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Rabbi Shanken Named To Head Hebrew Center

Will Take Up Residence In Newly Purchased House Of Congregation

Rabbi Sidney Shanken has recently accepted the pulpit at the Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, New York.

For the past three years he has been serving Congregation Beth Abraham in Bridgeton, New Jersey. Previous to that post Rabbi Shanken was in Pittston, Pennsylvania for three years.

Though born in St. Louis, Missouri, Rabbi Shanken grew in Chicago, Illinois and San Antonio, Texas. He attended the University of Texas in Austin and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from New York University, majoring in Psychology. Rabbi Shanken received his Masters degree in Hebrew Literature at the Jewish Institute of Religion where he was ordained in 1949. He is a member of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Rabbi Shanken is 32 years old, married and has two children. His residence after August 15th will be 23 Shady Lane, Dobbs Ferry. This residence has recently been purchased by the Greenburgh Hebrew Center.

New Rabbi



RABBI SIDNEY SHANKEN

Day Campers Plan Stunts

The sixth week of Hastings Day Camp is proving particularly busy for campers in addition to their regular activities they are preparing exhibits and skits for stunt day, the last afternoon of camp which parents and interested parties are invited to see. The five to seven year old boys have cut doors and windows in cardboard boxes, glued on chimneys, and are busily painting the houses and garages to form a town for exhibit.

Coach Oestreich and counselors took fifty-nine campers on an all day outing to Bear Mountain. They sailed there and back on a seventy-five foot cruising boat, climbed mountain paths and had an hours swim in the Bear Mountain pool.

Progress in learning to swim has been amazing. Among the five to eight year age group fifteen have become guppies, i. e. can swim a few strokes. In the nine to eleven year age group only one is not yet swimming. A large number of campers this year have set themselves the task of swimming the length, as opposed to the width, of the pool. A surprising number have made it already. Campers abilities in kick ball and soft ball have developed to a stage where it is feasible to divide classes into red and blue teams and form leagues. As skills (continued on page 8)

24 Fire Companies To Parade In Hastings On Labor Day

Twenty four fire companies will be guests of Hastings at the annual convention of the Westchester Volunteer Firemen. Each marching unit will be accompanied by a band in the parade Labor Day which closes the convention. The convention will be held at St. Matthew's R. C. school, Prizes will be awarded at the bazaar grounds, September 5th, at 10 P. M.

Fire companies to date who have indicated they will be here and their scheduled order of parade follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Chief George E. Dale, Marshall. Captain Adam Straub, Marshalls Aide.

Captain John Fredericks, Marshalls Aide.

Danbury Drum Corps, Irvington Fire Department Apparatus, Tarrytown Post V. F. W., Columbia Engine Co. No. 1, Peekskill, N. Y.

Apparatus, American Legion Drum Corps Post No. 29, Greenwich, Conn., Dobbs Ferry Fire Department Apparatus, Empire Drum and Bugle Corps, Peekskill, N. Y., Peekskill Fire Police Patrol Apparatus, Engine Co. No. 1, Larchmont, N. Y. Apparatus.

SECOND DIVISION

Chief Richard McGrath, Marshall.

Captain Thomas Coyle, Marshall.

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Frank A. Beans To Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary Here

Friends and family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Bean will join them in celebrating their 50th anniversary at their home at 51 Kent Avenue this weekend. The couple were married in Cortland, N. Y. August 16th, 1905.

Mrs. Bean is known by hundreds of Hastings people, as principle of the Hastings Elementary School for 23 years, having retired in 1947. Mr. Bean is treasurer of the Hercules-Campbell Company at Tarrytown, N. Y.

Saturday afternoon the Beans will be home to friends while on Sunday a family group of about 25 will commemorate the occasion.

Among those attending will be the only son of the Beans, Gerald, of Cincinnati who made his home here until a few years ago. He will be accompanied by his wife and their 12 year old son, Alan. Absent will be their other son, Donald, 21, who is with the U. S. Army in Germany.

Others expected to be in attendance will include Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Potter of Truxton, N. Y., and Mrs. John Sweetland, of McLean, N. Y. Mrs. Potter who is a sister of Mr. Bean was a member of the original bridal party. Mrs. Sweetland is a sister of Mrs. Bean.

