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This County Wins Boundary Dispute

In a decision handed down by Supreme Court Justice Michael E. Sweeney this week, the long-disputed boundary line between Warren and Washington counties in the towns of Queensbury and Fort Ann, has been resolved in favor of Washington county.

Justice Sweeney in his decision found that the state had not sustained the burden that the line which it had erected and monumented here two years ago and which changed the line as had heretofore been observed between the two counties for many years, was in effect the proper line between the two counties. He found instead that the line which had been surveyed by and presented to the court by Alfred J. Lanfear of the Washington county highway department was the line which henceforth should be followed.

As a result of Judge Sweeney's decision, the properties along the easterly side of Lake George of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Remsen, Mr. and Mrs. Marius D. Hanks, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Rugen, Carroll P. Mahoney, Katherine M. Barber and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Haraden will continue to remain in Washington county where they had been located and taxed until the state relocated the line with the filing of its report and maps in the Warren and Washington county clerks' offices on April 12, 1966. Had the state line been upheld, these properties in whole or in part would have moved over into Warren county.

Judge Sweeney's decision followed a trial over the disputed line which was held at the court house in Hudson Falls in December, 1967. Testimony in support of the line surveyed by the state was heard on behalf of Warren county and the town of Queensbury from James P. Moroney of the state department of public works in Albany, and Riehl Vogel Jr. of state associates in Schenectady, consultants to the state department of public works on the project. Alfred J. Lanfear, senior engineer in the Washington county highway department, and Andrew T. McCormack, a surveyor from Saratoga, testified on behalf of Washington county and the town of Fort Ann.

Albert E. Beswick, Warren county attorney, represented Warren county and the town of Queensbury in connection with the action, and Julian V. D. Orton, Washington county attorney, tried the case for Washington county and the town of Fort Ann. Attorney Thomas C. Remsen represented the property owners, whose action for a review of their assessments brought about by the new line as fixed by the state survey, brought the issue of the location of the line before the court.

Goos Back to 1906

The events leading up to the disputed line between the two counties started back as far as 1906. At that time, the Warren county board of supervisors employed W. S. Winchester, an engineer and surveyor in Warren county, to make a survey of the line. Mr. Winchester in time completed a survey and map which did make some change in the existing line, but the changes were never put into effect by either county, and the properties involved in this action continued to be assessed and taxed in Washington county.

As a result of steps taken by the Warren county board of supervisors, then Assemblyman Richard E. Bartlett introduced a bill in the legislature in Albany entitled, An Act to Provide for Establishing the Boundary Line Between the Town of Queensbury, in the County of Warren, and the Town of Fort Ann, in the County of Washington, and making an Appropriation Thereof. The bill was passed in the legislature and became Chapter 947 of the laws of New York, 1963, to become effective April 30, 1963.

Under the bill, the department of public works of the state was authorized and directed to locate, establish and permanently mark upon the ground a line between the town of Queensbury in Warren county and the town of Fort Ann in Washington county, and upon the completion of its work to file its report, together with a map which shall correctly show the location of such line upon the ground, in the offices of the state comptroller and county clerks' offices, in both Warren

and Washington counties. The bill further provided that with the filing of such report and map by the state, that such report and map would be presumptive evidence that the line so located by the state had been regularly, properly and duly located and permanently marked upon the ground.

The sum of \$15,000 was appropriated to the department of public works out of the monies in the state treasury to defray the expenses of the department carrying out the provisions of this act.

State Makes Survey

Pursuant to the authority and direction so given, the state department of public works did undertake this assignment. The project was separated into four phases, the survey, the search, the determination and the monumentation. The survey and the monumentation were performed under separate contract by the state's consultants, Male associates, of Schenectady. The search and the determination phases were done by the state department of public works.

The work was finally completed and the department of public works duly filed its report and map, consisting of eleven sheets, with the two counties on April 12, 1966.

Following the filing of the state's report and map, the property owners along Lake George soon found their properties being assessed in both Fort Ann and in the town of Queensbury, as a result of which the action here was brought. The question of where the line should or should not be squared came before the court for determination.

