

# Local news

## City school board appoints Buchanan without opposition

Douglas T. Buchanan of Beaver Road, RD 2, received an appointment Monday as physical education teacher and athletic manager at Auburn High School. No school board opposition to the appointment was recorded the second time around.

A member of the public, however, questioned the double payment to Buchanan of a teacher's salary and a stipend for the athletic manager position. Eugene Tyma of 20 Hoffman St. told the board that if they were to pay a full teacher's salary, they should require a full teaching load.

Buchanan, formerly the physical education director at the Auburn YMCA, is the husband of school board member Mrs. Betsy Buchanan. Mrs. Buchanan voted "present" on the appointment. There were no votes opposed to the appointment.

The resolution to appoint Buchanan to the high school teaching post was defeated last month when it failed to receive the required number of votes for passage. Four board members voted "yes," one "no" and board president Francis J. Mastropietro joined Mrs. Buchanan in abstaining from voting.

Board member John McCarthy, who voted against the appointment last month, did not register any opposition Monday night. Seven other board members voted "yes" and Mastropietro was absent.

Mrs. Alice Buttarazzi, board vice president, chaired the meeting in Mastropietro's absence.

School superintendent Dr. James Knox said after last month's defeat of the resolution that he would re-introduce it at the request of at least three board members.

Board member James Cranfield registered dissatisfaction Monday, not with the appointment but with a cut in the salary offered to Buchanan. Buchanan originally was slated to be placed at step 9B of the teachers' salary schedule, receiving credit for nine years experience. School officials since recommended that he be placed on the

second step instead.

Cranfield objected that this did not reflect Buchanan's teaching experience at the YMCA. The board member said that any new teacher who is endorsed by the department chairman, the school principal and the superintendent "should be able to bargain his way into the salary schedule."

Board member Collins Hinton said he concurred with Cranfield's arguments.

Buchanan will receive an \$8,350 salary as physical education teacher and an additional \$1,200 stipend as athletic manager. Sullivan said Buchanan would have the same teaching schedule as Richard Jones, the teacher he replaces. He would teach four physical education classes a day, Sullivan said, and work the balance of the day as athletic manager, an assistant to physical education director Henry Vetter.

Tyma questioned the "split pay scale" and said a person "should be paid according to the duties one incurs."

Sullivan attempted to compare the situation to that of a driver education teacher, who spends only part of the day in a classroom situation and the rest on the road with small groups of students. He admitted that the driver ed teacher received no extra pay.

Tyma countered that Sullivan was engaging in "a little quibbling in semantics." He said if the board was going to pay the teacher a full teacher's salary he should carry a full teaching load. "If you're going to pay a man for a job, let's pay him for a full job," Tyma said.

Sullivan said that while the teachers' contract provides a maximum number of hours a teacher can be assigned to teach, it does not set a minimum number.

Sullivan said the position had been advertised and that all staff members who expressed an interest were interviewed. Of three final candidates for the post, Sullivan said, Buchanan was the first choice of both Vetter and high school principal Peter

Kachris.

In other business, the board accepted the resignations of pre-school teacher Robert Herse who accepted a position as superintendent of a small school in California, and of social case worker Corrine J. Muldoon, who is continuing her studies.

John Del Piano of Rome was given a one-year temporary appointment as social studies (world history) teacher at the high school. He will fill in for three teachers who will be taking leaves of absence this year - Mrs. Jane Orfino, Mrs. Marsha Lowery and Nicholas Guarrera.

Del Piano received a BS degree from Oswego State College and an MA from West Kentucky University. He has five years experience in high school teaching, the last four years at Rome Catholic High School.

Robert A. O'Connor of 316 S. Seward Ave. was given a one-year appointment teaching social studies at Auburn High. He replaces Michael Cuddy who was appointed last month as social studies department coordinator.

O'Connor holds a BA from Hartwick College and an MS from Albany State. He has taken further study at Oneonta, Oswego and Cornell. He has eight years teaching experience, two years at Union Springs and six at Auburn Community College.

