

# Geneva News

## Of former Genevan — Three charged in '70 slaying

**By HELEN CASEY**  
Three Rochester area men were arrested early today in connection with the 1970 slaying of William T. Constable Jr., 34, a Rochester contractor and former Genevan.  
Booked on murder charges were Angelo Monachino, 47, of 2146 Lehigh Station Rd., Henrietta, and Albert J. DeCanzio, 33, of 19 Deer Run Rd., Henrietta. Also arrested was Ralph P. Battaglia, 33, of 1319 Creek St., Penfield, who is charged with hindering prosecution, a Class D felony, in relation to the slaying, said state police and Monroe County Sheriff's Dept. authorities. They are being held in Monroe County Jail.  
Police said today, "Investigation revealed that the Constable murder occurred Dec. 14, 1970, at 291 Ward Hill Rd., Henrietta, at the time the residence was occupied by Frank Valenti and his family." Valenti, a reputed organized crime leader, is presently serving a federal sentence, said officials.  
Constable was born in Geneva, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Constable Sr. He left Geneva for Rochester when he was 21 years old.  
At the time of his death, he resided at 84 Rustic St., Rochester, and was co-owner of the Bar-Cam Corp., a subcontracting firm which utilized heavy equipment in the construction business.  
His body was found in the back of his pickup truck on the Old Dutch Rd. in Victor in Ontario County, Dec. 19, 1970. An autopsy by Ontario County Coroner Dr. Morton Orlov showed death was caused by a gunshot wound in the back of the head.

The arrest of the three men, announced Monroe County Sheriff William M. Lombard and Maj. Charles Bukowski, commander of State Police Troop E at Canandaigua, was the result of an intensive investigation over the past several weeks. The investigation, directed by State Police BCI Sr. Inv. Lawrence C. Scott of Troop E at Canandaigua and Monroe County Sheriff's Chief of Detectives William C. Mahoney and Monroe County Assistant District Attorney Patrick J. Brophy, led to the round up of the suspects, said authorities.  
The probe also revealed that Constable had been engaged in subcontracting work for the Bar-Mon Construction Co. owned by Angelo Monachino, said Sheriff Lombard and Maj. Bukowski.  
The 1970 investigation in Ontario County was conducted by Maj. Bukowski and BCI Capt. Richard Boland with District Attorney Willard C. Best and Chief County Det. Anthony Cecere, attached to the DA's office.  
Best told The Times today that his office has been active in the current investigation with the Monroe County District Attorney's office. Best said Det. Cecere has been working with Inv. Scott in developing information for the recent investigation.

## School conducts annual meeting

**By STELLA CECERE**  
The Geneva Co-operative Nursery School, 124 N. Main St., held their third general meeting recently.  
Guest speaker was Dr. Richard Sommers, school psychologist, who spoke on the subject, "The Person Your Child Is Becoming." He brought out the different "positive" methods of dealing with a child's negative behavior and how the method used may affect the child in later life.  
Any parents of three year olds who may be interested in enrolling their child for September may contact Mrs. Timothy White at 789-5785.

## Stamp buffs to meet

The Finger Lakes Stamp Club will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Jordan Hall of the State Agricultural Experiment Station.  
The program is for members and their families. Dr. Samuel Braverman will present a slide lecture on his experiences during two years in East Africa directing a plant quarantine program.

## Parents visit school

The annual father-daughter, mother-son weekend at Skidmore College took place last weekend at Saratoga Springs.  
Parents who attended from this area include Dominic A. Venuit of 800 S. Main St., Geneva, whose daughter, Linda, is a senior; and Joseph H. Kahn of E. Main St., Clifton Springs, whose daughter, Barbara, is a freshman.

## Births

**At Geneva General Hospital**  
To Lloyd and Elizabeth Bolt Rider, Sandy Acres Trailer Park, Dundee a daughter, March 10, 8 lbs. 2 oz.  
To Wyant and Linda Page Keefer, RD 1, Romulus, a daughter, March 10, 6 lbs. 8 1/2 oz.  
**In New Canaan, Conn.**  
To James III and Nancy Stoltz Fitzgerald, 13 Braeburn Dr., New Canaan, Conn., a son, James IV, March 10, 6 lbs., 9 oz.  
Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzgerald of 150 Maxwell Ave.  
Maternal grandparents are Col. and Mrs. LaRoy Stoltz of 441 Castle St.