County Makes Survey

After the state filed its report and map in April, 1966, the Washington county board of supervisors directed Alfred J. Lanfear, its senior engineer in the county highway department, to make an examination of the line as fixed and determined by the state and its consultants. Mr. Lanfear made his examination in the fall of 1966 and early part of 1967, including a survey of the line himself. The survey ran from a point in Hudson Falls to Monument No. 18 set by the state at the most northerly point of its survey at Kattskill bay. The state survey started at the point on the county line road near the Glens Falls airport and continued similarly out to Kattskill bay.

Mr. Lanfear's testimony, supported by Mr. McCormack, not only attacked the regularity and accuracy of the line which the state's engineers and consultants had established, and which swung the previously existing line on a more easterly course into Washington county, but found in his own survey that the line should be moved on a more westerly course in the direction of Warren county.

The court in its decision held that the state had failed to sustain the presumption granted it under Chapter 947 of the Laws of New York, 1963, that the line which it had erected was in fact the regularly and duly established line between the two counties, and rejected the state line and accepted, instead, the line as surveyed by Mr. Lanfear.

As a result of the court's decision, the properties of all petitioners in the action here have been determined to remain in and be taxable in the town of Fort Ann in Washington county.

Five Youngsters Spending 2 Weeks At Homes in Area

Five youngsters from the metropolitan area are vacationing in Greenwich and Easton for two weeks, guests of four families through the Fresh Air program. Inga Joseph of New York city has returned for a second year as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Kipp.

Dr. and Mrs. William N. Young have two boys from Long Island City with them. They are Michael Waldo, 11, and Victor Gales, 10½, who are neighbors at home.

Marlon Williams, who is 5, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robble Miller; and Arlene Jordan, 7, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proud in Easton. Arlene is a cousin of Michael Waldo. They are both from Long Island City. The children arrived here last Thursday and are staying for two weeks. They will return home next Thursday.

Objectors to Proposed Law Out in Force

The oppressive heat last week Wednesday night didn't deter some 30 or 40 opponents to the proposed local law governing trailers and mobile homes in the town of Easton from attending a scheduled public hearing at Burton hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor William T. Sherin, who stated he would like to close it at 9 o'clock. This he did even though two or three more speakers wished to be heard but were denied the privilege.

All members of the town board were at the meeting, also the town attorney, Charles B. Russell, and Waring Blackburn, representing the Hans Klunder Associates, a professional planning and surveying concern retained in 1966 by the Easton planning board to assist in a long-range planning program. Some of the members of the planning board were also present.

At the outset it was evident that those opposed to the adoption of this local law were in the majority; in fact every one of the dozen or more who were given the chance to speak expressed dissatisfaction with the proposal. Incidentally, copies of this proposed law were made available to those present only at the beginning of the meeting and many of the questions raised were referred to Attorney Russell for answering.

As questions arose in rapid succession indications were the adoption of the law was almost a certainty regardless of the tenor of the public hearing. It was also brought out that there is no mobile home park in the town; no application has been made to establish one, and upon adoption of the local law by the town board, no one would be allowed to place a mobile home or trailer anywhere in the town, even on property he might own.

Just before Chairman Sherin closed the meeting he asked Mr. Blackburn to give some of the facts learned in the house-to-house study conducted by his company. This showed that about 50 per cent of the town residents favored some sort of ordinance to control so-called mobile homes, and by a five to one ratio residents wished to keep Easton an agricultural community. He did reveal, however, that 75 per cent of the homes costing less than \$15,000 were in the form of mobile homes.

After he spoke the meeting was declared closed, but it couldn't be truthfully said that it closed in peace and harmony.

Medicaid Funds Running Short

Washington county will in all likelihood have to borrow money, perhaps by next month, to meet its Medicaid costs. Supervisor Laurence Andrews of Granville, chairman of both the finance and public welfare committees of the board of supervisors, told board members last Thursday that although Medicaid costs have dropped somewhat, the county will have used up all its present funds in the near future.

