

Local Girl Is Act-Wagon Member

In days gone by, troupes of actors traveled about the country in wagons, stopping in towns and villages to entertain local residents. Today, one such group of actors, the Act-Wagon of Auburn, N.Y., travels throughout New York State to provide children's theater entertainment.

Kathi Kear, daughter of Edward and Nancy Kear of Potsdam, is one of six actors chosen to perform with Act-Wagon. In recent weeks she has appeared with the troupe in Ogdensburg, Massena and Malone, in such productions as "Aladdin" and "The Woodcarver's Luck."

While in this area, the troupe stayed with the Kear family. Kathi Kear's grandparents, Edward and Mina Kear of Yorktown, were also visiting the family.

Act-Wagon travels not by wagon, but by Wagoneer, pulling a colorful 18 foot stage with its own sound system. The actors, chosen by competitive audition from around the state, gather early in the summer to prepare costumes and scenery and to rehearse the summer's productions.

Act-Wagon is a project of the Auburn Civic Center Theatre, Inc., and is supported by the New York Council on the Arts, the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga Council on the Arts. The group has won two New York State Community Service awards.



KATHI KEAR

Equipment On Display At Fair

GOVERNEUR—An interesting display of the latest in farm machinery and equipment will be featured at the Gouverneur and St. Lawrence County Fair, Aug. 6-12.

To date, those dealers who will be showing farm machinery and whose representatives will be on hand to explain all phases of their lines are: Gouverneur Co-Operative Association; Jones Farm Supply, Gouverneur, owned by Paul Jones; and Robinson Farm Equipment Co., Inc., Canton owned by Roger McBeth. The exhibit will be located in the livestock area of the fairgrounds, between the dairy barns and the horse show ring.

Lady Clown
On Aug. 7 and Aug. 8, "Dot the Mop" will bring smiles to young and old alike when she comes to the County Fair. On Monday, she will be appearing at various points on the fairgrounds from noon to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday she will be appearing from 3 to 9 p.m.

"Dot the Mop" is somewhat of a rarity. There are only nine professional women clowns in the whole country of which only three are "walk-around" clowns-of which only one travels and performs without her husband. And that's Dot. Or rather, that's Beverly Hoffman, originally from New Orleans and now living in Richfield, Conn.

Ventriloquist To Perform
Karolyn Niesse and Max of Hollywood, Fla. will be appearing in front of the grandstand, as well as at other points on the fairgrounds at the County Fair. She will be performing on Aug. 8, Aug. 9, and Aug. 11 during the afternoon each day.

Karolyn has been performing for six years and has appeared on television, at the New York State Fair, Jefferson, and Lewis County Fairs, as well as previously at the Gouverneur Fair. She and Max, her partner, delight in amusing their audience with their wit and humor. Karolyn has just completed high school in Cooper City, Fla., and has enrolled in college to begin a career in the medical field. She visits the North Country each summer to visit her grandmother, Mrs. William H. Fritchard, Watertown, and to renew the friendship of past acquaintances with her partner Max.

Dr. Mackenzie To Close Canton Office

CANTON—Lachlan Mackenzie, M.D. has announced the closing of his office at 4 Sullivan Dr., Canton on Aug. 24, 1978. Patients' records may be obtained by contacting the Clean Medical Group in Olean, N.Y.

Volunteers Raise Funds

PARISHVILLE—Volunteers for the Mental Health Association recently raised \$21 in Parishville, under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Empey. The Mental Health Association is the only nationwide citizens' group working on behalf of the mentally ill. There are 17 chapters in New York, with more than 18,000 members.

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EXECUTIVE MEMBERS MET—At the recent meeting of the Northern Zone Retired Teachers Association at SUC, Potsdam, were the following members of the Executive Committee. They are, from left: A.A. Kingston, Potsdam;

Merton L. Van Sant, Gouverneur; Francis Kelly, Norfolk; Katherine Sullivan, Brushton; Margaret Gollaher, Potsdam; Mrs. Audrey Wood, Saranac Lake; and Anna Russell, Brushton.

Warm Weather Can Threaten Fish

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New York State Division of Fish and Wildlife

Anyone who has paid any attention at all to the weather, and it has been so hot and dry that I suspect that includes all of us, must be aware of the low, warm conditions of our streams. Low, warm conditions put the inhabitants of the water in double jeopardy, for when their bodies are warmed up by the water, their metabolic rates increase, demanding more oxygen to carry out normal bodily functions. The bind is that when the water warms up, it can't carry as much usable oxygen.

If fish and aquatic insects were all that required the dissolved oxygen in the water, that would be one thing. But unfortunately there are many other demands for this vital element. One important demand is the use of oxygen by decaying organic matter. This goes on in every water body all the time. Dead plants, waste from farm run-off, food processing operations and even municipal sewage treatment plants all need oxygen to help break down the organic matter discharged into the stream.