# School board backs 'watchdog'

**By RUDY ELDER**  
The Geneva Board of Education agreed last night to support a bill that reestablishes the Office of Education Performance Review (OEPR).  
OEPR, headed by a so-called inspector general of education, would review the organization and operation of the State Education Dept. and make recommendations for improving its efficiency and effectiveness.  
Gov. Rockefeller created the education watchdog's office in 1973, despite receiving widespread criticism from state educators. The office was phased out by Gov. Carey in late January.  
During its brief existence, OEPR issued a series of reports critical of BOCES operations, driver education training programs, short term investment of monies by school districts, vocational education and other education related matters.  
Board member Ray Gage, legislative committee chairman, said OEPR's goal would be to keep an eye on the state's educational system and make sure that taxpayers are getting their money's worth.  
Of the six major industrial states,

New York leads its nearest competitor by \$621 in per pupil education costs, noted Gage.  
Board member Dr. Kenneth Jones voiced support of the bill, noting that OEPR might come up with ways of reducing wasteful spending in education.  
"I don't think OEPR should be scratched...because it hasn't been in existence long enough to judge its performance," added Gage.  
The board also took a stand on several other pieces of legislation now pending before the state Legislature.  
State Senator Frederick Warder (R-52) of Geneva came under heavy criticism for sponsoring a bill that repeals "two for one" penalties against illegally striking public employees such as the loss of two days salary for every day on strike. Public employees would become subject to disciplinary penalties for misconduct under the Education Law.  
John D'Amico, who led board opposition to the measure, said to punish public employees under the Education Law would be "totally unsatisfactory, unwieldy and unworkable."

"At the very moment, our state senator talked to supervisors in Canandaigua, sympathizing with them about their problems with public employees...Warder had this bill in the hopper," D'Amico charged.  
Gage said passage of the bill would take "the teeth" out of the Taylor Law.  
The board gave its support to a bill that would require approval of BOCES administrative budgets by a vote of no more than five members of each component school board. The measure requires that administrative expenses be defined in the law or in the Commissioner's Regulations with provisions for contingency budget in the event of disapproval (of the administrative budget).  
Board members noted that the bill would require BOCES to be more accountable to taxpayers.  
The board supported the following: **RESTRICTING AREAS OF NEGOTIATIONS**-This measure would restrict the areas of contract negotiations to "salaries, wages, hours of work, insurance benefits and leaves of absence." Civil Service Law presently states that "terms and

conditions of employment" may be negotiated.  
Supporters of the measure say civil service law is too imprecise and subject to many interpretations.  
Opposed by the board was: **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**-School districts and BOCES would be liable for unemployment insurance contributions to cover members of the teaching and professional staff. Opposed because of the added expense it would bring to the school district.  
**STATE AID**-State aid would be based upon total enrollment instead of average daily attendance. This measure was seen as a boon to New York City, costing state taxpayers millions of dollars more in taxes.  
**BOARD MEMBER ELIGIBILITY**-School board members and teachers who have school age children would be required to enroll them in the local school district public school where they teach or hold office in order to be eligible to hold such posts. It was noted that many teachers live outside the Geneva school district and that board members D'Amico and Dr. Jones send their children to private schools.

# Residents turn against water district

**By STELLA CECERE**  
Citing the cost factor, 12 of 31 Pre-Emption Rd. property owners who originally petitioned for a new water system have asked that their names be withdrawn from a legal petition filed Feb. 18 with the Town Board of Geneva.  
This recent action by property owners, as well as several other factors surrounding the water district proposal, will be discussed at a special meeting of the board at 7:30 tonight at the town hall. The meeting is open to the public.

