

Cohoes Citizens Differ Upon Value Of Belt Bus Route

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SENATE RATIFIES AMENDMENT LIMITING PRESIDENT'S TERM

ALL AGREE BLUE BUS LINE NEEDS BETTER ROUTING

There appeared to be no unanimous decision as to whether the majority of Cohoesers would be benefited by a belt line bus route following a lengthy, and sometimes heated, discussion of the proposal by merchants and residents from nearly all sections of the city last night at the Common Council chambers.

The meeting was sponsored by local retail merchants who are backing the belt line plan and it drew a near-capacity audience of store operators and citizens in general. There were speakers representing the business group, Manor Heights, Villet Boulevard, Sunset Court and the Island sections of the city.

The only agreement appeared to be on the fact that Blue Line bus service in Remsen street should be resumed on the schedule that was in force prior to the start of a test run by buses on that route to the Vanschaick Island section.

Alternate buses of the Blue Line, to and from Troy, now cover the island. It was suggested that this route be altered so that the vehicles on the test run would cover Remsen street, to White or Ontario street, and then to from Mohawk street to Bridge avenue on the out run. This route would be followed in reverse by incoming buses.

There was a large delegation of island residents on hand to guard against any move that might curtail the service they are now granted under the test run. Speakers admitted that the service is only temporary and can become permanent only by order of the Public Service Commission, after the test. Later, in a more compromising mood, the speakers said they would rather have the proposed belt line than no service at all.

The discussion got far afield on several occasions despite the efforts of Henry Kaveny, who served as chairman. There were proposals that two loop lines be formed with the northwest Hill section being served by the Cohoes-Waterford bus line and the island district by buses of the Cohoes-Albany line which now passes through Saratoga street. Neither of the proposals appeared to have too much support.

All of the speakers denied any intention of seeking a curtailment of service in any other section and there was a unanimous agreement that the city deserves better transportation.

At the close of the meeting the belt line route appeared to have gained about equal support and merchants backing the plan said that they would go forward with the project.

Lithgow to Speak At Rotary Luncheon

David G. Lithgow, Albany artist, will be the guest speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Cohoes Rotary club tomorrow noon at the Vanschaick Island Country club. Mr. Lithgow, a member of the Albany Rotary club, will speak on "Abraham Lincoln." He has made a study of the life of Lincoln his hobby and will relate a number of little known facts about the deceased president.

At the session decision will be made as to whether a member of the local club is to be proposed as a nominee for district governor. Frank Hines, club president, will be in charge of the session.

THAT'S A QUICKIE

DETROIT — Mrs. Rose Lee Walters held the world's record today for speedy marriage and divorce. She was a Miss, a Mrs. and an ex-Mrs. all inside 40 minutes. She proved yesterday she was the common-law wife of Roy Walters and that Judge Theodore S. Sweeney had granted her a divorce. She said she didn't really want to be married, and the judge granted a divorce.

AT MERCHANTS MEETING



Here are some of the Cohoes merchants, and representatives from all sections of the city, who filled the Common Council chambers last night for a discussion on the proposed belt line bus route. They failed to reach a definite decision in the matter, but all agreed that the city needs better bus service. (Ken Perry Photo)

City's Emergency Fuel Oil Supply Dwindles In Face Of Zero Weather

Cohoes officials were struggling to keep the city in the fuel oil business today with a lowly supply of 500 gallons on hand in the face of an ever-increasing demand and predictions of new low temperatures.

The 500 gallons was all that officials were able to gather in a widespread survey in which they contacted almost every distributor in the district. They began rationing out the supply this morning at the city's three emergency stations and it is expected to be exhausted before evening.

There has been a marked increase in the number of families seeking kerosene during the past two days and despite the efforts of local officials to beg, borrow

Recruiter Praised For His Work Here

T/Sgt. Maurice Picard, officer in charge of the Cohoes Army and U. S. Air Force recruiting station, has been congratulated by Colonel A. N. Willis, commanding officer of the Northern New York Recruiting District for enlisting five men in services during the past month.

Sergeant Picard, a native Cohoeser, topped other recruiters in the area which embraces Troy, Mechanville and most of Rensselaer county. The recruiting area also won praise for securing 27 enlistees, seven over a quota for the month.

COHOESIER NAMED

George A. Sickinger of this city and his sister, Frances E. Smith of Albany, have been named by Surrogate Francis G. Rogan to administer the \$1,400 estate of their mother, Elizabeth Sickinger, who died in Albany January 30.

March Of Dimes Campaign Continued Until Friday Because Of Weather

The annual March of Dimes campaign has been given another extension due to the severe weather conditions and there is a possibility that Cohoes will double its quota in the drive, it was revealed today by Miss Grace A. Reavy, general chairman.

The campaign was scheduled to close last Saturday after one extension, and Miss Reavy was advised by the county committee that the drive will now be continued until Friday afternoon.

Cohoes campaign quota this year was set at \$800. On the basis of figures now received and contributions which are pouring in, it is believed that that figure will be doubled. Miss Reavy said.

