WEATHER

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May 30	71	65	.00
May 31	76	55	.13
June 1	67	48	.02
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June 3	76	39	tr.
June 4	77	39	.00
June 5	83	49	.00

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WEATHER

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June 6	84	49	.00
June 7	76	56	.20
June 8	62	54	.00
June 9	84	55	.00
June 10	84	53	.00
June 11	76	62	.00
June 12	64	46	.56

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COMING SOON!!

Watch for our Special Bicentennial edition, "AMERICA LIVES" coming in the June 30th, 1976 edition of the Tribune-Press. There will be articles on the rich history of St. Lawrence County, its people, and its businesses. You won't want to miss this great event so be watching for the red, white, & blue cover on the Tribune-Press. If you or your business want to be included in this "once in a hundred years" edition call 287-2100.

Nelson Winters retires as Chamber of Commerce Secretary after 27 years

Nelson B. Winters, executive secretary of the Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce, resigned from that post he had held for 27 years at the meeting of the board Tuesday evening, June 8.

Winters retired in March, 1974, from International Talc after 25 years employment, but has remained active in community affairs. He and his wife spend their summers at the Sylvia Lake cottage. He is a member and past president of the Lanchem Club, member and past master of Ledge 237 F. & AM, serves as director of the Gouverneur Historical Society and is Village Historian. He is a former village trustee and treasurer and past member of the village planning board.

Mr. Winters was named secretary in September 1949, succeeding the late Julius H. Bartlett, and in 1965, when named as the recipient of the chamber's annual award of merit, was cited as "Mr. Chamber of Commerce," for his loyalty, and devotion to the organization and for his interest in the community.

Nelson and his wife, the former Katherine Duane, Hillside, R.1, live at 250 E. Main. They have three children, Duane M., Gouverneur, Bruce H., Rochester and Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Goody, Burlington, Vt., and grandchildren.

New directors, elected at the annual meeting, are Fred Easton, Robert Hartshorn, Dorothy Kraker, Robert Luther, Mr. Wade, for three-year terms and Dave Hosselwerth and William Hulbert, Sr., two-year terms.

The next meeting will be June 22 at 7:15 p.m.

John Crapser to head Chamber

JOHN CRAPSER

John Crapser, manager of St. Lawrence National Bank was elected president of the Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board Tuesday night.

Other officers elected were Dave Spilman, first vice president, Cliff Tibbits, second vice president and Curtis Wade, third vice president. Edward Cole was elected treasurer.

The position of secretary, created by the resignation of Nelson B. Winters, has not been filled, and candidates are being considered.

While the work pays only a token wage, it is time - consuming, and one's own transportation is a necessity. Although it carries a burden of responsibility, it offers an opportunity to serve the community. Wanted — someone with an enthusiasm for the future of Gouverneur, willing to work hard for little but the satisfaction of his or her contribution.

McEwen will be candidate for reelection

Congressman Robert C. McEwen, today announced his candidacy for reelection to the House of Representatives from New York's 30th Congressional District.

The six-term Congressman's announcement was made in a prepared statement released by his office. He said:

"I am today announcing my candidacy for the House of Representatives. I do so after several weeks of serious consideration and after long discussions. These discussions were with my wife, Pat, our daughters, and members of my staff, as well as with friends throughout the seven counties of the 30th Congressional District.

"Some weeks ago, I publicly expressed my very real disenchantments with the perception of Congress. I was not then, nor am I now, alone in those feelings. Many of my Congressional friends — Democrats and Republicans, Conservatives and Liberals — from states all across this country feel the same way.

"Like many members of our respective constituencies, we share to a degree the skepticism with which big government and politicians are viewed.

"Nothing is more disturbing to me as an **American** than to realize the lack of confidence in the people and institutions of our government on the part of so many of my fellow Americans. And as a **Congressman**, I hear evidence of these sentiments every weekend when I travel throughout our district. And, too, I read it in my mail.