The overall cost of the project known as Water District No. 6 has been estimated at \$434,000. The amount is for the cost of construction the line plus interest charges on payments over a 40-year period.  
The proposed new district, located north of Castle Rd. to the north townline, measures 1,000 ft. wide and 1.7 miles long.  
Following a public hearing last Tuesday the board delayed a decision on the district until it could obtain

accurate property valuation assessment figures on: taxable properties within the 1,000 ft. wide district; taxable properties overlapping the district; and tax-exempt state-owned lands inside the district.  
Over the weekend board members, with the assistance of the town assessor, researched the needed assessment figures. The board is also consulting with the Ontario County Tax Department for figures on taxable properties within and overlapping the district.  
Several questions will be considered

tonight before a vote on the water district proposal is taken:  
— Can the property owners remove their names from the petition?  
— If the signers have a right to withdraw names up until the time the board takes action on the proposal, does the proposed district now have the backing of the necessary 50 percent of the affected property owners?  
— And/or do the taxable properties of those still petitioning for water make up an amount of one-half or more of the assessed valuation of taxable properties within the district?

## \$70,000 raised in DeSales drive

The DeSales SOS (Save Our School) fund topped \$70,000 late today, about \$45,000 short of its \$115,000 goal.  
SOS received a \$1,500 contribution from the Knights of Columbus and \$500 from Winnek Post, American Legion yesterday.  
"I hope all people who wish to give will have their contributions in by

today or tomorrow," noted SOS chairman Joseph D'Amico.  
The DeSales board of trustees and members of the SOS committee will meet in public session Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the DeSales High School library. A final verdict on the school's fate is expected at that time.

## Farm roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — Meat imports increased sharply in January despite attempts by the Ford administration to get supplying countries to hold down 1975 shipments to the United States, according to figures by the Agriculture Department.  
The imports, mostly low-grade beef used for hamburger, totaled 135.5 million pounds in January. That was an increase of about 30 per cent from December and a boost of 15 per cent from January 1974.  
Late last year the administration decided to seek voluntary agreements with the 15 countries which supply the meat to hold down 1975 shipments in order to avoid stiff U.S. quotas. Although some progress reportedly has been made, final agreements have not been announced.

could send to the United States without triggering mandatory quotas. Last year, those shipments totaled less than 1.08 billion pounds, 20 per cent less than in 1973.  
The decline in 1974 occurred mainly because of sharply reduced U.S. beef prices and a willingness on the part of Australia — the largest source — to hold back cattle until the situation appeared improved.  
But the new figures for January showed that while 11 of the 15 countries sent less beef to the U.S. market than they did a year earlier, four others shipped more. Those four included Australia and New Zealand, which together account for about 70 per cent of the foreign quota-type beef entering the U.S. market.

The Australian shipments totaled 87.4 million pounds in January, up 28 per cent from a year earlier. New Zealand's share was 25.4 million pounds, up 180 per cent from Jan. 1974.  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Winter wheat prospects improved in Texas where fields began to dry following a period of too much wet weather, but in some other parts of the Great Plains a lack of moisture continued to be a problem as March made its debut, says the Agriculture Department.

## Obituaries

### John V. Lootens

**NEWARK** — John Victor Lootens, 52, of 608 Peirson Ave., died yesterday at Newark-Wayne Community Hospital.  
Friends may call at the Arthur G. Schulz Inc. Funeral Home tonight from 7-9 p.m. and tomorrow from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.  
Funeral services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home followed by the Mass of Christian Burial in St. Michael's Church at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Joseph McDonald will officiate. Burial will be in Newark Cemetery.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the Finger Lakes Heart Fund or St. Michael's parish.  
Mr. Lootens was born in Savannah, March 22, 1922, son of Joseph and Sophia DesCamp Lootens. He lived in Newark the last 50 years. He graduated from Newark High School in 1940, studied traffic management at the University of Rochester and worked for the York CeiraL. Iad in the traffic department. He was traffic manager for 25 years for Fibreboard Corp., formerly Bloomers, until his retirement. He was a veteran of World War II, and a member of the Elks Club and the VFW.  
Surviving are his wife, Marie (Pat); his mother, Mrs. Sophia Lootens of Newark; one son, Terry John; one daughter, Karen Ann; two brothers, Edmon of Newark and Andrew of Phelps; one sister, Mrs. William (Pauline) Barnes of Clyde; and several nieces and nephews.

