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Military Rites Are Accorded Lieut. Fisher

The first military funeral for a World War II veteran in Skaneateles, the body of Lieut. Donald E. Fisher, U. S. Army, killed on a flight over France, was held Saturday. The funeral was held at the home of Mrs. Fisher, 100 West Main St., and was attended by a large number of friends and relatives. The body was borne to the cemetery by a military band and was interred in the national cemetery at West Point, N. Y.

The procession was led by the Rev. C. Philip Torrey, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Skaneateles. Prayers were read by the Rev. Torrey and the Rev. J. H. Fisher, pastor of the Episcopal Church. The body was borne to the cemetery by a military band and was interred in the national cemetery at West Point, N. Y.

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100 Votes Cast in Quiet Primary; No Contests Develop in Township

Hundred and eleven votes were cast in Skaneateles township's primary election in the First District Tuesday, according to unofficial figures compiled this week. Of 89 Republican ballots used, 22 Democratic ballots were also used. The candidates nominated for county auditor and for township posts in addition to the 11 delegates and 11 alternate delegates to the judicial district committee and 12 members of the GOP committee at the primary, but who will name their candidates for the township offices at a meeting called by J. Charles Keegan, chairman, for next Monday. The Democratic candidates at the primary were for auditor, the six delegate and alternate posts to the judicial district committee, and membership on county committees. Republican candidates were: Oliver E. Kane for county auditor; Byron B. Lee for supervisor of Skaneateles; Dora Gillett for clerk; Charles G. Smith for justice of the peace; Sanford J. Henric for assessor (two year); George A. W. Miller for town supervisor of highways; Samuel J. Keegan for collector; Willoughby Keegan for school director. Republican candidates for township offices are incumbents except the election of Mr. Hawkins,

John H. Gregory Attends School For Veterans' Guidance Counsellors

John H. Gregory of Skaneateles, a member of the Onondaga County representative at a training school for veteran guidance counsellors, where they will receive an intensive course of training in veterans' rights and privileges existing under state, Federal and local laws. More than 50 counsellors, representing counties throughout the state, are attending the sessions, which began Monday and will continue through August 17. The school, approved by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and administered by the Division of Veterans' Affairs for the State of New York under the direction of Edward J. Neary, is the first of its kind to be established in the country. Sessions are being conducted in the Senate Chambers of the State Legislature. Counsellors will be addressed by representatives of the state government, the Federal Veterans' Administration, organized labor, business and social agencies.

Mr. Gregory and Mr. Hauswirth are among the first 52 counsellors to be named. Others will be appointed later as the need for them increases and will attend subsequent sessions of the school. "The course of training being offered the veterans' counsellors, all of whom are themselves veterans, will not be extremely intensive but will cover any phase of veterans' rights, veterans' benefits and veterans' relationships," Mr. Neary said.

"In addition, the psychology of interviewing and counselling veterans will be dealt with exhaustively by psychologists, as well as by men who have performed personnel and intelligence work in combat areas during their Army service. "During the three-week course, great emphasis will be placed—and by the most expert experience available—on the counselling of veterans in purchasing and operating small farms, as well as in purchasing and operating small businesses. Bankers will tell the counsellors

Lieut. Welch Home on Leave

Lieut. Fred Welch, Infantry, U. S. Army, is home on leave visiting his wife, Mrs. Betty Murphy Welch, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Welch of Fennell St. Lieut. Welch recently arrived in this country after having seen service in Scotland where he arrived Feb. 26. England, Belgium and France and Germany. He was sent as a replacement and joined his outfit, Co. C, 11th at Frankfurt am Main. He took part in the Rhine campaign to the Ruhr pocket and said that even before V-E Day the Germans were pressing through his outfit's lines with arms in the air, begging to surrender. He will report for reassignment at Fort Dix, N. J., Aug. 25.

Democrats Meet In Caucus Monday

J. Charles Keegan, chairman of the Democratic town committee, gave notice today that a party caucus will be held next week to choose candidates for town offices to be held at the general election in November. The caucus will be held Monday at 8 p.m. in the engine house.

