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### WE ALL OWN THE SQUARE HOUSE MUSEUM

Rye has much strength physically, culturally and a high degree of affluence, yet none of these attributes can compare with its historic lore—founded over three hundred years ago and the owner of the Square House. Our historic heritage is not something resulting from accomplishment. We are just fortunate to live in a community with such an historic background and it is something we want to perpetuate.

That is one of the reasons the Rye Historical Society was formed when the Square House ceased to be the prosaic arm of our government. No historical society was ever formed under more auspicious conditions; it had as a home from the very start a building which reeked in historic and authentic prestige as Widow Haviland's Inn in Revolutionary Days and the overnight stopping place for General George Washington.

The Historical Society felt that the best use for the Square House was to restore it as authentically as possible and make it a museum for all to enjoy. To that end the organization called upon the public for financial support and the result has been truly amazing. Nearly 300 donors have already subscribed \$123,000 for restoration of the Square House to represent different periods in its history.

The purpose of this article and a full page display elsewhere in this issue is to acquaint the public with the tremendous success achieved and to point out that approximately \$52,000 is now needed for complete consummation of the plan. We hope this publicity will help to achieve the purpose. There are many residents who are in complete sympathy with this effort by the Historical Society to give Rye something that will redound to its everlasting credit. About three hundred have demonstrated their support in a financial way and their generosity is certainly very much appreciated. There are others who have not given anything, and they are the ones to whom we are particularly appealing at this time.

Contributions need not necessarily be large, but they should be numerous and in accordance with the means of the donors. Provision has been made in the full page display for such contributions and the response should be great for everyone in Rye should feel a sense of obligation.

### Lt. Markey

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and Pelham and of the late Dr. and Mrs. Hugh McKenna of Chicago.

In addition to his parents he is survived by two brothers, Gerard Jr. and Gregory, and four sisters Margot, Jill, Andrea and Yvonne.

The 24-year old Marine officer graduated from Boston College in 1968 where he was a member of the varsity football team. He attended Resurrection School, Rye, Stepinac High School, White Plains and Bullis Academy in Silver Spring, Md. Summers while in college he worked as a life guard at NYAC in Travers Island.

The funeral mass and burial at St. Raymond's Cemetery, Bronx, N. Y. will be with full military honors with the Marine Corps providing the honor guard, pallbearers, firing squad and bugler. Honorary pallbearers will include his teammates at college including Robert Hyland of White Plains, now of the Green Bay Packers, and Jim Purcell of Westchester, Brenden McCarthy, Landon Hills, Md. and Paul Flaherty and John McGovern of Boston.

Lt. Markey who was the leader of his platoon had been in Vietnam for two months before he was fatally wounded. He enlisted in the

Marines upon graduation from college and attended officers training school at Quantico, Va., receiving his commission in February 1968. He spent five months at Camp Pendleton, Cal., and was assigned to duty in Vietnam with the First Marine Division, Nov. 1, 1969.

He will repose at the William H. Graham Funeral Home, 1036 Boston Post Rd. for one day only, Sunday, Jan. 18 from 2 to 10 p.m. Instead of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Our Lady of Providence School, 16115 Beck Road, Northville, Michigan 48167.

Lt. Markey is the nephew of the following local area residents: Mrs. Peter J. Sinnott, Larchmont; Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Markey, Rye; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Markey, Greenwich; Mr. and Mrs. John J. Markey, formerly of Scarsdale.

### Receiving Applications For Rye Little League

Applications for the 1970 Rye Little League program have been distributed to the schools in Rye, according to an announcement by John M. Rowland, league president.

Completed applications are to be returned no later than Feb. 1. Additional application forms and information can be obtained from R. C. Slingerland, 3 Ellen Court, Rye, league secretary.

### Letters to the Chronicle

DEFENDS ATTITUDE TAKEN BY WRITERS OF EDITORIALS ON CONDUCT OF YOUTH

To the Editor:

The letter from Roy Perry, a senior at the Rye High School, disturbed me greatly. How could a senior in High School have such low reading comprehension? Is the so-called "generation gap" to blame or, if "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" so, perhaps, the reverse is true and ugliness may be also.

I do not recall the editor's editorial on youth but contrary to Mr. Perry's statement I feel sure that he would never write a "scathing condemnation of all youth."

As for Dr. Phillips' editorial, which Mr. Perry also belittled, I recall it vividly as a very wise expression of his belief that the youth of today are in their own way struggling for a better world. Is that bad?

If student Perry wants to "do something for the world" I recommend that he begin by ceasing to misinterpret the words of others.

As for his suggestion that "the editor and Rev. Dr. Phillips seek close contact with a wider spectrum of young people," these two gentlemen have already had closer contact with a wider spectrum of young people than Mr. Perry will have in his lifetime—and in any case, young people, like human nature the world over, are much the same.

We are fortunate in Rye in having such men doing their best to understand and to work with the young people of to-day.

Evelyn McCarthy  
 396 Oakland Beach Ave.

### APPLAUDS MOVE TOWARD CLOSED TELEVISION IN RYE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Editor:

It was with joy that I read the announcement of a benefit concert to be given by the distinguished pianist, Abbey Simon, for the purpose of installing closed-circuit television at the Rye High School.

