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**PREPARING FOR HOLIDAY FAIR**—Mothers' Guild members of Rye High School display handcrafted Christmas decorations to be sold at the Holiday Fun Fair, Dec. 12 and 13. Trees made of pine cones, net macaroni, flowers and papier mache angels, dresses, umbrella stands, college caddies were created in neighborhood workshops at homes of Mrs. Elmer Feistel and Mrs. Arthur Smith. Left to right: Mrs. Andrew Gallagher, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. David O'Meara and Mrs. Adrian Riso.

## Holiday Fun Fair Lists Chairmen For Annual Event

Mrs. Charles Ware and Mrs. Charles Weeks, Mothers Guild co-chairmen for the Rye High School Holiday Fun Fair, have announced the booths to be featured at the fair, which will be held on Friday evening, for adults only, Dec. 12 from 7 until 10 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The fair, emphasizing fun and barbains, will benefit school activities.

The Booths and their chairmen are: Holiday Boutique, creative selections of holiday decorations and novelties, Mrs. Andrew Gallagher and Mrs. Arthur Smith; Knit Shop, (Continued on Page 4)

## Opening Holiday Season With Parade on Purchase Street, December 13th

The Rye Chamber of Commerce will open the Christmas holiday season, Saturday, Dec. 13 with a gala parade down Purchase Street starting at 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Edmund C. Grainger, Jr., New York Mets announcer Ralph Kiner, Clarkie the Clown, a band, animals and Santa Claus are all scheduled to take part in the festivities.

The parade will start at the railroad station, led by this year's chairman, Albert, of Albert the Victorian Shop on Purchase St. Santa will greet Rye youngsters at City Hall following the parade.

The chairman said there is still room in the parade for antique vehicles, a camel, elves or similar holiday-oriented marchers.

## George Faunce Jr. Dies On Business Trip To Florida

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church in Kingston, Mass. for George Faunce, Jr., 75, former general counsel and vice president of Continental Baking Co., who died Sunday while on a business trip to Florida. Formerly a resident of Hidden Spring Lane for many years Mr. Faunce was living in Kingston at the time of his death.

Mr. Faunce, director of the Economics of Distribution Foundation of Plymouth, Mass., was a graduate of the Hackley School in Tarrytown and Williams College in 1916. He received a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1923 after serving in World War I as a first lieutenant. He was em- (Continued on Page 4)

## Reject Bids For City Incinerator

The City Council at its last meeting rejected the bids for the general and electrical construction of a bulk refuse incinerator and air pollution control system.

Councilman Stephen K. Galpin in motioning the bids be rejected, declared, "There is nothing we can do but reject these unconscionably high bids."

The four bids were \$1,624,333 from Ferraro Construction Co. Inc. of Pittsburgh and \$2,276,000 from Scientific Pollution Control Corp. of New York City for the general construction contract and \$135,716 from Herbert G. Martin Inc. of Yonkers and \$135,900 from Domizio and Everets Inc. of Yonkers for the electrical contract.

These bids were for construction (Continued on Page 9)

## HOSPITAL ANNUAL MEETING REVEALS HIGHER DEFICIT

United Hospital closed its fiscal year Sept. 30 with a deficit of \$156,000, Trustee President H. Clay Johnson reported at the annual

meeting of the hospital corporation in the Swift auditorium.

The deficit, which is about \$128,000 more than the 1967-68 figure is explained partially by a 24 per cent increase in operating expenses as against a 23 per cent increase in operating income. Mr. Johnson explained that, of the \$1.7 million increase in expense, \$1.2 million was for salaries.

"Our patient days increased by almost 10,500 or more than 10 and a half per cent," he continued, "and it could be expected that this would cause a substantial increase in operating expense but the fact is that it accounted for less than half the increase, the balance being due to increased wages and costs of supplies and services."

Two unpredictable circumstances toward the end of the year contributed substantially to the deficit, according to Mr. Johnson: the freeze by the New York State legislature of the Medicaid rate paid to hospitals for the last six months of this calendar year, "the effect of which was to reduce our operating income by more than \$15,000 per month"; also a drop in patient days in July, August and September.

"During the preceding nine months", he said, "we had averaged 1,000 more patient days per month than the preceding year largely due to the opening of 40 additional beds on the fourth floor last October. However, the experience during the last three months produced a shortage of more than 1,500 days which, at an average daily charge of \$78 gave us a drop of approximately \$122,000."

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Spec. 4 Gene J. Altobello

## Gene Altobello Awarded U.S.A. Bronze Star For Meritorious Service

Spec. 4 Gene J. Altobello, 15 High St., was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam during July and August. He was a private first class at the time the action occurred when he was decorated.

The Rye soldier, who has been on duty in Vietnam since March 15, is a member of Co. A 25th Supply and Transportation Battalion.

He is a 1966 graduate of Rye High School and attended Albert Lea College in Minnesota. He is 21 years old.

## PLEASED WITH CONTRACT FOR RAILROAD COMMUTER SERVICE

County Executive Edwin G. Michaelian today expressed his gratification upon the execution of the contract between the State of New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Transportation Authority and the Penn-Central Railroad whereby they will take possession of commuter facilities in their respective jurisdictions on the New Haven and contract in turn with the Penn-Central Railroad to operate and maintain service in accordance with standards established between them. The signing of the New York portion took place in Governor Rockefeller's office, 22 West 55th Street in New York City at which the County Executive was present.

Mr. Michaelian said "Today marks the culmination of nearly 10 years of continuous effort on the part of several of us present at the signing of the contract, including Governor Rockefeller, Director Wil-

liam Ronan of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and me. With the cooperation of Governor John Dempsey of Connecticut and the Connecticut Transportation Authority we were successful in (Continued on Page 4)

## Key Club Members Told Drug Problem Bad In Rye City

Bernard Gale, special investigator of narcotics for the Westchester County Sheriff's Department told a group of Key Club members at Rye High School last Thursday night that the drug problem in Rye is "unusually bad" and stems from the school out to the city.

He declared that Rye's problem is greater because it is an affluent community. In one that is not, the (Continued on Page 4)



**NEW CONTRACT FOR CITY EMPLOYEES**—Pictured at the formal signing of a contract for Public Works, Clerical and Recreation employees are seated l. to r. Ronald C. Mazzola, president of the Rye unit of the C.S.E.A. and Mayor Edmund C. Grainger, Jr.; standing at left is John A. Paulus, C.S.E.A. state representative and John A. Damiano, C.S.E.A. state representative.

## City Employees Get Contract For 25 Yr. Retirement

City of Rye employees of the dep'ts. of Public Works, Recreation and Clerical Units of the Civil Service Employees Assoc. Inc., have again entered into another first. In 1967, they were the first in Westchester County to sign a two year contract, under the then new Taylor law. Now in 1969, they are the first to sign a three year contract with 25 year retirement at half pay, and a salary increase of 11% the first year, and 6% each of the next two years.

Chief negotiator for the City was John A. Paulus, assisted by Vince Baum, City Engineer, and Ralph Damiano, Supt. of Recreation.

"The City of Rye and its manager, John A. Paulus, has once again taken the initiative, through negotiations, and provided their employees with a wage and benefit package that reaches a significant milestone in the history of Westchester County," said President Mazzola.