Dorothy Harrienger of 113 Dawson Ave. was appointed temporary driver education instructor, replacing Lew Clay who is recovering from major surgery. A graduate of Cortland State College, she has been a substitute teacher in driver ed for several years.

Mary E. Dodge of West Lake Road, was given a temporary assignment as AHS art teacher until a replacement is found for art department chairman John Reynolds who died this summer. She received a BS from Peabody Teachers College and has four years of full-time teaching experience in art.

## School board roundup

- At the Auburn school board meeting Monday:
- The board agreed to sell a 242-square-foot triangle of land at Central Elementary School to the state for \$1,505, in connection with the state highway project.
  - Auburn Community College was authorized to refund \$55,000 to the ACC Faculty Student Association from its capital chargeback fund. The association had contributed the funds for the college bookstore construction project.
  - The board approved a \$56 tax refund to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Taylor of Madison, N.J. A dwelling on Bonnie Bend Lane in Owasco, assessed at \$700, was completely destroyed by fire last year but had not been removed from the town's assessment roll.
  - Taxes on New York State Electric and Gas property in the Town of Sennett were increased by \$77, due to a \$1,623 assessment hike.
  - Bids were awarded to Johnson Paper Co. for slyro-compartment trays, \$3,825, and to Mohawk Valley, \$5,059.35 for all other cafeteria paper products. The board turned down the more expensive option of purchasing bio-degradable trays for cafeteria use.
  - Board member James Wills reported that one recipient of the Coe Medical Scholarship had taken a leave from college and was not eligible for the \$750 award. The board accepted Wills' recommendation that the money be held in the scholarship account for use next year.
  - The board accepted the resignations, effective Sept. 1, of pre-school teacher Robert Herse who has accepted a chief school officer position in California, and of social case worker Corrine J. Muldoon, who is pursuing graduate studies at Case Western Reserve.
  - Douglas T. Buchanan, YMCA physical education director was appointed physical education teacher and athletic director at Auburn High School. His wife, board member Mrs. Betsy Buchanan, voted "present."
  - John Del Piano of Rome was given a one-year temporary appointment in social studies (world history) at Auburn High and Robert A. O'Connor of 316 S. Seward Ave., to replace Michael Cuddy as social studies teacher at the high school.
  - Two permanent substitutes were hired. Dorothy Harrienger of 113 Dawson Ave. will teach driver education until regular teacher Lew Clay returns. Clay is recovering from major surgery. Mary E. Dodge of West Lake Road will teach art at AHS until a replacement is found for department chairman John Reynolds, who died this summer.
  - The board accepted the resignation of Mary Ann Anderson as a monitor at Auburn High School.
  - Judy Picciano of 97 Cottage St. was appointed a teacher aide assigned to the physical education department at AHS. Barbara B. Demers of 25 Maple St., appointed a health aide, will be shared by Casey Park and Lincoln schools.
  - Mrs. Kathryn De Forrest, a fourth grade teacher at Owasco Elementary School was granted a leave of absence from Dec. 21 to March 4, 1974.
  - Maureen McCauley, an art teacher at West Middle School for two years, was transferred to a half-time position at Carmel Middle School at her request. The board approved a salary change reflecting the change from full- to half-time assignment.
  - Margaret VeVone and Susan Vervoort were appointed to temporary teacher aide positions under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Title I.
  - Shirley Burgess and Patricia Herring, temporary help in the school business office, were continued in employment through Nov. 30 to handle the backlog of accounts payable in the business office.
  - The board accepted the resignation of Virginia Parenti, a cafeteria attendant at Lincoln School. Jane A. Porten of 86 Walnut St. was appointed to replace her.
  - Joseph Messina and Leonard Rhodes were given permanent appointments as senior custodians, having completed their probationary periods. Messina is assigned to Central and Rhodes to Seward School. Also given permanent appointments as senior custodians were Paul Radke and Charles Phillips Jr., both of whom were custodian bus drivers. Both will receive an increase in salary.
  - Mike DiVietro was transferred from cleaner to motor vehicle operator and Paul O'Brien, transferred to senior custodian-bus driver.
  - Peter Ruby of 218 N. Marvne Ave. was appointed a motor vehicle operator and Kenneth Woloslagiv of E. Lake Road, an hourly bus driver.
  - The board approved fall coaching appointments for 15 staff members.
  - Holmes D. Sullivan, assistant school superintendent for instruction, reported on the graduation of 19 area seniors from the summer high school program at Auburn High. Sullivan added that the summer school program did not exceed its budget.
  - The board received a written maintenance report for August. School superintendent Dr. James Knox said that next month the board would start receiving reports from all departments.
  - Auburn Teachers Association president Dennis Meegan told the board that the ATA still was willing to meet informally with the board to provide information concerning the Gerald Kennedy grievance.
  - Mary Gallo, "chairperson" of the AHS Student Government Organization, thanked the board for approving a resolution appointing SGO members as ex-officio advisers to the board. She discussed the projects of the SGO and distributed to board members the constitution of the organization.
  - Eugene Tyma of 20 Hoffman St. questioned the payment to Buchanan of both teacher's salary and a stipend as athletic manager. He spoke prior to the board's action on the physical education appointment.
  - Jerome Calimeri of 30 Alden Ave., suggested the board inspect the water fountains at the schools. He said that due to inadequate water pressure, children had to place their mouths on the spouts of the fountains at some schools.
  - Walter Serkes of 200 Genesee St. was critical of the teachers' contract settlement and called for more economy in school operations.
  - Donald DeGiovine of 12 Drummond St., questioned the board's agreeing to provide a car to the school superintendent for his personal use.

