

Would Connect Thruway to Northern New England

Saratoga CC Begins Push For Expressway Link

SARATOGA SPRINGS — The Maine-New Brunswick, Can., Saratoga Springs Chamber of Commerce has begun the push for an expressway linking the New York Thruway with Northern New England in naming a new Transportation Committee.

John C. Gould, district manager of Niagara-Mohawk Power Corporation, has been named chairman of the new committee by Ernest B. Morris, chamber president.

The proposed new highway, as envisioned by its prime advocate, W. Bartlett Cram of Bangor, Me., would start at the know any part of Saratoga

Springs that would not profit by it."

Morris first brought news of the proposed new highway to chamber directors late last July after coming across a story about the proposal in the Boston Globe. He said then he thought everything possible should be done to encourage such development.

Morris said at last week's chamber meeting, "Saratoga Springs may be almost astride the proposed highway. I am very excited about it. I don't

know what the highway will be like."

Gould later took a vacation in the New England area involved and spoke to another chamber member of the difficulty of east-west travel there. The Globe article was pointed out to him.

Cram was elected chairman of the executive committee of a group promoting the road when the group met early last summer in Bangor. About 125 men from the three New England states, New York and New Brunswick were at the Bangor meeting. Amsterdam was the southwesternmost point of the proposed highway represented.

Gould reports that in a recent exchange of correspondence between Cram and Robert Crist, promotional services manager of Niagara-Mohawk in Syracuse, Cram offered to meet with representatives of Amsterdam and other interested New York communities.

Cram expressed confidence that the road would eventually be built.

The first effort of the chamber transportation committee no doubt will be to help to set up a regional meeting with Cram, Gould said earlier this week.

DPWAides Seek Labor Recognition

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Workers of the City's Department of Public Works will seek recognition, as an unit, to represent themselves in labor negotiations with the city under the Taylor Law.

The employees are members of the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), which sought recognition from the City Council last November for the purpose of representing the DPW employees.

Since no action has been taken to recognize the group since that time, the members recently voted unanimously to file with the state for the required recognition.

Under the Taylor Law, Saratoga Springs is required to set up an arbitration board of disinterested citizens. If no action in this direction is taken, the group may petition the state or the county in seeking the approval and recognition.

The delay, according to Mayor James A. Murphy Jr., has been due primarily to the changes in the city government around the first part of the year, particularly the change involving appointment of a new city attorney.

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near Kingston said they haven't

noticed any of the billboards yet, but said "it sounds like a good idea."

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Regional News

Developer to Ignore Valley Unit's Protest

KINGSTON — Development of a tract about 500 yards north of the bridge in the Town of Ulster.

The homes will be in the \$40,000 price range. One foundation is already completed.

The development, to be known as Hudson View Gardens, has received approval from the Ulster County Health Department and tentative approval from the Town of Ulster Planning Board.

Mrs. DePaolo said that the commission wanted the tract cut into 64 building lots. The man who made that plan was not qualified, she said. All he did was add about \$100,000 worth of twisting streets. "Some turned so sharply that you would not be able to see a child around the curve if you were going 5 miles an hour," the developer said.

Noting that the commission, chaired by Alexander Aldrich, has criticized the plans for lack of imagination in providing public access to the river, Mrs. De Paolo pointed out that a public park with 1,000 feet of riverfront is less than a mile from the development on the same Ulster Landing Road.

Mrs. De Paolo's attorney, Arthur B. Ewig, made these points in his presentation before the commission in early January:

The subdivision will include 24 building lots of one to one and a half acres.

One family residences only and no trailers to be permitted.

Adequate water and sewerage disposal facilities to be installed with the approval of the Health Department.

Streets 50 feet wide and paved to town specifications.

Pedestrian access to the river for lot owners.

Narcotics Aide to Speak

John E. Haith Jr., executive assistant to the State Narcotics

Addiction Control Commission director, will speak on "Narcotics and the Juvenile," Monday at 8 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer, Rensselaer.

Adult Classes to Open

Adult Education classes in Rensselaer to prepare candidates for the high school equivalency examination will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m. at Van Rensselaer High School. Richard Nucci is the course instructor.

Internship Awarded

A Dartmouth College junior from East Greenbush is one of six recipients of Public Service Internships for the summer of 1968.

Donald B. Blitzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hillard X. Blitzer of Elliot Avenue, will take part in the program which provides first-hand experience working with Congressmen, federal agencies and private organizations.