She is to meet with Joseph C. Hines, business manager of the COHOES AMERICAN, on Friday at the home of the donor.

TWO COHOES WAR HEROES COMING HOME FOR BURIAL

The bodies of two Cohoes World War II dead, first to be returned from the Pacific area, are aboard the U. S. Army Transport Cardinal O'Connell which has arrived at a San Francisco with the remains of 2,000 men and seven women who fell during the Pacific conflict.

Coming home for local reburial are the bodies of Paul Stanley Frament, pharmacist mate, third class of the U. S. Navy for whom a ship was named, and Private First Class Leonard Thomas Novak, one of the first Cohoesers to be killed in action with the U. S. Marine Corps.

Young Frament was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Frament of 106 Hudson avenue. Novak, 21 years of age when he was killed in battle, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Novak of 44 Villet street. The bodies of both men will be shipped to the Subsequently General Redistribution Depot and their families will be notified from there as to the time for local interment rites.

One of Cohoes' war heroes, Frament was the only man in the city's history to have a Navy ship designated in his honor. The U. S. S. Frament, a destroyer escort vessel, was christened by his mother and launched at Quincy, Mass., on June 28, 1943. The Navy had previously made posthumous award of the Silver Star with citation to the deceased Cohoeser.

A pharmacist mate of the Navy, Frament was attached to the U. S. Marine Corps and he died in November of 1942 of wounds suffered in the offensive action against the Solomon Islands. His citation, issued in the name of the President by Admiral William F. Halsey, declared his bravery "in the highest tradition of the service."

He was cited for individual bravery on three occasions during the month in which he was fatally wounded for the utter disregard for his own safety in treating wounded Marines while under heaviest fire. Twice injured on one occasion knocked unconscious by a close explosion, Frament both times secured his own release from the hospital and voluntarily returned to his unit. He suffered fatal wounds on the night of November 13, 1942, from a hand grenade.

PFC Novak, one of five brothers in service during the late war, was also killed in action in November of 1942 while fighting with the Marines in the Guadalcanal area. He enlisted for service in January of that year and shipped out overseas without an opportunity to visit his home. He was 21 years old ten days before his parents received the message that he had been killed November 17, 1942.

Three brothers, Thomas, Stanley and Peter Novak, served with the U. S. Army during the war and a fourth brother, Walter Novak, was with the Navy.

The bodies of nine other area men are among the 349 from this state arriving aboard the Cardinal O'Connell. There were no Cohoesers among those returned by the U. S. Army Transport Honda Knot, which brought the first shipment of bodies from the Pacific on October 10, 1947.

The bodies of the servicemen aboard the Cardinal O'Connell are from many communities throughout the Pacific. A large number of bodies had been consigned at the moment in the Hawaiian Islands, some were in mid-Pacific and others had been cremated. The bulk of the others being returned are from communities at Brisbane and Sydney, Australia and Guadalcanal.

ELKS HONOR PAST RULERS



Pictured above with Dr. Bruno E. Amyot, exalted ruler of Cohoes Lodge of Elks, are five past heads of the lodge who were among 14 honored last night as the group observed "Past Exalted Rulers' Night." They occupied the officers chairs at the ceremony.

Above, from left to right, are Reginald A. Brooks, who was iller; J. Harry Soden, esteemed loyal knight; Dr. Amyot, Joseph Wallock, exalted ruler; Ambrose A. Scully, esteemed leading knight, and A. Raymond Sweet, secretary. (Ken Perry Photo)

LENTEN SEASON TO BE OBSERVED

Cohoes churches and their congregations today prepared to mark the penitential season of Lent beginning tomorrow with the observance of Ash Wednesday. The season of penance and self-denial will continue for a period of a little more than six weeks, reaching a peak of solemnity on Good Friday and ending with the celebration of Easter Sunday on March 28.

For the opening Lenten service tomorrow there will be the symbolic imposition of ashes upon the foreheads of the faithful. A reminder that man is made of the earth and will return to dust, the distribution of ashes will take place at all Roman Catholic churches of the city and at St. John's Episcopal church.

At St. John's church tomorrow morning Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6, 7 and 10 o'clock and there will be the imposition of ashes following each service. There will be liturgy and an opening Lenten sermon in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Lenten period will be especially solemn in local Roman Catholic churches which will go into a period of mourning for six weeks with statues and other religious articles in the churches veiled in deep purple or black. Weekly Lenten sermons will be preached one night each week in most of the churches and there will be Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. The Lenten regulations on fasting, abstinence and other forms of self-denial were read in the churches on Sunday.

Beginning Thursday night at 7:45 o'clock at the First Methodist church, the congregation of that church and five others will join for the first in a series of "Lenten Preaching Fellowship Periods" to be conducted once each week at the participating churches. Others include the Stillman Memorial Presbyterian church, St. John's Episcopal church, Reformed church, First Baptist Church and St. James' Methodist church.

COASTER KILLED

PALMYRA (UP)—Five-year-old Carl Wesley Murray was killed today yesterday when he coasted on a sled down the driveway of his home and beneath the wing of a passing automobile.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

By United Press

FIRST FRENCH TRAIN CROSSES INTO SPAIN

HENDAYE, France.—The French-Spanish border, closed since February 27, 1946, opened on schedule today and the first French train crossed the frontier into Spain shortly after noon.

