

'49-'50 Faculty For Local School Is Announced

School Will Open September 6—Additional Grade Classes Will Be Held This Year.

Three will be four, and possibly five, new members on the Greenwich central school faculty when school convenes September 6, and when a staff of more than forty teachers will report along with about 900 students to begin the 1949-50 school year. School will begin at 1 o'clock the opening day, when students will report for registration and short-period classes will be held. The next day regular morning and afternoon classes will begin.

William Hendron returns as supervising principal of the Greenwich central school district, and Edgar F. Snyder as guidance counselor. The faculty members are:

Miss Patricia Burkin, art.
John Sherin, Miss Eileen Moody, commerce.
Mrs. Emily Weaver, Miss Barbara Harlow, Miss Winogene Cromie, English.
Miss Agnes Webster, foreign language.
Miss Audrey Tindale, home economics.
Berton Tillotson, agriculture and industrial arts.
Miss Doretha Voight, library.
N. Gifford Welling, Mrs. Ruth Crozier, mathematics.
W. Earl Sauerwein, Sigurd Rascher, Mrs. Laura Baetens, music.
George Jackson, Miss Hannah Larson, physical education.
Herbert Bailey, Mrs. Mary B. Scully, sciences.
Mrs. Loretta Hughes, Mrs. Bertha Edgerton, social studies.

Elementary Teachers.
Miss Bertha Briggs, Mrs. Marguerite Hunt, grade 6.
Miss Alice Tighe, Mrs. Hannah Kipp, grade 5.
Mrs. Lillian Petteys, Mrs. Elizabeth Barber, grade 4.
Miss Marie Keegan, Miss Irene Lundberg, grade 3.
Miss Louise Coulter, Mrs. Audrey Ringer, grade 2.
Miss Esther Ryder, Mrs. Florence Youmans, grade 1.
Miss Jane Guiney, kindergarten.

Rural Schools.
Barkers Grove, Mrs. Mary Hotaling.
Easton Corners, Mrs. May Scott.
Easton Station, Miss Bertha Gavette.
Middle Falls, Miss Ora Waters.
Mrs. Ella Quinn.
Bald Mountain, Mrs. Bessie Hillman, Cossayuna, Mrs. Helen Lightbody.

The new members of the faculty are Mrs. Baetens, Miss Larson, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Kipp. Mrs. Baetens, whose home is in Hudson Falls, will teach stringed instruments and conduct the orchestra. She is a graduate of Ithaca college and has been attending summer school there this year. Miss Larson, whose home is in Bald Mountain, is a graduate of Greenwich central school and Russell Sage college. She will have charge of the girls physical education, the cheerleaders and the leaders club.

Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Kipp both taught in Cambridge last year. Mrs. Hunt, who will have one section of the fifth grade, is from Clarks Mills, and Mrs. Kipp, who will teach a section of the fifth grade, lives in Greenwich.

Mrs. Barber, who will have a section of the fourth grade, has taught in the Battenkill school, but this school has been closed and she will be in the main school.

It was planned that a second art teacher would be engaged this year to teach art in the elementary grades and Mr. Hendron has been making efforts to find one qualified for the position. He has not yet secured a teacher but hopes to have one before school opens.

Fort Edward Centennial Observance Opens Sunday for Nine-Day Program

Variety of Events Planned to be Climaxed Labor Day—Celebrating Chartering of the Village.

Appropriate ceremonies in Underwood park in Fort Edward, Sunday, August 28, will launch one of the most gigantic celebrations in that community's history in observance of the hundredth anniversary of the chartering of the village of Fort Edward.

A nine-day program of assorted social, community and athletic events will be climaxed Labor day, September 5, by drum corps competition, firemanic exhibitions, a band concert, street dance and a gigantic parade. Bugle and drum corps, fire companies and other organizations throughout the state will join in the festivities honoring the village which was chartered August 28, 1848.

Plans which have been in the making since early last winter, reached their completion recently with the release of the entire nine day program by the Fort Edward centennial corporation. Outstanding among the fifteen-day events which comprise the agenda are the old-time minstrel show which will be presented September 1 and 2, and the Jane McCrea Garden club flower show on August 30, the observance of military day, September 3, the opening of the Patt Smyth house, oldest building in Washington county from 2 until 5 o'clock daily, and the gymkhana which will be held September 4.

Edginton Awarded State Scholarship with Top Score of Ten in County

Cambridge Has Three Winners—Ten Awards Given in This County.