### Mrs. Maude R. Updyke

**PENN YAN** — Mrs. Maude R. Updyke, 77, of Reynold's Trailer Park, died yesterday at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester.  
Calling hours will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Townsend Funeral Chapel where an Eastern Star Service will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday.  
The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Townsend Chapel. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Dundee.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the Inner Community Medical Building, Attica.  
Mrs. Updyke was the widow of Milo Updyke who died in 1973. She was a member of Fern Chapter Order of Eastern Star at Montour Falls.  
Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. James (Helen) Osborne of Horseheads, and Mrs. Frederick (Doris) Knausdorf of Vestal; four sisters, Mrs. Bertha Gaylord of Moreland, Mrs. Frances Kuffner of Irelandville, Mrs. Lucille Marciano of Wayne, Mich., and Mrs. Rose Stearns of Wellsburg; three brothers, George Roberts of Binghamton, Lewis Roberts of Horseheads, and Martin Roberts of Endicott; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

### John Dublinski

**SENECA FALLS** — John Dublinski, 82, a resident of the Franklin Hotel for the past 12 years, died today.  
Friends may call at the Genung Funeral Home in Waterloo from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.  
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Church. The Rev. Albert F. Shamon, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.  
Mr. Dublinski was born in Poland and lived in Waterloo for many years. He was a weaver at the Waterloo Knitting Mill. He was a member of St. Mary's Church.  
He is survived by two sons, Joseph M. Kalina of Seneca Falls; and Steven A. Kalina of Geneva; one daughter, Mrs. James (Bernice) Henderson of Tulsa, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Mrs. Edith J. Neilson

**PENN YAN** — Mrs. Edith J. Neilson, 74, a former Penn Yan resident, died Monday at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester.  
Friends may call at the Weldon Funeral Home from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.  
A funeral service from the funeral home will be at 11 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Douglas Passage of the Penn Yan First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery.  
Mrs. Neilson was formerly employed by Michaels Stern Clothing Co., Penn Yan. She lived in Penn Yan until about ten years ago when she moved to Rochester to make her home with her son.

Surviving are three sons, Paul of Miami Beach, Fla.; Robert of Rochester, and Rogerr of Fulton; two daughters, Mrs. Frank (Jean) Phillips of Rochester, and Mrs. Darryl (Rose Mary) Harrison of Miami, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Ray Schofield of Penn Yan; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four nieces.

### Robert L. Stape

**GORHAM** — Robert L. Stape, 45, of 624 Howard St., Mt. Pleasant, S.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leveson Stape of South St., Gorham, died Feb. 27 of an apparent heart attack.  
Funeral services were in Mt. Pleasant, March 1.  
Mr. Stape was an employe of the New South Life Insurance Co. He was a marine veteran of World War II. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant.  
Surviving are his wife, Margie; two daughters, Terry and Robin, all of Mt. Pleasant.

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## FUNERALS

**Edward D. Murphy**  
**SENECA FALLS** — Funeral services for Edward D. Murphy, 75, of 35 Mynderse St., who died Monday, will be Thursday at 8:45 a.m. at the Doran Funeral Home and at 9:15 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church. The Rev. Leo E. Lynch will officiate. Burial will be in St. Columbkille Cemetery.  
Friends may call Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Raymond Wiggins**  
**PHELPS** — Funeral services for Raymond Wiggins, 43, of the town of Phelps, who died last Wednesday, were yesterday at Zion Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. The Rev. Ernest J. Matthews officiated, assisted by the District Bishop of Western New York, Bishop Leroy R. Anderson, as well as other pastors of the district. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Glenwood Cemetery.  
Bearers were Leroy Walker, George Walker, Willie Wood, James Stokes, Robert Love, Lucas Manual, Warren Juhl and James Swain.