

One Part Bass & One Part Baseball Is Henry Neubert's Recipe For Success

Henry Neubert is a social person. He's happier doing things with other people than working alone. So it only seems natural that his two main occupations are coaching baseball and playing in bands and orchestras.

Neubert's spent 14 years as president of the Lansing Baseball Program coaching youngsters from kindergarten through high school. With the help of his two sons, he also coaches Lansing American Legion level baseball for 16 to 18-year olds.

On the musical side, Henry is a faculty



member at Ithaca College where he teaches double bass, conducts the Symphonic Band and serves as Chair of Graduate Admissions in the School of Music. He also plays regularly in chamber music concerts on the IC campus and has been the principal bassist

of the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra for 20 years. H's performed in many of the CCO's chamber music concerts and is currently looking forward to playing the double bass part in the Schubert "Trout" quintet scheduled for a chamber series concert next May.

As if he weren't busy enough, Henry also conducts the Ithaca Concert Band. The band is made up of amateur and professional musicians who, like Henry, would rather get together to rehearse and give concerts than practice alone at home. The band gives three concerts during the winter at local high schools and frequently performs on the Ithaca Commons during the summer.

"Music and sports," he says, "I guess I'm not your typical college professor."

Henry speaks proudly of the fact that his two sons share his interest in sports. Hank, now a teacher's aide in the Lansing Middle school, coaches small fry football for Lansing Recreation and also coaches modified football and 7th grade basketball in the Middle School. He's also an umpire!

Henry's younger son, Tom, was an all-star athlete at Lansing High School in baseball and football, as well as holding the career won-loss record for pitchers at Cortland State University where he is a senior.

Henry and his wife Gail have lived in Lansing since coming to the area in 1972. Gail has taught in Lansing schools since 1976 and is now Coordinator of special services.

By Joe Leeming

Noon Public Hearing Dec. 31 At Town Hall To Discuss Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemptions

Residents interested in commenting on a proposed change in tax exemptions for the elderly should appear at Town Hall at noon Dec. 31 to express their views.

A state increase in the amount available for exemptions for the elderly may result in a change to local ordinances and reduce property tax burdens for Lansing Seniors.

Because the change in state law merely

"authorizes" towns to increase exemptions, a public hearing must be held to receive public input on the proposal.

If the proposed amendment to the 1966 town ordinance is adopted by the Town Board, 1997 exemptions would run from a high of 40 percent (for those with incomes under \$20,500) to a low of 5 percent (for those with incomes up to \$26,899).

Historian's Pen

by Louise Bement

With the successful functioning of the Convenient Care Center and Guthrie Clinic coupled with the on-going construction of the Cayuga Medical Center's *Surgicare* facility and a number of independent medical office buildings in the Village of Lansing, it's easy to forget that the future may often be found in the past. Such is the case with medical facilities in Lansing, as evidenced by the following 1911 newspaper article...

A Novel Offer To Tompkins County

John V. McIntyre has submitted to Supervisors Gallagher, Aiken and Parker, the committee of the county board directed to gather all information obtainable relating to the proposed acquirement of a county hospital, a quite unexpected and unusual proposal.

He suggests that the county take the well known hotel property at South Lansing, at the nominal value of \$30,000 - that is to say the cost not to exceed that sum, and in all human probability to fall short of it.

Mr. McIntyre is 68 years old and not in robust health. His wife is aged 48. They are without heirs or dependents. They say to the county, through its supervisors: "Should you find this site the most advantageous called to your notice, take it and pay us \$1,000 per year, so long as we, or either of us, may live. We desire only an assured sufficient income upon which to live, as we shall have no one dependent upon us for existence. As there should be some stopping place for these annual payments, we name \$30,000 to make sure of the future, knowing that no table of expectancy insures to either of us such longevity."

The grand old brick house at Rogue's Harbor is said to have cost Gen. Minier \$40,000 to build in 1830. Mr. McIntyre has expended much personal labor and \$6,200 in putting it in perfect repair and attractive condition. It stands 600 feet above the lake level, bathed in sunlight and purest dry air. It would seem an ideal structure for a central administrative building.

The five acres of land are of the best in productiveness; for garden, fruits, poultry and such light employment of patients or employees, as may be prescribed.