The effect of all these additions is cumulative. New oxygen can be added by photosynthesis of green plants or by aeration of water passing over dams or rapids. But if the biological demand for this oxygen exceeds the ability of the water to provide it, fishkills result.

Pig 'N Whistle Showband To Perform At Gouverneur Fair

GOVERNEUR—The Carlton Showband from television's "Pig 'N Whistle" Program will perform the evening of Aug. 11 at the Gouverneur and St. Lawrence County Fair.

The band plays one tune after another, Irish, sacred, country, contemporary, comedy, with everybody pitching in. It's a rollicking type of music that stirs the audience to frequent hand-clapping accompaniment, and the individual singers are top-notch.

Chris O'Toole is the drummer, manager, business agent and leader. Others in the vocal-instrumental package are Christy McLaughlin, Mike Feeney, Bob Lewis, Sean McManus, Johnny Patterson, Fred White and Seamus Grew. Seamus (Golden Leg) Grew is the accordionist, a sort of one-man marching band, and is a big favorite with the crowd. Hours prior to any show the eight members make it a practice to spend hours setting up

equipment, adjusting tricky sound systems and checking all aspects of acoustics in an attempt to give their audiences the best possible sound value.

Psychiatric Center Seeks Volunteers
OGDENSBURG—The St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center is seeking volunteers with special skills or interests to augment programs in occupational therapy, recreation, activities of daily living and personal hygiene, as well as volunteers with clerical and record-keeping skills.

For more information contact Maureen Traynor, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at the Psychiatric Center, 393-3000, ext. 296. Traynor is also available to speak to community organizations on special projects for Center clients.

This means that oxygen increases during the day. Water temperatures limit the amount of oxygen the water can hold. Warmer water holds less oxygen than cooler water. At night available oxygen decreases, depending on how much organic matter is decomposing. Most of the time this fluctuates at a high enough level so that

it causes no hardship for fish.

However, there are several conditions which can turn this delicate situation into catastrophe. The worst combination would be hot, still, cloudy weather. During a period of hot weather the water is at its warmest, holding less usable oxygen. On a cloudy day oxygen production by plants is at a minimum because of limited sunlight. With no wave action to mix the water, green plants near the surface produce oxygen which stays there, with little chance of it getting into the deeper water where decomposition is occurring. At night decomposition continues, and may completely deplete the remaining oxygen at the lower level.

Every night all summer long this fluctuation in available oxygen goes on when conditions are just right—high water temperature, high concentrations of plant life and still, cloudy weather. These conditions may result in a summer fishkill.

Cindy Theobald To Vie For State Dairy Princess Crown

St. Lawrence County Dairy Princess Cindy Theobald, Wheeler Road, Potsdam, will be among the competitors for the 1978-79 New York State Dairy Princess crown on Aug. 16 and 17 at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse.

Dairy princesses from 45 New York State counties will participate in the 16th annual Princess Pageant program sponsored by the American Dairy Association & Dairy Council of New York. The competition will be highlighted by each candidate's presentation of this year's milk promotion speech entitled, "Milk Does It" and original milk slogans on posters and lunch pails.

The princess program is part of the association's comprehensive milk marketing communications program. ADA&DCNY also sponsors advertising, research, nutrition education, food information and publicity in support of milk and dairy product promotion throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

A panel of judges will review pageant contestants' posters, lunch boxes and promotional talks as well as hold personal interviews to evaluate each on personality, poise, speaking ability, appearance and overall performance as a dairy spokesperson.

ADA&DCNY will award the winning candidate with a \$500 cash scholarship

and her alternate, \$200. The judges will also present four \$10 cash prizes to winners of the milk slogan poster and lunch pail contests. The princess giving the best two-and-one-half minute promotion speech will receive \$50, while second and third place winners will be awarded \$25.

The 1977-78 New York State Dairy Princess Susan Mower, Herkimer County and her alternate Colleen Patterson, Jefferson County, will host the "Magic Cow Punch Hour", the opening festivities for the 7 p.m. coronation banquet on Thursday evening. The new state Dairy Princess is expected to be crowned at 10 p.m.

Cattle, Sheep, Horse Shows Set At Fair

GOVERNEUR—A total of 483 head of cattle have been entered in the cattle show at the Gouverneur and St. Lawrence County Fair set for Aug. 6-12. Fair officials say that the number represents an all-time record for cattle entries. Cattle show days are Aug. 9 and 10.

The sheep show has 100 entries, while the light horse show has 110, officials said. The horse show is also slated for Aug. 9 and 10, beginning at 10 a.m.

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