

## Who has the right to use 'Merryweather Farm'?

By MARILYN BLAHO

**NORTH SALEM** — A dispute arose at a public hearing before North Salem's planning board Wednesday as to who has the right to use the name "Merryweather Farm."

Architect James Holt, applicant for a subdivision of homes built in the style of the existing Edward Durrell Stone home now on the property, claims historical justification for use of the name. It seems that the son of Ulysses S. Grant stabled horses on the 171-acre Dansker property and an authentic stone wall still stands as a reminder.

Mrs. Sylvia L. Beckwith, whose mailing address is Merryweather Farm, lives across the street from the proposed subdivision in a house that has been standing for "over 100 years", and was the original residence of General Grant's son. Mrs. Beckwith requested vigorously that the applicant immediately change the name of the subdivision and that he should not "rewrite history."

Mr. Holt replied that although he is vice president of North Salem's historical society he was not aware that Mrs. Beckwith's farm was called Merryweather.

Mrs. Beckwith told Patent Trader that the 171-acre subdivision was originally part of her property and that the name of her farm will be used "without question or worry" about her interests. "I do hope you will withdraw that name," Mrs. Beckwith told Mr. Holt.

Several residents had reservations about the subdivision which is in a two-acre zone, although almost all parcels would be over two acres. Thomas Purdy questioned the planned access to Turkey Hill Road of so many units of the subdivision, citing the danger of this many driveways opening onto the narrow, winding road. "There are no interior roads", he said, referring to submitted plans.

Mr. Purdy, who lives on Turkey Hill

Road, added that "very little seems to have been produced of what has been proposed", referring to construction of two ponds which have been in progress for two years.

"What assurance does the town have that we will get the attractive parcels proposed?"

Mr. Holt replied that in order to change any plans for the property he must apply for new subdivision approval from the planning board.

Planning consultant Robert Bryan said there were "no great problems" from his point of view with the subdivision. He questioned the status of the ponds — their ownership and construction. Mr. Holt replied that only 12 units of the property, those having direct access to the ponds, would be included in ownership. None of the other 30-odd parcels would be eligible for use as they are not contiguous to the ponds, nor is there any access from the other parcels. Mr. Bryan recommended that the architect reconsider access of several lots to Route 124 and Turkey Hill Road, substituting interior roads; and thereby protecting "a major stream" and wetlands areas which would be disturbed by gaining access to Rt. 124.

The question of deeding 17.1 acres to the town for recreation purposes was raised by Planning Board chairman William Ahearn. It is the prerogative of the planning board, he said, to decide whether a developer should deed land or make monetary payment to the town in lieu of land.

Mr. Holt requested that the subdivision be exempt from deeding land to the town because of the extent of recreation provided by use of lakes and very large "estate" lots and offered payment instead. Town recreation use of the property would be "inconsistent with the estate quality of the subdivision," he said.

Board members differed with Mr. Holt. Joseph Coleman said the town has an

"urgent need for park facilities with good access from main roads". He added that present park facilities were for the most part on temporary loan and insufficient for the town's needs.

The planning board has 45 days from the public hearing to give final approval to the subdivision. Chairman Ahearn recommended that the plans be examined by the conservation advisory council in regard to wetlands, and by the town board for possible consideration of redesigning road intersections, and by the recreation commission for consideration of possible sites for open space and recreation use.

The planning board, in other business, revoked the special permit application of Elcan Associates, for Greentree III, a proposed development of multiple dwellings for elderly persons on a 16-acre tract in the residential district adjacent to I-684 in the Sunset Ridge area.

The Zoning ordinance specifies that the planning board may grant a special permit in a residential zone for multiple dwellings for elderly persons. Greentree III is the only proposed development in North Salem.

The resolution cited as reasons for revoking the permit "substantial changes and revisions in plans from original plans submitted on July 25, 1973," "additional regrading and cuts and fills on the site", with "potentials for severe soil erosion and sedimentation", "paucity of landscaping for the disturbed area" shown. The resolution further states that 64 dwellings are shown on the plans when 63 were covered by the original resolution of July 25, 1973.

Chairman Ahearn expressed regret that conditions of the permit granted a year ago had not been met by the applicant.

"The town looked upon the proposal as a means of meeting needs of senior citizens", he said, "but the planning board looked into the plans and found major problems. It does not work as it is now designed."

Stuart Shamburg, attorney for Elcan Associates, reprimanded the planning board for changing its position from July, 1973. Final conditional approval was given, he said, and the present board even extended the permit until November, 1974, awaiting health department approval from Albany, and then "revoked the entire thing as if it never existed. This is no way for a planning board to operate."

Mr. Ahearn replied that the "feasibility of doing what you intended to do on the site involves moving every piece of earth."

Mr. Shamburg stated for public record that he would comply with the July 25, 1973, resolution granting the permit and will ask for building permits on that resolution. The resolution revoking the permit was passed unanimously, with Joseph Coleman abstaining because of professional conflict.

Mr. Ahearn told Patent Trader that the building inspector could not give a building permit to Elcan Associates because the permit no longer exists. The permit has been twice revoked since 1970 because of non-compliance with regulations for this project, he said. "The planning board reserves the right to revoke a permit any time conditions are not met," he said.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS Jeffrey Carpenter, left, and Charles Sammamm of Bedford Police Department check out equipment before going on patrol.

—Staff photo by Donna Spinelli

## Bedford police offering first emergency patrol

By ELIZABETH SIMONOFF

**BEDFORD HILLS** — Bedford Police Department is the first in upper Westchester with a patrol manned by officers trained as medical technicians.

