


**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**
**Bloodmobile A Success**

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Syracuse Region of the American Red Cross and the Redfield Fire Department, I would like to thank all of the blood donors and also all of the volunteer workers who made the event a success.

We reached our goal of 40 units, with 45 potential donors signing in and five deferred for medical reasons. We had five first-time donors.

The following people came to give blood: Francis Adams, Julie Adams, Sylvia Adams, Robert Allen Jr., Allan Babcock, Eugene Babcock, Linda Bush, Harold Clemens, Jay Curry, Barbara Darling, Paul Darling, Timothy Darling, Charles Davis, Christine Fernandez, Michael Ford, Eleanor Hanson, Gregg Harvey, Hester Hayford, Jerry Keeney, Oren Keeney, Veda Mattison, Patrick Meacher, Joyce Miles, Deborah Monteith, Brenda Myslivecek, Dean Myslivecek, Joan Noble, Joseph Russell, Michael Sedore, Christine Smith, Bernadine Sochan, Henry Tanner, Lois Trumble, Stephen Warchol, Dale Wheeler, Marcia Wheeler, Jack Whorral, Tammy Willson, Randy Yerdon, Denise Yerdon, Elaine

Yerdon, Francis Yerdon, Stewart Yerdon, Roger Yerdon and Wanda Yerdon.

A special thanks to these volunteers who made the Bloodmobile possible:

*Nurses:* Melinda Hara and Gwen Ouderirk; *EMT:* Carol Yerdon; *Registration:* Viola Durst and Claire Yerdon; *Pack Table:* Bertha Babcock and Terry Hara; *Donor Room:* Carolyn Fox and Ruth Tedford; *Canteen:* Barbara Darling, Connie Mothersell and Helen Tucci.

*Unloaders and Reloaders:* Eugene Babcock, Bobby Bush, Dennis and Mickey Mothersell, Earl Rogers, Henry Tanner, John and Roger Yerdon.

*Transport Blood to Syracuse:* John DeSantis and George Darling II.

Thanks also to the Redfield Rebekah Lodge for the use of their tables and the doctors at NOCHSI in Pulaski for being on call if needed.

This was the fourth annual Bloodmobile in Redfield and we thank everyone for their continued support and hope for an even better turnout next year.

Elaine Yerdon,  
Day Chairman of the  
Redfield Bloodmobile

**Praise For Band**

DEAR EDITOR:

My husband and I recently had the opportunity to go on the Ohio band trip. We have never seen a better-behaved group of kids in

our lives. They were very professional and impressive marching down the streets of Canton, Ohio. They made one

proud to be a part of them. I celebrated my birthday there. It was one of the best birthdays I have had and will never forget.

I wish to compliment George Kline and the band for a terrific job. I wish to thank them for a real great time.

Mary McNitt  
Pulaski

**Observes Anniversary**

August 14, 1985 marks the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act.

Originally only a retirement program, Social Security has grown and changed over the years to include protection against the loss of income due to the worker's death or disability as well as retirement. Today it has become the cornerstone of financial security for millions of Americans.

Currently more than 36 million people receive monthly Social Security benefits totalling \$181 billion annually. Here in Oswego County, 18,000 residents will receive about \$90 million in 1985.

Social Security is essentially a pay-as-you-go system, using FICA taxes from today's workers to finance benefits for our current beneficiaries. Put another way, it's one generation caring for another. FICA taxes not needed to pay current benefits are held in trust funds to assure continued benefits during periods when benefit payments exceed FICA tax revenues. These trust fund monies are invested in interest-bearing government securities, the income from which more than pays the administrative costs of the programs.

The impact of Social Security on the lives of our citizens has been

nothing short of revolutionary. About \$1.54 trillion in retirement and survivors payments were made from 1940 through June 1985, and about \$191 billion in disability benefits were paid from 1957 through June. The current value of just the survivor protection under Social Security is worth nearly as much as the face value of all private life insurance in force.

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The Oswego Social Security office opened for business on November 19, 1939. The present office, located in the Riverfront Building at 120 E. First Street in Oswego serves all of Oswego County and adjoining parts of Orondaga, Cayuga and Wayne Counties. The office has 18 full-time and three part-time employees working to provide fair, compassionate and dignified service the best way we can.

Social Security has come a long way in five decades. The program works because it's sensitive to needed changes and responsive to challenges. It is a program all Americans can be proud of as it starts its second half-century of service.