William Edginton of Greenwich, valedictorian of the 1949 graduating class of the central school last June, has been awarded a state university scholarship. Edginton was one of ten in this county to win a scholarship and he led the others, with the highest score, 371.66.

Thomas H. McCabe of Cambridge, valedictorian of the central school there in the June graduating class, was second on the list, scoring 370.5. McCabe was also awarded a Cornell scholarship. Cambridge had two other state scholarship winners, Joan C. Bell and Gail A. Gorman.

Whitehall had three winners, Marilyn L. Parker, Monica T. Murphy and Gertrude E. Snoddy. Others who received scholarships are Anna E. Glasier and Edwin B. Hicks of Granville Falls, and John H. Winegard of Hudson Falls.

The university scholarships entitle the holders to \$175 per term for eight terms of college, while attending any approved college in New York state. Students competing for these awards took a day and a half examination last spring given by the state.

Tournament News And a Hole in One

It is a battle between Graham Blandy III and Edward Clark for the presidents cup and the championship at the Battenkill country club, the elimination tournament having been completed to the final play-off.

In the second round Blandy defeated Christie Lytle, Whiteside won from Mesick, Clark from Bill Lytle and Garrett from Foster. Blandy then went on to defeat Whiteside and Clark won from Garrett to go into the finals.

C. Lytle took the championship in the handicap tournament recently completed, defeating DeFalco by the honor.

In the women's handicap there are still some first-round games to be played and the girl golfers are asked to play these matches as soon as possible so the tournament may continue and be completed.

Last week a hole-in-one was recorded at the club, when Don Morehouse, 16, of Middle Falls took a nine iron and lifted a ball from the first tee 120 yards into the hole. John Zoller was with Don at the time and saw the feat accomplished.

Imperial Strike Ends.

A strike involving 400 employees of the Imperial Paper and Color corporation, which began July 8, ended Monday with the workers returning to the plant.

Polio in District Up to 144 Cases Diefendorf Says

Hudson Falls Is Hardest Hit With 33 Cases—Consider Closing Schools.

Many new cases of infantile paralysis in the Glens Falls district have been reported which has brought the total to date to 144 in this district composed of Washington, Saratoga and Warren counties. Dr. Burke Diefendorf, district state health officer, announces.

Washington county has the largest number of cases, 70, the majority of them in the Hudson Falls-Fort Edward section. There have been 33 cases reported in Hudson Falls, 21 in Fort Edward, five in Comstock and eleven scattered throughout the county.

There have been 58 cases in Warren county, 33 of them in Glens Falls, five in Cleverdale, one in Lake George and 20 scattered.

Saratoga county has had only 15 cases, six in South Glens Falls and ten scattered.

There has been some agitation in Hudson Falls and Glens Falls to delay the opening of schools because of the disease. In Hudson Falls three doctors, John L. McCann, Clarence V. Latimer and Milton J. Greenberg, have submitted a communication to the village board of trustees asking that the opening of schools there be deferred until the epidemic in the village subsides.

The communication pointed out that "Hudson Falls is far in the lead in number of cases of polio per 1,000 persons in the villages and towns of the state." The communication has been referred to the board of education and the board will meet September 1 to decide on the opening date.

In Glens Falls the superintendent of schools said that school authorities would be "guided by the medical people" in deciding whether to delay the opening of schools.

Dr. Diefendorf has voiced the opinion that it is better for children to be in school where nurses could maintain a watch for any signs of polio than to be congregating and playing together outside of school. He expressed the hope that the epidemic will have subsided by the time school reopens.

Junior Fair Postponed Until Later in Autumn Because of Polio Cases

Young People of County Will Not Show Until Fall—State Fair Exhibits Due Now.

The junior Washington county fair, which was scheduled to be held the first part of September at the old fair grounds between Fort Edward and Hudson Falls, has been postponed until later in the fall. The postponement is made because there have been several cases of polio in that section of the county and the fair personnel wish to run no risk of endangering the health of any exhibitors or guests of the fair.

The fair is sponsored by the 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America and juvenile granges of the county, and has been most successful in past years. The date for holding it later in the autumn will be arranged by the committee in charge of the fair.

Young people in the county are still planning to exhibit at the state fair in Syracuse, and those wishing to do so should notify the 4-H office.

Many Take Part in Centennial Program At East Greenwich

Three-Day Observance Held This Past Week End—Over 275 at Service.

