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*Says Co-Chairman Beverly Russo...*

## 'We're going to make Chappaqua's Community Day a county event!'

by Rhonda Stearley

Promising a pie-baking contest, fire engine rides, a soccer exhibition and a tot parade, the Chappaqua Ninth Annual Community Day Committee is ironing out plans for what co-chairwoman Beverly T. Russo, 15 Ridge Drive, said will be New Castle's best Community Day ever.

"We're looking to put Community Day on the map as a major northern Westchester County event," Mrs. Russo added.

"Our Grand Old Flag" is the theme for the Sept. 13 festival, which will be held on the Bell School green. Starting with a flag-raising ceremony in the morning, several events through the day will commemorate Old Glory, such as the tot parade. Children in that parade are asked to wear red, white and blue.

And, in the democratic spirit,

Mrs. Russo said red, white and blue crates will be set out for anyone itching to speak his mind. "Bring your beefs," said committee member Lynn Barton. "It's the American Way."

For those who shy away from the limelight, the committee has other activities on the agenda. Children's rides, a pet show, arts and craft shows, historic bus rides and local surgeon Fred Anonowich's Dixieland Band will be on hand for entertainment.

Mrs. Russo's son, David, a 19-year-old New York City artist, came up with the idea for the bus ride, now an annual event. Sponsored by the Chappaqua Historical Society, the bus will visit various landmarks on three separate excursions during the day.

Mr. Seth Corwin, this year's special activities director, and his wife, Joan, donated the buses

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## Chappaqua Journal, a weekly, begins publication with this issue; published and edited by Edith Hahn

Mrs. Edith Hahn, publisher of the Chappaqua Journal, founded the North Castle News in 1963 and acquired the Harrison Independent in 1971. Both are weeklies. Together with this newspaper and Pleasantville Post, also

making its first appearance this week, the four newspapers comprise the newly-formed Cross Westchester Weekly Group covering an area from Harrison on the south and east, to the western edge of Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. Hahn was born in Vienna, Austria. She attended elementary schools in France and Switzerland as well as Austria and came to this country in 1939 where she attended high school in Kew Gardens, New York.

Mrs. Hahn entered Syracuse University, receiving a B.A. Degree in 1947. She took post-graduate work in literature, public relations and advertising at Columbia University and the New School and is a graduate of the School of Modern

### PUBLISHER TO SPEAK AT ROTARY

Westchester County's two new weekly newspapers, the Chappaqua Journal and Pleasantville Post, will be discussed by their publisher, Edith Hahn, at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Pleasantville-Chappaqua Rotary Club, starting noon, Thursday, Sept. 4 in Parisés Restaurant, Commerce St., Thornwood.

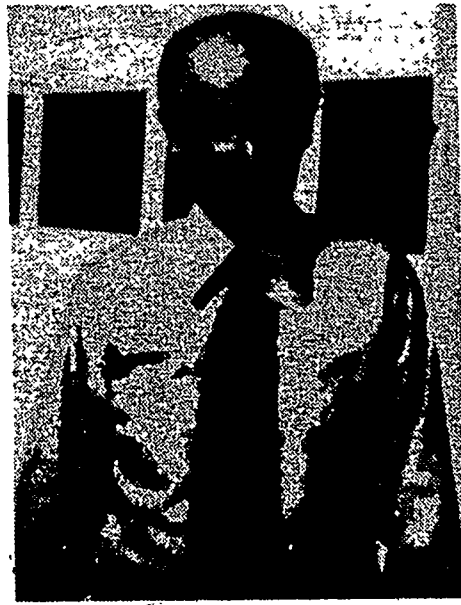
## "YOU WHAT?" YELPED THE PUBLISHER'S HUSBAND

The publisher of the Chappaqua Journal has an assistant—a kibitzer, really, whose basic working day is spent toiling in New York City—with whom she has authored three children and two other weeklies, the North Castle News and Harrison Independent. The success of these cooperative projects is modest but they are evidence of indefatigable hopefulness and never-say-die enthusiasm in the presence of long odds.

Newspapering and child-rearing had something in common: we were unprepared for either. The first newspaper was founded at the end of '63 because no one happened to say "you can't do that." As for the kids, one day the first one appeared.

At the time, our combined qualifications for running a newspaper were the post of Massachusetts State College (now U. of M.) campus correspondent for the Springfield Union which paid 12¢ a column inch for copy. The Publisher spent four years at Syracuse which has a dandy journalism school. So, she majored in philosophy and

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Albert P. Chaleski, New Castle's new Commissioner of Public Works.