Educational television is no longer an innovation and as an instructional tool is long overdue in our schools — overdue understandably for reasons obviously financial. With its own closed circuit system a school has the means by which it can select, plan, create, produce, and transmit its own programs on its own schedule.

Possibilities are unlimited, but to mention a few: A single laboratory experiment can be observed at first hand by every student in a class.

Panel discussions or seminars in any subject or any class can be viewed throughout the school. It is especially effective in the performing arts where young dramatists, musicians, dancers, singers, gymnasts can, with video-tape (which I would assume to be part of the installation), see themselves on the screen in a matter of minutes.

Visiting dignitaries can address the entire school body with no need to bring all students to the auditorium. Rare and precious works of art can be brought to the studio and shown throughout area covered by the system. The athletic department knows the value of instant replay. Shut-ins can still attend classes offered over open circuit facilities. Excellent national educa-

### LWV Will Discuss Foreign Aid

The next general meeting of the Rye League of Women Voters will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m., at the Rye Nature Center when consensus will be taken on the question of foreign aid.

Mrs. Werner Mendel, chairman of the Foreign Aid workshop, will lead a panel discussion in which the history of the Foreign Aid Program will be reviewed. Also the problems involved in creating support for the program from both the recipient and donor points of view, as well as the questions involved in administering it, will be examined. Finally, recent proposals to make the Foreign Aid Program more meaningful will be discussed.

In view of the upcoming review of the Foreign Aid Program and its future by the Nixon Administration in March, this discussion is particularly timely.

Rye League members will be asked to come to consensus on specific questions which have been posed by the National League, so attendance is urged.

Those desiring baby-sitting services should contact Mrs. Lawrence Rosenstadt, 967-4531.

### Red Cross

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ment of the Disaster Committee which is prepared to offer aid to local residents in case of emergencies such as fire.

Plans for the important 1970 Fund Drive, as well as other activities planned for the year were outlined. It was pointed out that the activities of the Rye Branch are run entirely by volunteers.

Appreciation was expressed to First Westchester National Bank's Paul Denton for the loan of a typewriter during the period of the Fund Drive.

Chairman Mrs. Blanke expressed great confidence in the value of the Rye Branch's annual activities, and was warmly applauded by the meeting attendants for her efforts and leadership.

### Junior Hi-Y Club Plan Dance Saturday Night

The Rye "Y" Junior Hi-Y is having a dance at the "Y" on Saturday, according to Paul Stafford, club president. The dance is from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

The music will be provided by "Durans Bane", a local Rye group. There will be an admission charge for the dance limited to Rye students in seventh thru twelfth grades.

The Junior Hi-Y meets at the "Y" on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and will welcome anyone interested in being in Junior Hi-Y. For further information call Bob Nelson, Youth and Program Director at the "Y".

Additional TV programs can be utilized directly or put on video-tape to be used at the teacher's need, or as dictated by the curriculum.

Hurrah for the Mothers' Guild for getting Rye High on the road to ETV! And to the gifted faculty members who will exhibit their works of art, many thanks. Mr. Simon is a great artist and a great human being for giving so generously of his rare talent.

Joyce R. Allen  
 11 Hughes Ave.

### Noise Abatement

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venience and noise. Medicine now recognizes that excessive noise levels are more than an inconvenience and a source of discomfort. They constitute a positive danger to normal hearing, to mental health, and are suspected as a factor in other physical ailments.

"While we applaud the Governor's new commitment to research and positive action in the field of noise abatement and highway noise abatement in particular," Messrs. Giffre and Pisani continued, "we feel that immediate action in providing a noise buffer zone by scientific landscaping along the most severely affected area of the New England Thruway is necessary. We have made and are continuing to make strong representations to the Governor and to the Thruway Authority on this question, and we expect that a suitable appropriation for this purpose will be included in the forthcoming budget."

"We are pleased," the legislators observed, "that the attention of our state government is now being directed, more forcefully than ever before, to maintaining and restoring the integrity of our total environment and that the Governor has recognized the importance of noise abatement—not only in highway matters but in other walks of life—as an integral part of this objective."

"Governor Rockefeller's initiative in creating a Governor's Environmental Board of outstanding citizens to advise him on policy matters regarding the protection and enhancement of our environment and his recommendation for the creation of a cabinet-level Department of Environmental Conservation are forward-looking measures which have our enthusiastic support," the Westchester legislators concluded.

### Appointments

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to the City administration. Over 2,000 voters seem to have lost their qualifications to participate in City government simply because of one-party rule at City Hall."

Mr. Gorman recalled that after the November 1969 elections he had seen fit to request the voting machines be impounded and was criticized for this action by the Mayor who called it "a new low in politics in Rye". Mr. Gorman said "When I protected the validity of the vote by requesting impounding of the election machines where approximately 1% of the electorate separated the winner from the loser, I was criticized by the Mayor."

When I protested last fall that Mr. Keane as a Republican candidate for the new County Legislature was a poor choice to unite the City of Rye in its efforts to resist a fare increase on the New Haven I was called a demagogue."

Mr. Gorman said, "In each of those actions I was right and I was serving well the cause of good government in Rye. I call upon Mayor Grainger to put aside his political blinders, open his eyes to real values and let's call upon all citizens to contribute to good government, regardless of registration, so that Rye City may have all the benefits to which it is entitled".

