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Help us to help you

The Gouverneur Rescue Squad will be starting another summer of answering many calls and fighting traffic. Unfortunately, our headquarters is located one and one half miles out of town, and many times we find it difficult to get there quickly in traffic. At the present time we use two alarm systems to alert our men of a call. First, the siren from the top of the Municipal Building; second, the radio signal which WIGS Radio is allowing us to use.

Our personal cars are now equipped with flashing green lights. We are telling our members to

operate their cars in this manner to try and make their trip to our ambulances faster and safer when we have a call! Drive with your headlights on; your four-way flashers on; and your green light flashing.

This is what we are asking — if you hear the siren blow or the radio signal while you are driving, please be on the alert for our men trying to get to our ambulances and give them a little room. Seconds wasted on the road could mean the difference in saving a life. Thank you.

Rod Benware
President

Our Readers Write

Mayor appreciates

work of teenagers

Spring truly arrived this past weekend, heralded by sunny skies and a terrific spring cleanup of our Village grounds. On behalf of all the citizens of Gouverneur, I want to thank our area Scouts, their leaders, and other youthful volunteers for the great job they did in Saturday's clean-up project.

Our young people showed they care about the condition of their environment. I want them to know that the rest of the community appreciates their effort and is proud of them.

All too often adults are quick to judge and condemn teenagers for their deviant styles and outlooks. But Saturday's clean-up is proof that youthful idealism, when put into action, brings results. The bags of rubbish piled in the Main Street park, an additional set of painted trash barrels, the new fence in front of the old Grant's building, and the fresh paint on the East Side playground stand as those results.

Community pride is a fragile emotion. We must nurture it and care for it if it is to survive and grow. One way of doing this is to care for the appearance of our community. Another is to be proud of the achievements of our community members.

Now, citizens of Gouverneur, we can do both. The Scouts have improved the appearance of the Village by picking up after thoughtless litterers. We can let them know that we appreciate their efforts both by telling them and by removing ourselves from the category of "thoughtless litterer."

"Keep Gouverneur Clean" is more than a slogan to save our maintenance workers needless toil. It stands for the personal pride each citizen has in his community.

Again, thank you Scouts, Scout leaders, and volunteers for your tremendous effort. Perhaps this spring, along with the long awaited crocuses, the seeds of Village pride you sowed will sprout and grow in Gouverneur.

Very truly yours,
Anthony Pastizzo
Mayor

Mahoney on Horizon

Maurice Mahoney, president of the Seavertown Taxpayers Association Inc., said last week that he believes area residents should adopt a more realistic attitude about the community development project proposed by Horizon Corp. of Tucson, Ariz., for the 24,000 acres they recently purchased from Northern Lumber company in Colton and Clare.

Efforts to deter or bar Horizon are obviously futile, he pointed out since "Horizon is already in. They have bought the property. They have spent more than \$2 million and they certainly do not mean to lose that investment."

"The sensible thing now is for Colton to establish zoning regulations and careful tax assessment practices. In this way the town may be able to not only protect its position but perhaps enhance its economic future."

Mr. Mahoney said he has been talking with sportsmen, members of hunting clubs, and "the man on the street," most of whom point out that the Adirondack Park was lost long ago to the ordinary citizen.

"The rape of the Adirondacks began years ago, when big-time political leaders and prominent industrialists bought up huge tracts of the forest preserve for their personal use," he asserted. "It was finished after World War 1 when the hunting clubs

gradually acquired a monopoly

on most of the remainder. You can now drive for miles and miles, faced with "Posted" signs which keep you from fishing in the streams, hunting in the forest, or even wandering with your family along the trails.

"We may as well face the fact that the big-time promoters have discovered us," he continued. "Promoters are big spenders. They invest millions and expect to realize high profits from their investments."

"Horizon is a gigantic corporation. It accepts as part of its investment the need to pay for promotional efforts, such as full page newspaper spreads and slick brochures.

"There is nothing wrong with this. Private developers and land speculators with political contacts and the ability to obtain prior information on future land needs for a specific area have traditionally made tidy profits from such ventures."

"This is the American Way." "The thing we have to do is stay one jump ahead of the developers, so as to protect what we have and gain all the advantages possible for future generations."

