

'Jam-Proof' Zipper Devised by Simmons

A Menands industrialist has introduced another new product—a "jam-proof" slider for zippers.

Charles A. Simmons Sr., who recently announced development of a lift device for double-level car parking, announced his latest "Relees-it" zipper device at a reception in New York City yesterday.

The slider was presented as the "first practical improvement" in sliders in 20 years, and as a means of ending those embarrassing moments and damages to clothes caused by zipper snagging.

Mr. Simmons, president of the Simmons Fastener Corporation, is the inventor of the device, the company announcement said. He said five zipper manufacturers have contracted to purchase the slider, it is now being manufactured in Menands and production facilities will be enlarged.

He said of the new slider: "It cannot come off or get lost, and there is no twisting or turning required to move any jam. It does not call for any basic change in any garment industry operation, and it works with such simplicity that a child can operate it."

The new slider differs from conventional ones in one respect. Underneath the pull tab is another, smaller tab which controls the new slider's releasable feature. Whenever anything gets caught and jams, says the announcement, an upward flip of the small tab opens and enlarges the slider of the jammed material and permits it to be rolled away from it.

The five zipper manufacturers who have signed purchase contracts for the slider, Mr. Simmons said, are Atlas Slider Fastener Corporation, Gem Slider Fastener Corporation, Kiozo Fastener Corporation, Metro Slide Fastener Company Inc., and Swift Slide Fastener Company Inc., all of New York City.

Mr. Simmons also heads Simmons Machine Tool Corporation in Menands and Simmons Industries Inc., the parking lift firm.

Former Albany Man To Be TV Show Guest

A former Albany man who has earned an international reputation as an animal trainer, will be among guests on Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town" TV show at 8 p. m. today over Station WRGB.

Jack Joyce, who has developed a unique trained camel act, will be making his TV debut. Mr. Joyce, whose family lived in Hamilton St. for a time, resided in Menands for several years and attended Watervliet High School.

He is the brother of Mrs. Thomas E. Carey, Troy, and Mrs. John M. Keeley Jr., Watervliet, both former pupils at the Academy of the Holy Names.



INTRODUCING A NEW PRODUCT—Charles A. Simmons Sr., left, president of the Simmons Fastener Corporation, Menands, shows a new zipper slider his firm has developed to Leo D. Weiss, right, buyer for the Sun Clothes Company, Philadelphia. Watching is George W. Foy, attorney for the Simmons firm. The new slider was introduced at a reception yesterday in New York City.



'JAM-PROOF' ZIPPER—This new zipper slider, a "Relees-it," manufactured by Simmons Fastener Corporation, Menands, is designed to end zipper snagging. A small tab, under the regular pull tab, can be raised to free the jaws of the zipper of material that has jammed it up.

Legislator to Talk At Society Dinner

Albany Philosophical Society will have a dinner meeting at 6:30 p. m. today at Yezzi's Restaurant. Speaker will be Albert Abrams of the joint legislative committee on problems of the aging. His topic will be "Group Psychology and State Legislation."

New officers to be installed are: President, Harold P. Winchester; vicepresident, Walter Schleper, Schenectady, and secretary, Howe K. Cassavant. The organization is beginning its 40th year.

Stock Investment Plan To Be Explained

The Albany office of Hemphill, Noyes & Co., Ten Eyck Building, will be open to the public at 8 p. m. Monday when the firm's staff will explain operation of the new monthly investment plan for purchase of common stocks. Participants in the plan can buy stocks for amounts from \$40 a month up.

FIREMEN GET TRUCK

A new 1,250-gallon tank truck, purchased by the West Crescent Fire Department will be formally accepted at an open house at 2 p. m. Sunday at the firehouse.

750 to Get Toll-Free Telephone Service

Toll-free telephone service will start at 6 a. m. tomorrow between the Albany-Delmar and South Bethlehem exchanges for about 750 customers of the New York Telephone Company.

Milton A. Mills, Albany suburban manager for the company, said some 750 customers in the new South Bethlehem exchange will receive new "Roger 7" numbers. They include about 600 phones in South Bethlehem, Beckers Corners and Selkirk end 140 along Route 144.

The change will mean basic monthly rate increases for some customers, although they will be able to make more toll-free calls, and a decrease for some others.

Details of Increase

For some 400 customers monthly rates will be increased from \$2.88 for four-party service, tax included, to \$4.03, and from \$3.75 to \$5.75 for individual line. Company officials noted they would be able to dial toll-free to about 92,000 homes instead of only about 500 as in the past.

More than 100 customers who have had Delmar-Albany numbers, but who have paid an extra mileage rate for them, will benefit by elimination of that extra rate. For some others no rate change will result.

Albany-Delmar customers will dial South Bethlehem numbers directly by using the "RO 7" designation first and then the number—for instance, "RO-7-2345." South Bethlehem customers, to call Albany-Delmar numbers, will dial "4" first and then the number they want.

A special directory with the new numbers has been distributed to telephone users in the South Bethlehem area and copies of it can be had at the Albany business office of the company.

Other Advantages Listed

Mr. Mills listed these other advantages of the change: It is a first step toward future direct dialing of long distance calls across the country by local operators, customers in Selkirk and Beckers Corners who have had eight-party lines will now have no more than four parties on a line, rural line customers who have heard three rings besides their own will now hear only one other and customers in the River Rd. area will be able to get lines with fewer parties on them at lower rates.

Mr. Mills said company surveys found most customers wanted the toll-free service. The average South Bethlehem customer, he said, makes eight toll calls to Albany a month. To make the change possible a new dial office building was constructed at Beckers Corners and 11 miles of aerial cable was added in the South Bethlehem area.

