CANASTOTA — The year 1946 was ushered in with four wedding anniversaries totaling 203 years of married life and was climaxed in Canastota by a chorus of 100 voices singing the cantata, “Infant Holy” in Methodist church Christmas Sunday night — the first project of its kind in recent years.

It was New Year’s Day that the late Dr. Herman G. Germer and his wife observed their golden wedding anniversary while Mr. and Mrs. H. Clarke Bushnell, Stroud St., were observing a similar anniversary. The date also marked the 56th wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Yorton and the 47th of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pankhurst.

In industrial circles, the organization of Oneida Products Corp. at Canastota as a subsidiary of Oneida Ltd., with $3,000,000 capital stock owned wholly by Oneida Ltd., was effective Feb. 1 with William C. Coburn, president and operating head. It utilizes the large plant in W. Center Street.

Purchase of the Carl Braun creamery equipment factory by Kenneth Johnson in January was another industrial transaction. John B. King of Johnstown and Anson King of Gloversville had been the owners and operators for 18 years. Also in the first month of the year, Harold B. Phillips of Fayotteville purchased the Severance business and property.

Clarence E. Conley, Canastota, began his administration as Madison county judge Jan. 1. Miss Ruth Worden was installed matron of Canastota chapter, OES, and Gerald Relyea, master of Canastota lodge F&AM. The village board adopted parallel parking of cars in the business area following a public hearing Jan. 21 and Canastota Presbyterians took steps looking to rebuilding their church property.

WILSEY SHOOTING

The first month of 1946 did not pass without its tragedy. Arthur Louis Wilsey, 17, a Canastota high school pupil, was fatally shot at the family home north of Canastota Jan. 13 during a family argument and tussle, and Ione Wilsey, his sister, was seriously wounded by shots in the face. The father, James Wilsey, was arrested and held on felony charges.

In February, the campaign to provide funds for the purchase of the DeLano property in S. Peterboro as a Legion memorial had reached $21,192, and a goal of $1,900 to be contributed by St. Agatha’s church to the LeMoyne college fund had been doubled.

February business expansions were highlighted by the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Syracuse beginning operation of the former First National bank at Canastota as a branch office. Feb. 4 parking meters were placed in use at Canastota May 1. On May 9, 1946 at Canastota Marked By Fires, Tragedies, Village And Business Expansions

WASHINGTON — President Harry S. Truman today signed into law a bill authorizing $50 million for a national horticultural research station and building with a scientific center.

The bill was introduced by Senator Allen B. Ellender of Louisiana, chairman of the Senate agriculture committee.

The new center will be established on the campus of the University of Georgia in Athens.

The president said the bill was necessary to meet the nation’s food problems.