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## Suicide at Lake Ronkonkoma

### Start of Scooter Race on Lake Ronkonkoma



It is not the fault of Walter "Bunny" Gubner, Commodore of the Lake Ronkonkoma Ice Boat club that the frozen surfaces of the lake are not jammed with winter sports fans. On the other hand, due to Gubner's influence with metropolitan newspapermen and news reel companies, the Lake was advertised in movie theatres throughout the nation last week.

And, a la Ripley, movies of ice boat and scooter races taken at the lake three weeks ago Saturday have been shown on the screens of Florida and mid-west theatres but to date not a single Long Island theatre. However, this is not surprising, explained Gubner and Tax Receiver William Colson of Islip. They showed the Inquiring Reporter clippings from the Bradenton (Fla.) Times, reporting the races at the Lake and others at Bellport, illustrated by "cuts", similar to those used in this story, from the Universal News Reel movies.

According to the writers of the letters that accompanied the clippings, the movies taken at the frozen Long Island lake and its snow-covered steep shores were doubly enjoyed by the Long Islanders "summering" in Florida. Not only did they enjoy witnessing the races but took delight in explaining what an iceboat and a Great South bay scooter are to the "inlanders" from the mid-west and south who never saw such craft before.

Gubner, who invited the news readers to the lake as his guests, obtained eight different pictures from

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### E. Middle Island School Perfect Attendance List

THE following students had a 100 per cent. attendance record for the month of February at the East Middle Island school:

James Ashton, John Carrabus, Joseph Carrabus, Rudolph Carrabus, James Obiedzinski, Frances Depta, Lucy Depta, Anne Ferguson, Frances Szuster, Lucy Godzioba, Edmour Gagnon, Walter Zebrowski, Donald Bayles, Norman Stewart, Victoria Obiedzinski, Helen Szuster, Stella Godzioba, Lorraine Eve, Cecilia Godzioba, Fannie Szuster, Jenny Zebrowski, Angelina Carrabus, Vera Depta.

### Petition and Much Testimony Given At Hearing on Holbrook Crossing

#### P. S. C. Representative Hears Pleas of Parents for Protection — R.R. Engineer Cites Findings In Case

"WON'T you please, Mr. Commissioner, have those lights put up? Nothing is too expensive to protect the lives of our children."

This dramatic plea by Mrs. Grace Peters of the Holbrook Mother's club made to Chief Engineer M. C. Cleveland of the Public Service commission at the hearing Friday in the Town hall in Patchogue in relation to the necessity for more adequate protection at the Patchogue Road crossing, was, without question, the high point of the three-hour session and its effect was immediately visible both with the commissioner and scores of parents present.

"Statistics mean nothing," Mrs. Peters declared as she walked from the

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### Holbrook People Plan Memorial for Children Killed in Bus Crash

Plans to erect a memorial on the Holbrook school grounds in memory of Alice and Edna Bedell and Robert Seckamp who were killed in the bus tragedy last December, were made by the Holbrook Community club at a meeting last Wednesday. Funds are now being solicited by that organization from Holbrook residents. This memorial which has been consented to by the bereaved parents, will be dedicated on Decoration day when the second annual Holbrook parade will terminate at the school grounds for the exercises.

The committee appointed to gather funds for this purpose includes Henry Heine, Sr., chairman; John C. Wehrenberg, W. L. Holmes, principal of the Holbrook school; Herman Beebe and Charles Flubacker.

### Resident Physician At County Infirmary

Dr. James Kaufman Named by Commissioner Williams — Takes Place Of Visiting Doctor and Nurse

THE position of resident physician at the Suffolk county home and infirmary at Yaphank has been filled by the appointment of Dr. James A. Kaufman of New York, Public Welfare Commissioner Irving Williams has announced.

Dr. Kaufman is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and of the University of Edinburgh medical school in Scotland. He has practiced in City hospital on Welfare Island and also at Harlem hospital in New York.

Medical duties had formerly been performed by Dr. William H. Roe of Patchogue who made regular calls at the county buildings in Yaphank, but at a meeting of the board of supervisors in Riverhead on January 27, Welfare Commissioner Williams advocated the creation of the position of resident physician. Mr. Williams said at that time that the plan would effect a financial saving as well as provide for closer supervision of the patients in both institutions. The services of a graduate nurse were dispensed with, and the salary of the resident physician was set at \$2,000 a year by the board.

### Coram Pupils at School Every Day in Feb. Named

THE perfect attendance report for February at the Coram school is as follows: Primary department—Mrs. Mabel Wilbur teacher—Charles Lyon, grade 2; Malcolm Mailer, grade 3; Lester H. Davis, grade 4.

Higher grades—Mrs. William Wild, teacher—Raymond Still, grade 5; Doris Fingar, Yolanda Rupolo, Fred Wittschack, grade 6; Elvira Rupolo, grade 8.

### Car Gas Victim Said To Be Alfred C. Dart Of Woodside

#### Hose Led Exhaust Fumes Inside — Finding of Note Indicates Suicide

Investigation of a car that had been seen parked in the same spot for more than an hour, on Lincoln avenue, near the Motor parkway, between Lake Ronkonkoma and Hauppauge, early last evening disclosed the body of a man tentatively identified as Alfred C. Dart, 51 years old, of Hobart street, Woodside, a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning.

When first seen at 5 o'clock by a passerby, the motor of the car was running and nothing was thought amiss about a parked car with a lone occupant at the wheel, but when the same passerby happened along at about 6:30 and saw the car still there with a man slumped over the wheel, he became apprehensive. The motor of the car had stopped but was still warm.

Police were notified and Corporal Daniel Glasheen of the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the State police in Bay Shore and Deputy Sheriff Russell Richards of the district attorney's office in Sayville found a hose connected to the exhaust pipe, running through the rear window, with its outlet in the car. The motor is believed to have stopped when the gas ran out.

A note was found beside the man addressed to "Minnie", and license blanks issued in the same name and address for the past three years served as a means of identification. Cor-

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### Controversy Over New Postmaster For Ronkonkoma

#### After 52 Years of Service de Groot Will Retire

Jules Friedman Is Choice of Brookhaven Democratic Committee, But Islip Democrats Do Not Agree

AFTER 52 years' continuous service in the U. S. Postal department, Giles C. de Groot, postmaster of Ronkonkoma, is about to retire. As reported in an exclusive story in The Mid-Island Mail, on December 4, 1935, and later copied by Ripley-like cartoonists, de Groot has established an unequalled record of having served in that office under no less than 11 presidents of the United States.

De Groot's announcement that he was about to retire was sufficient to not only set the tongue of gossip awagging but the political wheel of fortune in motion. Candidates for the office appeared in scores. Owing to the fact that the Ronkonkoma post office district lies in two towns, Brookhaven and Islip, the Democrats

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