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Parade To Honor War Dead



GUEST SPEAKER at seventh annual aviation luncheon-meeting of Queens Chamber of Commerce was Captain Samuel H. Miller, vice-president, industry affairs, Pan American World Airways (far left), shown with Chamber President Louis D. Laurino, Chamber Aviation Chairman Alfred N. Warwick and Port of New York Authority Aviation Director John R. Wiley. More than 500 Queens businessmen and industrialists attended luncheon in Riccardo's, Astoria.

80th Anniversary Day Parade June 4

Close to 1500 men, women and children are expected to march next Thursday, June 4th in the annual Anniversary Day Parade of the Woodhaven-Ozone Park Sunday School Union. This year's theme will be "In Christ We Are One."

The parade will be held on 91st Ave. between Woodhaven Blvd. and 84th St. Decorated floats and banners, carriages, signs and musical units in the procession will depict the theme of the event.

It will be the 80th consecutive Sunday School parade in the Woodhaven-Ozone Park area and one of 42 to be held in Brooklyn and Queens next Thursday to commemorate the 154th anniversary of the first Bible School founded in Brooklyn. Five hundred churches in the two boroughs will participate in the observance.

The parade will get under way at 1:30 P.M. with Edward Dennerlein of the Woodhaven United Methodist Church in the role of grand marshal.

Sunday School children and members of 11 churches will take part in the procession with the following churches represented:

East End Division, Peter Slaton, marshal, Woodhaven First Presbyterian Church, Rev. John Richardson, pastor; United Methodist Church, Ozone Park, Rev. F. Callandro, pastor; Emanuel United Church of Christ, Rev.

Leader-Observer Closed Tomorrow

The LEADER-OBSERVER business and editorial offices will be closed tomorrow, Friday, in observance of Memorial Day, which this year falls on Saturday.

Please submit copy, advertising and news, as early as possible next week. We'll be back on the job on Monday, June 1.

Truman Stehr, pastor; St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Rev. Richard Lutz, rector; Christ Congregational, United Church of Christ, Rev. Robert Pitcock, pastor; Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. F. Posta, pastor, West End, Forest Park Reformed Church, Rev. Carl Lazarro, pastor; St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. Stanley Knull, pastor; Woodhaven United Methodist Church, Rev. Donald Vroon, pastor; Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. K. Olson, pastor; Woodhaven Baptist Church, Rev. David Hamburg, pastor.

Many dignitaries have been invited to witness the parade (Continued on Page 10)

Three BMT Change Booths Robbed In Holdup Spree

A holdup suspect who went into action early Sunday morning reeled off three robberies within a half-hour period at separate change booths of the BMT's Jamaica Ave. elevated line.

Police said the suspect, Robert Johnson, 21, of 1047 Prospect Pl., Brooklyn, riding to the first two crime scenes by cab and taking a bus to the third, collected \$187 from the booths and also \$14.40 in tokens.

Allegedly using a toy pistol, Johnson hit the Metropolitan Ave. station at 7:10 P.M., the 111th St. stop at 7:30, and later the booth at the Forest Parkway station, according to police.

A radio alarm sent Ptl. John Odenthal of the 102nd Precinct north on Forest Parkway in search of the robber. Odenthal let

his partner out of the radio car at 79th St. and 85th Rd. and continued toward Park Lane South, where he spotted a man emerging from a driveway at 76-36 with a raincoat over his arm and a pistol in his hand, police said.

The officer hopped from the prowl car and ordered the man to drop the gun. Instead, police said, the suspect aimed it at Odenthal, who fired two shots, both missing.

The suspect ran back into the driveway, where he was seized by Ptl. Rolf Rehbein, who had circled around to the rear and heard the shots.

Johnson was charged with robbery, a violation of the weapons law, and resisting arrest.

Police said he admitted a \$24-a-day heroin habit.

New Carousel To Turn In Forest Park

One of these days a new carousel will turn in Forest Park - to the delight of the kiddies.