ARAB FIGHTERS MOVE INTO PALESTINE

TEL AVIV—More than 5,000 trained Arab fighters from Syria have been moved into Palestine on an underground railway running through Trans-Jordan, reliable sources said today.

FRANCE FREEZES WHOLESALE MEAT PRICES

PARIS—The government today ordered wholesale meat prices frozen as part of a brisk offensive against the rising prices of food. In some cases up as much as 70 per cent since January 1.

TRIAL OF JAP WAR CRIMINALS NEARS END

TOKYO—The two-year war crimes trial of former Japanese Premier Hideki Tojo and 24 other war leaders neared a finish today when both sides completed presentation of evidence.

SECURITY BLACKOUT IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV—The Haganah defense force today imposed a security blackout on the movements of about 40 American Jewish leaders due to arrive at Lydda airport by plane this evening.

ATTACK ON ARAB BUS STARTS GUNFIRE

JERUSALEM—An attack on an Arab bus touched off an exchange of gunfire in Jerusalem southeastern outskirts today and British Bren gun carriers rushed troops to the scene to restore order.

16 ARRESTED IN ELECTION VIOLENCE

ROME—The interior ministry announced today that 16 persons had been arrested in connection with the first election campaign violence in which three Communists and a 12-year-old boy were killed by gunfire.

RUSSIA ACCUSES U. S. OF WAR RESPONSIBILITY

MOSCOW—The Russian government said today it would soon release captured German documents proving the United States was responsible for the second world war by rearming Hitlerite Germany with a "golden rain of American dollars."

INDIAN GOVERNMENT OUTLAWS RED BODY

NEW DELHI—All youth groups affiliated with the Indian Communist party in Madras province, a Communist stronghold, were outlawed by the government today in an extension of the ban against private armies and semi-military organizations.

ENGLISH MINERS ON SITDOWN STRIKE

WALSLOWOOD, Eng.—Two hundred and seventy-three miners were on a sitdown strike 1,300 feet underground today. They began the strike yesterday in protest against a National Coal Board decision to close the Walslowood colliery for economy reasons.

UN WANTS AN ARMY FOR PALESTINE

LAHORE (UP)—A committee of the United Nations Palestine Commission, according to the Security Council, has a UN army for Palestine, will charge that the UN is an "attempt to alter by force" the Palestine question.

REPUBLICAN VOTE SOLIDLY BEHIND THIRD TERM BAN

ALBANY, (UP)—The New York state senate today adopted a resolution to ratify a constitutional amendment setting a two-term limit on the tenure of U. S. Presidents.

The vote was 40-12. The Assembly was expected to pass the resolution later.

Republicans voted solidly for the measure after some Democrats criticized it as a "dangerous" amendment which might leave the nation without a leader during an emergency.

Sen. Alfred E. Santangelo, New York Democrat, said that if the amendment had been law during World War II, the people would have been "left without the leadership of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt."

"Thank God we had him during the war," he added. "We had to call on him just as England had to call on Winston Churchill and if there had been a two-term limit we would have had to call on an untried man."

Santangelo said the amendment would be a temptation to Presidents to seize power during their second term, knowing that they would not have to stand for re-election.

Sen. Philip Williamson, Westchester Republican and sponsor of the resolution, pointed out that New York State recommended the two-term limit when it ratified the federal constitution in 1788.

"The fear still prevails that an executive in the office of President might gain too much power by dispensing political patronage over a period of years," he said. "There is nothing dangerous about this measure."

The amendment, passed by the necessary two-thirds vote in Congress last year must be ratified by three-fourths of the states to become the 22nd amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Gov. Dewey recommended its ratification in a special message earlier in the session.

Red Cross in Drive For Cash Sets Quota Of \$6,325 in Cohoes

Cohoesers will be asked to contribute \$6,325 to the annual campaign of the American Red Cross which is scheduled to get underway on March 1. It was revealed today, that amount was been set as the quota for the Cohoes branch which is affiliated with the Rensselaer County Chapter of the Red Cross.

The county quota for the coming campaign is set at \$94,000. Residents of Waterford will be asked to raise \$2,325, Latham \$1,350, Green Island, \$5,000 and Waterford, \$12,150. The largest quota, \$53,650, has been set for the city of Troy.

A total of 28 communities will participate in the campaign under the direction of the Rensselaer County chapter. Of the entire goal, 42 per cent will be retained by the chapter for area needs and the remainder will go to the national chapter. A Cohoes drive chairman will be named prior to the opening of the campaign.

Dog Only Cautious In Auto Accidents

Street conditions caused more traffic accidents last night, in one of which a dog was killed. Joseph Stanton of the Fourth street, Troy, reported police that his dog strided across a parked machine in traffic street after another pulled out in front of him, making several changes of direction.

Frank Sawyer, of 21 street, Albany, said that a dog strided across a street, making several changes of direction, and was killed by a car.