Friends and neighbors to whom Mr.

stand too near the house. They should be taken down and one smaller structure erected, farther removed. The beams are massive and there is more sheathing in them than could be used.

The house is 40' x 80', outside measurement, and contains some 17 rooms; and a ballroom 23' x 38', inside measurement, with six large windows.

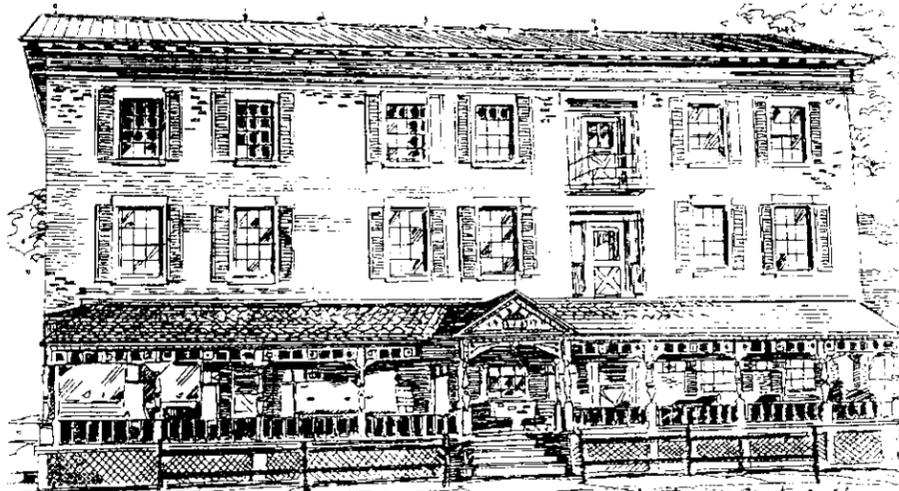
By raising the roof over the ballroom, which can be done with jackscrews, five feet, and supporting it at intervals with pillars, a large open-air ward can be provided, obviating the building of "shacks."

The house is steam-heated and lighted by acetylene (sic) gas. An electric motor now pumps water from an artesian well, sunk 126 feet into rock, to two large tanks in the attic. A modern air compressor pump, electric driven and automatic in action, either at the well or in the cellar, would supply any desired pressure to the pipes and permit removal of the tanks. Such a pump costs about \$300.

The South side of the house can be easily and cheaply supplied with a sun parlor of glass. An elevator shaft, for either a hand or electric car, can be readily built, just where most convenient, three sides of brick, against the brick wall on the outside.

The former billiard and barroom commends itself as a lounging and reading room for men. There is a dispensary room already provided. The private dining room is quickly convertible into an operating room, doctors say, who have seen it. There are two cisterns of soft water, which never fail.

So substantial are the brick walls, and 15-3 and 12-3 joists, one foot apart, with a timber to each side of each door and window frame, that any desired change can be



McIntyre has revealed the proposition are unanimous in commending it; and he finds it growing in favor, as the accessibility and centrality of the location, and the adaptability of the building, are developed by examination.

The property is only seven miles from Ithaca, to which the highway will ere long be macademized (sic). The trolley car now runs to the house five times a day. When the "Short Line" is electrified throughout, the service will be frequent, probably hourly during the day.

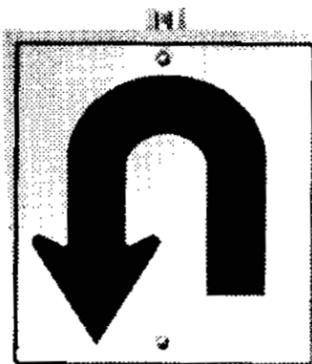
Mrs. McIntyre has planted fruit trees now approaching the bearing period. The two old barns cover too much ground and

safely made, with assurance that few repairs will perpetuate the building indefinitely.

In the house is about \$3,500 in furniture. Some of this would answer for public use. All of it can quickly be removed by Mr. McIntyre, if so desired.

The plan for annual payments of \$1,000 each would involve no heavy tax levy or issue of obligations. It would extend the payments for participation to the next generation, to whom the entire property would pass on.

It is believed that the supervisors will soon, as a board, visit this property; and make careful inspection of Mr. McIntyre's list of advantages to the county.



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