

OHA AT 150**First laughing gas
in Syracuse**

The Onondaga Historical Association is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Here's what was going on in 1863:

Dr. Martin, a dentist on South Salina Street, introduced laughing gas (nitrous oxide) to Syracuse. He advertised that he can give it to anyone old or young with perfect safety and that he can extract teeth without pain.

The same week, T.P. Collins, an entertainer from New York City, gave a talk in Wieting Hall (on Clinton Square) titled "The Philosophy of Laughter," and afterwards administered laughing gas to several members of the audience as an experiment. It was so successful he repeated the show twice more that week.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*

Correction

A listing in some editions of Thursday's Neighbors contained incorrect information. Judy Tassone is vying for an Onondaga County Legislature seat in the 4th, not the 5th District. Gary R. Brisson, omitted from the Thursday story, is running against Kathleen Rapp for a seat in the 5th District.

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