Five Bedford patrolmen have completed the 55 hours of training required for state certification as emergency medical technicians and are maintaining a 24-hour patrol in a station wagon a stretcher and a range of first aid equipment.

The emergency service car went on the road on June 15, according to Sgt. John Dorsett who acts as coordinator for the new service, and has answered some 45 calls for aid, an average of about one a day.

Heart attack cases, a fall from a roof, bicycle accidents and auto crashes are some of the categories of emergency the "EMTs" have dealt with, Sgt. Dorsett said. The patrol was called in by the Westchester Parkway Police recently to help in an accident where a victim was pinned in his car. The patrol carries a portapower, a hydraulic tool that can spread crushed metal apart.

In addition to regular first aid training, EMTs receive more sophisticated in-

struction in emergency care of heart attacks, breathing stoppage, childbirth, eye injuries, smoke inhalation, fractures, and other types of injury.

Members of the unit maintain an ongoing training program of their own and will have to take a refresher course with a state instructor and be re-certified every two years to keep their standing.

The five men now in the unit are Patrolmen Joseph Peters, Timothy Hanrahan, Joseph Hanratty, Jeffrey Carpenter and Charles Sammamm. All wear emergency medical technician patches on their right sleeves when on duty. Two more men are planning to enroll in the EMT training course this fall, Sgt. Dorsett said.

Bedford Police Chief William Judge said the five men had volunteered for the program and did not receive any extra pay or special consideration for their status. The only thing the department did was to give them compensatory time for the time they spent training, he said. Ptl. Peters graduated first in a class of 60 in the training course, according to the chief.

The specially equipped station wagon the patrol uses cost the department "only

the difference between a regular sedan and a wagon," Chief Judge said. Most of the equipment, which includes an oxygen inhalator resuscitator, a second resuscitator, a stretcher, floodlights, ropes, splints, fire extinguisher, and many other items, was donated by civic groups or individuals in the community, he said.

The EMT unit does not use its stretcher or transport injury victims to the hospital if an ambulance is available, according to the chief. "It's not our intention to do any of the ambulance services out of business," he said, "but sometimes they are occupied when help is needed, and sometimes we can get to the scene of an accident before anyone else because our wagon is already on the road when the call for help comes in. The unit is in constant radio contact with headquarters."

Chief Judge said Bedford's EMT service is the only unit of its kind in Westchester north of Greenburgh. He hopes organizations in the town that have not already donated equipment will offer to supply the technicians with additional tools and first aid devices including an air chisel for cutting metal and a molded stretcher for moving accident victims.

## Burrows scores high on exam for sergeant

**YORKTOWN** — Yorktown Patrolman George Burrows had the highest score in the county on the sergeants' promotion examination given in May. Ptl. Burrows' final rating was 97.8.

Fourteen of the 16 Yorktown policemen who took the sergeants' exam passed, according to Robert W. Bartsch of the Westchester County Personnel Department.

Mr. Bartsch said Yorktown Patrolman Arthur Anderson, second on the Yorktown list with a score of 92.5, placed fourth in the county. Detective Paul Ferrara, third on Yorktown's list with 91.8 score was fifth highest in the county. Detective John Sanders was fifth on the Yorktown list and seventh in the county with a score of 91.4.

Yorktown Police Chief George Calcagnini said he was "delighted" with the high showing by Yorktown sergeant

candidates.

"I think a lot of it indicates interest on the part of the men in their job, they're making the effort. I think they feel the job is worth putting the effort into. They're saying 'It's a kind of job we want.'"

Fifty-nine of the 151 police officers in Westchester who took the examination passed, according to Mr. Bartsch's office.

Other Yorktown police officers who passed the sergeants' test are Ptl. W. M. Calcagni, 87.4; Ptl. William Herzog, 86.4; Ptl. Donald Peters, 85.3; Det. Anthony Masi, 83.8; Det. Allen See, 83.6; Det. Edgar Fielding, 81.8; Ptl. Terence McCoy, 79.1; Ptl. Richard Heckett, 78.6; Ptl. Russell Hart, 73.8 and Ptl. Frank Ganung, 73.1.

Chief Calcagnini said promotions would be made as vacancies occur on the force. He said he expected to name no new sergeants before September.



FRANCES BROOMES, R.N., assistant director of Northern Westchester Hospital Center's blood bank, examines the dwindling supply in the bank's new PH Uni-therm refrigerator. The refrigerator has space for more than 500 units but the supply is short now because emergency demands placed an added drain on the normal summer shortage.

—Staff photo by Donna Spinelli

## Hospital blood supply runs low

**MT. KISCO** — Blood donors are urgently needed to replenish diminished supplies in the blood bank at Northern Westchester Hospital Center. The typical shortage of blood which occurs each summer when people are out of town on vacation became serious this week when the needs of several patients depleted the Hospital Center's supply to a dangerous level.

All types of blood are needed. To be

eligible, donors must be between the ages of 18 and 66, weigh 110 pounds or more, have acceptable hemoglobin and be in good physical condition. Anyone who has ever had hepatitis or who has a cold will not be accepted.

The Hospital Center's Blood Bank is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Donors are asked to make arrangements in advance. It is open by

appointment only Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays until noon.

Arrangements for donations may be made by calling "666-1381" or "666-1382. Donors should enter the hospital through the visitor's entrance and explain at the information desk that they are blood donors. They will then be directed to the blood bank.

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