

of the Suffolk Jewish Center, and as a board member of SAJES, the Solomon Schechter Day School of Suffolk County, B'nai B'rith, the World Jewish Congress, and the Suffolk Jewish Communal Planning Council.

Extraordinary is a word that befits SAJE's third honoree, Leonard Cooper. Because of his extraordinary talents for enhancing the Suffolk Jewish community, SAJES confers upon him an award of special recognition. Leonard has served with great distinction and effectiveness as the first president of the Suffolk Y Jewish Community Center, and he is also a board member of the Gurwin Jewish Geriatric Center. In addition, he has served as campaign chairman for the United Jewish Appeal on Eastern Long Island.

Without compensation or demand for recognition, these men have given of their great skills and talents to the uplifting and betterment of our community. It is with great pride that I call upon all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Kenneth R. Kornhauser, Fred Milstein and Leonard Cooper. May their good works and selfless deeds serve as an example for all Americans to follow.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 20, 1995

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was not able to attend the House legislative sessions on November 17 and 18, 1995. If I had been here, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall vote No. 810, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 812, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 813, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 814, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 815, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 816, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 817, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 818, "yea;" and rollcall vote No. 819, "nay."

#### HAPPY 35TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO KATHRYN AND RAPHAEL FALLON

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 20, 1995

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to congratulate Kathryn and Raphael Fallon of Wenona, IL, on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary. I am submitting for the RECORD a copy of a news article describing their wedding ceremony on November 19, 1960. I also am including a copy of an award winning essay by then Kathryn Brunski as well as a news article describing how Raphael was able to complete his college degree while operating a 240 acre grain farm. Congratulations Kaye and Ray on your 35th wedding anniversary.

KATHRYN BRUNSKI, RAPHAEL FALLON VOWS EXCHANGED

Simplicity was the keynote of the wedding which united the lives of Miss Kathryn Brunski, daughter of Mrs. Edgar Brunski and

the late Edgar Brunski of Wenona and Raphael Fallon, son of Mrs. Kerrie Fallon and the late Kerrie Fallon of Rutland at St. Mary's church, Wenona, at 9:30 a.m. on November 19th.

The nuptial Mass and single ring service was celebrated by the Rev. Paul Reddy before the altar adorned with white and gold mums. Sister Adele, OSB presided at the organ assisted by the children's choir.

The bride wore a silk brocade costume in candlelight with a matching velvet petite hat with a blusher veil and carried an arrangement of white roses on a white pearl prayerbook, a gift of the groom.

The maid of honor was Angela Goropesek, a close friend of the bride, who wore a silk gold brocade outfit with matching hat and carried a cascade arrangement of white fujii mums.

Andrew Fallon of Beloit, Wisconsin, was his brother's best man.

The mother of the bride wore a blue suit dress with matching accessories and the bridegroom's mother wore a green knit dress with matching accessories. Both had white carnation corsages.

A dinner for the immediate family was held at Ryan's Corner House in Tonica following the ceremony.

#### WINNING ESSAYS IN RURAL LIFE CONTEST PUBLISHED

The essay written by Kathryn Brunski, winner in the junior division, is as follows:

##### WHY RURAL BOYS AND GIRLS THINK OFTEN OF GOD

Rural boys and girls think often of God because they have a wonderful opportunity to observe nature. Consequently they are able to realize how great God is.

In the beautiful days of spring the boys and girls on the farm can learn the wonderful miracles of life. They can watch their fathers plant the seed and see the beautiful green plants begin to grow.

When they play in the nearby woods and watch the flowers and trees bud and blossom into bloom, as they watch everything becoming alive, they can think of God who gives life to all things, and who makes the world beautiful for the men whom He has made.

In the summer with the sun shining, the crops at the height of their growth, when everywhere nature can be seen at the height of her glory, grateful thoughts turn to God.

As winter draws near, when rural boys and girls see everything dying, the leaves of the trees falling, all the beautiful green becoming brown and dry, they will realize that they too must die some day, and that they should have their souls in readiness for that day.

Everything in nature tells them of God's care for men. God sends the essential rain and sunshine for the crops. He provides trees from which man can obtain food, wood, and even shelter. He provides plants for food, clothing, and other purposes; the rivers for transportation are His creation. To what other boys and girls does God's care seem so necessary and so protecting and loving? When they look around and see the great wonders of nature, they will turn their thoughts to Almighty God who has made all things possible.

Country children can realize just how all things depend on God. If God doesn't send the necessary rain and sunshine for crops, the long hours that their fathers spend in doing the hard work that is necessary on the farm will be in vain. They learn how little man can do without God.

Wherever the country boy or girl turns he sees some evidence of God's great love, kind-

ness, and power, and thinks more often of the Creator and Lord of all things.

#### RUTLAND FARMER TRAVELS 40,000 MILES FOR DEGREE

RUTLAND.—When candidates for Bradley degrees don their academic robes and start the last five-minute, two-block procession to the Robertson Fieldhouse Sunday evening, one among them will view the last walk as a "Snap."

Twelve years and 40,000 miles lie behind his search for a college degree.

Raphael Fallon, who operates a 240-acre grain farm about two and a half miles northeast of Rutland, will be reaching the culmination of a dream that started several years ago and was achieved only through a dogged determination.

#### MAJORED IN ACCOUNTING

Fallon will receive a degree in business administration with a major in accounting.

"Many people think that you can't use this kind of an education in farming," he says, "but you sure can—especially cost accounting."

Fallon transferred about two years of previous college work, started at LaSalle-Peru Junior College and University of Illinois Extension Service, to Bradley in 1956.

In the last four years, he has commuted regularly to Bradley's evening college, covering about 100 miles each night, in order to complete work for his degree.

He never missed a class session and maintained a "B" average.

#### OPERATED ON SCHEDULE

How can you run a farm and still manage to travel and study?

"It's important to schedule yourself," says Fallon. "I managed to work out an organized program at home for study and work. I don't think that you can do it without a schedule."

"I owe an awful lot to the instructors at Bradley and to my parents," says the dark-haired farmer. "It was their encouragement and help that made it possible. I have a younger brother and sister, each of whom has a master's degree, and this was an inducement to keep up with them."

Fallon made the trip alone except for one semester when he had a student from Minonk as a rider. Fortunately, he had no car trouble in the four years that he drove to Peoria, but weather made some of his trips difficult. During last winter's heavy snows, it was sometimes sleety and sometimes foggy. Ordinarily, he was home before midnight.

#### ANYONE CAN DO IT

"Lots of young fellows up my way have talked about coming down," says Fallon. "It's one way to get an education when you can't go full time during the day. If an ordinary individual like me can do it, anyone can."

Fallon only came close to missing a class on one occasion. This was two weeks ago when his father died. The funeral was on a Monday and Fallon considered missing class that night, but decided to make the drive after the rites and thus maintain his record.

What next for the farmer accountant?

"I think I'll work for my master's degree in business administration. I already have three hours toward the degree and I figure that another 15,000 or 16,000 miles and I can get it."