The East Greenwich United Presbyterian church centennial observance, held this past week end, was largely attended by members of that community and of the Argyle presbytery as well as friends and former residents of East Greenwich. The centennial service Sunday morning drew the largest audience, when more than 275 people attended the service and 212 received communion.

The celebration, which marked the 100th anniversary of the forming of the East Greenwich United Presbyterian church, opened Friday evening with an historical and musical program. Miss Mary T. Maxwell of the congregation gave a most interesting history of the church, a compilation of which is printed elsewhere in this paper. Miss Maxwell had devoted considerable time to preparation of the history of the church and it is expected that this history will be published in pamphlet form soon.

Rev. George Murdock and Rev. T. H. Akland, both former East Greenwich residents, spoke in reminiscence veils, recalling their childhood in the church. A letter from Miss Margaret Murdock, a missionary in Pakistan from the church, was read.

Rev. Paul Reynolds of North Argyle brought greetings from the presbytery and a message from the synod of New York was read. This message spoke especially of the number of missionaries East Greenwich has sent into the field. Mrs. Walter J. Skellie spoke of the plans for the future, which include new pews, and carpeting in the auditorium and tiling in the vestibule. This work is to be done this fall.

Mrs. David J. McGuire was in charge of Friday evening's program and introduced the speakers. Clarence Cable, minister of music of Newark Methodist church, Newark, Conn., played several organ selections during the program.

Saturday noon the centennial picnic was held, and the fair weather brought out 175 guests for this gathering, which included in addition to the dinner, an opportunity for visiting and for sports.

Sunday morning at the devotion service, Rev. Milton Scott of Union City, New Jersey, gave the anniversary sermon and Rev. Byron E. Myrland of Getzville read the scripture and gave the prayer and benediction.

Allergy to Black Top Materials Stops Completion of 400 Feet of River Road

Request Made by Ralph Koester for Stoppage of Work in Front of Fred Flatley Home—Expect State Decision Soon.

The finishing of a 400-foot strip of the River road in front of the Fred Flatley home in Easton has been stopped for the present on the request of the Flatleys, and their son-in-law, Ralph Koester, to the state department of public works. The basis for unusual request is that Mrs. Koester, the former Mary Flatley, has an allergy to the materials used in putting the black top on the highway.

This is the first time the state has had such a matter to decide and it is now being studied in Albany before final decision is made, but it is unofficially believed that some arrangements can be made to complete this piece of road with a bituminous top, as is the rest of the River road.

The construction company has left the space of 400 feet in front of the Flatley home with only the gravel base until the decision is reached, and in the meantime black top is being applied to the road beyond that farm. This piece of unfinished highway is located 200 feet either side of the Flatleys on a slight curve.

Washington county highway officials were not notified of the Flatleys' request until recently and since that time they have been in conference with the department of public works and the federal bureau in Albany.

County Highway Superintendent Ralph McKernon has had several conferences with state and federal men on this problem, and Friday Mr. McKernon, and Supervisors Oscar Borden of Easton and William J. Reid of Fort Edward and Lloyd Friday, county assistant engineer of the state department of highways, spent the day in Albany conferring on the matter.

The River road is being constructed with funds allotted by the federal government; the construction is being done through supervision of the state department of public works, and on completion the road is to be turned over to Washington county for maintenance, so all three branches of government are interested in it and must act in a question of this kind.

There is apparently no precedent for a request of this kind, and so before a decision is announced careful consideration is being given all phases of the matter. It is understood that Mrs. Koester, who is subject to severe allergies from various sources, has been staying in a trailer on the Flatley farm, some distance from the highway, during the construction of the River road.

Mr. McKernon and other county officials interested in this highway, are doing everything possible for an early and favorable decision from Albany which will make it possible to complete the entire road with the same black top surface.

Walter J. Couser Advanced to Rank Of Major in Army

Major Walter J. Couser Jr., oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Couser Sr. of Greenwich, was recently promoted to the rank of major at Mather air force base, Sacramento, California. Major Couser was born in Greenwich December 1, 1918, and graduated from the Greenwich high school in June, 1937.



He joined the regular army in January, 1938, and was assigned to the signal corps at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Graduated from officers' training school there in 1941, he later transferred to the air force and trained and graduated as a bombardier-navigator at Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1944.

He served with the 15th air force in Italy and received the good conduct, pre-World War II medal with four stars, Distinguished Flying Cross, ETO ribbon with four stars and the purple heart.

Recently he graduated after a 30-week course in the bombardier category and returned to Mather air force base in February, 1947. He received his present rank, appointment from President Truman with the rank of lieutenant.