McCarthy To Resume Area Probe

Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) will resume hearings into the extent of Communist infiltration of defense plants in the Capital District "in a couple of weeks," but the House Un-American Activities subcommittee has no hearings scheduled in Albany in the near future.

Spokesmen for the two Red-hunting groups revealed their plans today to The Knickerbocker News Washington Bureau, clarifying an apparent conflict between the committees. Earlier, Senator McCarthy had announced he "guessed" he would be in Albany the week of Jan. 29 and yesterday United Press reported that Rep. Velde (R-Ill), chairman of the House committee, hoped to get hearings underway in Albany by Feb. 1.

A member of Senator McCarthy's staff said "an investigation is in progress right now" in the Capital District. Although he would not say where the investigators were active, a McCarthy aide was reported to have been at General Electric Company in Schenectady last week.

A House committee spokesman said he knew of no plans for Albany hearings, "certainly not within the next 30 days." He said the committee is not conducting an investigation, a prerequisite to any hearing.

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City Teachers to Discuss Proposal to Seek Pay Bonus

Albany public school teachers will act Feb. 2 on a proposal to seek a \$150 cost of living bonus, correction of salary "inequities" and an increase in the city pay scales above the state-mandated minimums.

Proposals of the salary committee of the Albany Public School Teachers Association have been distributed to 600 teachers and other members of the school system professional staff. The teachers will decide at the association meeting at 4 p. m. Feb. 2 at Albany High School whether to present them to the Board of Education.

The salary committee report notes Governor Dewey's recommendation to the Legislature for \$25 million in emergency aid for education "can be used for teachers' salaries."

The committee is reported ready to argue that the proposed increases are necessary

to keep teachers from leaving the city school system to go to other districts where pay is higher, and to attract new teachers to city schools.

The committee proposes the Board of Education grant, from the emergency state aid increase, a "cost of living bonus" of not less than \$150 to each regularly appointed member of the professional staff of the Albany Public Schools during the school year 1954-55.

Another proposal is for "establishment of a teacher's schedule beyond the state-mandated minimum schedule, with recognition of additional training required for certification in fields such as special class teaching and guidance."

The salary schedule in Albany public schools is now the state-mandated minimum, with starting pay at \$2,700, or \$2,900 for those with masters' degrees. Some concessions are granted such as credit to some teachers for prior teaching experience elsewhere. Top salary paid now to classroom teachers in the city is \$4,880—for those at or beyond the 13th yearly step although pay schedules call for salaries up to \$5,210 after the 16th step.

Some neighboring districts pay more. In Guilderland Central District, a new schedule, starting at \$3,200 and \$3,400, has been adopted for next year. The salary committee report notes the Governor also recommended creation of a commission to study educational finance, including the teachers' salary law, and that the State Teachers Association accordingly has withheld introduction of state salary legislation. The state association has planned assistance to local associations in getting salary adjustments in their districts.

The Albany salary committee also proposes these measures to

correct what some teachers consider "inequities."

Grant elementary teachers appointed prior to 1947 the necessary increments to put them on the same salary step with secondary teachers having the same length of experience and training of equal grade. For some elementary teachers this would mean increases of \$165, and for some \$330.

Establishment of "an administrative salary schedule which includes adequate recognition of the differences in duties and responsibilities of each position."

"Recognition of additional training beyond the master's degree" in salary schedules.

Establishment of a "uniform schedule for night school instructors."

County Figures To Pay U. S. \$147 Million

Federal taxes from all sources in Albany County will add up to \$147.6 million in the next fiscal year, says the Empire State Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber issued the figures in an analysis of President Eisenhower's proposed \$65.6 billion budget, saying \$9.6 billion of the total would come from New York State.

William A. Mills, executive vicepresident of the organization, said the Albany County share in financing the new budget would be \$11.9 million less than in the current fiscal year. The total, he said, amounts to seven times the county's local property tax levy of \$21.1 million.

The chamber said New York State residents would bear 14.61 per cent of the total federal tax burden.

Mrs. Hempstead's Will Admitted to Probate

Albany County Deputy Sheriff George A. Hempstead, Westerlo, was named executor of the estate of his mother, Mrs. Pearl E. Hempstead, Westerlo, who died Jan. 13, according to the will, admitted to probate today by Surrogate Rogan.

The estate consists of \$1,000 personal property and \$18,680 in joint bank accounts with Mr. Hempstead.

A great grandson, Thomas D. Hempstead, Westerlo, receives a bequest of \$200. Half of the residue goes to Mr. Hempstead and one-sixth of the residue to two grandsons, Douglas E. and Robert G. Hempstead, and a niece, Florence L. Cornell, all of Westerlo.

Church to Hear Talk On Tour of Missions

Arthur DeMoss, Albany insurance man, will give an illustrated talk on his recent survey of interdenominational missions in the West Indies at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Philadelphia Church, Krumkill Rd.

Mr. DeMoss made a 6,000-mile flight a few weeks ago, visiting missions in Cuba, Haiti, Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

SAVINGS GROUP TO MEET

Harry C. Olson, executive vicepresident of the West End Federal Savings and Loan Association, will preside at the opening session of the 1954 Management Conference of the Savings Association League of New York State Tuesday in New York City.

Communications Topic Of Defense Conference

Emergency transmission procedures to be followed in the event of an air raid were the topic of an all-day conference of civil defense communication chiefs and deputies from Albany, Greene and Schoharie Counties today in the Common Council chambers at City Hall.

Principal speaker was Ralph Healy of New York City, chief of communications of the State CD Commission.

Another speaker was Vincent Kenny, New York City, a member of the state staff in charge of radio communications. He spoke on the use of short wave radios in emergencies.

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