This was the July meeting of the board and business was completed in the morning so the supervisors could attend the dinner and the infirmity ground-breaking ceremonies at the county home in Argyle.

Supervisor William T. Sherin of Easton suggested that Medicaid payments made to physicians, dentists and other professional people should be released by the county social services department for publication. Recently the department has been issuing a monthly report on Medicaid payments in various categories and these have been carried in the press.

Mr. Sherin said that other counties are publishing the amounts paid to professional people in connection with the Medicaid program, and he believed it would be desirable to do this in Washington county.

No action was taken on Mr. Sherin's suggestion. He also made a recommendation that the sheriff's department release to the press information on law violations investigated by the department, saying he thought it might help

House Tour Will Be Held Saturday In Cambridge

Saturday afternoon of this week several homes in the Cambridge area will be open to the public. This is the annual house tour, arranged by the women's auxiliary of the Mary McLeod-Bethel hospital. The homes will be open from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Homes that will be open are those of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Canzeri, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Agan Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Nilson, Dr. and Mrs. Philip Brown, Jr. and Mrs. Carleton N. Carrell, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bittelman and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Woodward, where refreshments will be served.

Tickets may be obtained at any of the homes of the day of the tour, or may be purchased from auxiliary members. In Salem Mrs. J. M. Cowan has tickets; in Schuylerville, Mrs. F. M. Pouliet; in Cambridge, Mrs. Bernard J. Morache; in Greenwich, Mrs. William Mosher. In Greenwich tickets are also available at the Greenwich Hardware and the Journal Stationers.

Greenwich Is Host to State Organizations

Greenwich is the headquarters this week for the annual state session of the Order of United American Men and Daughters of United American Men. The O.U.A.M. is holding its 119th state convention and the D.O.U.A.M. is holding its 44th annual state meeting at the United church. These two state organizations have met in Greenwich several times in the past.

The program will open with a get together at the United church this Thursday evening, followed by committee meetings and reception.

Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. the opening session of the meeting will be held at the church. Mayor John Cronin will welcome the group to Greenwich and Rev. Walter A. Scholten will offer prayer.

Following the meeting and lunch the group will tour the General Foods corporation plant in Saratoga Springs and return to the Corners restaurant for dinner and entertainment.

Saturday morning at 9:30 at the church the final meeting will be conducted and officers elected for the coming year will be installed.

Some 30 or more members of the organization from New York state, Massachusetts and Connecticut will be attending the convention. Special guests will include the national secretary and three former national counselors.

Derby Named To New Post In The Village

A new position of water commissioner of the village of Greenwich was created by the board of trustees at a special meeting Monday evening, and Theodore Derby of Greenwich was given a temporary appointment to the new post, effective July 29.

The water commissioner will have charge of reading meters and caring for the pumps and equipment at the village water field. Mr. Derby's appointment is temporary until he qualifies for permanent appointment by receiving a grade three operator's license from the state health department and meets civil service requirements. He will be working under the supervision of Harold C. Kipp, superintendent of public works.

Bids were received Monday for the removal of 26 trees in the village and trimming four trees. The bids were as follows: Glens Falls Tree Service, \$1,620; Brownie's Tree and Landscaping Service, Albany, \$1,745; M. M. Roken-Slyte, Fort Edward, \$2,090; Ray's Tree Expert North, Burlington, Vt., \$2,510.90; Northern Tree Service, Cohoes, \$4,023; Donovan Tree Service, Mechanicville, \$5,976.

The contract was awarded to Brownie's Tree Service. This firm has removed trees in the village for the past two years.

Supper will be served at 5:30 and each family or individual is asked to take a covered dish to pass, sandwiches, table service and folding chairs. Mrs. James Waite is food and refreshments chairman.

During the afternoon there will be ball games, contests, pony rides and other activities under the direction of a committee of which Donald Nash is chairman. An after-supper program is being arranged.

In case of wet weather the picnic and activities will be held indoors.