Martin Reported At Hospital As Improving From Fall

Larry Martin, proprietor of Larry's Beauty Shop, 558 Warburton Avenue, who sustained a fractured hip in a fall at the County Trust Company office here Friday morning was reported at Dobbs Ferry Hospital today as improving.

The accident occurred as Mr. Martin was walking down the stairs of the bank to the vault room. Losing his footing he plunged down several steps, striking the wall at the foot of the stairs with his head and body.

SIXTEEN JULY TRIPS

Sixteen medical trips were made by the Hastings ambulance during July, it was reported by officials of the fire department this week.

AT GREENLAND

Pfc. Chester Comstock, who had his basic training at Ft. Dix, New Jersey is now stationed at Thule, Greenland.

Firemen Fight Apartment Fire Clad In Shorts

\$5,000 Damage Done At River Pines Apartment By Lightning In Sunday Heat

Summer shorts were the popular mode of attire for Hastings firemen Sunday afternoon, as they fought a fire at River Pines Apartments in temperatures of the high nineties. The blaze which did \$5,000 damage was caused by a bolt of lightning during a brief thunder storm.

Turning out in Hastings' most popular fashions of last weekend the firemen after an hour's fight checked the flames which had originated with the lightning at a nearby tree and leaped to the roof of the apartment at 747 Broadway.

Bulk of the damage was done to the apartment roof though the apartment of Robert Callahan on the upper floor received considerable water while the flames were being conquered. At the time the bolt struck the roof above his apartment, Mr. Callahan was an interested spectator of the Yankee - Detroit baseball game on his television.

Four companies of the Hastings Fire Department in command of Fire Chief Charles Chabot and Assistant Fire Chiefs Jack Lynch, Aresta Alusio and Jack Cattell, answered a general alarm and saved the furnishings of a number of residents from damage as firemen rushed tarpaulins into the building. There was considerable water damage in addition to a large hole burned through the roof and the charred beams and ceiling above the rooms.

Roche Qualifies As Carrier Pilot Aboard USS Saipan

Qualified as a carrier pilot after six landings aboard the light aircraft carrier USS Saipan in the Gulf of Mexico is Naval Aviation Cadet Peter A. Roche, son of Mrs. Frank Roche of 565 Broadway, Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.

He attended the College of the Holy Cross before entering the Naval Aviation Cadet Program.

The landings completed the gunnery and carrier qualification phases of his flight training.

He is now undergoing instrument flight training at the Corv Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station here.

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HASTINGS ENVOY TOURS HOLLAND IN BICYCLE GROUP

July 24, 1955

Dear Friends:

I have just returned from a three day bicycle trip through North Holland and would like to tell you about it. My Dutch brother Gene and I went with the Experiment group which consists of one other boy, his Dutch brother and seven girls and their Dutch sisters, plus the Dutch representative and his girl friend. This made a total of twenty people in our bicycle group. We had planned before hand the places we wanted to see and stop at.

Gene and I met the group at the home of one of the Dutch girls in Amsterdam which was our starting point. Ironically enough the distance Gene and I have to travel to get to Amsterdam from home is approximately one third the distance we traveled the first day. We left at nine-thirty on

Thursday morning, July 21, late enough so that we would miss the rush hour traffic of bicycles in the morning. We traveled North through the city to the North Sea Canal where we took a ferry across to the other side. Bicycling through Amsterdam is like New York City with having to stop for red lights every block or so. When we reached the other side we bicycled on to Monnikedam our first stop. Monnikedam is located on the Zuider Zee and is celebrating it's six hundredth year as a township. There were many decorations and even the canals and bridges were decorated. As part of the celebration they had a special boat trip through the canals around the town. We all took the trip and from the boat we were able to see the old buildings and the people of the town as they really live. Many were dressed in

the clothing of six hundred years ago for the celebration. When we returned from the boat ride we ate our lunch at a sidewalk cafe. After eating the group visited an old Church where we climbed up a very narrow steep stone stairway to the top of the bell tower. The view from this massive Church is magnificent. Because the land is so low and flat you are able to see for many miles around. We could see the next two towns we were going to stop at, they were Volendam and the Island of Marken. When we had recuperated from the climb up and down the tower, we again bicycled onward to our next stop which was Volendam. Gene and I had already been there by car but much more could be seen by bicycle. At I mentioned in my last letter, Volendam is the place where the tra-

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