T-4 Thomas Rice, 4 1/2 Year Veteran, Gets Discharge

With better than four and a half years of Army service behind him, T-4 Thomas C. Rice, Tank Destroyers, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Rice of Onondaga St., was honorably discharged from the Army last Monday, July 30, at Ft. Dix, N. J., and with the dirt of Africa, Sicily, Normandy, France, Holland, Belgium, England, Scotland, Austria and Germany still on his boots the Skaneateles soldier lit out for home to add the best of them all—the soil of his native land. Beginning his service as a member of Troop K, 121st Cavalry, National Guard of New York, he entered the service Jan. 6, 1940. He was one of the original group of service men called to the colors who attended the little farewell party extended the group by Mr. and Mrs. John McLaren at their restaurant in Genesee St., that January evening on the eve of their departure. After 14 months at Ft. Benning, Ga., he was in April 1942, sent to Camp Sutton, N. C., where he remained until July 28, when he joined at Fayetteville, S. C., the 813th Tank Destroyers, the outfit he was to be with all the time. On Aug. 3, he left for Indiantown Gap, Pa., and shortly afterward, left for overseas Aug. 6, 1942. Arriving in Scotland, he was shipped to southern England, where he remained until January 1943 when he was shipped to Africa in time for the African campaign, taking part in the battles of Kaff-el-Mar, near Hajab, Faid Pass, Tunis, and Bizerte, later going to Sicily, his unit then being part of General George S. Patton's Army, then the Seventh Army, then the Seventh Army that his outfit became escort guards for General Patton when the latter addressed the Sicilians upon the conclusion of that campaign. Shipped back to Africa where his outfit rejoined the battalion, they were shipped back to England to prepare for the invasion of France. As a part of the 79th Infantry Division, he took part in the Normandy campaign arriving in France D-Day plus 6—or June 12. After taking part in the great dash across France, his outfit proved its mobility by wide sweeps first to Belgium, then Holland, Germany, back to Holland and finally to France again, winding up in the Strasbourg area. He crossed the Rhine near Saarbrücken. T-4 Rice has been awarded six battle stars, one each for Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He wears the European Theater Ribbon, the European-African and Middle Eastern Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal and he has had three promotions. He has been in some of the most famous places of Hitler's empire, including Berchtesgaden, Hitler's mountain retreat, Nurnberg, scene of Nazi party doings, Salzburg, Munich, scene of the beer hall scene where Hitler first came to prominence, Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, and Ulm. But for all his travels over Europe with the Tank Destroyers, he had one other experience. Near Saarbrücken, his outfit was transferred to an Airborne Division and later those with points enough were detached with the news they were to come home. Before going into the Army, T-4 Rice was employed by the Brockway Dairy. His plans are not made up yet as to what he'll do as a civilian. "My big problem right now," he said, "is to get down to the draft board and report—and find out about those ration books."

T-5 Harry Jones Is Discharged; Long in Pacific

T-5 Harry D. Jones, bartone player with the 40th Division Band and before that with the 100th Infantry Band of the 27th Division, the New York State National Guard unit, arrived home Sunday after honorable discharge from the Army at Ft. Dix, N. J., Saturday, July 28. With 103 points to his credit and wearing six overseas stripes beside numerous medals and ribbons, the Skaneateles soldier dates his Federal service from October 15, 1940 when the national guard was called out by the late President Roosevelt in the National Emergency to the date of discharge, and ranges from Ft. McJannet, Ala., to the far-flung fields of the Pacific. Beginning his service as a member of the 99th Infantry Band with headquarters in Syracuse May 10, 1939, he took part in summer maneuvers and when the Band was mustered into Federal service October 15, 1940 he was ordered to Ft. McJannet. After a long period of training at Ft. McJannet the outfit left the southern base for the Pacific theater April 7, 1942 and served in the Hawaiian Islands, New Britain, Guadalcanal, New Guinea and the Philippines. He wears two combat stars for his part in the action of New Britain and Negro Island in the Philippines. He also has the Philippine Liberation Medal, the Good Conduct Ribbon, the American Defense Ribbon and the Pacific theater ribbon. Before entering the Army he was a painter associated with Kenneth Russell as the senior member of the painting firm of Jones & Russell. Russell is still in the Army. After a breather at his East Lake Rd. home, Mr. Jones will resume his painting business.

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Ensign Eberle, 21, Killed in Accident; Details Not Known

Ensign William C. Eberle, 21, U. S. Navy flyer, was accidentally killed in the Pacific theater July 17, relatives here were informed this week by the Navy Department. Whether the body had been recovered is unknown as no details of the accident were revealed in the brief message, although these were promised later. Ensign Eberle was the son of Mrs. J. M. Withrow, of Orange, N. J., formerly of Skaneateles, and grandson of Mrs. R. E. Danforth of Jordan St. He attended Skaneateles High School but left here in 1939 to attend the Loomis School at Windsor, Conn. He later attended Yale University. Besides his mother, he is survived by his father, W. C. Eberle, of New York City, a brother, Dr. Richard D. Eberle of Syracuse, one sister, Mrs. W. G. Hawley, Jr., of Jordan St., Skaneateles, and one nephew, William G. Hawley III, of Skaneateles. Ensign Eberle was engaged to marry Miss Jean Weed of Fairfield, Conn. The couple had planned to marry this fall. A memorial service for the ill-fate flyer will be held at a date and place to be named later.

