

David Mosher One of Four Outstanding Young Farmers

David J. Mosher of Easton has been named one of four outstanding young farmers in the nation. This Future Farmers of America citation carries with it a \$300 cash award, and makes David a candidate with the other three regional winners for the Star Farmer of America award and a \$1,000 cash prize.

The three other young men who have been named outstanding young farmers in America are William T. Roberts of Hahira, Ga.; William F. Falls of Stet. Mo., and R. A. Kummer of Deer Park, Wash.

Film of Farm Operations

A movie film has been made of David's dairy farm operation, and it will be premiered at the national FFA convention in Kansas City, Mo., October 12, when the Star Farmer of America will be announced.

The movie was made a couple weeks ago by Venard Organization of Peoria, Ill., for the FFA. Mr. and Mrs. Venard and Gary Smith were at the Mosher farm every day for about a week taking colored movies. The day they arrived David was having his registered Holstein herd classified, so that was photographed, as well as the dozens of farm operations such as plowing, fertilizing, planting, spraying, baling, and of course milking.

This film will be edited by the Venard organization and shown at Kansas City. David will receive a copy of the film and it will be distributed by the FFA for showing at agricultural schools, and to farm organizations.

Others in Movie.

The story of the Mosher farm on film includes a number of local people in addition to David. Among those who appear are his mother, Mrs. John Mosher; his FFA advisor, Bruce W. Emanuel; Stan Anderson of the soil conservation district; and Donald Hanks, Harold McEachron and Walter Marshalsea of Salem; George Calloway of Argyle; Leslie Nuffer of Hudson Falls, and T. T. Buckley of Cambridge who were among those honored, together with David as agricultural leaders of the county by the Washington county board of supervisors in 1966.

Like all movies, there was a stand-in, and Allan Wilbur, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilbur of Bald Mountain was selected. Allan had the right qualifications — a blond young lad who looks a lot like David did at that age. Allan was posed by the pasture fence, to provide a developing story for the film.

David, who is now only 19, wasn't much older than Allan when he took over the operation of the 218-acre family farm on the Greenwich and Johnsonville road. He was 14, a freshman in high school, when his father died, and together with his mother, he kept the farm going, continued to go to school, and took part in class and FFA activities.

After Mr. Mosher's death, the family sold most of the dairy herd, and David, in partnership with his mother, started farming with three cows, one heifer and two calves, all registered



David, His Mother and His FFA Advisor, Bruce Emanuel at the Mosher Farm in Easton



At the 1966 Washington County Fair David Was One of the Hosts to Governor Rockefeller When He Visited the Fair

Holsteins. Now, five years later, he has a herd of 37 cows, 13 heifers and 16 calves.

Dairy Records Outstanding

The records of his Holsteins are outstanding. Last year for the 27 registered Holsteins the record was 17,014 pounds of 3.6 milk and 614 pounds of butterfat on a 305 days twice a day milking. The herd average for 34 cows in DEHA was 16,255 pounds of 3.9 milk with 642 pounds of fat.

The production records of the Mosher Holsteins is so widely recognized that David has sold one bull from a registered Holstein rated excellent for export to Argentina, and has also sold some bulls to area dairymen. At the present time he has two

cows under contract to Eastern Artificial Breeders association for stud, if they produce bulls.

Other Honors:

David was born and brought up on the farm he now operates, a farm that was operated before him by his father and his grandfather. As a child he had polio, but he completely recovered, and helped out with the farming from the time he was able to run around the yard.

The honor of being selected one of four outstanding young farmers in the nation is not the first recognition he has received. While in high school he was chosen Dairy Star Farmer of America and Eastern States Star Farmer.

The same year that he took over operation of the family farm he entered the vocational agriculture department at Greenwich central school. Under guidance of his advisor, Mr. Emanuel, he has made outstanding achievements in both leadership and his supervised farming program. In the Greenwich FFA he served as chapter president, and he has been president of the Tri-County Junior Holstein-Friesian club. David graduated from Greenwich central school in 1966, and during his four years in high school he was president of his class each year.

Now he devotes his full time to his farm operation, his only helper being a school boy part time, and of course his family. In October when the national FFA convention will be held and the Star Farmer of America announced David, his mother, and sister Tidy, will attend the convention. It will be a brief trip though, for David likes to keep a pretty close eye on that Holstein herd and on the home place.

Time Is Short For Fair Entries

Saturday of this week is the final day for filing entry blanks for exhibiting in both the open class and Junior departments at the Washington county fair, which will open August 22. Mrs. Fred Story, R. D. 1, Fort Edward, entry secretary, must receive the entry blanks by that date.



