



Shown with auditory training equipment furnished to Randolph Central School are seated from left, Jeremy Russell, Cheryl Wascher, Greta Archer and Carol Whipple. Standing from left, Jack Whipple, Pat Marrone, Rosalie Waid, Carl Martin, Tom Congdon and Terry Dangle.

Photo by Jack Berger

Local student receives help from two area Sertoma clubs

A joint effort between the Jamestown and the Greater Buffalo Sertoma clubs fulfilled a request for help in the speech and hearing field for a Randolph Central School student.

Mrs. Cheryl Wascher, speech pathologist at RCS, requested the purchase of an auditory

trainer to be used for one of her student clients, Jeremy Russell. The equipment is designed to improve his communication abilities.

The presentation of the equipment was made on Thursday, April 21. In attendance were Mrs. Rosalie Waid, president of

the Jamestown Sertoma club; John Paul Stiglmeier, president of the Buffalo club; Jack Whipple and Pat Marrone of their speech and hearing committee; Tom Congdon, chairman of special education at RCS; Principal Terry Dangle, Greta Archer, tutor, and Carol Whipple, special education.

Sertoma means service to mankind with the main sponsorship in the speech/language and hearing field.

TAP awards for prison inmates is called an insult to taxpayers

by Assemblywoman Pat McGee

Earlier this month, I joined other Assembly Republicans in an attempt to force debate on a bill which would end Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) awards for inmates in New York's prisons.

The bill would require convicts to repay the state six months after they complete their education or six months after they are released from prison, whichever comes later.

Unfortunately, Assembly Democrats defeated this measure along a party-line vote. Every family that has ever struggled to send their children to college should be disappointed in this vote.

Over the last decade, TAP awards have been dramatically cut at a time when college tuition grew by leaps and bounds. In addition, Regents scholarships were totally eliminated. Now, the governor, in his 1994-95 budget proposal calls on TAP awards for graduate students to be phased out.

TAP currently provides a

maximum of \$4,125 to the very neediest students and \$1,125 to the neediest graduate students, not very much compared to high tuition costs.

Yet, nearly 5,000 inmates have taken advantage of the TAP program at a cost to taxpayers of more than \$5 million. In 1992-93 nearly \$26 million of our tax dollars went to funding state prison education programs.

We are telling our citizens that they must pay their school taxes and college tuition, while those who commit some of the most heinous crimes in our state are provided free educational opportunities. This logic makes absolutely no sense.

The Senate passed legislation ending TAP for prisoners earlier in the year. Senate Majority Leader Ralph Marino summed up the issue best when he said, "We should not be rewarding criminals with fringe benefits that average New Yorkers do not have the opportunity to receive."

By voting against this measure, the Assembly Democrats are sending a

message that those who pay the bills and obey the laws, will once again get the short end of the stick.

Andrew F. Leach Kennedy resident dies at fifty-five

Andrew F. Leach, 55, of 4105 South Route 62, Kennedy, died at 11:39 Friday, April 1, 1994, at WCA Hospital, Jamestown.

He was born Aug. 9, 1938 in Salamanca, the son of Frederick A. and Rena Dyne Leach.

Mr. Leach was employed at the Randolph Dimension Corp. in Randolph.

He is survived by his wife the former Ardelle Burns, whom he married Dec. 23, 1971; his father of Randolph; two sons: Andrew F. Leach Jr., Avon Park, Fla., and William F. Leach, Jamestown; five step-sons: William Myers in the U.S. Army in Germany, Steven Myers of West Fargo, N.D., Michael Myers of Sebring, Fla., Robert Myers of Maryetta, Fla., and Mark Myers of Winter Haven, Fla.; a daughter Gail Bush, Jamestown; four step-daughters: Ardelle Heick, Amherst; Janine Jones and Lisa Ann Cherrier, both of Sebring, Fla.; and Anna McCool, Tryon, N.C.; 32 grandchildren; a brother, Morgan Leach, Ione, Calif.; and a sister, Janet F. Bentley, Randolph.

Mr. Leach was preceded in death by his mother in 1967, and two brothers, Willis and Floyd Hayes.

Van Rensselaer and Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Cleveland Clinic.