GOP Plans Victory Dinner

The Republican Committee of North Greenbush holds its post-election Victory Dinner Feb. 17 at the Wynantskill American Legion Post, Main Avenue.

Tickets may be obtained from town officials and committee members. Reservations will be on a first come - first served basis.

Scouts to Collect Papers

Boy Scout Troop 253 of South Schodack will conduct a scrap paper drive Feb. 10 starting at 9 a.m. Readers having paper to be picked up should dial 732-2062 or 766-3817.

PTA Meets Thursday

The Parent-Teachers Association of Schodack Central school will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Maple Hill Elementary School.

Earl Cunningham, Music Department chairman, and the concert band demonstrate concert preparation methods at the meeting.



SMILE — Sign on Route 9W near Kingston is one of four put up as a part of the Modjeskas' safety campaign.

'Smile!' Sign Warns Motorists of Radar

By NAN HENDRIX

KINGSTON — "Smile! You may be on radar."

More than one mid-Hudson motorist has seen the roadside billboard, laughed . . .

An then slowed his car down. "That's all we're aiming for," said Mrs. Janet Modjeska of Modjeska Sign Studios Inc., in Kingston. "We feel it's a good way to draw attention to highway safety."

The basic design for the billboard was drawn up by Paul A. Modjeska, her husband. The word "SMILE" is in gigantic red letters, and the remainder of the lettering is black, all on a stark white background.

Mrs. Modjeska said three or four of the signs have been erected already, one on U.S. 209 between Ellenville and Wurtsboro in Sullivan County, and the others in Ulster and Greene counties.

Put Up in 2 Counties

"The signs will be primarily in Ulster and Greene counties," she said. "We only have the one near Wurtsboro planned for Sullivan."

Modjeska ordered a total of 20 signs in their first order for the billboard displays. They are about 10 feet high and 20 feet wide.

"We're trying to put them up in prime places, where they are easily visible to motorists," she explained. "We want people to see them and think."

Modjeska specializes in public service outdoor advertising, creating displays for numerous groups interested in catching the public's eye with their own special messages.

"We decided this SMILE sign would be our own special safety message, our own public service," Mrs. Modjeska said. She doesn't know what the eventual cost will be.

"So far, most people who have seen them think they're a good idea," she added. "They're attractive, and people tell us they have slowed down after seeing them."

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State Police at Lake Katrine near Kingston said they haven't noticed any of the billboards yet, but said "it sounds like a good idea."

"I'll have to look for them," one trooper said. "They could

jolt somebody's memory, and maybe they'll make people think."

"The effectiveness of anything like this is a matter of opinion, of course, but if they make one motorist slow down, we're for it," he added.

State Police at Wurtsboro said they've noticed their sign, placed along a long, open stretch of U.S. 209 where it's easily visible. The sign is located about half way between Ellenville and Wurtsboro.

"We rather like it," a trooper said. "It gives you a chuckle and makes you think, and that's good."

"We only have one criticism, though," he continued.

"They should have put the sign about two or three miles closer to Wurtsboro, where we usually set up our radar trap," he laughed.

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Ulster Program Speakers Listed

KINGSTON — Maj. Robert Ting are asked to register with Quick, training officer for the Mental Health association at State Police and Milton Luger, director of the State Division of Youth will be the principal speakers at a workshop here on Law Enforcement and Rehabilitation of Young People on Wednesday, March 13.

The workshop is being sponsored by the Ulster County Association for Mental Health. Invitations are being sent to area school personnel, clergymen, lawyers and law enforcement agencies. The half-day program will be conducted in the auditorium of Benedictine Hospital's School of Nursing on Mary's Avenue, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Four local men will serve on a panel to discuss the phases of rehabilitation. They are Frederick S. Appleton, superintendent of Highland Training School for boys; Charles F. McKendrick, warden of Wallkill State Prison; Ulster County Sheriff William B. Martin and Ulster County Probation Director Charles E. Schultz. County Judge Raymond Mino will be moderator.

Persons interested in attending

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Utica Murderer Is Found Dying In County Jail

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UTICA, N.Y. (UPI) — A man convicted of second degree murder was found dying in an Onondaga County jail cell Wednesday only hours before he was to be sentenced.

Lavern Knisely, 35, of Utica, was semi-conscious when attendants found him. They tried to revive him but he was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital.

Laboratory tests were ordered to determine the cause of death.

Knisely had been committed to the jail on Nov. 13, 1966, the day after Mrs. Faith L. Smith of Clayville was stabbed to death with a hunting knife in his car. He was found guilty on the second degree murder charge early this month.

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