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## New Program Designed To Aid Slower Student

By JOAN BOOTH  
LEWISBORO HAMLET — Schools in Katonah - Lewisboro district are taking new steps to help the floundering student, detect potential failures at the grammar school level, and improve mathematics scores in the high school.

Principals of the four schools are preparing an inventory of youngsters who are falling or who are considered potential failures. District Principal Charles T. Helmes told the school board Tuesday night when it met at Meadowpond House in Lewisboro Hamlet.

FACULTY and administrators will then try to diagnose the cause of failure, he said. The move, Mr. Helmes explained, is aimed primarily at elementary schools in an attempt to nip trouble in the bud during the early grades. When these youngsters are singled out, they may be placed in special platoons during part of each school day so they can have individual attention from the teacher. A more homogeneous grouping of grammar grade students is also being considered, he said. "We want to have a careful look at all kids before we put them into the departmentalized program of the secondary schools," Mr. Helmes added.

Dr. Joseph Rodcheaver, principal of John Jay High School where seventh through 12th grade students attend classes, presents a comparison of state Regents scores last June and John Jay Regents scores. John Jay stu-

dents were well above state average on all exam scores, except in mathematics.

"THERE, I certainly hope we can show some improvement next year and in the future," Dr. Rodcheaver said. "But it isn't as bad as it looks," he added, because of the fact that more Jay students took Regents exams than was the case on a state average basis. In 11th year

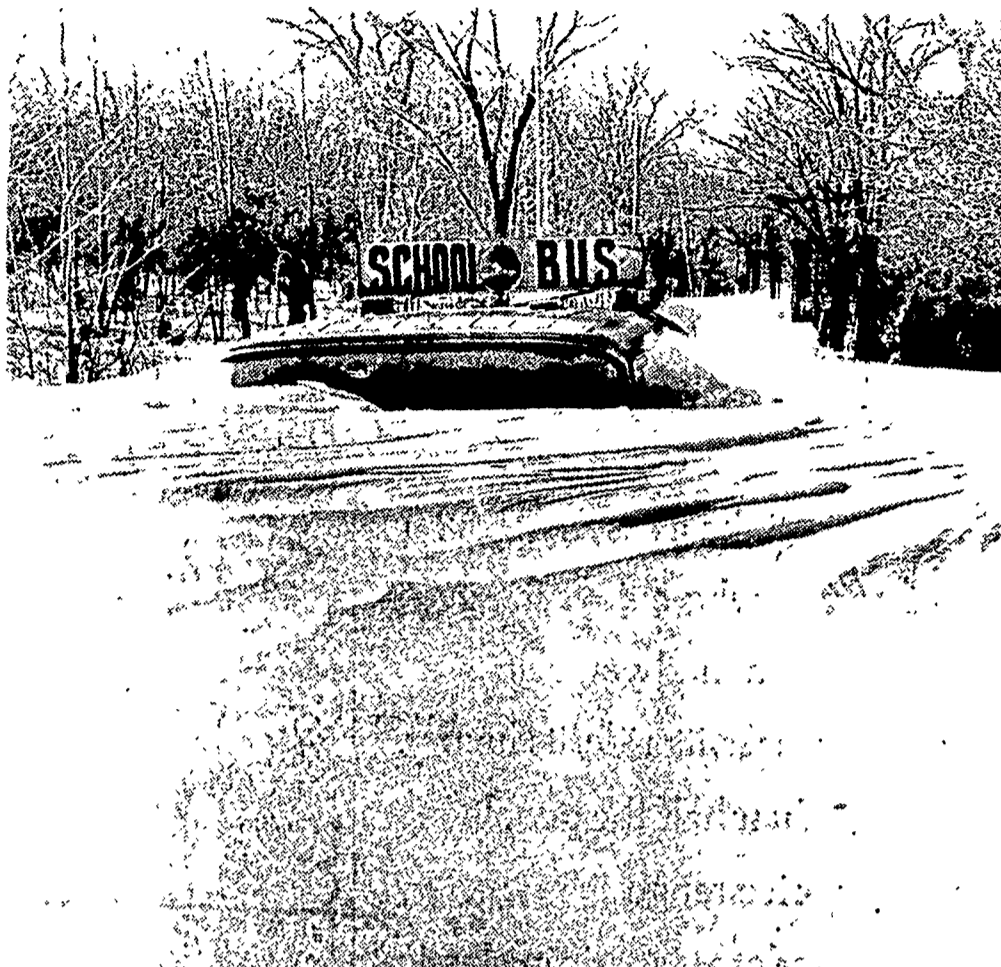
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## Alternates To Be Voted On Monday

BEDFORD — Bedford Central School Board will vote Monday night on the alternates to be incorporated in a new Middle School. At an 8:30 p.m. special public meeting in Fox Lane School, the board will present cost and financing figures for the construction package and for a proposed administration building which might be listed on the bond referendum ballot as a separate option.