14 New Teachers to Join Greenwich School Faculty

During the 1967-68 school year, 22 new faculty members joined the Greenwich central school staff. This year there are 14 new members signed, with one part-time position still tentative. Commenting on the new teaching staff, Edgar F. Snyder, district principal, says, "Their educational and geographical backgrounds are varied as recruiting efforts attempt to diversify these factors in the interests of broadening outlooks on the staff. While local recruitment works on a modest budget and time allowance, some recognition is given to this factor, as it proves possible, to bring to the local faculty divergent backgrounds and experiences. Thus, this year will see addition of a teacher born and partially educated in England before coming to this country; teachers trained at R.P.I., Washington State university and Xavier university, all new institutions to the local staff; and an experienced teacher recruited from the Pacific coast area."

Mrs. Patricia Brown will teach 9th grade English, replacing Mrs. Emily Weaver who is devoting her full time to reading this year. Mrs. Brown, a native of Maine, graduated from the University of New Hampshire and has done graduate work at the University of Maine, University of Utah, Russell Sage, and Plattsburgh. Her teaching experience includes service in Newburyport, Massachusetts and Alkmaar, Holland, the latter as a Fulbright exchange teacher, but for the past several years she has been on the staff of the South Glens Falls central school. She is the wife of Robert Brown, a local businessman, and they make their home on Prospect street.

Richard Clifford of Midland Park, New Jersey, will teach high school certificate classes, replacing Miss Charlotte Killam who will be handling social studies this year. Mr. Clifford is a current graduate of Xavier university in Ohio. He had been considering doing social work and joining the federal government's Vista program, but after doing practice teaching, Mr. Clifford decided on the educational field. Some interest in his services as a baseball pitcher by two major league teams was evidenced, but Mr. Clifford indicated that he considered this as only a remote possibility. He expects to be married in August. He will reside on Academy street.

Mrs. Betty Davidsen of Greenwich will teach a new and additional section of 4th grade this year. Mrs. Davidsen, a graduate of the local school system, is also an alumna of Plattsburgh state. Prior to her marriage she worked for Washington county as a youth agent. Currently, she is attending summer school and refreshing her grasp of reading and modern

math. She resides with her family on Archdale road.

Miss Betty Hamilton of Argyle will teach third grade this year in place of Mrs. Virginia Torda, who is on leave. Miss Hamilton is an Argyle native and graduated this spring from Plattsburgh state. She makes her home in Argyle.

Miss Linda Hensel of Austin, Pennsylvania, will teach biology in the high school. Miss Hensel is a Jane graduate of Mansfield State college in her native Pennsylvania and is continuing summer training there. She replaces Richard Horsfield who has accepted a position at Albany Medical center to do research and work on a masters degree.

Mrs. Marguerite Hughes of Hebron, New Hampshire, will teach 4th grade replacing Miss Jean Thew who is returning to teach in her hometown at Peru, New York, where she can also work on a masters degree at nearby Plattsburgh State. Mrs. Hughes brings many years of experience from New Hampshire where she was for a time a teaching principal. Her education was gained at Plymouth State, the University of New Hampshire, and at Colby college in Maine. She will reside with her husband on Corliss avenue.

Lawrence McDonald of Ticonderoga will teach junior high math, replacing Sherwin Bowen who moves into full time guidance. Mr. McDonald is a recent Plattsburgh graduate who did his practice teaching in the Hudson Falls central school.

Mrs. Jean Moy will teach 4th grade in place of Mrs. Claudia Lundberg who has resigned. Mrs. Moy, the wife of Greenwich central school alumnus, Richard Moy, is a native of Jeffersonville, New York, and a graduate of Oneonta State college. She comes here with teaching experience in the Fulton and North Syracuse areas, and will make her home in the area as her husband has accepted a teaching position in the Waterford-Halfmoon system.

Robert Pasucci of Lansingburgh will teach driver education, replacing Jared Thomas, who has left teaching to enter farming. Mr. Pasucci comes to Greenwich from a teaching position in the Berne Knox central school. He holds a bachelors degree from Siena and a masters degree from Fordham university. He is now studying at New York university. Mr. Pasucci is married.