Major Couser's mother, Mrs. Mildred Couser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Oberlin of Middle Falls, and they have a son and daughter. His brother, Rodney, is an instructor in submarine school at New London, Conn., and recently completed seven years in that service and signed for three more years. Major Couser also has a sister, Mrs. F. J. Beadle, and a brother, Douglas, of Greenwich.

Argyle Man Pays Fine And County Gets Cash

William L. Holcomb, 33, operator of filling station in Argyle was arrested last week by Trooper Joseph Sikora of the South Glens Falls zone headquarters on a charge of possessing a nickel slot machine. Trooper Sikora seized the machine and took Holcomb before Justice of the Peace Allen Skellie of Argyle where the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5.

Justice of the Peace Skellie ordered the machine destroyed and \$18.40 which it contained turned over to the Washington county treasurer.

Both men are former pastors of the East Greenwich church. Rev. Joseph P. Cogdell, present pastor, opened the service with the invocation. Mrs. Richard McGuire sang as a solo The Lord's Prayer.

This service marked the conclusion of the centennial observance. During the three days' program there were special exhibits in the church marking its century of service, such as the old minute books, a copy of the original deed, early church programs and newspapers.

The East Greenwich church has a membership of 126 people, and the present church building is the original structure, which was built 100 years ago.

Centennial Picnic at East Greenwich Church



This picture was taken Saturday afternoon at the centennial picnic gathering at the East Greenwich United Presbyterian church and shows many of those who took part in that three-day observance. Some of the people did not get before the camera's eye, but this is the larger share of those present. It is difficult to name the people by rows as on the left they are rather closely grouped, but the names are given here by rows as nearly as possible and readers should be able to pick out the folks.

First row, left to right: Rev. Joseph Cogdell, R. J. Maxwell, Mrs. John McWhorter, Mrs. Dora Ferguson, Mrs. Mary Richards, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitaker, Mr. and Mrs. William McMorris, Mrs. Samuel McComb, Clarence Cable, Rev. B. F. Myers, Rev. T. Howard Akland.

Second row: William E. Morrison, Charles Maxwell, Mrs. Helmer Thygesen, Mrs. B. F. Myers and daughter, Mrs. David McGuire, Rev. and Mrs. George Murdock, Mrs. John Skellie, Ashton Maxwell, John Skellie, Mrs. Walter Skellie, Walter Skellie, Mrs. William E. McMorris, Mrs. Horace Sather, Mrs. Robert Murdock, Mrs. Harvey Phillips, Rev. Harvey Phillips.

Third row: Mrs. George Fitch, Elizabeth Fitch, William Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Mrs. John Cowan, Rev. Boya Kilough, Mrs. Clarence Cable, Oysta Johnson, Mrs. Boyd Kilough, Betty Black, Mrs. Carl Hansen, Mrs. and Rev. Milton Scott, Mrs. Walter Morrison, Mrs. Ashton Maxwell, Jacqueline Sheffield, Mrs. Henry Richards, Gale Cogdell, Henry Richards, Marian McGuire, Elva Skellie, Norma McGuire, William E. McMorris, Jean Cogdell, Mrs. James Blanchard, Mrs. David Sawyer, Harold McMorris, Berjot Abrahamson, Charles Curtis, Mrs. Alf Thygesen and Carl Thygesen. Dr. George Fitch, Rev. Charles Brown, Carlton Fitch, Mrs. Earl Hight, Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. Miller, McMorris, Mary Maxwell, Mrs. Roy Hutchens, Robert Reid with Carroll Maxwell, Mrs. J. P. Cogdell, Mrs. Louise Reid, Doris McMurray, Gail Sheffield, Mrs. Robert Reid, Helen McComb, Mrs. David McComb, Dorothy Skellie, Walter Morrison. This row ends half way across the picture.

Last row: John Cowan, Mrs. Cornelia Cowan, Marilyn Morrison, Dorothy Morrison, David McGuire with Peggy Clark, Marlene Maxwell, Mrs. Ralph Maxwell, Mrs. Norris Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McClellan, William Phillips, Donald Skellie, Mrs. Richard McGuire, Margaret McMorris, Mrs. Charles Holmes, Arthur McMorris, Richard McGuire with his son Ricky, Charles Holmes with his son John, Robert Murdock.

In the window: William Phillips, Kenneth Skellie, Wilma Skellie, Mrs. Ernest Skellie.