The public is urged to attend the special meeting. As of Wednesday morning, the board still had not reviewed all cost information necessary to decide which alternates will be chosen. After a Tuesday night study session, it

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**NO SCHOOL TODAY:** This school bus, a station wagon which transports students in Bedford, was abandoned on Croton Heights Road in Yorktown early Monday. The bus remained where it was throughout the storm.

—Staff photo by Meyer

## Season's Biggest Snow Hits

Monday's snowstorm dumped as much as 16½ inches of snow on Westchester County, and most of it will be around for a while. The snow driven by high winds clogged highways, caused a rash of minor accidents, delayed commuter trains and brought school closings.

Highway crews were called in shortly after the snow began fall-

ing at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, and some men worked without stopping until Monday morning. Others were relieved by fellow crew members, but in either case, plowing went on without interruption for 36 hours.

The best the crews could do, however, was to shove the snow aside. The big job of hauling it away had to be postponed until later.

Although the snow was the heaviest of the season, the temperature did not make a record drop until after the storm was over.

During the storm, the thermometer sank to four degrees at the airport and three at Shrub Oak — but at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Shrub Oak, which is known as "the icebox of Westchester," recorded a new low of the season: 18 degrees below zero. The lowest temperature ever recorded in Shrub Oak was 20 below zero.

COMMUTER TRAINS ran only slightly behind schedule Monday morning but were delayed as much as an hour and a half Monday afternoon.

One man was the victim of a freak accident while shoveling snow. Dr. Laurence Harvey, assistant headmaster of Searing School, Somers, was shoveling snow from the wheels of a car parked in the school lot, when a wheel began spinning and snapped the shovel against him, breaking his left leg.

IN PLEASANTVILLE two persons were injured in a three-car crash at Broadway and Church Street. Hurt in the skidding accident were Eugene Caspass, 32, of Stamford, driver of

## Clash In New Castle

## Chairmen Vie On Political Issues

CHAPPAQUA — The New Castle Democratic and Republican town chairmen clashed Tuesday night over two questions: whether the newly elected justice of the peace should resign as Mt. Kisco police judge, and whether the Republican board should consider Democrats for appointive positions.

The exchanges took place at a town board meeting at which J. Ted Kangas of Millwood Road was named to a five-year term on the recreation commission and at which other town appointments were made.

The question of the justice of the peace was raised by W. R. O'Connell, Democratic chair-

man, who reminded the board that Frederick E. Shulman, who was elected justice in New Castle in November, still holds office as police judge in Mt. Kisco. "There is a question as to the propriety of his holding both offices, and I would like the town board to order him to divest himself of the Mt. Kisco office," Mr. O'Connell said.

MR. O'CONNELL added that Supervisor John F. Reed Jr. had resigned as police judge in 1959 when he was in the same position as Mr. Shulman is now.

"I didn't establish a precedent," Mr. Reed said. "I think the two positions are compatible, and it's a personal decision anyway. I believe a decision (by Mr. Shulman) is imminent."

Earle B. Henley, Republican town chairman, said Mr. O'Connell's remarks were "political claptrap."

"It is in poor taste and bad form for the Democratic chairman to exert pressure for Mr. Shulman's resignation when he

Bedford Central School Board establish such classes.

"THE ADULT Education Division of Bedford Central School District is seriously concerned about the under-educated in this district," Dr. Hennessy said this week. "Census figures for 1960 revealed that in the village of Mt. Kisco there were 518 people over 25 years old who had only up to six years of schooling"

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## Under-Educated Adults Seen In Need Of Classes

MT. KISCO — Educators in Bedford Central District believe there may be 700 to 800 people more than 25 years of age in Mt. Kisco Village, alone, who do not have high school diplomas and may have had a maximum of six years' schooling.

