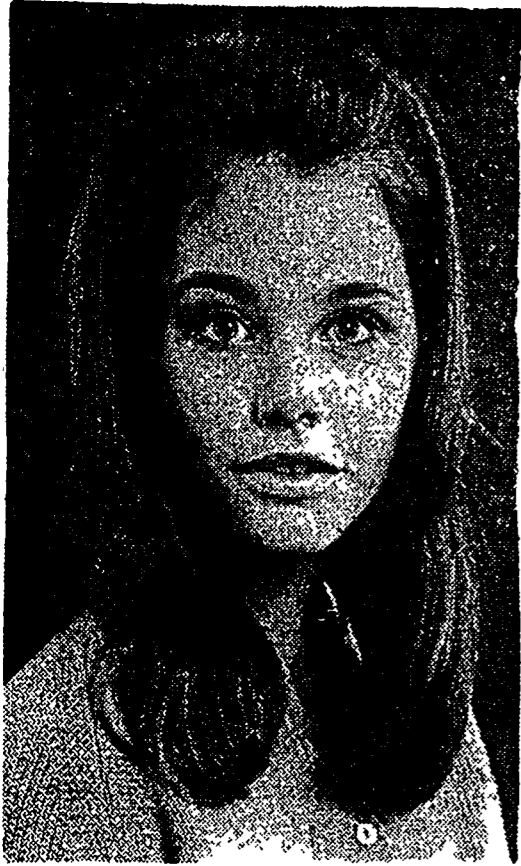


## Teacher dies after crash



—Photo by Al Giese

SUSAN DEY

**PURDYS** — A Kent Elementary School teacher and native of Mt. Kisco, Diane E. Nolan Gorman, 27, died Thursday night of injuries sustained in an automobile accident here Thursday morning. Mrs. Gorman was seven months pregnant.

The accident occurred at 6:45 a.m. on Route 22, 200 feet south of Route 116 in Purdys, according to state police. Two witnesses told state police Mrs. Gorman's small foreign car was proceeding north when it skidded on wet pavement, hit the center mall and overturned in the southbound lane. Mrs. Gorman was ejected through the car's cloth top.

A-1 Ambulance took her to Northern Westchester Hospital. She died at 6:15 p.m. of internal and head injuries.

MRS. GORMAN lived at 290 Beacon Hill Drive, Dobbs Ferry. Born in Mt. Kisco she was a graduate of St. Francis of Assisi School in Mt. Kisco and St. Mary's High School in

Katonah. She was graduated from Good Counsel College in White Plains in 1964 and received her master's degree from New York State Teachers College at New Paltz in 1967. Mrs. Gorman had taught third grade at the Kent school for the past five years. She was a member of the New York State Teachers Association and the Carmel Teachers Association.

Mrs. Gorman leaves her husband, John P. Gorman of (Continued on Page Two)



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**A LOOK AT THE RECORD:** Mary Stack, left, Somers High School valedictorian, Virginia Meyer, salutatorian, and James Petrizzo, point out entries in the "Tusker," their yearbook, to Phyllis Cobbs, guest speaker at the school's annual scholarship dinner. The dinner, attended by more than

100 parents, students and teachers, was sponsored by the Somers Faculty Association at Loch Ledge Inn Thursday night. James is a Regents winner, Mary Kay and Virginia are Regents alternates, and all three students are members of the National Honor Society.

## UR officials reply

By BETSY BROWN

**MT. KISCO** — Urban Renewal Director Joseph Cerbone said Thursday that he had made "fairly good progress" in clearing up criticism by federal officials — but the officials said they are "waiting for a written explanation" on \$332,816 worth of irregularities.

Mr. Cerbone went to the New York offices of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to go over the findings of a federal auditor.

Afterwards, he called a press conference, at which he and his predecessor, Joseph Pacitto, explained the details of irregularities.

**BECAUSE OF** the irregularities, HUD told the local UR agency that it would provide no further funds. They asked that Mr. Cerbone file written explanations within two weeks. Some have been filed previously, at various times in disputes with HUD and with auditors, but the field representative, Miss Rita Davino, said none of the explanations will be accepted until the whole file is received.

Mr. Cerbone and Mr. Pacitto said Thursday that many of the "irregularities" are auditing problems. The auditors come to Mt. Kisco only every 18 months or two years, and six different auditors have looked over the books in the past 10 years, they said.