"A Congressman sensitive to these realities faces two alternatives. The first is to return to his home and be free from this type of atmosphere. The second is to seek reelection and work to make things better.

"This latter course I have chosen.

"During my entire Legislative career, which

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Netto will remain as Superintendent

Joseph A. Netto, superintendent of schools, announced yesterday morning that he will complete the remaining two years of his contract with Gouverneur Central School. In a statement issued by Mr. Netto he said:

"In view of the recent support on our budget vote, the concerns of many fine citizens and their kind words, the realignment of the administrative staff, their dedication, the fine working staff both professional and non - professional, the recent unanimous vote of confidence of the Board of Education and the dedication and obligation I feel to the youth, I will stay on as Superintendent of Schools. I feel I must stay on to achieve my goals and purpose in life.

"There are many things that need to be accomplished. One of the biggest hopes I have is to bring this community, parents, students, teachers, staff and taxpayers together to work out the crisis that we all face. There is no doubt in my mind that if we all work together, with understanding of each other's needs that much can be done to overcome the problems. Cooperation, time and effort, and understanding are the key ingredients to the solution of the problem.

"I thank you for the confidence you place in me and act most appreciative of your support.

"Retirements this year of three elementary principals prompted Joseph McAuley, president of the school board, to ask Netto to reconsider his early retirement at the Monday night meeting of the board.

"He is the one person who can cement the school together next year — I would suggest that the board retract their acceptance of his resignation, and ask that Mr. Netto stay on for the remaining two years of contract McAuley said.

In the five elementary schools, there have been retirements of James Hart, Fowler; Doris Signorino, West Side, and accepted at the Monday meeting that of Robert Allen, East Side principal. The death of Jack Henry, director of elementary education, has left a void in the elementary program.

Resignations accepted Monday were those of John Messing as football coach and Rick Mace from the football program.

Approval was given for the appointment of Abbot Leonard as department head of health and physical education. Also, Paul Denesha was named physical education teacher and coach. Denesha will have a full-time teaching position in addition to coaching. Leonard will have a 76 per cent teaching load and 24 per cent p.e. responsibility.

With the resignation of Margaret Canale, approval was given to the appointment of Claramae Klink to department head of health services and attendance. There will still be four school nurse - teachers.

In other personnel changes it was recommended that Elliott Glansberg and Marjorie McCullough be named head teachers at Richville and Brasie Corners Schools, respectively.

"Through reassignment, there is a sixth grade teacher vacancy at West Side. The transfer of Mrs. Lisa Mason, a federally - funded teacher to this position was approved.

Mrs. Charlene Seaman, a cook at East Side was granted a leave of a period as cook manager.

Salaries for 1976-77 within contract units were approved for teachers and administrative personnel.

The use of West Side soccer field for games in June and July was granted and an agreement with the village for rental of the school buildings was accepted. The six passenger buses will be used in conjunction with the village youth recreation program, at a charge of 22.5 cents per mile.

The promotion of early retirement of teachers was supported by the school board. Approval was given for letters to be written to legislators, encouraging them to change laws to allow for encouragement of early retirement.

Joseph A. Netto referred to an article authored by a Binghamton professor which notes that substantial savings could be made.

Bicentennial week begins June 27 with dedication of museum, bandstand

Plans for the dedication of the Gouverneur Historical Association Museum, first major event in the special Village Bicentennial Week, have been completed by the committee headed by Nelson B. Winters.

The program, to begin at 2 p.m. June 27, will be held outdoors on the lawn of the museum and will represent the culmination of the historical group's dream of a "Museum by '76."

Featured speaker will be John B. Johnson, Sr., editor and publisher of the Watertown Daily Times, and Rev. George B. Cox, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will act as master of ceremonies.

Rep. Robert C. McEwen, 31st Congressional District, will present an American flag flown over the national Capitol on Nov. 4, anniversary of the acquisition of the former Presbyterian manse as a museum building. Edward H. Cole, acting for State Sen. H. Douglas Barclay, will present a state flag flown over the state capitol on Jan. 31, birthday of Gouverneur Morris.

