

Verona Beach Boy, 4, Drowns in Oneida Lake as He Falls Through Ice

Child Was Playing Along Shore Body Recovered By Troopers

ONEIDA — George Balke, Jr., four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Balke, of Vincent av., Verona Beach, became the first drowning victim of the year at Oneida Lake yesterday when he went through the ice near the shore of the barge canal, near the foot of Sixth av., Sylva Beach, about 12:45 P.M.

Trooper David Lynn of the Camden State Police patrol, who was within four minutes of the scene, sped there on a message from Troop D headquarters. He pulled the youngster out of the water from beneath a large bait box in about eight feet of water. The trooper applied artificial respiration and members of the Sylva Beach First Aid squad used their desiccator for about an hour. The boy was pronounced dead by Dr. Marvin Brown of Cleveland.

MRS. BALKE learned of the tragedy when Judy Philo, two and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Philo, Sylva Beach, with whom the boy had been playing, walked into the Philo's trailer near the canal with George's cap and told her mother the boy had fallen into the water. Tracks on the ice showed the girl had also walked on it, but had not broken through.

Mrs. Lillian Sawner, who was with a group of Sylva Beach residents, who began an immediate search for the boy, waded out depth was too great and she had to return to shore. Trooper Richard Foreman was also sent to the scene from Oneida.

Thomas A. Cox of Rome, Oneida County coroner, gave a verdict of accidental death due to asphyxiation by drowning. It was learned that Mrs. Balke was visiting with Mrs. Philo and apparently the two children had been playing together. Balke, who is employed in the Electronics Laboratory at Griffiss Air Base, Rome, was notified of the tragedy by Troop D headquarters.

George Balke, Jr., was born in Oneida, March 22, 1949. His mother was the former Maxine Douglas. Surviving besides his parents are a sister, Bonnie Belle, and a brother, Frank Gatto. Funeral arrangements in charge of the Campbell-Dean Funeral Home are incomplete.

Oxford Votes To Purchase Fire Truck
NORWICH — The village of Oxford will purchase a new fire truck at a cost, fully equipped, of \$14,204.65, it was said yesterday following a meeting of the village board.

Mrs. Erna Eaton's Funeral is Sunday
CANASTOTA — Services for Mrs. Erna Eaton, who died yesterday at her home, will be at 2 P.M. Sunday at the J. Homer Ball Funeral Home, Canastota. The Rev. F. Richard Sinclair will officiate. Burial will be in Lenox Rural Cemetery. Friends may call at their convenience this evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening.



ONEIDA—RUN SCHOOL FOR DAY. Members of Senior Class replaced teachers at the annual "Teachers for a Day" at Oneida High School. Discussing school procedures as secretary makes notes are, from left, seated, Kay Colme, secretary; Robert Schuck, senior high principal, and Joseph Zaia, school superintendent. Standing, Sue McKay, dean of girls, and Terry Quain, guidance counselor.

— ONEIDA HIGH —

Pupils Conduct School for Day



ONEIDA—CROWNS NEW PRESIDENT. Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne, right, retiring president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Durhamville Fire Department, places chief's hat on newly installed president, Mrs. Natalie Holdridge of Durhamville.

Rev. Ruford B. Cook, Cazenovia, Dies at 77

CAZENOVIA — The Rev. Ruford B. Cook, 77, died in Oneida City Hospital yesterday after a short illness. He was a Watertown native and graduated from Cazenovia Seminary in 1902 and from Syracuse University in 1906.

He had served as pastor of the Methodist Churches in Camillus, Borodino and Marcellus. He did mission work in the Albany-Schenectady area for the church and held pastorates in Dannemora, Schuylerville, Fort Plain, Nassau, Albany and Hudson Falls before retiring in 1949.

HE WAS CALLED back as assistant pastor at Oneida and at the time of his death was pastor of the Stockbridge Methodist Church. The Rev. Cook served as a member of the board of trustees of Syracuse University for six years.

The Rev. Cook is survived by a brother, J. W. Cook of Cazenovia; two step-daughters, Mrs. Congdon Bates of Fayetteville and Mrs. E. C. Overton of Birmingham, Ala.; two nieces and three nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 P.M. Monday in the Cazenovia Methodist Church, the Rev. Warren Odum, Syracuse, district superintendent, officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Cazenovia. Friends may call at the R. H. Kohler Funeral Home from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. tomorrow and Sunday.