"This part of the business is really a farce," Mr. Pacitto said. "Each auditor likes the books done his way, and we can't change our method for every auditor. We do it in accordance with the municipal system with a professional accounting firm."

Asked about the holdup of further HUD funds, Mr. Cerbone said "We haven't applied for more funds."

**HE SAID THAT** he expects to go to a higher authority,

the HUD office in Washington, to iron out some of the disputed items, but he believes others can be ironed out in the New York office.

"It isn't a question of missing money," he said. "It is a question of accounting. The village won't lose any money."

Later, however, he and Mr. Pacitto agreed that if HUD refuses to allow some of the expenditures made, the village contribution to the "pot" will be diminished and will have to be made up. Mr. Cerbone said these were mainly small amounts which the local agency believed it was justified in spending.

All payments have to be approved by the agency, which is made up of members of the village board, and signed by the mayor and the treasurer. The treasurer is Michael Terlizzi,

who made the disclosure this week of the questions raised by the auditor.

**THE AUDITORS** questioned 17 items, nine during the period from October 1, 1967, through November 30, 1969, and eight which had been questioned on the audit of the two years previous, and which have not yet been satisfied. The earlier items included \$90,000 worth which were disallowed, and \$207,000 worth which are still being debated.

Mr. Cerbone and Mr. Pacitto explained some of the items questioned by the auditor as follows:

\$115,000 in real estate taxes: An auditing problem, because the taxes, or an equal sum paid in lieu of taxes by the agency on land it has purchased, were not

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## Fox Lane senior given role on TV

**MT. KISCO** — Susan Dey of Mt. Kisco, 17 year old senior at Fox Lane High School, left Wednesday morning for Hollywood where, for the next three to six months, she will film a television series for ABC.

The series, "The Partridge Family," stars Shirley Jones in the role of a widowed mother of five children. Susan plays the part of Laurie, the oldest daughter. The series will be shown on ABC at 8:30 p.m. Fridays beginning in September, and is being produced by Columbia Screen Gems.

**THE MT. KISCO MODEL** and actress was accompanied to Hollywood by her secretary-companion, 22-year-old Jane Joyce of Framingham, Mass., a 1970 graduate of the College of New Rochelle. Miss Dey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dey of 20 Emery Street, Mt. Kisco.

To graduate from Fox Lane, Susan needs only one more English course which she is taking by correspondence through a high school teacher. She will attend class four hours a day on the set of the television filming until she receives her Fox Lane diploma in June.

Susan's family was given a screening of the pilot for the series last week, "and Susan comes over beautifully with all those pros!" reported her mother, Gail Dey. "We're all still in a daze! Fortunately, Susan has her good, solid little feet on the ground."

## Carpenter strike: no end in sight

The carpenter's strike which began May 1 still on — and with no end in sight, say representatives of both sides.

The strike already is the longest on record between the Carpenters District Council and the Builders Institute of Westchester and Putnam and now involves some 4,800 carpenters. It is affecting an estimated \$600 million in building construction.

However, most of the larger projects in upper Westchester, such as schools and the Indian Point atomic plant construction by Con Edison, have not yet been seriously delayed. There has been little picketing.

At issue are both wage demands and work rule changes. The union is seeking an hourly wage of \$11.24, up from the present \$7.08 but down from its original demand of about \$13.59. The employers are offering a \$2 per hour increase over three years, or about \$9.08.

The next negotiation session is set for Monday and on Tuesday evening a mass meeting of builders, contractors and owners will be held at the Holiday Inn in Scarsdale to discuss the strike.

## Mini-bike crackdown ordered in Lakeland

**LAKELAND** — The Lakeland school board cracked down on mini-bikes, motorcycles, go-carts, ski-mobles and "all other automotive contraptions," in a new policy which bans them from all school property.

The policy says: "No unauthorized combustion engine, vehicles, or unauthorized licensed operators will be allowed to use driveways, parking fields accessory to any school or playground, under the jurisdiction of such local school district."

## Dr. Cowan marches out as 'saints come marching in'

By LORRAINE DICKINSON

**CHAPPAQUA** — Facing a "bleak future" in Atlantic City and Boca Raton, Dr. Charles T. Cowan took saxophone in hand and demonstrated convincingly that life can begin at "a decrepit 59."

