

Warning Signals Outlined In Alcohol Control Effort

"Alcoholism now ranks with cancer, heart disease and mental illness as a national health problem," Dr. Robert Healy of Mount Kisco, president of the Westchester Medical Society, said today as he called on the medical profession and the public to help stop alcoholism by increased awareness of the early warning signals identified by the National Council on Alcoholism.

In his statement issued in conjunction with Alcoholism Information Week which continues through January, Dr. Healy listed early warning signals of alcoholism as:

A person is difficult to get along with when drinking; he drinks because he is "depressed;" he drinks to "calm his nerves;" he drinks "until dead drunk" at times; he can't remember parts of some drinking episodes; he hides liquor; he lies about drinking; he neglects his family when drinking; he neglects to eat when drinking.

Hospital Aid Cited
Dr. Healy said the medical profession is trying to combat alcoholism by providing up-to-date information to physicians. Efforts are being pressed to encourage general hospitals to admit alcoholics, with revision of charters and bylaws where necessary to do so. Guidelines for admission are being developed.

Other approaches by the medical profession to the problem: Special emphasis is being placed on the industrial physician to guide him in treatment

and rehabilitation of alcoholics on the job.

More extensive and more comprehensive teaching of the subject of alcoholism in medical schools is another objective.

Working with other organizations to promote traffic safety and make clear the dangers of driving after drinking is "one of the most vital aspects of the alcoholism program."

"Most physicians now recognize it as their duty to help people who are suffering from alcoholism," Dr. Healy concluded, "but alcoholism is rarely, probably never, exclusively a medical matter. It takes a team of people—the family, religious counselors, employers and friends to combat the problem."

Research Accelerated
"Medical research into causes and control of alcoholism is proceeding at an accelerated rate, but recognition of alcoholism as a community problem is of paramount importance. More than 97 per cent of alcoholics are to be found in their homes and at work trying to lead normal lives under a debilitating handicap."

A report of the National Institute of Mental Health states that 5.6 per cent, or one in 18 of all beginning drinkers, will eventually suffer from alcoholism. Dr. Ruth Fox in her book, "Treating the Family of the Alcoholic," states that "52 per cent of all alcoholics come from the disturbed background of alcoholism in one or both parents."

Another statistic, this time

from the National Association for Mental Health: one out of every four emotionally disturbed Americans is an alcoholic.

Davenport Installed By Masons



FRANCIS DAVENPORT

Francis R. Davenport of 294 Spring St., Ossining, heads the slate of officers for 1969 installed by Solomon's Lodge 196, F. & A.M. of Tarrytown. The new master succeeds Richard Bohlen, also of Ossining.

Edward F. Sullivan of Briarcliff was installing officer, assisted by Ralph Alpine as marshal and Robert J. Sasso as chaplain.

Officers installed included Robert B. Davis, senior warden; William Mathieson, junior warden; Harry Walkinshaw and Robert Esteves, senior and junior deacons; George Kraus and Robert Montgomery, senior and junior masters of ceremonies; Andrew McMurray, marshal; Mr. Bohlen, secretary; Stephen Brown, treasurer; Mr. Sullivan, chaplain; John Wood, tier, and William Heyny, organist.

Solomon's Lodge meets at Masonic Hall, 54 Main St., Tarrytown, on the first and third Thursdays of each month. All area Masons are invited to attend.

JEM SOCIETY TO MEET

Members of the Westchester Mineral and Gem Society will discuss their favorite collection localities at the monthly meeting tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Eastchester Town Hall. George Jelenick Jr., newly elected president, will also speak on "The Minerals of St. Hilaire, Quebec."

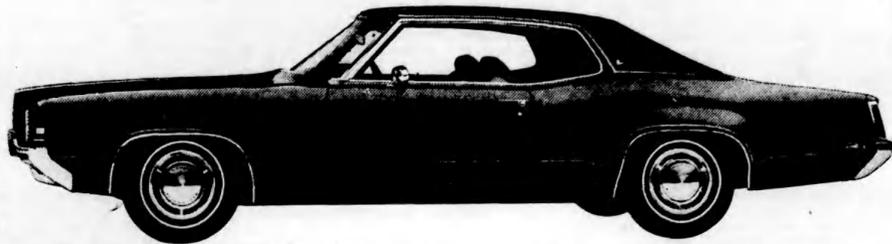
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Cantata Singers Open 14th Season Saturday

PLEASANTVILLE—

The Pleasantville Cantata Singers will open its fourteenth season with a concert at 8:30 p.m., on Saturday at Pleasantville High School.

The program will consist of "The Lord Nelson Mass" of Haydn, and Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Donna Nobis Pacem," a cantata for chorus and soprano and baritone solos.

The concert will be under the direction of Ludwig Sheffield, the regular conductor of the group. The chamber orchestra will have Joseph Palermo of Irvington as concertmaster. Donna Breen will be at the organ, and Freida Gretizer will be the pianist.

The "Nelson" Mass was writ-

ten by Haydn to express his admiration for the British admiral.

The Vaughan Williams work is a moving plea for peace with the text taken largely from the poems of Walt Whitman and from the Bible.

Mr. Sheffield, who, in addition to his work with the Cantata Singers, has been for 34 years choral director at the Pleasantville Cottage School and is also organist and choir director of the Methodist Church of Pleasantville, has selected an outstanding group of soloists for this concert.

Helyne Alexion has been soloist on numerous occasions with the Cantata Singers. She is active in musical circles in New York, including appearances in

concert and television with the Camerata Singers and Musica Aeterna. Her most recent performances were with the New York Philharmonic in "The Four Sacred Pieces" of Verdi.

Mary Marino, contralto, is a resident of Armonk. A graduate of Syracuse University with an M.A. from Columbia, she is a former teacher of vocal music in Brewster and has sung with the Chautauqua Opera Association. She has given solo recitals, specializing in German lieder.

Irving Sobel, Cantor of Congregation Sons of Israel in Briarcliff Manor since 1959, will be tenor soloist.

Cyrus Bryant, bass, is well known in Westchester County both for his work as a performer

and choral conductor. He is founder and music director of the Mount Kisco Choral, and assistant conductor of the Westchester Choral in Bronxville.

He is a doctor of philosophy in physics and is still doing research at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York on a part time basis.

His wife, Lynne, is Minister of Music at the Baptist Church of Ossining and at Temple Israel in Croton-on-Hudson.

Tickets for the event are on sale in advance at Bramson's Music Land in Mount Kisco, at Clark Corners Gift Shop in Pleasantville and at Roosevelt Pharmacy in Ossining. They may also be obtained at the door on the night of the concert.

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