"We want to help them if we can find them," says Dr. Maurice N. Hennessy, coordinator of the district's adult education program. Anyone interested in catching up with reading, writing and arithmetic or any resident who needs to take further courses in order to get a high school diploma should contact Dr. Hennessy. Names of persons writing to the adult education coordinator will be kept in strict confidence, but if enough people indicate an interest in basic education, Dr. Hennessy will be able to recommend that the Adult Education Advisory Committee and

## Sidney Miller 'Available'

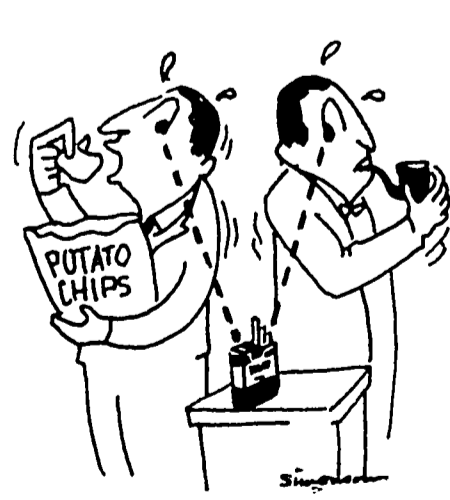
BEAR RIDGE — Sidney Miller, incumbent Byram Hills School Board member, will be available for re-election next May. If he receives the endorsement of Byram Hills non-partisan nominating committee.

Mr. Miller made the announcement Wednesday morning. He said he has not yet decided what he will do in the event the nominating committee does not endorse him.

A member of the old Bear Ridge Board of Trustees for four years, Mr. Miller was elected to the original Byram Hills Board when the central district was formed and will complete a three year term next June 30. The other incumbent whose term expires this year is Charles Pound, who will not seek re-election.

Mr. Miller lives at Usonia Homes in Bear Ridge and is president and owner of L. V. Myles, Inc., New York City, clothing manufacturer.

## Smokers Fume At Report



He said he had been influenced partly by reports published over the past two or three years on the health hazards of cigarette smoking, and partly because he himself felt he was smoking too much for his own good.

Of the 30 persons interviewed, six had already cut down on smoking because of previous reports on the bad effects of cigarettes; six said they decided to cut down after they had read the government report on smoking last weekend; one decided to stop entirely because of this report, two have already reduced the number of cigarettes but not because of the published reports.

ALL THOSE INTERVIEWED have smoked for a least five years, and one man has smoked for more than 50 years. One person smokes only three or four cigarettes a day, but others smoke as much as two packs.

Long-time habits are not changed easily, those who are cutting down have found out. Many discovered they were nervous and irritable when they decreased their cigarette smoking. Some who turned to food as a substitute found, to their dismay, they had gained weight.

One woman said: "I stopped for a whole year one time, but the first six weeks were horrible. I was uncomfortable and grouchy. I don't think my husband would let me stop again, he couldn't stand it."

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## Thornwood Man Charged In Fatal Stabbing Of Wife

By HARCOURT TYNES, Jr.

WHITE PLAINS — White Plains police are holding a 29-year-old Thornwood man on second degree murder charges this week in connection with the fatal stabbing of his 25-year-old wife, a nurse at Northern Westchester Hospital. The alleged killing took place Tuesday afternoon.

Now in the Westchester County jail, Valhalla, is Richard Paynter, an unemployed truck driver. He is charged with the murder of Linda Olmstead Paynter, from whom he had been estranged for several months. He last worked for Dinnets of Westchester, Hartsdale.

District Attorney's office men said Paynter chased his wife out of the White Plains home of her father, New York attorney John Olmstead at 7 Westminister Drive, White Plains, after an argument Tuesday. He then allegedly stabbed her in front of a neighbor's house, according to District Attorney Leonard Rubinfeld.

She was pronounced dead at 2:30 p.m. by a St. Agnes Hospital doctor.

MR. RUBENFELD told Patent Trader that Paynter "apparently" broke into the house when Mrs. Paynter refused to admit him. The argument was underway when a baby sitter for the couple's five-month-old son, John Douglas Paynter, arrived. Mrs. Paynter reportedly told the baby sitter, Mrs. Chinese Perkins, to call police Mrs. Perkins then left the house. Minutes later, Mrs. Paynter fled the house. She was getting ready to drive to work in Mt. Kisco before Paynter arrived, authorities said.

A policeman, arriving at the scene, reportedly found Paynter lying in the snow on top of his wife. Police said a kitchen knife, which he had grabbed from the Olmstead kitchen, was in his hand. Mr. Rubinfeld said Paynter suffered several self-inflicted hand cuts. He was treated at St. Agnes and taken to the district attorney's office for questioning.

THE DISTRICT attorney said there were several witnesses to the stabbing.

The Paynters had been married a little more than a year,

and were reportedly separated in December. He lived at 752 Commerce Street in Thornwood.

Paynter was arrested December 11 by Greenburgh Police on a theft charge. He was held in the county jail but was released when the Grand Jury refused to indict him. Mr. Rubinfeld said the couple had separated several times.

Paynter was arraigned Tuesday night in White Plains City Court before Judge Joseph Lichtenhal. He is being held without

bond. Assistant District Attorney Thomas Facelle is also investigating the case. Paynter's attorney is James Caruso, former North Castle Supervisor.