Mr. Mahoney feels area citizens should accept the Horizon situation as a lesson in the results of inattention to the heritage of the mountains.

"We must make sure it does not happen again in our county," he urged. "One thing we can do is put pressure on our legislators in Albany to open the Adirondacks to the public—really open them, so folks can enjoy the Park."

He feels Assemblyman Dan Haley's bill to establish a land bank in the Park is worthy of careful consideration.

"Certainly we must be more alert," he stated. "But it seems to me this present activity in opposition to Horizon is an exercise in futility." "It's done. Let's swallow our medicine, salvage what we can, and concentrate our energies on seeing to it that proper environmental safeguards are initiated and enforced."

There has been some indication that Environmental issues may occupy a prominent place in the platform of the St. Lawrence County taxpayers group presently in the process of organizing itself.

Maurice D. Mahoney

Fun plus charity

On Saturday night, May 6, at 8 p.m. the people of Canton and the surrounding area have an opportunity to do two worthwhile things at once. By attending Showtime '72 at the Canton High School Auditorium they will have a fun-filled evening and at the same time benefit the local Cancer and Heart Funds.

Several Canton residents attended the show in Ogdensburg this year and had much enjoyment from the show and great praise for the cast.

This is an entertainment for young and old alike and the quality of the show will amaze everyone.

My wife and I have been in the show for four years and every year we enjoy it more and more. A large group of people get together to entertain others and the result is a nearly professional show. Many of the members in the show may remind you of acts you have seen on Lawrence Walk. Ed Sullivan, Glen Campbell.

I hope to see many of you at the show.

Clark Carvel
Canton

Thanks Scouts

for clean up work

On behalf of the Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce we wish to thank all Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and leaders for one of the most productive and inspiring programs ever!

Gouverneur is cleaner and more attractive because "Keep America Beautiful Day" was an "action day" thanks to effort and time so generously donated by many leaders and Scouts.

It is a good example of what Girl Power and Boy Power can do in a constructive way! Tons and tons of litter were gathered and neatly stacked for village trucks. Refuse drums were painted. A board fence was erected at the former Grant site. Highway edges were policed for litter. The warming hut at the East Side rink received a coat of white paint. The village park was thoroughly cleaned. Riverside cemetery was cleaned.

Our thanks to everyone who contributed to this most worthwhile program.

Gouverneur
Chamber of Commerce



NEWS FROM

ASSEMBLYMAN DANIEL HALEY

St. Lawrence County Assemblyman Daniel Haley has announced that he is "totally against any pay increases for the Legislature, as it now stands."

Haley reminded that he testified to this effect last year before the Albany hearing of the Temporary State Commission to Review the Salary and Compensation of the Legislature and the Judiciary, held on September 13, 1971.

At that time as now Haley said "I urge no raises in legislative salaries unless it is accompanied with plans for a total overhaul of the Legislature, including plans for a full-time Legislature on the lines of that in California. Any partial pay raise under the present circumstances would only tend to perpetuate a system which is obviously inadequate to the needs of this State. I believe" he continued "the State's taxpayers are prepared to make an additional investment in the Legislature when it shows that it is prepared to carry out the role required of it by our State Constitution, that is to be a branch equal to the Executive and the Judiciary, as in our Federal system. As presently set-up, there is nothing co-equal about our part-time Legislature and therefore I am against any salary raise until the Legislature reforms itself so as to meet its responsibilities."

Assemblyman Daniel Haley protested strongly Monday the rejection by the Assembly of his bill to institute a "Circuit Breaker" for property tax relief. The bill would have the State pick up that part of a citizen's property tax which surpassed a fixed percentage of his income.

"This concept," the Watkintown Legislator said, "is already law in Wisconsin and is aimed at protecting those on small or fixed incomes."

Since the Legislature has not even going to consider the property tax reforms suggested by the Fleischmann Commission this year, Assemblyman Haley continued, "it is very important



FLUME AND PULP MILL AT EMERYVILLE taken from rocks below bridge. Picture taken several years ago loaned by Kermit Woodward.

How My State Acquired Its Name

(Following is the essay judged the overall winner in the Elementary Essay Contest sponsored by the DAR. The essay was written by Pam Pascoe of 66 Wilson Street, a sixth grader at the West Side School.)

