

# Across the River

By Jack Pietro

## Young GOP Forming

A Young Republicans group is forming in Rensselaer in hopes of changing that city's political fortune which members consider mostly bad.

The Democratic party organization, headed by chairman William Lyons, has held power in the city for many years.

The 16 Young Republicans, who are looking to the 1969 tests for mayor and councilmen as their most important immediate challenge, hope to at least let their rivals know they've been in a fight and take several important city posts if possible.

Their most important challenges this year will be getting out the vote for Assembly candidate Raymond J. Skuse, State Senator Douglas Hudson and Rep. Carleton King.

The election of Skuse, YR chairman George Heller said at a campaign workers meeting Tuesday, "would give Rensselaer a representative in the Assembly."

"For many years," he added, "we have been in the hands of a member of the Albany machine."

The YR group will cooperate in presenting a "Meet the Candidates" night Sept. 28 at the Patroon Inn, Third Avenue.

County chairman Joseph Casey will attend along with Skuse, Councilman Anthony Benedetto who is running for the seat to which he was appointed earlier this year, and other candidates.

In addition to fielding a full slate of local candidates next year, said membership chairman Edward Kaufman, the group hopes to attract between 60 and 70 active members before long.

Members of the group will be active as poll-watchers in this year's voting and were instructed on registration procedure by Election Commissioner Henry Tutunjan Tuesday night.

For recreation, the group is holding a steak roast Saturday at Bradley Park between Averill Park and West Sand Lake.

Perhaps, if they work hard enough, a meaningful version of the two-party system will return to Rensselaer.

**ALL AROUND RENSSELAER:** The Board of Education will move for the development of a play area on the portion of the former School 2 site not used for mobile classrooms for second grade pupils. Board president John J. Malone will contact city officials and discuss the possibility of the city doing construction work.

Registration for adult education classes and basic high school equivalency examinations will be Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Van Rensselaer High School. Adult classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 9 p.m., with equivalency sessions the same days from 7 to 9 p.m. Asterisks Asterisks Asterisks Asterisks.

The Kiwanis Club will hold a pancake breakfast Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Rensselaer Boys' Club. This is club's major fund-raising venture of the year and tickets are available from any member.

Keith Lavis, an Australian exchange student, will speak on life in his native land at a club meeting Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Jones' Restaurant.

The Rensselaer Republican Committee will hold a "Meet the Candidates" Night Sept. 28 at the Patroon Inn, Third Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

The Girls' Club will open and hold registration for classes on Sept. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. Classes in home economics and other subjects will be presented.

The club's board of directors will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.

Any women who would like to serve as a volunteer and assist the club may contact 463-7080.

**A PROPOSED \$4 MILLION SEWAGE SYSTEM** will be discussed at a public hearing to be held next Thursday by the Schodack Town Board at Maple Hill High School at 8 p.m.

**THREE VOTER REGISTRATION** days will be held in all county election districts before the Nov. 5 balloting by the Rensselaer County Board of Elections. Registration will take place on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 2 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 4.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY'S PLANNING BOARD** has asked that the Federal Aviation Agency consider the possibility of placing an airport at one of three sites in the county.

East Greenbush supervisor and county board chairman John S. Wall said that if the board honors the recommendation it is only a tentative first step and does not mean the county will eventually have an airport.

Potential sites include the Poestenkill Airport, a North Greenbush location and a section of East Greenbush between Route 9J and the Hudson River.

**SHORTS FROM ALL OVER:** Conservative party U. S. Senate candidate James L. Buckley will speak at a dinner Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Mario's Theater Restaurant, Troy.

The annual Communion breakfast of St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, will be Oct. 6 at the Auriesville Shrine in Fultonville. Breakfast will follow a 9 a.m. Mass offered for society members.

Boy Scout Troop 253 of South Schodack will hold a paper drive Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

Five members of the Happy Clovers 4-H Club of Nassau won baking awards at the Schaghticoke Fair. Prizes went to Frank Curtis, Peter Goebel, Paul Goebel, Mark Mayhew and Richard Wells.

The Defreestville Fire Company will hold a clambake Sept. 21 at the firehouse.

The Blooming Grove Reformed Church, Defreestville, will hold a clam steam Sept. 21 on the church grounds.

For Sch'dy GOP Chief

# Lynch May Declare Candidacy

By MIKE WALES  
Times-Union Staff Writer

## Analysis

Another name, that of Robert E. Lynch, has been added to the list of possible candidates for Schenectady County GOP chairman, a seat vacated last week when Guy A. Graves resigned to run for supreme court justice.

The name of Lynch, a one-time state senator, cropped up in political circles Wednesday.

Speculation among political savants in the Electric City as to who is behind the "Lynch for chairman" movement has run the gamut of prime political movers but the name that has appeared more often than others is James Cushing, one-time county chairman and long-time political boss of Schenectady.

Cushing, now serving as per-

manent chairman of the Fourth Judicial District, said Wednesday, "I haven't talked to Mr. Lynch but I think he is a good man and I would support him."

Cushing also said Edward Cammarota, 12th Ward GOP president, another possible candidate for the chairmanship, was "well qualified."

Cammarota said last month he had been promised support by the Graves faction in return for his support of Graves. But knowledgeable Republicans in Schenectady are saying Cammarota is being considered for clerk of the board of representatives chair as M. Jack Burke,

Robert W. Williams, county finance commissioner; Charles J. Callahan, city councilman; Edwin D. Sweeney, county committee controller; Robert C. Daly, Rotterdam chairman and county representative, and Robert Case, Glenville chairman.

If these possible candidates drop out and leave Cammarota and Lynch vying for the chairmanship, it could turn into a city-town hassle, with Cammarota heavily supported by city GOP committeemen and Lynch, from the Town of Glenville, drawing support from the rural areas.

Lynch said he would probably have a decision as to whether I will run" today, adding that "a lot of people, both in and out of politics, have called

me, indicating their support."

Lynch said the decision to run "is a personal one" and when asked if Graves or Cushing are supporting him said he has not been in touch with either man. Graves could not be reached for comment.

Robert Lynch lost his senatorial seat to Dalwin Niles in 1966 when a primary race was required by reapportionment. Niles won the primary by 5,898 votes, and won over Democratic contender Wayne P. Smith.

Lynch, a life-time resident of Schenectady, attended local schools, received a B.A. degree in sociology from Siena College in 1952, and a law degree from Albany Law School. He is a U.S. Army veteran and a practicing attorney.

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