### Aim is to combat illegal dumping

## New Castle considering some form of townwide garbage collection

by Barbara Waugh

Is it possible that almost a quarter of New Castle residents never have any garbage?

According to David C. Kobrin, Deputy Town Attorney, recent

## Highway and water services join into new public works department

by Rhonda Stearley

The Highway and Water Departments were consolidated into the Department of Public Works by the New Castle Town Board at its August 12 meeting.

The merger went into effect Aug. 13 after being approved by state and county civil service commissions. The new department will include a Division of Highways, Traffic Devices and Street Lighting, and the Division of Water and Sewers. Supervisor Charles Banks, Jr., says that he

expects the consolidation would save the taxpayers money.

The board appointed Albert P. Chaleski, Superintendent of Highways, as Public Works Commissioner. He will also retain his highway title and duties, and said Mr. Banks, "I guess you could say he'll be his own subordinate." His salary will remain at \$29,000 per year.

"A bit of a surprise"

Joseph Lischinsky, Water Department Superintendant, will be responsible to both Mr. Chaleski and the Town Board.

It (the new department) did come as a bit of a surprise to me because we'd worked together before," Mr. Lischinsky said. "But I imagine it will be for the better."

Sharing

"Highway and water have always cooperated," said Mr. Chaleski. "But it had been an oral agreement. Now, with the commission, we can still coordinate and save money as well." The new commissioner added that sharing departmental machinery will be a big money saver.

A distinct advantage of the new arrangement, Mr. Chaleski said, is that the department will be capable of undertaking heavy construction or, before the divisions had to bid for those type of services.

New Castle is among the first in New York State to make the consolidation. Supervisor Bank's

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investigation reveals that 20 to 25 percent of local homeowners are not paying any of the four residential refuse collectors to empty their garbage cans. "We do not have anywhere near 100 percent pick-up," he told the Journal.

Is this why commercial bins are being overloaded, why both private and municipal parking lots are often strewn with litter, why some long-time residents are ready to spy on neighbors suspected of illegal dumping? Are some otherwise respectable citizens saving a few dollars at the expense of everyone else by disposing of their garbage in

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## 'Bucks for Baskets' pays for outdoor court at the Bell School

by Rhonda Stearley

Because of the efforts of three men who like basketball, young people and the chance to do something for their town, New Castle residents now have an outdoor basketball facility at the Bell Middle School.

And it's all happened within the past three months, said Thomas McCann, a town council member and one of the coordinators for the "Bucks for Baskets" movement. "It's really amazing how fast this thing got going."

The idea to find and refurbish the court sprouted last spring after Greeley High School's basketball team had returned from the sectional basketball championships in Long Island. "Jim Ryan (whose son, Peter plays on the team) and I were talking about what an irony it was to have such a fine team and no outdoor court in town."

Mr. McCann and Mr. Ryan, both junior high basketball coaches themselves, didn't talk about the notion much longer. With the help of Recreation Commission member John Lyden, the three men decided to get the ball bouncing and find a basketball court for New Castle.

The trio found the court at Bell, although it needed surface repairs, among with new hoops, backboards and risers. The school enthusiastically supported the idea, Mr. McCann said, but couldn't offer the \$2,700 to \$2,800 necessary to fix the court.

Raised money themselves Undaunted, the men decided to raise the money themselves through private contributions. After sending out letters, calling 150 people and receiving favorable responses, the men then presented their idea to the Town Board.

"We told them if they'd install the equipment, we'd get the money for them," Mr. McCann said. "Well, they did and now kids are over there all the time."

While Bucks for Baskets hasn't yet raised all the funds, Mr. McCann said it was simply a matter of time before they did. "We're still working on it," he said. "And things are going very well."

For these three men, juggling their work and recreation schedules always manages to keep them on their toes. Besides being a town board member and a New Castle Rec. league basketball and baseball coach, Mr. Mc-

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Photography.

Researcher

Mrs. Hahn was a researcher for the Bettman Archive, the chief source of historical pictures for publications in the U.S. Following, she worked for Life



Edith Hahn

Magazine, first in the photo lab and then in the editorial department.

She married Peter Hahn, now a senior vice president of McCaffrey and McCall advertising agency, in 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn have three children. Steven, age 28 is a physician. Lisa, 26, is working for a Masters Degree in clinical psychology at New York University and is employed by this newspaper. Jeffrey, age 23, is also employed by the Pleasantville Post.

Prior to establishing the North Castle News, Mrs. Hahn held several civic posts including presidency of the PTA of the Armonk School District during centralization with the Bear Ridge

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