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The Mountain

Charles F. Buckland Jr. of 754 Falck St. surveys the mountain of refuse spilling out of a nearby gully near the little known historical marker (arrow).

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Cerand, Barber 16 Years, Dies

Albert B. Cerand of 1168 Hoffman St., an Elmira barber for 16 years and proprietor of Albert's Barber Shop at 104 E. Water St. for about 3 years, died today at St. Joseph's Hospital following an extended illness. He was 42.

Mr. Cerand lived in New York City until 1944 when he came to Elmira to work at the old Norden plant, where Remington Rand now is located.

In 1946 he began 3 years employment at the Mark Twain Hotel before he could be established his own shop.

A Navy veteran of World War I, Mr. Cerand was a member of the American Legion Bentley Post. He also belonged to Equality Lodge of Masons in New York City.

NY Backs Talks on Freeway

A spokesman for the State Public Works Department in Hornell said today that highway engineers are willing to meet any time with a committee representative of city and county officials to discuss the North-South Arterial.

The committee, meeting for the first time Tuesday, decided that the primary problem of mutual interest to the county and Elmira was the proposed freeway.

The group agreed to ask the district engineer's office of the DPW in Hornell to send a representative to the next committee meeting.

Lewis W. Hallenbeck, assistant district highway engineer, said today representatives "will be glad to meet with city and county officials in hopes to a conclusion on the matter."

The state has proposed an arterial, costing $18.25 million, from Bulkhead to Horseheads and running west of the city's business district near College Ave.

The City Council, while agreeing to a freeway, wants it run somewhere between State and Walnuts Sts., has withheld endorsement of the state project while the DPW examines an alternate plan.

Proposed by Franklin K. Isard, the alternate calls for an arterial east of the Erie-Lackawanna railroad, on the undeveloped agriculture between Water and Second Sts.

Hallenbeck said that engineers are now studying this alternate and plan to come up with cost estimates in about two weeks.

Engineers previously have indicated that the alternate is probably too expensive.

Pine City RD 2 Woman Injured

Mrs. Catherine Giggie, 43, of Pine City RD 2 is reported in fair condition at St. Joseph's Hospital where she was admitted Wednesday night following an accident.

Mrs. Giggie suffered abrasions of both knees and the forehead and a cut on her upper lip.

Sheriff's deputies are investigating the mishap.

The Monument

Buckland examines the stone marker, a memorial for Tories and Indians who died in the Battle of Newtown.

Dump May Engulf SUV Marker

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Memorial to British, Indians Killed in Battle

One of Chemung County's little known historical markers, a Sons of Union Veterans memorial for British and Indians who died in the Battle of Newtown, faces oblivion in a pile of refuse.

The marker is located on a small private road south of Rt. 17, about five miles east of Elmira. It formerly was the site of "The Rendezvous Ground," an acre of land deeded to the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve (SUVR) so long as it held annual one-week drill encampments on the site.

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CHARLES F. BUCKLAND Jr. of 754 Falck St. was in the area yesterday when he noticed that a gradual dumping of a nearby gully had piled a mass of refuse ever closer to the memorial. He fears the dump may engulf the marker.

The Chemung County Historical Society, which was aware of the memorial but not of its condition, has been trying to contact the apparent owner of the land about the situation.

Frank A. Vincent, a member of the SUVR for 40 years, alerted the present organization to the conditions at its monthly meeting Wednesday night.

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THE STONE, Vincent believes, was placed about 1890, some 30 years after construction of the Junction Canal along the Chemung River turned up an abandoned mass military grave of the 1779 Battle of Newtown.

In the battle, fought under Gen. John Sullivan and Gen. James Clinton defeated a contingent of Tories, Canadian Rangers and Indians after declining to fall into an ambush prepared on the slopes of Sullivan's Hill.

The marker is dedicated to "Our Fire, Redmen and British, who fell Aug 29, 1779, in the Battle of Newtown." The inscription lists "Abner C. Wright, donor," owner of the farm on which the encampments were later held and notes that the stone was erected by Company E.S.V.R. (Elmira Sons of Veterans Reserve").

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THE NAMES inscribed, "J. L. Fuller, P. E. Dolan, L. W. Moore, R. M. Burnham, P. C. Palmer," were officers of the Elmira Sons.

Only a SUV group in Bushnell still drills actively. Vincent recalls that at one time the Rendezvous drew as many as 400 persons from all over New York State to the annual week's encampment.

Hartwick Chaplain To Speak Sunday

The Rev. Earl T. Knaus Jr., chaplain and instructor of religion of Hartwick College at Oneonta, will preach at the fourth in the series of union Lenten vesper services under the auspices of the Chemung County Council of Churches Sunday at 5 in the First Presbyterian Church.

The sermon topic will be "Concerning of the Cross." The service will be conducted by the Rev. Martin D. Hardin Jr., host pastor.

The choirs of the Central Christian and First Presbyterian churches will sing under the direction of Charlie M. Gerrion and Jay Parker, with Mrs. Annie Laurie Lee at the organ.

Dr. Knaus has served as campus pastor of Greater Pittsburgh and executive director of the Lutheran Student Foundation of Western Pennsylvania.

He currently is on the chairman of the worship emphasis in the program of the Lutheran Student Association of America, editing devotional and worship materials. He is a contributor of articles to various church publications.

REV. EARL T. KNAUS JR.

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