## Tenure grievance again before board

The Gerald Kennedy tenure grievance came up before the Auburn school board again Monday.

Auburn Teachers Association president Dennis Meegan told the board that the association wished to "reaffirm our willingness to meet with the board and provide its members with firsthand information regarding the Kennedy grievance."

"It is tragic that we may have to resort to legal procedures in order to bring about what might be accomplished if both sides were to sit down and openly discuss the situation," Meegan said.

Kennedy, a guidance counselor at Auburn High School, was not recommended last spring for a tenure appointment. He filed a grievance through the ATA charging unfair dismissal from his post.

After hearing arguments in the case, school superintendent Dr. James Knox recommended that Kennedy be reinstated as guidance counselor and placed on tenure. The school board voted down the recommendation at its Aug. 13 meeting.

"At that time," Meegan noted, "many board members requested that they be provided with more information concerning the Kennedy case. The Auburn Teachers Association subsequently offered to meet with the board and provide them with the information they requested."

"Ironically, the board declined to meet with representatives of the ATA," Meegan said. "Needless to say we were most perplexed at this seemingly contradictory response."

The ATA president again offered to meet informally with the board on the matter. The board did not respond to the request.

On the advice of school attorney William Goldman, the board had informed the teachers that it would not meet with them as it considered the grievance procedure as provided in the teachers' contract to have terminated with the superintendent's recommendation.

The ATA has said it did not agree that the grievance process had been completed because the grievance had not reached a satisfactory conclusion. The association is considering possible legal action in the matter and presently Kennedy has a complaint before the NYS Human Rights

Division charging the school district with sex discrimination.

Kennedy claims he was dismissed from his job because school officials wanted to employ a female guidance counselor. Neal Hoffman, Syracuse regional director of Human Rights, will conduct an informal investigation Wednesday to determine if there is probable cause to hold a hearing in the matter.

Also in the "public to be heard" part of the meeting, Walter Serkes of 200 Genesee St. pointed out to the board an apparent "mistake in the program." He noted the agenda provided to the public listed the starting time for the meeting as 7:30 p.m. The board was in executive session until about 8:45 p.m.

The executive session reportedly was scheduled for discussion of Knox's recommendations, as yet unannounced, on two other tenure grievances. Knox was expected to rule favorably on the grievances submitted by Mary Taylor and Linda Beardsley, two other teachers who were not recommended for tenure.

Serkes also questioned the pay increases provided in a new teachers' contract approved Saturday by the board. "I was hoping," he said, "that with a new administration, we would get into a more decent budget in the years to come, one which would be more acceptable and more burdensome to the public."