**Bill Signed**

Senator John M. McHugh (R-C, Watertown) and Assemblyman Ray T. Chesbro (R-C, Phoenix) have announced that legislation they sponsored authorizing the Onondaga Water Authority to operate water systems in the towns of Hastings and West Monroe has been signed into law.

"Following meetings and discussions between the two towns and the Onondaga Water Authority, there was a consensus that the residents would be better served if the Water Authority was allowed to lease the lines and provide the service," McHugh said.

"Previously, the Onondaga Water Authority was permitted to operate water systems in only three towns outside of Onondaga County. Under this new law, the towns of Hastings and West Monroe will now be included in the service area," Chesbro said.

**'Battle' Held**

The American Red Cross will benefit from funds raised by "Battle of the Media Stars", an event featuring area television, radio, and newspaper personalities competing against each other in fun athletic events. The event is sponsored by the Onondaga County Parks and Recreation and by members of the local media, and will be held at Griffin Field, Liverpool, Sunday, August 18, from 11:30 to 3:30 p.m., rain or shine.

Participating media include: WTVH, WSTM, WCNV-TV-FM, Rogers Cablestystems, Syracuse NewChannels, The Syracuse New Times, WAER, WAQX, WEZG, WKFM, WSEN, WSIV-WOIV, WSYR, and WYYY.

**Deadline Near**

August 17 is the last day to enter the third annual statewide no-till corn contest. Cash prizes have been increased to \$200, \$100, \$50 and \$25 in each of the four regions of the state. Anyone planting no-till corn who is at least 14 years of age is eligible. Awards will be based on the best yields of at least a five-acre plot.

The contest is sponsored by the Empire Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America, along with co-sponsorships from County Folks, American Cyanamid, Hoffman Seeds, CIBA-Geigy, Dow Chemical, Pioneer Hybrid, American Agriculturalist, Chevron, Crop Production Services, FMC, Monsanto and Velsicol.

Rules and entry forms can be picked up at the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District Office. There is a \$25 entry fee which is used to cover the cost of the yield appraisal. Yields will be checked by the local ASCS office. All corn, whether grown for silage or grain is eligible and will be converted to bushels per acre for purposes of the contest.

**Distribution Announced**

State Comptroller Edward V. Regan has announced the distribution of \$80,838,352 for July, 1985 to the 57 counties outside New York City.

These monies represent a partial payment of the Federal and State share of anticipated welfare expenditures for July, 1985 as well as a settlement of Federal share claims for March, 1985 and State share claims for January, February and March of this year. The remaining portion is payable after verification of the actual July expenditures. The Federal share amounts to \$36,101,089 and the State share \$44,737,263.

Oswego County will receive a total of \$749,866; \$371,766 in Federal funds and \$378,100 in state funds.

**WAY BACK WHEN**

By Mary Parker

1895 - 90 YEARS AGO -

Remember that Mrs. Calvin Clark furnishes choice ice cream every day. (Port Ontario). Lewis Brown attempted to make Oswego with his sail boat, Grand Army Boy, last week Monday, but owing to a shift in wind, he put in at Nine Mile Point, but Lew got to the "Wild West" all the same.

The schooner, Monitor, is sunk near the shore at Sacket Harbor, having on board a partial load of coal for this place at the time of the disaster. No lives were lost.

(South Albion). Lost, at the correspondents' picnic at Richland, a silver knife with chased handle. Please return to Mrs. L.R. Muzzy. Lost at the same picnic, a bread knife; made from a cross cut saw with a handle made of an ash rail. Please return to J.E. Calkins.

(Redfield). Andy Ott blew the whistle on his cheese factory Thursday, otherwise it was as quiet here as on Sunday. When "Hank" Burritt and Andy Ott blow the whistles on the sawmill and the cheese factory together, pandemonium will reign. It will make us think we're near a railroad station.

Laundried white dress shirts - 60 cents, unlaundried, 48 cents. Scott, the 5 and 10-cent man.

A home without fly screens or fly paper or fly powder and having no whisk brushes, is no home. It is simply a confounded fly pasture, and with no solace for the weary.

The bandstand in the South Park has been cut down, thus making it more easy of access and less dangerous when overloaded with musicians or orators. A circular walk will be built around it. (Pictures taken after the 1881 fire show a bandstand built up two stores above the walks. The top was lowered in 1895).