How My State Acquired Its Name Did you ever wonder how New York got its name? First, you must remember that alot of the towns and cities were named after the places that the founders came from. Most of the settlers simply added a New onto the front, as in New Amsterdam, New Berlin, New Windsor, New Hartford and many others.

Before the Dutch came to New York, it was occupied by the Iroquois Indians. New York Bay was first entered by Verazzano, an Italian explorer, in 1524. He did not explore the bay.

(I am getting off the track.) In the year 1664, Peter Stuyvesant, the governor of New Amsterdam, was walking up the streets when news came that five English ships had come into the bay. James, Duke of York and brother of King Charles II, was now leader. Peter was furious! He was a very good governor, but he lost his temper easily. Peter wanted to fight, but his men handed him a petition and when Peter saw that his own son had signed it, he knew that he must give up. So the Dutch flag was taken down, and the English flag was raised.

The Dutch people were satisfied. They did not have to pay taxes to the Dutch West India Company anymore. The English also let them keep their land. Although the English made some changes, the valley was still the same.

Some of the names of towns were changed. New Amsterdam was changed to New York, Beverwyck (a town near Fort Orange) was changed to Albany. The river of Prince Mauritius was now the Hudson River.

The Duke of York later became King James because King Charles II died. Later he was ruled out of his throne and he was forced to flee to France. Consequently his son-in-law, William of Orange became King.

A favorite nickname of New York is the Empire State because of a remark that George Washington made when he was visiting New York in 1783. He said

that he thought that New York City might become an American Empire.

New York is also known as the Excelsior State-Excelsior, a Latin word meaning ever upward is the state motto. This word expresses the spirit of the People in New York. The nickname knickerbocker, any New Yorker, and Father knickerbocker, New York City, comes from Washington Irving's funny Knickerbocker's History of New York, published in 1809.

Although the Dutch first settled here, and then the English, there are many different kinds and colors of people here today. From its earliest exploration to statehood New York has been continually progressing in education, communication, transportation, industry, and culture.

Albany Open Line

By Alex Rankin
The state Legislature is trying, with not much luck, to wind up the 1972 session for the year.

The biggest roadblock at this writing is the deadlock over no-fault auto insurance. There are two bills in the Senate, one by Sen. Bernard G. Gordon of Peekskill, chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee, and the other by Sens. Thomas Laverne of Rochester, chairman of the education committee, and John H. Hughes of Syracuse, chairman of the judiciary committee.

The governor at this point is trying to negotiate a compromise between these two bills. Generally, the Gordon bill, backed by Rockefeller initially, is a "straight" no-fault law. The Laverne-Hughes bill is a voluntary no-fault law with an added provision that would force insurance companies to use the amount they make from investing premiums in figuring premium rates.

A late entry into the field is Republican Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr. of Montauk. extent, therefore, the issue is a phony publicity stunt.

His staff is busy working on still another no-fault bill, and that may be the key to the legislation that finally passes both houses.

Duryea, with his eye on building his majority in November and going for the governor's chair in the future, would look better if he had his own bill rather than just tagging along behind the governor and the Senate.

Abortion repeal forces have put on a big show in the capitol but so far it's just that — show. If anything they hurt themselves with the sit-down demonstration they staged in the well of the Assembly last week.

A recent big debate in the Senate was over a bill, now in the Assembly, that would prohibit the State University of New York from mandating student activity fees.

The fact is that every four years the students at each campus vote on whether or not such a fee will be mandated. Even then, students can in some cases get out of paying it. To that



10 YEARS AGO

Gouverneur Tribune Press
May 2, 1962
— Arthur P. Mason was presented the Chamber of Commerce's award of merit by Jack Ruderman at the annual meeting last Wednesday evening.

— Seven Boy Scouts from Troop 21 were approved for the Eagle Rank in scouting for the Lawrence Council office Thursday evening. The boys are Joseph Head, Harland Brown, Clayton Boney, Stephen Hayden, John Hopper, Foster Brown and Patrick Foy.

— Chuck roast is advertised for \$4.3 a pound at the Acme Market.

— Installation of parking meters to regulate parking on the business section of the village will begin this week. Engineers of the Kar-park meter corporation, are expected to start the work today.