School taxes in Auburn went down this year.

Concerning the national economy, Serkes said he had written a Nixon economic adviser suggesting he resign and also had written the President suggesting a meeting with both Nixon and advisor Henry Kissinger to discuss the economic situation.

Donald DeGiovine of 12 Drummond St. congratulated the board for its selection of a new superintendent without the use of consultants. He also questioned a provision in Knox's contract by which the school board provides the superintendent with a car for his personal use.

Suggesting personal use could include vacations and shopping trips to Syracuse and Rochester, DeGiovine declared: "As a taxpayer I resent it and would like to see this changed."

## Cayuga Bail Program seeks more members, more money

A meeting of the Cayuga Bail Program Inc. has been called for 3:45 p.m. Thursday at 25 Dill St., in the conference room of the Auburn Publishing Co. The public has been invited to attend.

Activity of the volunteer service agency has increased to the point where five applications for bail have been received in the last six days, and four other cases are still to be investigated. The present board members have been asked to attend. It also is hoped that other interested persons will show up, as there are some vacancies to be filled.

The program has been in existence more than a year and has helped more than a

dozen people, as well as acting as a referral agency for persons in jail and awaiting trial. So far all persons granted cash bail assistance have honored their commitments and bail was refunded. As the demand for bail is increasing, the program also feels it may be necessary to increase its capital, now at about \$1,500, and may plan another fund-raising activity.

## County Legislature names senior steno

Ellen Traver of Weedsport was appointed senior stenographer in the office of the clerk of the county Legislature effective Sept. 10, Monday.

Mrs. (John) Traver previously was employed in the county Social Service Department and has passed the required Civil Service examinations. She has been working for the county for two years. The starting salary for senior stenographer is \$5,708, with annual increments.

Mrs. Traver will replace Mrs. Flossie Longley, who was appointed clerk of the Legislature last month, after the retirement of Kenneth Burgdorf.

## Area obituaries

**Mrs. Helen Friedel dies after illness**

Helen Graney Friedel, 86, widow of Frederick Friedel, 95 Wall St., died Monday, September 10, 1973, in Mercy Hospital.

Services will be at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the family home. A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 9 a.m. in St. Aloysius Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Friends are invited to call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the home on 95 Wall St.

Meagher & Cuddy Service.

**Sr. Madeline Marie dies after illness**

Constance Tamburo, Sister Madeline Marie of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, Philadelphia, Pa., died Monday at the Motherhouse after a long illness.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. George S. (Yolanda) Murphy and Mrs. Philip (Gilda) Sciara; a brother, former councilman Henry M. Tamburo, all of Auburn; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at the Motherhouse Chapel at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

Those who wish may contribute to the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, 3601 Solly Ave., Philadelphia, or to their favorite charity in memory of Sister Madeline Marie.

## Obituaries

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**SULLIVAN**

At Auburn Memorial Hospital Sunday, September 9, 1973, Mrs. Elizabeth Kendrick Sullivan, widow of Charles M. Sullivan of 3 Chestnut Street.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, September 12, 1973 at the Langham Funeral Home, 91 E. Genesee Street and at 9:15 a.m. in St. Alphonsus Church. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Friends are invited to call from 3:5 and 7:9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Vigil services will be conducted at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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## CD lists area alert signal, plan

"An Alert Signal and Alert Plan for Cayuga County have been approved by the County Disaster Coordinating Committee," George Underwood III, natural disaster coordinator and acting CD director, announced today.

"To alert the public regarding an emergency, in the event of, or the imminent danger of a natural disaster, the CD sirens in Auburn and Weedsport will sound for a full steady three minutes. Towns and villages of Cayuga County will be alerted through their respective fire departments," he said. "The three-minute blast of the CD sirens is designated as the official attention alert signal."

Underwood said: "In the event the CD sirens sound for the full three minutes, immediately turn on your home or car radio and TV for instructions and/or information. The reason for the alert signal could be a water emergency such as faced Auburn and outlying towns early in July; severe weather impending, such as a tornado; a break in the State dam; explosions; catastrophe due to an airplane crash; danger from radioactive or chemical materials released through accidents in rail or truck transportation; an accident at a nuclear power plant."