Rev. Emmett Waite native of Napoli dies at eighty-two

The Rev. Emmett B. Waite, 82, of Route 242, Napoli, died at 4 a.m. Thursday, March 24, 1994, in his home.

He was born June 11, 1911, in the town of Napoli, the son of Emmett B. and Mertie Bushnell Waite.

A graduate of Altimont High School, in Altimont, N.Y., he attended Hope College in Holland, Mich., earned his masters in philosophy from Rutgers University in 1933, a bachelors in sacred theology from New Brunswick Seminary College in 1937, a bachelors in social science from New York University, and also attended Buffalo and Albany medical schools. He was a missionary in Mexico for eight years, and a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church in Glen and Hyde Park, retiring in 1975. He also taught social science at Dutchess and Ulster Community Colleges, and was a chaplain for the Dutchess County Jail.

Rev. Waite was citizen of the year in Hyde Park in 1964, a life member of Dutchess County Ambulance and Rescue Association, and former member of the Hyde Park Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. He was the first to establish and teach the fundamentals of ambulance and rescue, later know as EMT, and copied by many states. The New York State Department of Health has followed up his program which is still used today. He also taught EMT classes at Vassar Hospital and Dutchess Community College. A member of the Dutch Reformed Church, Hyde Park, he was also a member and former president of Hyde Park Rotary Club and the Little Valley Rotary Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marion Daley, whom he married June 12, 1937; a son, Thomas Waite of Hollywood, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Clayton and Francis Waite, and a sister, Clara Burroughs.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at Napoli United Methodist Church with the Rev. Daryl Hanson and Michael Trenchard officiating. The Van Rensselaer & Son Funeral Home, Randolph was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Napoli Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the rescue squads of the Little Valley or Randolph Volunteer Fire Departments, or the Napoli United Methodist Church.

John B. Sampson to assist veteran's at Randolph Legion

John B. Sampson, director of the Veteran's Services Agency for Cattaraugus County, will be at the American Legion in Randolph, Wednesday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

He will assist veterans and their families with their questions.

The Olean office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to insure full-time availability of veterans benefits.



Jodi L. Miller

Kennedy woman inducted into honor society

Jodi L. Miller of Kennedy has been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa international honor society at Alfred State College. She was among 19 students inducted March 14 into the college's Alpha Sigma Mu Chapter of Phi Theta, the sole international honor society serving two-year colleges.

Candidates must have earned a grade point index of at least 3.5 based on a 4.0 or straight A. Membership is extended by invitation only. The goal of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among associate degree students by providing opportunities for leadership, fellowship, and service.

Miss Miller is enrolled in the computer information systems curriculum in the School of Business Technologies at Alfred State College.

Services held for Merle P. Damon, 85 former resident

Merle P. Damon, 85, of Beechley Oaks, Youngsville, Ohio, and formerly of Randolph, Dunkirk and Avoca, died at 6:36 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, 1994, in Southside Medical Center, Youngsville.

He was born Dec. 30, 1908, in Gerry, the son of Leon and Bernice Preston Damon.

Mr. Damon was a member of Avoca First Baptist Church and the Avoca Senior Citizens. He was a graduate of Falconer High School, and prior to retirement in 1965, was a dairy farmer and owner/operator of a laundromat in Dunkirk.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary E. Kinney, whom he married June 28, 1934; five daughters: Muriel Archer, Avoca, Dorothy Little, West Seneca, Winifred Zeches, Toccoa, Ga., Patricia Fitch, Boardman, Ohio, Loretta Hiller of Berkley, Mich.; 18 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother Donald Damon.

The funeral was at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, in the Van Rensselaer & Son Funeral Home. The Rev. Dale Moore, pastor of the Randolph First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Gerry Cemetery. Pallbearers were James Archer, Stephen Archer, David Fitch, Michael Johnson, John Zeches and Jim Zeches.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Avoca First Baptist Church.

Dear Friends,

There is comfort in a touch. A widow tells of attending Sunday church services shortly after the death of her husband. As the choir sang one of her husband's favorite hymns, it became impossible for her to hold back the tears. Next to her, a girl of about 10 noticed. "I felt the child move closer to me. She reached over and slipped her small hand into mine. My heart swelled."

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