— Announcement was made recently that the season's opening dance has been scheduled for Friday evening, May 9th at Sylvia Lake Inn. The Crane School of Music, Potsdam State Teachers' College Variety dance band, has been engaged to provide music for the merry-makers.

100 YEARS AGO
The Gouverneur Times
April 27, 1872

— We learn that the residence of the late L. D. Carpenter, now owned by J. L. Parker, in Fowler, was burned yesterday. Insured for about \$6,000.

— The Edwards stage has recently been nicely repainted and repaired. Its proprietor Mr. Raymond, shows by his exertions that travelers over his route shall receive all possible care and attention.

— A number of workmen have been engaged for several days past in the work of improving the race track at the grounds of the Gouverneur Agricultural and Mechanical Society.

75 YEARS AGO
Gouverneur-Free Press
May 5, 1897

— The G & O Railroad company have commenced the carrying of all mail on that line, from the depot to post office. A strolling harpist and a violinist struck town yesterday, since which time they have been gathering in the stray nickels by their street music.

— The village authorities are causing notices to be served on all property owners whose sidewalks are at all defective.

McEwen-student

session to be viewed April 22

Congressman Robert C. McEwen fielded questions from 15 area high school and college students at a question and answer session at the WNPE-WNPI studios April 22. The program was videotaped and will be presented on North Country Profile on Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m. on Channels 16 and 18.

Program host Jeffrey Graham moderated the show as Mr. McEwen answered questions put to him by students from area schools. Students were Jim Martusewicz, Tony DeCilles, Don Kamsalsky, Mike Burgess, Dale Rexford, James Clark and Aluisio Rosa Borges from Jefferson Community College; John Austin and Peter Austin from Immaculate Heart Central; Linda Mickle, Judy Cross, Betsy Elliott, Jody Kattman, Bennett Gardner and Sheila Kennedy from Watertown High School.

The questions concerned the expanding war in Vietnam, President Nixon's recent trip to the Peoples Republic of China, the fate of revenue sharing, draft evaders who flee to Canada, electoral reform and many other topics. Both Mr. McEwen and the students, many of whom will be voting the first time this fall, thought the show contributed toward promoting better understanding between the Federal Government and the people of Northern New York.

Gouverneur Agricultural & Mechanical Society

(Gouverneur Fair)

Its Formation and Career
This is a series of historical articles compiled by Benah C. Appleby, present business manager of the Fair Association, from quotes and articles uncovered during her 12 years with the association under the Presidency of Bligh A. Dodds. Mr. Dodds has retired as a Fair Officer after 47 years of aggressive leadership and faithful service. This retrospective view of the formation of the Gouverneur Agr & Mech Society written in 1922 (author unknown) and now over 114 years from the date of its first Fair — 1859 — should be interesting to all who hold this really great promotion of our town and county in esteem. No attempt has been made to update the article or correct its original structure.

III
THE FIRST FAIR

The committee appointed at the meeting held Feb 5th, 1856 to

secure grounds upon which to hold the exhibition entered into an agreement with Amos S. Egert for the use of a parcel of land situated on the North side of Main Street and in use at that time as a horse pasture. The property was then owned by Egert & Averill. It was a sandy, unimproved piece of land dotted with a few trees and fenced along Main St with a board fence and for the most part along its other boundaries with rail fence. Previous to this time the hill in Park Street to the east had been cut down and the slope at the foot of the hill filled, making the road level about five feet higher than the level of this ground. This rather sharp descent to the entrances was recalled for many years by the older residents who attended the early Fairs. The southwestern corner nearest the village center was approximately at the line of the Barry and Aldrich resident properties with the ticket office

and entrance for people afoot on the site of the H. G. Aldrich residence (ARCO Station now in 1972), and the entrance for horses and vehicles further east, near the Killmer property. The grounds extended to the Rock Island road thence along that road to the gulf, now 1922 filled and bridged over at the street crossings but then a sandy slope to the banks of the creek thence westerly along the creek to a point about midway between the present 1922 Gordon Street and Park Street; then southerly to the place of beginning but described by one who well remembers 1922 every detail of the grounds as being "Along Sam Smith's corn field and Deacon Wright's garden."