"We caution against panic," Underwood said. "The sirens would sound for the three minutes for the purpose of avoiding situations that could lead to panic, and to give instructions to protect the public insofar as is humanly possible."

"The three-minute siren blast is not to be confused with the regular monthly CD siren test in Auburn which sounds for an intermittent 30 seconds and which happens only on the second Monday of each month at 11 a.m.," he said.

"The full Alert Plan will be issued shortly to the proper authorities. Towns and village boards are being urged to develop an efficient alert system for their respective areas. Additional information will be released when their alert plans are developed."

"If there are any questions, call Civil Defense," Underwood suggested further that readers clip this news item for possible future reference.

## Parents force school board to suspend bills

CENTRAL SQUARE, N.Y. (AP) — School officials in this central New York community have backed down temporarily on their plan to impose charges for classroom supplies.

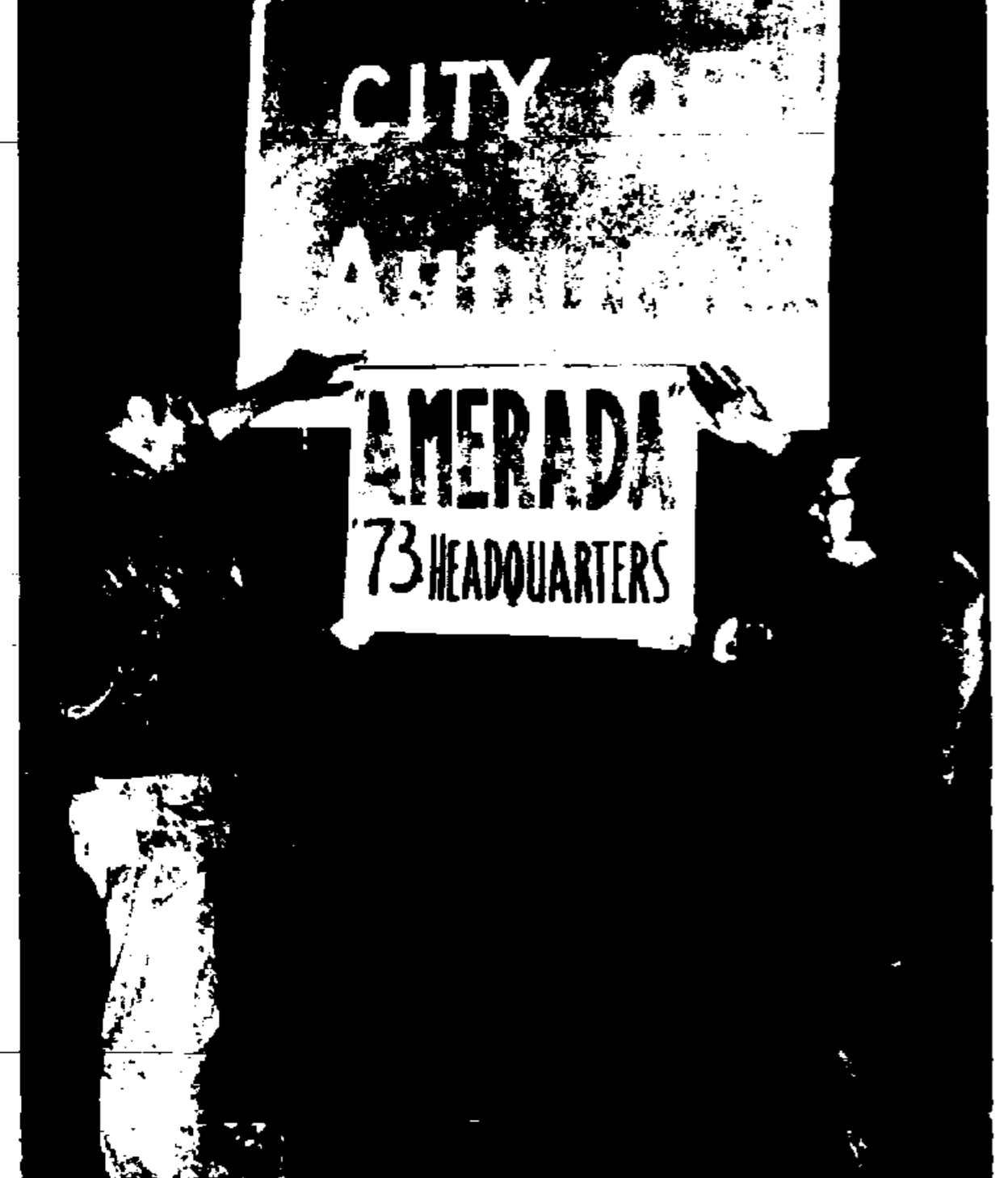
The decision came Monday night at a meeting in which some 700 angry parents heckled officials of the Central Square Central School District and the state Education Department.