The city board of trustees proposes to prohibit fast driving and horse racing on our streets, especially after dark.

Pulaski Union Free School meeting agreed to raise by tax \$3600 to pay indebtedness in full, teachers' wages and expenses. Two equal taxes were proposed.

Captain L.C. Cole wrote from Sault Ste. Marie, where he was on his fifth trip to Lake Superior, in the iron ore trade. Captain Cole sailed the Negaunee, one of several schooners owned by a Mr. Bradley. The schooners carry from 1200 to 3000 tons of lumber, iron ore, grain, coal, etc. The Negaunee carried 1500 tons of coal bound for Portage Entry, Mich.

Albert Box and Charles Miller are pursuing wild game and wary trout of the Adirondacks. Do not believe all these young men tell you when they return.

1935 - 50 YEARS AGO -

The pavement in Bridge Street at the west end of the new bridge, is being put in without slight change in the grade of the street. The old stone pavement was removed about half way up the hill from the bridge and concrete is being put in to replace the stone. (1985 - this same area will be repaved with new curbing. Sidewalks will be replaced on Salina Street where the 1984 flood washed out large areas "under the hill").

Pulaski's oldest builder, John W. Bonney, has died at his home on Lincoln Avenue. In 1917, Mr. Bonney's woodworking factory on Port Street was destroyed by fire. Associated with him in the building and contracting business were three of his four sons, G. Addison Bonney, deceased, Frank A. Bonney and Eugene Bonney. A fourth son, Claude A. Bonney, is a machinist in the employ of the Regal Paper Company.

Among homes and business blocks here which stand as monuments in the craftsmanship of Mr. Bonney and his sons are the homes of Judge Clayton Miller on Park Street, C.H. Brooks on North Street; the Franklin Block (1985-Harris Store) and the F.P. Betts block, rebuilt after the fire of 1916. Bearers at Mr. Bonney's funeral were grandsons and grandsons-in-law, John, George and Howard Bonney, George Corse, Laurence Valley, and Joseph Heckle, Jr.

Park Street youngsters had a picnic near Pineville bridge with hosts Paul K. Foster and W.T. Barr. Among the boys in the party were Richard Foster, Billy Barr, Bob Trowbridge, George Luther, Junior Dunbar, Dick Loomis, David Woods and Robert Thomas.

The newly remodeled Temple Theatre opened on August 2nd with refrigerated drinking fountain, enlarged lobby, brilliant neon marquee and formica and chromium front installation. Showing was "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer" starring Gary Cooper and Franchot Tone.

Local police James Brownell and Kenzie Petrie have kept traffic moving through the village on band concert nights while the short bridge is closed. The portable band stand has been placed in front of the Courthouse or between the Hotel Randall and the Merriam gas station on Salina Street for the Academy band.

The average family pays but 10 cents a day for all the electricity they use for washing, ironing, making breakfast toast and coffee and lighting the reading lamp. As use increases, the cost per kilowatt hour drops. Let three cents electricity do the hard job. Niagara, Lockport & Power Co. Niagara Hudson (O tempore, O mores!).

1970 - 15 YEARS AGO -

(Richland). The interdenominational Richland Holiness Camp Meeting is taking place at the Camp Grounds.

(Redfield). About 80 attended the Redfield fish and game club clambake. Entertainment was by a group called the White Hat Specials (from North Syracuse).

Pulaski Super Duper prices: butter - 68 cents a lb.; Betty Crocker cake mixes (with coupon) and a \$10 purchase - 4 pkgs. \$1; split broilers - 39 cents a lb.; 1 lb. can peas - 10 cents.

Betty Compeau was chosen Miss Ringgold 1970-71.

The perennial problem of the Town dump was discussed at the Richland Town Board meeting. A pest control program is in progress to eliminate the rat population. There is a possibility of a compactor unit being installed at the dumpsite. (The flood of 1984 uncovered an old dump in Pulaski village, and brought people looking for old bottles. A former dumpsite near the Long Bridge has long since been "picked over" for the same reasons. The old homes in Pulaski had their own "dumps", usually near a kitchen door, or an ash heap in a back yard. This "middens" are clues to life of the past with their broken crockery and glassware.)

**Deadline**

The deadline for all news stories and photographs submitted to the Banner Times is Wednesday at noon, for publication in the following Monday's paper.