The city's working on it, according to a letter Assemblyman Frederick D. Schmidt received last week from Agust Heckscher, administrator of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Replying to an inquiring letter from the Woodhaven legislator, the parks official wrote on May 18:

"Dear Mr. Schmidt:
"I am pleased to report that we have made substantial progress towards the reconstruction of the carousel in Forest Park. The cost of reconstruction will be borne by private and government funds, and we expect to select a consultant and have the project go into the design stage very shortly.

"I will keep you posted as we go along."

The old carousel and refreshment stand, adjacent to the picnic area, were completely demolished several years ago by a fire believed to have been the work of vandals.

Assemblyman Schmidt said he also has asked Heckscher to do something about the playground on Park Lane South at 79th St., which older teenagers, believed to be school truants, have allegedly been using as a hangout.

This has discouraged young mothers from taking their small children to the playground.

Schmidt said he has also contacted appropriate city agencies on other local problems - pot-holes on Park Lane South and (Continued on Page 6)

Blasts Rent Control Plan At Hearing

Assemblyman Vito Batista, (Republican, Brooklyn) testified at City Council Hearings on Rent Control at City Hall on Monday, May 25th. He stated that the Mayor's rent control monstrosity would be the kiss of death for at least 200,000 apartments now renting for under \$50.00 per month.

Hanging On Ropes

"The small property owners and their tenants will not be helped by the Mayor's plan. These smaller buildings are now hanging on the ropes. They need financial help desperately. It will do no good to give them a dollar or two in increases and then tell them to sink or swim. That is what the Mayor's plan does.

"The wealthy owners, with their battery of high-priced accountants and lawyers, can probably find some loop-hole to get by; but the little guy, the one who lives in his own building or has scraped together his last dollar for his investment, has been kissed off by the Mayor," Batista stated. The small owners have given up seeking fair play and justice, and are now seeking mercy."

Desperate Situation

The Brooklyn legislator declared that it is time to face up to the fact that good housing has to be paid for now. Inflation is so desperate a situation that to ignore it is to invite complete destruction of our rent controlled housing and will be the death of private housing in New York City.

Woodhaven's annual Memorial Day parade and ceremonies honoring its war dead will be held on Saturday with veterans and other community groups in the line of march.

Joining the sponsoring unit, Woodhaven Post 16, Catholic War Veterans, will be Woodhaven Post 118, American Legion, color guards and ladies' auxiliaries of both organizations.

John Budway, judge advocate of the CWV, will be grand marshal.

Participating groups and dignitaries will assemble at 9 A.M. at American Legion headquarters, 89th Ave. and 91st St., it was announced by Gregory Athas, CWV commander. John Walsh is commander of the Legion Post.

Memorial rites for residents who fell in America's wars will be conducted at three different locations - at the V.F.W. monument in Whiting Square, World War II memorial on Forest Parkway, at Jamaica Ave., and the World War I memorial at Legion headquarters, where the final ceremony is scheduled for 11 A.M.

Youth groups in the parade will include St. Thomas the Apostle Cub Packs 269 and 287, led by cubmasters Roger Hennin and John Delaney, respectively; Boy Scout Troop 269 of St. Thomas,

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Apprehend 2 Suspects In A&P Stickup

Deserted by an accomplice who fled in the getaway car when police came in sight, two Brooklyn men were apprehended last Thursday following a \$750 hold-up at the A&P Supermarket, 116-09 Myrtle Ave.

The suspects, according to police, were Norman Jones, 23, of 546 Gates Ave., and General Pettaway, 25, of Hancock St. Both were charged with robbery and criminal possession of stolen property, and Pettaway with an additional charge, possession of a dangerous weapon.

Police said the two entered the A&P about 4 P.M., forced employees and several customers to the rear and then told the store manager, William Colgan, to open the safe.

The bandits fled the store with their loot and guns just as radio-car Patrolmen Charles Hannigan and John Clancy of the 102nd Precinct were driving by. The driver in the getaway car took off when he saw the cops, and his accomplices fled on foot.

The patrol car chased the two suspects, meanwhile radioing for assistance, which brought Ptl. Grant Shimborke in another radio car. Hannigan and Clancy nabbed Jones about two blocks from the market and Shimborke colored Pettaway, who made no attempt to use the 38-calibre pistol he was carrying, police said.

