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PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS—These award winners in the Eye-sore Photo Contest were snapped by the cameraman after Mayor Edmund C. Grainger, Jr. awarded prizes at the Rye Nature Center. Pictured in the rear l. to r. are Barbara Vitaliano, Mayor Grainger, John H. Albert, Rye Conservation Commission chairman and Peter Becker; front row, l. to r. Curtis Ottey, Francine Grevin and Mark Hurwitz.

CONSERVATION WEEK STARTS WITH EXHIBITS AT CENTER

Rye Conservation Week opened with festivities at the Nature Center on Sunday at which young and old viewed exhibits dealing with the local ecological picture, the scope of Blind Brook and its tributaries and then walked the various trails in the Center. Planned as a family

day, the Open House proved to be just that.

Families came on foot and bicycles as well as by car and the youngest were carried in the arms of their parents or pushed along the trails in their strollers. Girl Scouts scurried about serving sandwiches, homemade cookies and iced tea. Joe Semanek, the director, was everywhere at once — showing slides, taking pictures, showing off the animals who have become pets at the Center.

Friends of the Rye Conservation Society and the Committee for Sound Planning had lent pictures taken in this environment of birds, animals and local shore scenes. These had been mounted in an interesting display and will remain at the Center for the rest of Conservation Week. Members of the Little Garden Club of Rye were on hand to distribute and explain literature pertaining to various aspects of the conservation field.

Highlight of the afternoon was

Rye H.S. Students Conducted Unique Education Program

It's not Spring Fever, But "Preedays" at Rye High with a flourish activity toward a fruitful pathway to knowledge.

The senior school had an opportunity to select their own schedule for three days, April 27, 28 and 29, with over 200 courses made available through the cooperation of students, faculty, community talents, parents and well-known experts throughout the metropolitan area. Courses included such varied

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Council Using 50% Assessment Ratio for Tax

City Manager Leo J. Morency reported today that the Rye City Council, after careful consideration of all factors, has decided to use a 50% assessment ratio which will be applied to all current full values determined by the recent revaluation of real estate in the city. Assessor Philip J. McGovern indicated that the 50 percent ratio, when applied to the current full values, would develop a city tax rate of \$17.94 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, as opposed to the present rate of \$24.68 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation if applied to the current year's appropriation. This is predicated on the premise that only minor adjustments will be made to the tax roll following the review period.

Mr. Morency explained that as-

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Exhibit Placed on View At Square House By Milton School Pupils

A conservation exhibit prepared by fifth and sixth grade students of Milton School was placed on view this week at the Rye Historical Society museum in the Square House.

"The History of New York Harbor 1500-2000" is the subject of five dioramas which were prepared by students in the classes of science teacher Dennis Rinello, as one of two projects relating to Conservation Week in Rye. The first panel shows Manhattan and its surrounding waters in their natural state with only a few Indian settlers on the land. Other panels show changes in the same area as it became heavily populated and as industrial plants took over. The final panel

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FEARFUL GOVERNOR MAY VETO BRIDGE LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Angry charges were hurled yesterday by a conservation leader opposing present plans for construction of a Rye-Oyster Bay bridge and its attendant multi-billion dollar highway network.

Though elated by last week's legislative action . . . almost unanimous approval of the Reilly-

Marino bills repealing authorization of the controversial project, Mrs. C. F. Deslauriers, co-chairman of Citizens For Sound Planning, sounded a note of somber warning, stating, "Strong pressures are being exerted. It has been rumored, even reported in the press, that Governor Rockefeller will veto the bill . . . and no denial has been issued. If, as suggested, this is a political deal it is indeed a cynical approach to the responsibilities of government."

"Let them eat concrete" would appear to be the only answer from those asked how so costly a project can be justified when tens of thousands of state and municipal workers face imminent job layoffs," the conservationist continued.

Organized recently to protect the natural resources of Long Island Sound and its environs, Citizens For Sound Planning claims the support of many conservation groups in asking for a temporary moratorium on major and irreversible development of the area until a long range comprehensive plan "based on valid research" has been developed.

"The overwhelming indication of legislative concern over the critical problems of Long Island Sound, particularly those of Westchester and Nassau counties", said Mrs. Deslauriers, "is most gratifying. It reaffirms our stand calling for genuine planning and not piecemeal development resulting from uncoordinated

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Capt. Barber Gets Flying Cross In Southeast Asia

Bitburg, Germany—U. S. Air Force Captain Thomas J. Barber of Rye, N. Y., has received his second award of the Distinguished Flying Cross for aerial achievement in Southeast Asia.

Captain Barber, son of Mrs. Richard J. Barber of 24 Haven Ave., Rye, and the late Judge Barber, distinguished himself as an F-4E Phantom fighter bomber pilot when he provided air support for an AC-130 Gunship under attack by enemy anti-aircraft guns.

Despite the hazards of night ground attack and enemy fire, he destroyed a gunsight and silenced two other positions.

The captain also received his fourth through 14th awards of the Air Medal for outstanding airmanship and courage on successful and important missions completed under hazardous conditions.

He was honored at Bitburg AB, Germany, where he now serves with a unit of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe, America's overseas air arm assigned to NATO.

A 1962 graduate of Archbishop (Continued on Page 9)



READY FOR MUSICAL—Osborn School will present "Oliver Twist" as their annual spring musical on the evenings of April 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Over 100 students are participating with a double cast. Taking part are, l. to r. standing, Joan Gallo, Mary Murphy, Marc Wilson, Val Carolin and seated l. to r. Pat Mansfield and Jimmy Jaeger. Gerald Havlin, teacher at the school, adopted the lyrics and dialogue as a music experience for the school. Tickets are available upon request and without cost.

CANDIDATES IN SCHOOL DIST. ELECTION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Addressing themselves to the question "What innovations in the Rye School System do you consider necessary to insure quality education in a changing world?", Sol Hurwitz and Bernard O'Shea, candidates for the Rye Board of Education spoke Sunday night at the Rye Recreation Center during a League of Women Voters sponsored Candidate's night. The election will be held Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The two candidates are running

for two positions on the board. The candidates receiving the most votes will serve for 5 years, the other candidate will serve for one. Mr. Hurwitz is currently on the board having been appointed last year to fill Harry Isaac's remaining one year term. Mr. O'Shea is also seeking re-election having just completed six years on the board.

The candidates were introduced by Mrs. Thomas Staley, a past League president.