with the Rev. James J. Morley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

## NORMAN F. NICHOLS, 39 YEARS IN ONEIDA

Oneida—Norman F. Nichols, 50, of 312 Grand St., died Aug. 22, 1957 in Oneida City Hospital.

He was born in Peterboro, Sept. 2, 1906, the son of Willis and Nora Strough Nichols. He had resided in Oneida for 30 years, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Oneida Nest 1008, Order of Owls; Oneida Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, and the Community Associated Clubs.

Mr. Nichols was employed by Oneida Ltd., in its sterling division, and operated a lawn maintenance service. Survivors are his wife, the former Dora C. Campbell; six sons, Norman Jr., Rome, Deane, Crest, Paul, and John, Jack and Willie, Fla.; Bruce, Melvin and Peter; his mother, two brothers, Orville and Willis; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Brannigan, all of Oneida and Mrs. Lucas Gage, Cazenovia and three grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at 2 Sunday at the Camp-Rev. James J. Morley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

## Funerals

Roberts—Robert O. Roberts, 1820 Howard Ave., Thursday, from the Roberts & Roberts Memorial Home, 1120 Broad St. with the Rev. O. John Richards, pastor of Bethesda Congregational Church, officiating. The Rev. W. W. Jones, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery.

Jones—W. W. Jones, 1820 Howard Ave., Thursday, from the Roberts & Roberts Memorial Home, 1120 Broad St. with the Rev. O. John Richards, pastor of Bethesda Congregational Church, officiating. The Rev. W. W. Jones, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery.

## JACOB HOFFMAN, STORE OWNER

Jacob Hoffman, 229 Allen St., Syracuse, formerly of Utica, died Aug. 28, 1957 in his home after an illness of several months.

He was born in Europe and came to this country as a young man. He conducted a men's clothing store in Utica for 45 years until his retirement in 1944. At that time he moved to Syracuse.

He leaves his wife, Rebecca, Syracuse; a son, Michael, Utica; five daughters, Mrs. May Block, Hillside, N. J., Mrs. B. Paradis, Fayetteville, Mrs. Florence Alderman, Mrs. Edith Friedman, and Mrs. Leona Gordon, all of Syracuse; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 3 this afternoon from the Birmingham Funeral Home, 121 Lexington Ave., Syracuse, with Rabbi Irvin J. Hyman, and Cantor Harold Lerner of Temple Adath Yeshurun, Syracuse, officiating. Interment was in Syracuse.

## ELIZABETH McBRIDE, FUNERAL SATURDAY

Mrs. Elizabeth C. McBride, 89, of Clinton St., Clark Mills, died in a local hospital Aug. 28, 1957, after a long illness. She was born in Richfield Springs April 23, 1868, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Callahan. On Nov. 30, 1906, she was married to Michael McBride in St. Mary's Church, Clinton. He died three years ago.

Mrs. McBride had lived in Clark Mills for the past 37 years and prior to that in Clinton. She was a member of the Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills.

Her only survivors are her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McBride, Clark Mills.

The funeral will be held at 8:30 Saturday from the Heinz Funeral Home, 10 East Park Row, Clinton, and at 9 from the Church of the Annunciation, where a requiem high Mass will be offered. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Clinton.

Calling hours at the funeral home are from 7 to 9 tonight and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 tomorrow.

## PHILIP PFAFF, 87, RETIRED 10 YEARS

Oneida—Philip Pfaff, 87, of 227 Lenox Ave., died Aug. 22, 1957 in Oneida City Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Naumberg, July 2, 1870, he was the son of the late Jacob and Anna Pfaff. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Oneida Lodge 767, BPO Elks, and a 50 year member of Oneida Lodge 270, F&AM.

He retired about ten years ago from the Pfaff Meat Market which he operated for 50 years.

Survivors are his wife, Magdalena Aubeuf Pfaff; one son, Dr. Francis Pfaff, Teaneck, N. J.; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 10 Monday from the Whitford-Edkin Funeral Home with the Rev. Roswell G. Williams, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church, officiating. Interment will be made in the family plot at Glenwood Cemetery.

## MRS. CORA STRATTON, NATIVE OF OXFORD

Norwich — Mrs. Cora Church Stratton, 89, of 20 Mitchell St., died at her home Aug. 28, 1957.

Mrs. Stratton was born Feb. 22, 1868 in Oxford, a daughter of Erwin J. and Anna Terrington Church. She was married to Luverne B. Stratton on Dec. 5, 1888. He died Nov. 8, 1910. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Norwich.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Clara S. Kelsey of Norwich and Mrs. Elizabeth Burgess of Binghamton; two sons, Albert L. of Norwich and E. Ross of Utica; also three grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2 Saturday from the Robert J. Fahy Funeral Home with the Rev. Lloyd Charters, pastor of Emanuel Episcopal Church, Norwich, officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Oxford. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 4 Saturday.