David Adjusts the Milking Machine

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Miss Crozier Going to Tunis As Teacher

Miss Luanne Crozier, a senior at New York state university college of arts and science at Plattsburgh, is one of two students who has been selected to student teach in Tunis, Tunisia, North Africa.



Miss Crozier and Miss Betsy Merchant of Rouses Point, also a senior at Plattsburgh, will work in the American Embassy school in Tunis for the fall semester from September 5 through the end of January. These girls will represent the college and the Glens Falls city school in the exchange program.

Luanne, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crozier Jr., graduated from Greenwich central school in 1964. At Plattsburgh she is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, served for a year and a half as secretary to the Student association finance board and served as Macomb hall academic committee chairman. She is an honor student and will have completed her studies at Plattsburgh in January, upon the completion of the student teaching assignment.

School Taxes For Greenwich District Set

September will be the month for paying taxes in Greenwich central school district, and the tax rates have been announced by the board of education. Mrs. Elsie P. Skiff, school tax collector, will collect from September 1 through 30 at the town clerk's office in Greenwich.

The amount to be raised by tax in the district this year is \$248,000, compared to \$235,921 last year.

The tax rate in the district, based on true value, is up a bit this year, \$14.72 per \$1,000 compared to \$14.25 in 1966, and \$14.10 in 1965. The taxes that property owners pay, however, are based on assessed valuation, and the ratio of assessed to true value varies in the eight towns with properties in the school district assessed from a high of 46 per cent of true value in the town of Cambridge to 29 per cent in the town of Fort Edward.

The tax rates for properties in the eight towns in the district for this year are given here, together with the rates for 1966 for comparison.

Town	1966	1967
Greenwich	\$39.604	\$40.893
Easton	36.557	35.804
Cambridge	30.993	32.004
Jackson	43.304	43.289
Argyle	45.993	47.486
Hebron	38.577	40.847
Silem	39.429	39.686
Fort Edward	41.191	52.563

MEXICAN ART EXHIBIT

A special exhibition of post-revolutionary Mexican art opened at the Albany institute of history and art yesterday. The exhibit consists of about 40 Mexican works by such artists as Orozco, Rivera, Tamayo, Siqueiros, Moneneegro, Gotta, Covarrubias and others.

Must Borrow For Medicaid

The skyrocketing costs of Medicaid in Washington county have brought about the expected—the need to borrow money to see the county through the current fiscal year, to January 1, 1968.

Today at the board of supervisors meeting in Fort Edward, Joseph L. Randles Jr. of Argyle, chairman of the finance committee, is introducing a resolution authorizing the borrowing of \$350,000 on a budget note, and the supervisors have little choice but to approve.

What Medicaid costs, what it is likely to cost next year, and what the effect will be on the county budget and the county taxpayer are well pointed up by Mr. Randles in a statement he is making today at the board meeting, in introducing the \$350,000 budget note resolution.

Randles' Remarks

Mr. Randles' statement follows:

Mr. Chairman:

As you will remember, as early as last April the finance committee and the welfare committee drew our attention to the greatly increased expenditure of money for the medical aid program known as Medicaid. It was noted then that the appropriation in the 1967 budget would not be anywhere nearly adequate.

It is interesting to note that the 1966 Washington county budget allotted \$240,000 to medical aid and this was sufficient. In the 1967 budget this budget item was increased by over one-half million dollars to \$750,000 in anticipation of the Medicaid program that was mandated by the legislature.

How Costs Rise

To illustrate I will give our Medicaid expenses for the first six months of 1967 as follows:

January	\$ 75,000
February	84,000
March	117,000
April	148,000
May	122,000
June	153,000

for a total of about \$707,000 for the first six months.

In addition to this the county welfare department must administer this program and this has necessitated hiring four more staff members so far. The welfare committee tells me the department is processing about 100 applications per week regularly. So far about 10,000 have been processed and it is estimated that over half of our county population is eligible.

\$2,000,000 Next Year

Today the finance committee in conjunction with the welfare committee is recommending this resolution which calls for the county to borrow on a budget note the amount of \$350,000 to meet the continually rising costs of Medicaid. This money will have to be paid back in the 1968 budget out of 1968 revenues. This means that at the rate of \$150,000 per month that we are now spending we will have to budget in 1968 \$1,800,000 for 1968 alone in addition to the \$350,000 to be paid back. This will mean a total of well over \$2,000,000 to be raised from taxpayers in 1968 for Medicaid.