No stipulated rental was to be paid for the use of this ground but the Society was to pay all taxes assessed upon the property. The first work to be done to fit the grounds for the exhibition was to lay out the race track and grade a course. The committee appointed to have charge of this was Edward Hartley, G. L. VanNamee and John Kenyon. By enclosing as much ground as possible a track measuring one hundred and forty-eight rods was established, this being twelve rods short of a half-mile. Farmers interested in the enterprise worked without compensation as far as seven or eight miles to work all day at grading. Their village friends would invite them to dinner and then they would return to their homes in the evening. Peleg Chamberlain was the general superintendent.

Under his supervision accommodations were provided for exhibiting the livestock. Forty posts were set at proper distances within the race track to which the horses and cattle were tied for the days of the exhibition. A rough shed was built for the poultry, and pens were constructed for calves, sheep and swine, each grouped accordingly. The group of pens for swine being outside the track in one of the farther corners of the grounds.

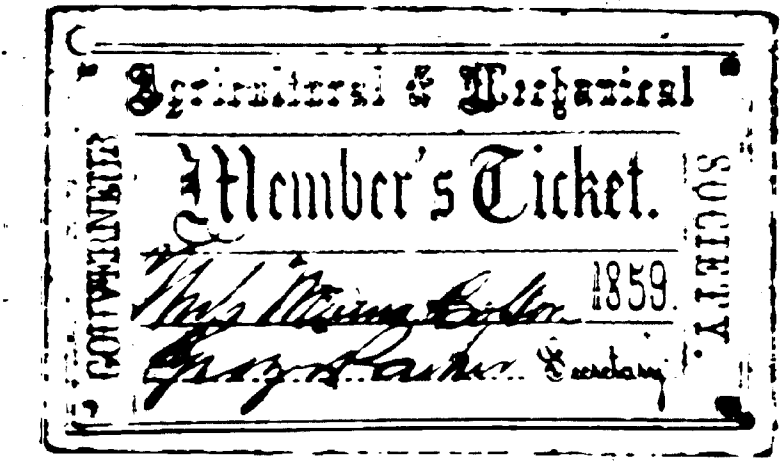
The great problem was to secure proper housing for the household exhibits, flowers, vegetables, needlework and curios. The St. Lawrence County Agricultural Society possessed a large tent and someone went to Canton at an expense of \$2.10 to endeavor to secure a loan of this tent. The accommodation was granted and the tent shipped to Gouverneur by freight, the bill for freight being \$1.05 and for cartage from the station, twenty-five cents. This tent was pitched within the race course. A ticket office and a stand for the judges of the races were constructed of rough hemlock lumber. The judges stand made of the course and facing Main Street. This was afterwards moved to the outer side of the track on the north side of the grounds.

In 1922 the author states that he is indebted to Mrs. Lucy A. Turnbull for a drawing made by herself of the tent which formed such a conspicuous part of the first fair. The Mrs. Lucy A. VanDusee (1859) with several other students of the drawing class in the Gouverneur

Wesleyan Seminary went to the Spencer Hotel from an upper window of which an unobstructed view of the entire grounds was to be obtained. Sketches were made of the tent in students' drawing books. Asked for reminiscences in 1922, Mrs. Turnbull said that she did not remember much about the interior of the tent, but that she had a drawing of the exterior. For sixty-three years her drawing book had been preserved and she was able to give the accurate sketch of the tent in which Gouverneur Agricultural and Mechanical Society had its first exhibit of all classes other than livestock.

September 13th 1859 dawned with promise of good weather. Farmers and their families came with the choicest of their herds and flocks, their home-made manufactures, their grain and vegetables and the village people brought household products, flowers and poultry to swell the exhibition. The vendor of establish had his rough board stacks stocked with his wares — stacks of brown gingerbread marked off in squares and pyramids of apples flanked by glass jars of Jackson berries and peppermint candy. These jars were carefully provided with tin covers to keep out the flies and dust. Lemonade and cider were dispensed. At the close of the day Secretary George Parker handed Treasurer A. E. Norton the sum of eighty dollars in gate receipts and received his receipt for the same.

(Next week "During the night of the First Day of the First Fair")



FIRST GOVERNEUR FAIR — 1859