## MRS. HARRY FRAM AT CHERRY VALLEY

Cherry Valley—Mrs. Harry Fram, 74, died at her home on Wall St., Aug. 28, 1957, after a long illness.

She was born in New York City. Two years ago she moved to Cherry Valley. She was a daughter of Charles W. and Helen Swincoe Buetner. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Henry J. of Cherry Valley and Harry C. Fram Jr., of the Bronx and a daughter.

The funeral will be held at the Ottman Funeral Home at 2 Saturday with the Rev. Paul Wagner, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Cherry Valley Cemetery.



MARK PHONE SERVICE—Seventy-five years of telephone service in Herkimer was marked Wednesday at a joint meeting of Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and Zonta clubs celebrating Sesquicentennial Week. John F. Finnegan, second from left, local manager, presented bronze telephone to Mayor Donald Mitchell, fourth from left, with Vincent Grilli, Rotary president, left, Robert Piper, Lions president, Mrs. Dolores Preston, Zonta president, and Dr. Samuel Heller, Kiwanis president, looking on along with Edward Sheehan, Montgomery County historian, who spoke. Finnegan was formerly with the Utica office of the telephone company.

## Files Denial Of Charge

Rocco Gentile, 46, of 1021 Conkling Ave., this morning in City Court denied a third degree assault charge brought by Thomas LoConte Sr., 1141 Brinckerhoff Ave.

He was paroled by Associate City Judge Martin J. Lutz for a hearing Sept. 13. LoConte alleges that about 2 p. m. Tuesday Gentile grabbed LoConte's 11-year-old son by the hair and slapped him in the face, causing the youngster's nose to bleed and necessitating medical attention.

In another case, Albert Lawler, 25, of 755 South St., was given a suspended sentence of six months in Oneida County Jail and was placed on six months' probation when he admitted a petit larceny charge in connection with the theft of a garbage can.

Police said Lawler admitted taking the receptacle about 1 a. m. yesterday from in front of the premises at 1320 Miller St.

Four persons forfeited \$65 bail when they failed to appear in Traffic Court to answer citations for various traffic infractions. They included Estelle C. Markowski, 2 Sixth St., Yorkville, \$37; Angelo D. Conte, 328 Gilbert St. and Robert Innes, 808 Koszuth Ave., \$12 each, and Geffen Motors Inc., 437 Columbia St., \$4.

## Voicespionage Club Opens District Parley on Sunday

The first Eastern district convention of the Voicespionage Club, to be held Sunday at Roselawn Park, New York Mills, will attract nationwide attendance. Peter J. Imhoff, Whitesboro R.D. 1, arrangements chairman for the convention of persons who correspond with one another by means of tape and wire recordings, said an increasing number of persons from all parts of the nation have indicated they will attend the event.

There will be some from California, Colorado, Virginia and many other states outside of the Eastern States region for which the "Tapevention" session was set up.

Among them will be Anthony Peters, Harvey, Ill., chairman of the club's Services for the Blind Committee. His decision to come is based on the fact that there will be about a dozen blind members attending the gathering. The Utica area has one blind member, Janet Abbass.

Another visitor will be L. Melba Avril Lamarque, a New York television production assistant who has just returned from a trip to visit voicespionage acquaintances in Europe and who will give an account of that visit.

Charles Owpe, Noel, Va., executive secretary of the non-profit organization, and Carl Williams, Amsterdam, district deputy, are among the other officials who will attend.

Imhoff stressed that the convention is open to all persons interested in tape or wire recording or Hi-Fi, whether or not they are members. Several speakers will discuss technical and educational aspects of tape recording.

The program will begin with a buffet lunch at 12:30, followed by the convention session from 3 to 4. After that session there will be an auction of recording equipment which members wish to dispose of or to trade. Refreshments will then be served and there will be dancing at the park pavilion in the evening.

Indications that the event will be to a large extent a family affair, with many members bringing their wives, husbands or children, have caused the committee to set up facilities for care of children during the afternoon. Several members will be assigned to conduct a program of games and other activities for the children.

Committees in charge of the convention: Refreshments, Anthony Bolos, Toffey Bolos and Mrs. Evelyn Imhoff; transportation, John Evans and Rodney Jones; displays and equipment, George Mishlanic; publicity, Miss Donna Jennings, Miss Barbara Imhoff and Miss Abbass.

## List Bequests To Catholic Organizations

Numerous bequests, including those to St. John and St. Joseph Home, Utica; Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Father Flanagan's Boys' Town and other Catholic organizations, are listed in the will of Beatrice A. Byrnes, which has been probated by Surrogate J. Maynard Jones.