Not to be outdone, the all-principal quartet of Ed, Bob, Lou and Mary Ellen presented a choral reading of "There's Just No Challenge in Chappaqua."

And, in an unprecedented display of musical oneupmanship, a "covey of exotic quail" (also billed as "the school board flushed out of executive session") gave a spirited rendition of that annual favorite, "Some Inflated Budget."

The occasion was a dinner and entertainment (with accent on the latter) honoring Chappaqua's school superintendent who will retire next month after 10 years' service. And, it seemed entirely fitting that Dr. Cowan, for whom education and music have been paired since he worked his way through college playing sax with a combo, should provide a large part of the entertainment himself.

The dinner—held Thursday night at the Mt. Kisco Country Club—was arranged by the Chappaqua School Board and a community committee headed by Dr. Donald W. Miles, principal emeritus of Horace Greeley High School and himself the guest of honor at a similar dinner just a year ago.

**THE GUEST LIST** of 150 — which read like a "Who's Who in Chappaqua Education"—included state and local school officials, administrators, central office staff, former school board members, teachers, students, friends and relatives of the Cowans—and Mrs. Mary Hanley, who retired in 1969 after a 49-year teaching career in Chappaqua, longest in the district's history.

It was, everyone agreed, an evening of "firsts" for Chappaqua.

Item: "The canonization of Iris," during which Mrs. Cowan, looking serene, was crowned with a "genuine 24-karat Chappaqua halo" (a golden circlet surmounted by an even goldier halo of tinsel) by Kenneth Barnhart who, in less celestial moments, doubles as president of the school board.

Item: Dr. Bob Arrants and his "swinging seven"—with sax solo by Dr. Cowan—in a rousing rendition of "When The Saints Come Marching In."

Item: Melodic tributes to the PTA ("There's lots of evidence—Their vice presi-

Where Has The School Bus Gone?" "... it has 90 children standing in the aisles—Oh why do their mothers call me?"); and (dedicated to Robert Haigh, principal of Roaring Brook School, "All I Want Is A Room Somewhere.")

Item: The debut of a new singing group, The School Board Quintet, whose repertoire of instant hits included "Town Club, How We Love You"; "At the Annual School Board Meeting" ("... we hide everything from sight—You will see your tax bills double overnight!"); "Oh Where, Oh

very personable guy and a very able administrator. Doing the impossible seemed to be part of his job description... but he made it look easy."

From John Sweet, president of the Chappaqua Teachers Assn.: "A most shy man... only a few knew him well... Being superintendent is a difficult, a very lonely job in this town, and he has borne it with consummate personal grace."

From Marc Manly, president of Greeley's GO: "He provided the atmosphere and understanding that averted the polarization of other schools around us."

**THERE WERE** other words of praise and good wishes from Dr. Walter Taylor, president of the school board which hired Dr. Cowan as superintendent at Saranac Lake, N.Y., in 1947 (he was also school superintendent in Northport, L.I., before coming to Chappaqua); from Dr. James Hall, representing the Metropolitan Schools Study Council (which Dr. Cowan has served as president); from Dr. Noble Gividen, superintendent of the Westchester Putnam BOCES; from Mr. Barnhart; and from Edward Kuhn Jr., past PTA president, toastmaster and raconteur extraordinary (cf. "The Saga of the Bald Eagle").

Asked why he had come to a relatively small rally, Mr. Kunstler said, "It's as important as a big rally."

Only one police officer was in sight as the rally started, but the high school students provided 50 marshals of their own. The marshals were told

that they were to place themselves between the students and "any troublemakers."

The rally was sponsored by the Committee for Peace in Southeast Asia.

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**VIEW FROM THE DAIS** is an entertaining one for Dr. Bernard Haake, associate state education commissioner; Edward Kuhn Jr., toastmaster; and Dr. Charles T.

Cowan, Chappaqua's superintendent of schools, who was honored Thursday night at a retirement reception and dinner. Other photo on Page 2.

## GOP clubs back Nixon

By JAMES TRANSUE

**JEFFERSON VALLEY** — The three Yorktown Republican Clubs unanimously voted Thursday night to endorse President Nixon's handling of the Vietnam War and the excursion into Cambodia.

The resolution, offered by Richard Malueg and adopted by a voice vote in the joint meeting of the regular Yorktown Republican Club, the Young Republican Club and the North End Republican (Continued on Page Two)

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