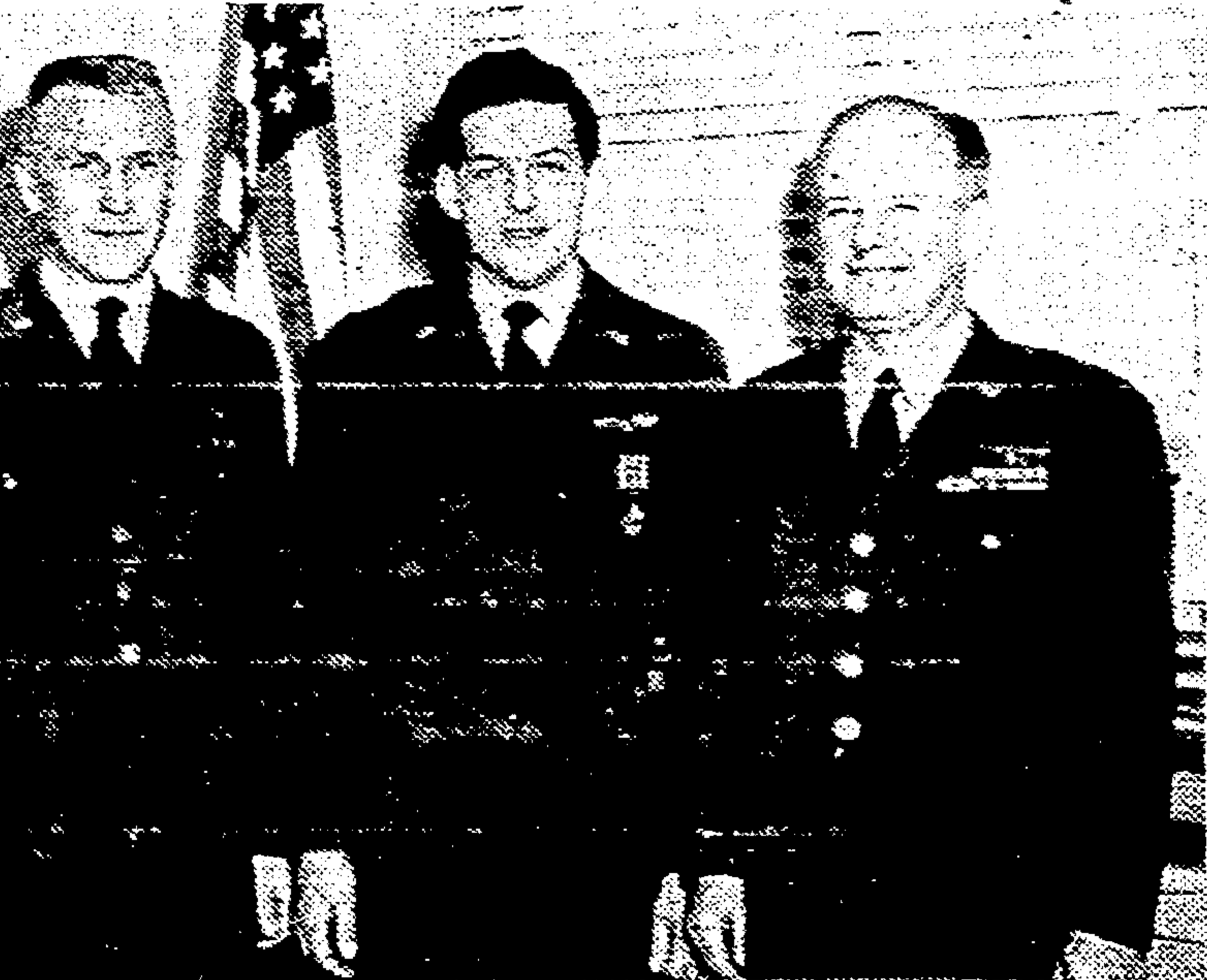
Overtime Parkers Receive Warning

CANASTOTA — The new penny-nickel parking meters, which were installed in the business section the early part of the week, are all functioning well, according to Chief of Police Dominick Barberi.

Driver Arrested On Drunk Charge

NORWICH — Robert G. Klemeyer, 46, of Mustin, Iowa, a salesman, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Troopers Glen Burton and Fred Sigmund of the Norwich substation on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Klemeyer was arrested on Route 12, near the Hand Inn, and as the arrest was taking place Norwich Patrolmen Norman Weeks and Martin Dunn happened to be near the scene, and were witnesses to Klemeyer's condition.