Mrs. Paynter worked at Northern Westchester for about two and a half months, hospital officials said. A registered nurse, she worked two days a week on the 3 to 11 p.m. shift. She was graduated from Danbury State Teachers College, Danbury, Conn., and Greenwich Hospital school of nursing, Greenwich, Conn.

## Attack On Finding 'Pleases' Sponsor

By BETSY BROWN

NEW YORK — County Executive Edwin Michaelian's attack on the new report on commuter railroads was greeted by the report's sponsors this week as "just the kind of response we hoped for."

Mr. Michaelian took issue with every major point in the report, "Suburbs to Grand Central," but a spokesman for the sponsor said that one of the group's aims was "to force public officials to give the problem their attention."

"WE DON'T CONSIDER this report to be the last word," Howard N. Mantell, attorney for the Institute of Public Administration, said Wednesday. "But if public officials don't give the matter some attention, they're going to end up with a sea of concrete highways."

He said his group will be glad to meet with public officials to discuss the next step.

NOT ONLY did Mr. Michaelian disagree with everything in the report, he also criticized the organization for failure to "establish a firmer liaison with responsible officials of government who have been working along similar lines."

Mr. Mantell said that his group is a private, non-profit research

organization and had no authority to deal in an official capacity with political leadership.

He said his group worked with technical staffs of the railroads and government agencies and was attempting to provide a "thorough and completely objective analysis of the situation and a feasible plan for dealing with suburban services."

Besides Mr. Michaelian's critical comments, the "Suburbs to Grand Central" report drew a charge of "bureaucratic double talk" from the Conservative party.

The Democrats, on the other

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## Mr. Molloy Appointed In North Salem

By DAN HALL

SALEM CENTER — Despite diversionary tactics by its sole Democratic member, the North Salem Town Board appointed William J. Molloy Jr. of Titicus Road to the Planning Board Tuesday night.

Nomination to the seat vacated by Eugene Struhsacker was initiated at the January 3 meeting of the board. At that time Dr. Henry Junemann, the Democratic councilman, named Mrs. Winifred Schuchman, Democratic town chairman for the post. However, formal nomination was deferred to the Tuesday meeting when Councilman Donald Mossman supported Mr. Molloy.

AT THAT POINT, Dr. Junemann charged the Republican members of the board with waiting to be "informed" concerning the nomination by the North Salem Town Committee, terming the organization "ComInform."

"It is no more proper to deprive people of representation here than it is for the Democrats to do so in the South," he asserted. Dr. Junemann has repeatedly maintained that his party should be represented on all town boards.

Supervisor Earle Vail disagreed with Dr. Junemann's stand, asserting that board members should be chosen on the basis of "qualification, ability, and geographic distribution. He added that the opposition party is now represented on the town board, the zoning board, recreation committee and the Croton Falls water board. He also expressed his resentment at the use of the term "ComInform."

Ruffled tempers were somewhat smoothed by a reference to

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**CLEANUP:** Mt. Kisco firemen clean up after blaze which gutted new Home Styles appliances store in Mt. Kisco Sunday. Some 150 firemen from Mt. Kisco's four companies answered the general alarm in sub-freezing temperatures.—Staff photo by Litchfield

## Home Styles Prepares To Reopen

By ANN CONLON

MT. KISCO — The owner of Home Styles appliances store expects to be doing business from the store by the end of this week, in spite of the damage done by a three-hour fire late Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Burchman, wife of the owner, said Tuesday the cleanup was well under way and the store should be ready for business shortly. In the meantime, the firm is operating out of its North Bedford Road warehouse.

Some 150 firemen from Mt. Kisco's four fire companies answered the 4:45 p.m. general alarm Sunday. The alarm was turned in

by Mt. Kisco Pil Joseph Gaetan-ello, who spotted flames and smoke coming from the store, which faces on Shopper's Park off South Moger Avenue.

THE PATROLMAN entered the building and tried to reach the source of the fire, but he was forced back by heavy smoke. He was treated at the police station for smoke inhalation.

Second Assistant Fire Chief William Whelan, first chief of the scene, said melting plastic on appliances produced a "noxious smoke" which felled several firemen. One fireman, Victor Yazzo, was taken to Northern Westchester Hospital for treat-

ment of smoke inhalation. The other firemen were treated at the scene.

The firemen were directed by Chief Herbert Ferris, First Assistant Chief George Finch and Mr. Whelan. Mr. Whelan said flames were leaping out the store windows when he arrived. The fire probably was blazing for a long time before it was spotted, Mr. Whelan said. Heat from the fire was intense when firemen arrived, he reported.

Appliances in the store were heavily damaged and many were destroyed, but firemen managed to save some of the larger ap-

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