Cost to Taxpayer

This is more than the whole county budget was just a few years ago. Since about one-third of this total must be paid by local real estate taxes, the average tax bite for Medicaid in Washington county will be about \$15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Mr. Chairman, it is difficult to predict with any accuracy the amount of money needed to finish the 1967 Medicaid program but it is the opinion of the two committees involved that the amount of this note will be enough, therefore they recommend passage of this resolution to provide funds as required by state law.

First Meeting Of District EDA Is Held

The Eastern Adirondack Economic Development district held its first business meeting with its new officers and directors July 28, at the Warren county municipal center.

Dr. Charles Clark, supervisor from Cambridge, and president of the new district organization, said that the organization was formed for the purpose of unified action among areas with similar economic problems. He acknowledged with thanks the assistance provided by the New York state department of commerce and the North Country Economic and Cultural council in organizing the district.

The district is composed of five counties, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren and Washington with a total population of 215,680.

Edman Gleed, senior program officer from the EDA Washington office, was present to assist in budget preparation. He explained that approximately 75 per cent of the budget would be supplied by EDA, 20 per cent by the contributions of office space, equipment, etc. and five per cent by cash contribution from each of the five counties in the district.

Karl Hofmann, formerly executive director of the Essex county development corporation, was appointed executive director of the district.

President Clark said that the district hoped to be operating with an office and staff in September and that every effort would be made to implement the programs presented in the district's OEDP.

Lottery Tickets Will Be on Sale At County Fair

State lottery tickets will be on sale at the Washington county fair this year. This county fair will be the first one in the seven-county upstate New York area to have lottery tickets for sale.

The Washington county board, at a special meeting Monday evening, approved the sale of state lottery tickets and Tuesday J. Walter Fitzpatrick met with officials of the state tax commission in Albany to complete arrangements. The fair will provide a booth to the state where tickets will be available.

These Are Silos?



Les Nuffer, cooperative extension agent; Charles Wilbur, host dairyman; and Dr. Carl Cappock, Cornell extension specialist, discuss filling a trench silo. They are standing on wilted alfalfa silage in Wilbur's trench. This structure has a concrete floor and holds approximately 1,000 tons of silage when filled.



A. A. Hand's silo is a bunker with a concrete floor and plywood wall lining. There had been serious deterioration of the left wall in this structure. John MacDonald, agricultural field representative of the American Plywood association examined this structure and felt that interior plywood had been substituted for the exterior grade, which is recommended for this application. A number of silos with exterior type plywood linings have proved successful for at least ten years.

Washington county dairymen held by the agricultural division of the Washington county extension service association in response to the many requests received concerning horizontal storage structures. Nearly 100 county dairymen took advantage of the tour to see the structures and to ask questions and opinions of the college specialists, the host farmers, and the agents. Dairymen who are considering horizontal silo structures are advised to contact the Cooperative Extension Agents at 100 Broadway, Fort Edward. A wide selection of plans for both bunker and trench silos is available on request.

Knapp Held For Robbery of Elderly Man

Kenneth William Knapp, 21, of R. D. 3, Greenwich, is being held in Saratoga county jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail on charges of robbery, first degree. Knapp allegedly beat and robbed Michael Welch, 77, a farm hand of Cambridge, August 2. Knapp was arrested last Thursday by Saratoga Sheriff Irving Altshouse.

According to police Welch told them he left the White Swan hotel about 3 a.m. last Wednesday and was offered a ride to Saratoga Springs by a man and woman. He accepted the ride and claimed the couple drove him to Rowland street in Saratoga where he was pushed out of the car, beaten and his money, about \$180, was taken. He went to the home of Walter Moore nearby who called the sheriff's department.

Welch was admitted to Benedict Memorial hospital, Ballston Spa where he is being treated.

Water Carnival Will Be Held at Beach on Sunday

This coming Sunday, August 13, at 1:30 p.m. a water carnival will be held at the Greenwich community beach on the Battenkill, and boys and girls who have taken swimming lessons this summer or are residents of the Greenwich central school district may enter, by signing up at the beach by this Saturday.

There will be races for the different swimming groups and demonstrations of different skills learned by students. All first, second and third place winners will receive ribbon awards.

This year's swimming program has been directed by Miss Sara Skiff, assisted by Paul Getty, Bonnie Hoag, Gracie Snell and Rae Merrill. The town of Greenwich Youth committee invites the public to attend the carnival.

The rain date for the carnival is the following Sunday, August 20.