Voters in the 5,000-pupil district rejected school budget proposals in June, July and August, forcing the district to adopt an austerity spending plan.

Under the plan, the school board purchased \$55,000 worth of supplies, such as art and reading program materials, and then billed parents from \$5 to \$12.50, depending on the grade level of the pupils.

A. Buell Arnold, director of the education department's division of educational management services, told the meeting the district was within its rights in billing the parents.

District Supt. David Bane said later the bills would be suspended while school officials studied alternative ways of paying for the supplies.



**Amerada '73 coming**

Joseph D. Schoen, Amerada '73 chairman, and Patrick Murphy, sign chairman, are putting up signs announcing Auburn as Amerada headquarters for '73. Amerada is an annual Canadian-American meeting of Jaycees scheduled to be held in Auburn this weekend. (Photo by Ralph Barzditis)

## Jaycees Amerada '73 here this weekend

Auburn Jaycee President Peter Spock and Joseph Schoen, chairman, announced today that Amerada '73 will take place in Auburn Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Amerada (American-Canadian Jaycees) will involve more than 400 Jaycees from Canada, Vermont and New York State. They will start arriving in Auburn Friday evening. Amerada is an annual meeting of Canadian and American Jaycees designed to exchange program ideas and promote international goodwill.

Highlights of the weekend program will include a meeting hosted by the Logan Jaycees (the original prison chapter in New York State) on Saturday featuring deputy commissioner for programs, Edward Elwin from the New York State Department of Corrections.

The official welcoming luncheon will take place on Saturday starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Auburn Inn with Commissioner Elwin the featured speaker.

On Saturday afternoon a seminar on Great Lakes pollution with K.M. Walker, Environmental Protection Agency field director from Rochester participating, will be held with seminars on criminal justice, venereal disease, politics and Jaycee activities.

The seminars will start at 1:30 p.m. at Auburn High School. Beginning at 3:45 p.m., competitive events including softball, a tug-of-war, barrel rolling and pickle eating will be held at Emerson Park.

On Sunday an interfaith breakfast featuring Norman Rebin of Quebec as speaker will be held at 9 a.m. at the Auburn Inn. Amerada '73 will conclude with a mobile debate at 11 a.m., luncheon and awards ceremony at 12:30 p.m. and a closing meeting at the Inn.

## Weather

Variable cloudiness today and chance of a few showers this afternoon and tonight. Highest within a few degrees of 70. Lowest tonight in the mid 50s. Partly cloudy, chance of brief showers and high in the mid 60s tomorrow. Mostly west winds mid 60s tomorrow. 25 gusting at times near 35 during daytime. Probability of precipitation is 30 per cent this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow.

TEMPERATURE READINGS		
	1973	1972
Maximum	69	70
Minimum	47	45
PRECIPITATION		
Daily	1.15	.02
Monthly	21.06	23.66
Yearly	6.36	7.17
Yesterday	6:37	7:15
Today	6:38	7:14
Tomorrow		
LAKE LEVEL		
Today, falling		707.31
One year ago		707.30
Barometer, Falling		29.69

