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## Town of Sardinia to Receive Xmas Present from Buffalo Sewer Authority

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation last Tuesday announced that it had granted a variance that would allow the Chaffee Landfill to accept part of the sludge from the Buffalo Sewer Authority. The announcement set off a string of events that did little to diminish the controversy that has surrounded the landfill now for some time.

The announcement of the variance came as a surprise to Town of Sardinia officials, who were not notified of the DEC's action. When contacted Thursday afternoon by the Herald, DEC's Regional Director, John J. Spagnoli, said that in the past he had notified Supervisor Walter Schiener before announcing any major actions, but that this was done only as a courtesy, and that he had no legal obligation to notify Town officials before making such a decision about the landfill. Despite his extensive dealings with Mr. Schiener and the Town of Sardinia over the past two years, Spagnoli referred to him as "Mr. Shiner."

Spagnoli's granting of the variance came about because SCA Waste Services, Inc., which has had the contract to receive the Buffalo Sewer Authority's sludge for the past few months, found that it was receiving more sludge than it had anticipated, and was running out of room. According to Spagnoli, SCA began calling around Western New York to find another landfill with room for the sludge, and was told by Chaffee Landfill authorities that their operation could accept the sludge. The DEC's variance will allow Chaffee Landfill to accept up to 100 tons of BSA sludge per day.

Mr. Spagnoli told the Herald that he considers his action to have been taken on an emergency basis, due to SCA's need to find a place for the sludge before the onset of winter. He registered his displeasure with the Buffalo Sewer

Authority, which was to have had the incinerators at its expensive new Bird Island project in operation long before this. The DEC told the BSA that it must have its incinerators in operation by the end of March, and Spagnoli told the Herald that the variation at Chaffee is only a temporary one.

When asked if there will be an odor to the sludge, Spagnoli told the Herald, "There should be no major odor problem." He said the sludge is supposed to be entrenched and covered, and that the DEC would react to any complaints about the odor.

Spagnoli said that the only reason a variance was needed in the first place was because the BSA's sludge is several percent wetter than what is allowed under Chaffee Landfill's permit. He considered the variance to be a moot point because the Landfill now has a leachate collection system that can handle the excess wetness. He felt that Chaffee Landfill had met all of the requirements of its permit, and did not seem to be very concerned about the matter.

Supervisor Schiener had attempted for several hours on Thursday to reach Mr. Spagnoli, and finally talked to him early that afternoon. Schiener was upset because he had flown over the landfill shortly before that, as he had done a number of times before, and had seen leachate flowing out from the landfill's property. He had also driven past the landfill and noted garbage that had not been covered, as it is required to be daily.

Schiener reported that Spagnoli did not seem to believe him, but told him to be at the landfill in an hour to meet a DEC engineer whom he would send immediately.

Mr. Schiener and Highway Superintendent Dudley Hopkins then met DEC engineer Kevin Hintz and a DEC photographer at the landfill, and

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## Vacation Issue

At holiday time this year, we will begin a practice that is followed by many weekly newspapers: the printing of a "vacation issue" to be dated December 31, 1981. We are doing this partly to give all of us at the Herald some time with our families, and partly because virtually nothing of major news interest happens during the Christmas-New Years interlude.

All copy and ads for the December 24 issue must be received at

our office no later than 5:00 Friday, December 18. All copy and ads for the December 31 issue must be received at our office not later than noon on Tuesday, December 22.

The papers will be printed at the same time, but will be mailed a week apart. Anyone wishing to place an ad or a press release covering the period December 31-January 7 is reminded of the early deadline for the December 31 issue.

## Icy Roads Cause Many Accidents and One Death in Area

Icy road conditions on several occasions the past ten days led to a number of "fender-benders," several serious accidents, and one fatal accident.

Icy road conditions on the morning of Sunday, November 29 were partly alleviated by the small number of motorists on the roads at the time. The most serious local accident occurred near the Route 16 bridge at Yorkshire, involving several vehicles and causing some injuries.

A freezing rain that began before dawn on Tuesday, December 1 caused many Southern Tier schools, including Franklinville, to announce delayed openings and, eventually, cancellation of the day's session. Pioneer Central School remained open, but some buses were delayed for nearly two hours and many students were never picked up, particularly in the Machias area. Some mishaps were also reported on Route 39 east of Arcade, including one involving a school bus. The weather conditions also forced the grand opening ceremonies at the new McDonald's in Arcade to be held inside, and forced cancellation of an appearance there by the Pioneer Marching Band. Later in the day, several businesses along West Main Street, including McDonald's, were closed temporarily by a power outage.

Also on Tuesday morn-

ing, a Maryland truck driver, Lawrence Ketchum, 41, was taken to Bertrand Chaffee Hospital after his tractor-trailer jackknifed on Route 16 a quarter-mile north of Delevan. His southbound North American Van Lines truck jackknifed and spun around, causing multiple bruises and contusions to the driver.

Slippery conditions early Saturday morning caused a two-car accident at the Mill-Regan intersection in Delevan. A car driven by Leigh Sworts, 17, of McKinstry Road, slid across the intersection, struck a bridge, and collided with a vehicle occupied by Kenneth and Edith Smith of Gooseneck Road. Mr. Smith, 68, was admitted to Bertrand Chaffee Hospital with chest and abdominal injuries. His wife and Sworts were treated and released with cuts and bruises. State Trooper A.P. Lorenz charged Sworts with driving at a speed not reasonable and prudent.

Another rash of mishaps occurred late Saturday afternoon. Snow had fallen off and on all afternoon, and had been melting on the roads until the sun and the temperature went down, causing highways to be covered with glare ice until highway crews could take action.

The most serious accident occurred shortly before 5:00 on Route 39 in Yorkshire when a car driven by Wayne Gayford, 24, of Delevan, spun into

## New Ambulance for Machias



The William Weller Hose Company of Machias last week took delivery on a new 1981 Ford Amliner ambulance, pictured here. The vehicle, which cost \$22,600, was purchased by the Machias Fire District with a bond anticipation note. The firemen hope to have the ambulance in service later this week.

The new vehicle will replace an ambulance with 35,000 miles that First Aid Captain Phillip Johns termed in "shaky" mech-

anical condition. The old ambulance will be used as a back-up, and the old red and white van will be used as a utility vehicle.

Among the improved features of the new ambulance are anti-sway devices to improve stability, and a walk-through passage between the front seat and the rear of the vehicle.

On the average, the Machias first aid squad answers three or four calls per week.

## Attention, Parents!!

If you receive a call from a man asking to speak with your adolescent or pre-adolescent daughter, please determine the caller's identity first.

It has come to the attention of the State Police and the phone company that someone is calling many young girls in this area. He identifies himself as one of the local physicians and tells the girls that their parents have asked him to talk with them about sex, which he then proceeds to do.

## DO YOUR XMAS MAILING EARLY THIS YEAR!!