ROME—HIGH FLIERS. Three medal award recipients are shown with Brig. Gen. Daniel C. Doubleday, commander, Rome Air Development Center, right. From left to right, Master Sgt. Harvey G. Bancroft, who received the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters; Capt. Harry G. Brickett, the second, third and fourth Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, and Lt. Thomas L. Lushbaugh, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Gen. Doubleday, who presented the medals. Air Force Photo.

School Board Head Gives View on Site

ROME—The president of the Rome Board of Education said yesterday the land which is sought by the city for eventual use as a school and park is situated in District 13, not the city school district.

Dr. Rudolph E. Vandaveer, board president, said the city's intentions to purchase the Charles Anken property between N. James st. and Turin rd. was "a wise move," but cautioned that the board could not purchase the land for a school or use the land for a school without consent of District 13.

EXPRESSING his opinion that the city has no legal right to purchase the property for the school board, Dr. Vandaveer said, however, he did not anticipate opposition from the outside school district if the board eventually decides to utilize the site for a school.

He pointed out that the board is currently investigating sites for schools in the northern section of Rome, but is desirous of a location nearer the Colonial Park area to accommodate pupils on either side of Floyd av.

Justice Gets 'Payoff' and Payee Loses

BOUCKVILLE—Chris L. Hoese, 28, manager and operator of Matt's Diner in Route 20, here, was fined \$20 last night by Peace Justice Donald Canney of "Soldier" for paying off on a pinball machine in the diner.

Trooper Bruce Risley of the Hamilton State Police, who made the arrest, said the pinball machine was also confiscated and taken to Troop D headquarters in Oneida where it will be destroyed.

Trooper Risley said complainant in the case was Justice Arthur Godfrey who resides near the diner. Godfrey played the machine and received the payoff, the trooper said.

Oneida Today

ONEIDA—A public card party, sponsored by Wampsville Fire department and Mizpah Rebekah lodge of Oneida, will be held at 8 P.M. Saturday in Wampsville hall. Proceeds are for the benefit of both organizations. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

3 Qts. Beer \$1 at Gallagher's Super IGA Market, Canastota.—Adv.

The early spring oyster party will be held by the Oneida Elks at the Elks Temple, Sunday, March 28. Harry Durkee and Art Arnott are co-chairmen of arrangements.

Supper at Gallagher's Super IGA Market, Canastota. Open nights till 10 P.M.—Adv.

The Indian Princess Juveniles will meet at 2 P.M. Saturday in their club rooms.

Charles Manaseri, two, of Verona Beach, was treated at City Hospital yesterday for a laceration of his right thumb. He was injured at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cole have returned to their home in Oneida Valley after vacationing in Florida.

Oneida City Home Bureau unit will meet at 7:30 P.M. Monday at the home of Mrs. Russell Lang, 218 Cedar st. The unit will have a lesson on canning chairs.

Officers of the Siloam Methodist Church will sponsor a pancake and sausage supper, starting at 5 P.M. Saturday.



EARLVILLE—TESTIMONIAL DINNER. Clifford Nower, Howard Nower and Deacon Doubleday were honored with a testimonial dinner by the Poolville Fire Department for their work on the annual fire department auction. From left, Roger Adams, master of ceremonies; Clifford Nower and Howard Nower of Earlville; Howard Tackabury, president of fire department, and Deacon Doubleday, W.S.Y.R. personality.

Cornell Defends Milk Production

IITHACA—"We welcome," Dean W. I. Myers of the College of Agriculture at Cornell University said in a long statement yesterday, "the opportunity to answer questions raised about milk production and marketing activities of the College of Agriculture."

Dean Myers pointed out that the primary purpose of producing milk and other agricultural products on the college farm is for research and teaching. "We cannot," he said, "carry on investigations in the feeding and breeding of cows for milk production without producing milk. It is in the interest of taxpayers that this milk, actually a by-product of our research and teaching, be sold to the best possible advantage in order to reduce the cost of our overall operations to the people of the state. In selling our milk and dairy products, we make every effort to conduct the operations on a fair basis so as to be good business citizens of the Ithaca community."

"LARGELY BECAUSE of misinformation or lack of information, we have received many criticisms over the years in regards to these phases of our dairy operation."