Robert Porter of Levittown, Long Island, will teach mathematics in a newly created position in the high school. He is also a recent graduate of Platts-

burgh State. Mr. Porter, recently married, will make his home on a Simpson street.

Teaching the advanced sciences will be Sidney Stark of Saratoga Springs. Mr. Stark graduated this spring from R.P.I. in Troy. He is a chemistry major with considerable work in physics and geology. While he did not train as a teacher at R.P.I., his experiences in a variety of situations dealing with people convinced him that it would be this area that he would prefer. After investigating industrial and laboratory situations, Mr. Stark felt that despite the added financial return available in those fields, he would choose to work with young people as a teacher.

John Wappett of Lake George will teach world history, formerly handled by David Nestle, who will now be teaching the new American history course in 11th grade. Mr. Wappett was born in England and attended grammar school there. He moved to Long Island in time to attend high school and obtained his bachelors degree at Duke university. He has since achieved two additional years credits at Columbia university, Albany State and Siena college. Mr. Wappett has for many years been associated with the Warrensburg school system. He served as district principal there last year but resigned to return to the classroom which he finds much more enjoyable.

Teaching general science will be James Wise from the state of Washington. He replaces Jerry Gilchrist who resigned to continue his education at Pennsylvania State university. Mr. Wise, who is married to a Washington county girl, is living on Main street here. He is a native of the state of Washington, a graduate of Washington State university, and has pursued further studies at Seattle Pacific college and Central Washington college. He comes to Greenwich from a teaching position in Rochester, Washington, in which he taught science and coached athletic teams.

Among new personnel on the board of co-operative services will be James Chirgwin of Edgartown, Massachusetts, as school psychologist. Mr. Chirgwin has just returned from two years work in Edinburg, Scotland. Teaching shop in the junior high will be Thomas Fillion, a graduate of the local school who comes here from a teaching position in Waterford. Richard Terry of Fort Edward will serve as remedial reading teacher on a part-time basis. No speech therapist is currently signed.

Construction of Washington county's new infirmity at the county home site in the town of Argyle officially started Thursday when ground-breaking ceremonies were held. The work of site preparation has already begun and the \$0-bed \$1.8 million infirmity is expected to be finished in about 18 months.

Preceding the ground-breaking the Washington county board of supervisors and other county officials were guests of Commissioner of Social Services Percy E. Carpenter and Home Superintendent Amos Carpenter at dinner at the home. They toured the present building which includes the infirmity now in use.

The turning of the first dirt for the new infirmity was done by Dr. Charles Clark of Cambridge, chairman of the board of supervisors; Clyde Cook of Fort Ann, chairman of the building committee; Laurence E. Andrews of Granville, chairman of the finance committee;

and Commissioner Carpenter.

Dr. Clark presided at the brief ceremonies. Supervisor Cook spoke of the study and preparation which had gone into planning for the infirmity and its financing, and Commissioner Carpenter reviewed the steps which have been taken over the past five years leading up to the decision to construct the new infirmity.

Donald Perkins of the architectural firm of Crandall Associates at Glens Falls that prepared the plans for the infirmity, introduced representatives of the firms which hold the contracts for the infirmity construction.

Rev. John Mea of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Fort Edward gave the invocation and Rev. Simeon Fountain, pastor of the Argyle and Hartford Methodist churches, the benediction.

Sears Opens New Catalog Store

Sears, Roebuck and Co. announces that Mrs. Patricia Cooke has become the new catalog sales merchant in Greenwich. The new store opens today at 49 Main street.

Mrs. Cooke, mother of five children, has lived in this area for a number of years and attended Hudson Valley Community college in Troy. Her capacity as a catalog sales merchant, Mrs. Cooke is not an employee of Sears, Roebuck and Co. Instead she will be running her own store, but will have available to her customers more than 100,000 items.

GI Scholarships Are Available

All veterans of the armed forces since January 1, 1968, interested in scholarship aid in addition to regular GI benefits should apply before July 31. Scholarships to \$350 a year for up to four years study at any approved college, nursing school, business school, or trade or technical school in New York state will be awarded. Any recent veterans interested should contact his local school or the veterans service agency immediately.