Mrs. Byrnes, a resident of Utica, died June 18, 1957.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is left \$1,000; Boys' Town, \$500; St. Joseph's Home, Philadelphia, \$500; St. Jude Jpc., Montgomery, Ala., \$500; Pius X Hall, Syracuse, \$250; Society of Divine Saviour, St. Naziarz, Wis., \$1,000; St. John and St. Joseph Home, an electric sewing machine.

Other bequests include \$300 to the Rev. John J. Butler, Cleveland, N. Y., and \$500 to the Rev. Thomas Prendergast, Utica.

Mrs. Byrnes also provided for the distribution of numerous personal items such as jewelry, clocks, clothing, bedroom suites, a dining room set and rugs.

The residence at 1303 Dudley Ave. is left to Francis Philip Mitten Jr., a nephew. A camp on Oneida Lake is shared by F. M. Mitten, Janice Marie Mitten and Rosemary Ashmore, and a car goes to Frank P. Mitten Sr., a brother.

Other specific bequests are: James S. Mitten, brother, \$2,000; Frank P. Mitten Sr., \$2,000; Julia E. Burns, sister, \$2,000; Mrs. Mae Walsh, friend, Binghamton, \$1,000; Josephine Iffert, friend, Utica, \$300.

Also, Florence Terrell, cousin, Binghamton, \$500; Eileen Raymond, Iion, \$1,000; Clara Burdick, Iion, \$300; Joseph Raymond, Iion, \$300; Patricia Raymond, Iion, \$300; Barbara Raymond, Iion, \$300.

The will provides that after these gifts have been distributed, these are next in line: Frank Mitten, brother, \$5,000; Francis P. Mitten Jr., nephew, \$2,000; Janice Marie Mitten, niece, \$2,000; Rosemary Ashmore, niece, \$1,000.

Others are Joan M. Marriott, Clark Mills, \$500; Helen Weiss, Utica, \$300; Ann Spellicy, \$300; William Ashmore, \$300; Deborah Ashmore, \$300. The residue goes to Francis P. Mitten Jr., Janice Mitten and Rosemary Ashmore.

## Express Thanks to Uticans

### Parents of Injured Schenectady Student Find Utica Friendly City

It's always a pleasure to be able to publish a report crediting someone with doing a good deed.

And in so doing, it is evident that Utica's fame as a "friendly city" is spreading.

Some time ago a young Brooklynite named John Callahan lost both legs when he slipped on ice and fell under the wheels of a New York Central passenger train at Union Station. During his stay in a local hospital, he received notes and encouragement and a number of letters and visits from well-wishers, many of whom he had never heard of before.

When he returned home, he wrote The Observer-Dispatch, expressing his gratitude for the warmth and kindness he received while hospitalized and convalescing. This, he said, was a friendly city.

The O-D has received another such letter reflecting this opinion. It comes from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Suydam of 133 Oregon Ave., Schenectady, parents of Ronald Suydam, a student of Mohawk Valley Technical Institute.

Ronald was severely burned by electric shock Mar. 31, while he was flying a model airplane on Richardson Ave. The plane became entangled in live wire lines. He spent nine weeks in St. Elizabeth Hospital, during which time he received get-well cards and had many callers.

"Many times in the past we had heard of the friendliness of the people in Utica," wrote Mr. and Mrs. Suydam, adding, "Not until March 31 did we realize how true those remarks were."

They said they would like to thank every one individually for their concern for Ronald, "a total stranger to Utica" until he entered MVTI a year ago, but they said that was impossible, therefore they asked for publication of parts of their letter.

"If you would print a message in your paper to the people I am sure they would be proud of the tribute paid to them and their city."

"The sisters of St. Elizabeth Hospital as well as the nurses and student nurses all helped in a big way for him to recover so quickly."

"Dr. Leonard Marrone and Dr. William Falvo, who made it possible for him to walk again."

"The police who administered first aid at the scene of the accident. Teachers at the school who brought the work assignments to him and made it possible for him to be able to return to the school next month. The student body who took time out from their busy schedule to visit him."

"Each and every one were good Samaritans who helped bring courage and sunshine back to a young man who experienced one of life's darkest moments that March 31," they concluded.

"The bouquet is yours, Uticans."

## Open House Slated For Area Knights

Herkimer—Open house for area Knights of Columbus will be held at the home of Herkimer Council 579 following the Sesquicentennial parade Saturday.

A musical unit, "The Jumping Jacks," will play for dancing and there will be refreshments for all Central New York K. of C. members, their families and friends. Columbiettes and Columbian Squires are also invited to the open house.

Ralph Blasting, Ernest Visconti and Nicholas Servello will have charge of refreshments assisted by members.

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