The statement then carried on a lengthy explanation of the dairy department activities and figures, citing that the college plans its research and teaching program to meet the needs of the various agricultural interests of the entire state. It is also pointed out that the Cornell dairy here today is slightly larger than it was 12 years ago. It is also stated that the college's practice of selling milk has not changed over the past 30 years, and further that over the counter sale of milk on the campus has declined slightly over the last three years.

THE STATEMENT asserts that one of the largest single users of milk on the campus is the cafeteria of the College of Home Economics and that a local dealer furnishes the milk for this outlet and has done so for many years.

The statement states that the college prices on dairy items are in line with those charged in local stores. It is also pointed out that the department of dairy industry purchases some milk from Tompkins County producers, amounting in 1953 to some \$60,134. Reason for such purchase, it is pointed out, is because the Cornell herd alone cannot supply enough milk to carry on research and teaching in fluid milk processing and in the manufacture of ice cream, cheese and other dairy products.

Further the report compares the size of the current program to that of 30 years ago, and states that the income received from sale of milk and dairy products is used to pay for student help and plant supervisory personnel. Furthermore this income is used to purchase and maintain research and training equipment. This reduces the cost of the overall operations to the taxpayers of the state.

"WE INVITE the Tompkins County Board of Supervisors and the officers of the Tompkins County Milk Producers Cooperative, Inc., to observe first hand our animal husbandry and dairy plant operations and obtain any other facts they may wish to

Rev. Lahoud To be Made Monsignor

UTICA—Religious, civic and foreign notables will attend Sunday's investiture service at St. Louis Gonzaga Church when the Rev. Francis Lahoud, pastor, is elevated to the rank of monsignor.

James J. Hage is general chairman of the event, which will also include a reception in the Hotel Utica.

The Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, Bishop of Syracuse, will preside at the service scheduled for 5 P.M. and will preach the sermon following the investiture of Father Lahoud as the only monsignor of the Maronite Rite in the United States. The bishop will vest Father Lahoud with the robes of his office.

Monsignori throughout the diocese and other Maronite priests in the nation will attend the service, and the testimonial planned at 6:30 in the Utica Hotel Utica.

Others to attend include John Moses, George Shaffer, Raymond J. Ferris and the Most Rev. David F. Cunningham, auxiliary bishop of the diocese.

Father Lahoud, a native of Karfaba, Lebanon, came to the United States in 1930. He was assigned as rector of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Easton, Pa., and served that parish for two years before coming to St. Louis Gonzaga Church in 1932.

Furniture Group Elects Woolman

UTICA—Bernard Woolman of the Union-Fern store last night was elected president of the Furniture Dealers' Association of Utica at the annual meeting in Hotel Utica.

Others elected were—first vice president, Samuel Smith, Markson Brothers; second vice president, Donald Williams; E. Tudor Williams Store; secretary, Edward Horowitz of Riby's, re-elected, and treasurer, Moe Shapiro, Utica Household Furniture Company, re-elected. Ralph Blasting of the Blasting Furniture Store, is retiring president, and was named honorary president.

THE ASSOCIATION also authorized steps to correct "a situation" complained about by some furniture dealers and others, that a New Hartford store had been conducting a "fire sale" and moving in merchandise before and during the sale.

James Friel of the J. B. Wells & Company Store, was designated to confer with the Utica papers. Woolman was asked to confer with city and village officials regarding enactment of an ordinance governing "the problem."

John Long Dies in Rome

ROME—John W. Long, 56, a native of Rome, died yesterday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carl Deschamps, 408 Margaret st., Herkimer, after a long illness.

Born in Ithaca Dec. 29, 1897, he married Katherine Quinlity in 1905 in Ithaca. She died in 1951. He was educated in Rome schools and moved to Herkimer four years ago.

A former Revere employe, Mr. Long was a communicant of St. Peter's Church, Rome, and a member of its Holy Name Society. He was a charter member of Rome Council, Knights of Columbus, and was a past grand knight and honorary life member.

He leaves, besides his daughter, in Herkimer, a brother, William B. Long, and two grandchildren.

CAR TIPS OVER ONEIDA—Mrs. George Felshaw of Verona was uninjured yesterday when her car slid on Route 234 between Verona and Verona and tipped over. State Police headquarters said Mrs. Felshaw reported the accident to them.

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