Mrs. Emily Seaker, regent of Gouverneur Morris Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will dedicate the museum's new flagpole, a gift from the DAR chapter of Gouverneur from Werko, and Scouts Dennis Mong and Tauno Schwelius, Troop 25, will raise the flag.

Harold A. Starie, town historian and first president of the Gouverneur Historical Association, will speak briefly on the establishment of the museum, and Mrs. Eugenia Hautress, president of the association will make closing remarks.

Entertainment will be provided by the Adirondack Mountain Co., a barbershop quartet, members of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America. The quartet is made up of Bill Rowe, Massena; Al Meyer, Gouverneur; Lance Lamsey, Canton, and Wes Wight, Massena.

Following the ceremonies, refreshments will be provided by the Gouverneur Shakespeare Club and Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce, with an assistant from the cooking class at Southwest Tech at Fowler.

Seating for the public on the museum lawn will be provided by Sprague Funeral Home and Barr - Green Funeral Home. In case of rain, the program will be held in the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Winters said special thanks go to Ferguson Printing Co. for donating the dedication programs, and to MRS printing, inc. for donating the printing of letters of invitation which have gone to village, town, and county officials.

Paul J. Smith, West Barney St., will be an official guest at the dedication, representing all the first families of Gouverneur listed on the Memorial Arch in the park.

Members of the dedication committee include Mr. Winters, chairman, Harold Starie, Sally Thompson, Peter McCarthy, and Jeanne Tyler.

Dedication of the park bandstand at 3:30 p.m. will follow the museum program. Tours of the museum will be available during the afternoon.

Baptist Church to be rebuilt; community support is requested

One of the saddest events in Gouverneur at the advent of this Bicentennial Year was the loss by fire of the First Baptist Church building on Jan. 17.

Just 134 days later, on the traditional Memorial Day Holiday, the faithful congregation voted to conduct a community - wide campaign to raise $80,000 to assist in the reconstruction of the church building. The Building Committee voted to immediately negotiate contracts for the rebuilding of the church with the general building contract being finalized with Ritchie Brothers, Inc.

The congregation of First Baptist Church hopes that when Gouverneur's history is written for the year 1976, the significant aspect of life in the church will not be that a fire destroyed a building but that a church body, supported by the community, rebuilt a church.

The church structure will appear essentially as it did prior to the fire of Jan 17, and will be approximately one-half the former size. The main floor will have a sanctuary to seat 180 people, a chapel room, pastor's study, conference room, large back entry hall and closet space. The basement will have the kitchen, nursery, dining room, bathrooms, furnace room and storage room.

This Bicentennial year is an opportune time for Gouverneur and surrounding areas to share in the challenge facing a small congregation in their determined effort to rebuild a community landmark. The congregation is committed to the reconstruction of a historical church which will not only beautify and enhance the village, but will contribute to the community life in Gouverneur. They seed and ask for your financial support in helping them attain the goal.

Pledges and advance gifts can be mailed to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 28a, Gouverneur, New York 13642.

Summer recreation program starts 28th

By Elliott Glansberg

The playgrounds open June 28, Monday at 9 a.m. Bring your bike and some good ideas. That first week will be spent decorating our playgrounds, getting them ready for the Bicentennial parade. Bring your own decorations or make them yourself with the materials provided on the playground. The playground supervisors are expert bicycle decorators and will be there to help.

Perhaps bicycles and parades don't excite you. There will be loads of crafts projects, games, and sports to interest you. Every Friday, beginning July 9, there will be a swim trip to Taylor Park. Every Wednesday, there will be an excursion to some point of interest in the North Country. There will also be overnight campouts as the summer progresses.

Girls and boys basketball teams are now being formed. Sign ups are at the East Side and West Side Schools and in the High School office. For further information call Elliott Glansberg at 287-2076.