Vacuum Cleaner Company Begins Production Here

Flannigan Industries Inc., Skaneateles' newest manufacturing concern, went into production this week. Although war-time restrictions continue to limit the extent of its activities, the corporation Wednesday completed assembly of its first vacuum cleaner and will place it on display here soon. There was no ceremony attending the event, although it signified much to Skaneateles. Flannigan Industries, Inc., locally owned and operated, promises to be one of the community's largest post-war enterprises. It occupies the plant formerly owned by the Kleckhefer Container Corp., at Skaneateles Falls. Details of the company claim the product which they will turn out will revolutionize the vacuum cleaner industry. "It is more powerful than any portable machine now on the market," one spokesman said, "and its chief virtue lies in the fact that its cylinder is so constructed that it will contain all parts and accessories." The cleaner, designed by Robert S. Flannigan, president of the corporation, will be called the "Liberator." It was announced. Among its features will be a device for moth-proofing based on a government formula. It will also contain a spraying device which can be used for painting and waxing, it was said.

Flannigan Industries was organized in June, 1944, and incorporated two months later. It purchased the former Kleckhefer property with a seven and a half acre tract of land, and has since been assembling machinery preparatory to production. How soon the new cleaner could be marketed was not known this week.

Lieut. S. Manilla, Bulge Battle Vet, Home on Leave

Lieut. Sunday Manilla, U. S. Army Air Forces with 25 missions over enemy territory to his credit and a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge with the 9th Air Force is home on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Manilla of Fennell St. It was his first visit home since he was here last year when he came home from Shreveport, La., where he was stationed during his training period. First stationed in England, he has been in France the past eight months and has three citations—the Presidential unit citation with cluster for the Battle of the Bulge and for the crossing of the Rhine. It was Lieut. Manilla's good fortune to meet two friends in France. When at San Quentin, he met Lieut. Ernest Brice of Skaneateles and Lieut. William Thornton, of Marcellus. Lieut. Manilla will report for reassignment to duty at Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 30.

Skaneateles Falls Man Reports Seeing Two 'Panthers' in Stone Quarry Area

A report that two or more large animals of the cat family are at large in western Onondaga County or eastern Cayuga County was being viewed with some conjecture this week, although farmers of the area were advised to be on the alert to protect livestock and poultry. The report came from Leon Straub of Skaneateles Falls, who said he sighted the animals while hunting woodchuck about a mile west of the community near the old stone quarry. He described them as "panthers" though admitting they may be mountain lions. In any case he said they are of the cat family and the largest he ever saw outside a zoo. Mr. Straub saw the animals last week while he was waiting for a load at a woodchuck. They were described as tawny and lith, with long tails. They were seen walking along a stone wall, but leaped

Former Resident Was Navy Flyer; Attended SHS

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Mottville Firemen Set Old Home Day For August 11th

The first Old Home Day to be celebrated by the community of Mottville in several years will be noted next month when the little village downstream will stage one Saturday, August 11, under the sponsorship of the Mottville firemen. Events will begin Saturday morning at 11 o'clock with a parade headed by the House of Providence drum corps in which will be the Mottville firemen, the Ladies Auxiliary, comedy and visiting firemen. A dinner will be served at 12 o'clock noon in the Fire Hall by the Ladies Auxiliary. The afternoon will be given to sports, drills and music. Dancing will be enjoyed from 9 to 1. Good music has been obtained for the event. The committee in charge of the event is made up of Thomas Fraser, Charles Ostrander, Leo Sweet, James Quigley, Francis Waters, Dewey Fraser, George Bunn, Thomas Southern and Lewis White.

INJURED IN FALL

Mrs. Clarence Lader of Onondaga Street road fractured a bone in her left wrist when she fell in the backyard of her home last Saturday. Mrs. Lader caught her foot in a wire fence, lost her balance and fell. She is recovering satisfactorily.

FELLOWSHIP PICNIC

The St. James Fellowship Picnic will be held Saturday, August 11, at William Delavan's, West Lake Rd.