Tea at museum tomorrow, 3-5 to honor doctors and nurses

A reception and tea tomorrow (June 17) from 3 until 5 p.m. will honor Gouverneur doctors and nurses, particularly the three doctors of the Drury Family who have served this community for a century.

In conjunction with the local Bicentennial celebration, all doctors, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and nurses aides, active and retired, have been invited to the reception and tea at the Gouverneur Museum.

Doctors of the Drury Family who have served Gouverneur include Dr. B. F. Drury, who came to Gouverneur in 1876, Dr. Frederick F. Drury who began practice in 1891 and Dr. Foster T. Drury who continues service in Gouverneur.

Residents are urged to stop in and greet Gouverneur's health personnel as an expression of gratitude for their service.

Seniorettes plan concert

The Seniorettes Kitchen Band and the Young People's Choir of the Nazarene Church will present a program in the park June 20 at 7 p.m.

Take notice of this date, put it on your calendar, and come to the concert. You will miss a treat if you don't.

Julie Lancto promoted at MRS

JULIE LANCTO

Mrs. Lancto started work for the company, then Mason Rossiter Smith, Inc., in May, 1961. She was named circulation manager in 1967 and has been office manager since 1974. Other positions have included proof reading and operating the pantograph.

Mr. Lancto is employed by St. Joe Materials in the carpentry shop. Their oldest son, Michael, also is a St. Joe employee. They have three other children: Jerry, a senior Cadet in 10th grade and Jeffrey, in fifth grade.

Mrs. Donald (Julie) Lancto was promoted to secretary of MRS printing, as it was announced Thursday by Richard Harding, president of the corporation.

First floor of hospital closed while census low

The E. J. Noble Hospital of Gouverneur is presently operating only on second floor.

Hospital Administrator, Tracy Starch, explained that the hospital census has been low, and in an effort to make more efficient use of the staff the first floor has been closed temporarily.

While the medical floor is closed, crews are doing painting and housecleaning that had been delayed because of high occupancy earlier in the year. Hospital Trustees, Mrs. Dorothy Wayman and George Erdman, chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, are overseeing the first floor project.

Rotary auction raises $2,600

Gouverneur Rotary Club President James Griffith reports that the Rotary auction last week has raised approximately $2600.

Griffith and auction workers wish to thank donors and bidders of the many items sold.

Proceeds from the auction will go toward continuing projects of the Rotary Club, Griffith said.

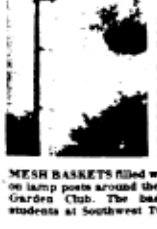
Colonial dinner planned for 30th

Plans are progressing for the Bicentennial Celebration dinner for the public that is to be held on June 30 in the dining room of the Presbyterian Church. Besides testing recipes for all sorts of wonderful old fashioned American foods, plans are being made for the entertainment program, musical and otherwise.

Jim Kraker is preparing to dress as Benjamin Franklin and to act as master of ceremonies. Ed Case, George Cox and Margaret Gleason are getting ready to become Thomas Jefferson, Reverend John Witherspoon and Abigail Adams, respectively.

All who enjoy wearing old fashioned costumes are invited to help. Borrow or make them, while those who prefer their ordinary clothes only need to put on the gala mood of the occasion.

Up and Down Main Street



By V. Bruno

— In response to several inquiries, the proclamation asking that the flag be flown "continuously" means that it should be raised every day, during daylight hours, unless illuminated.

— The other day, a gentleman showed us a letter which had been addressed, stamped, cancelled, then ripped, crumpled and walked on before it was tossed on the street, and returned to the sender. What you can get for 13 cents.

MESH BASKETS filled with petunias were hung on lamp posts around the park last week by the Garden Club. The baskets were made by students at Southwest Tech.

Support Hospital

MRS. DIANE ZIRA and Mrs. Ruth Fuller, and Mrs. Valarie Taylor (not pictured) representing the employees in Gouverneur, including the warehouses, present Robert Lallier, Treasurer of the E. J. Noble Hospital Drive, their check for $1001.70.