"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

The challenge to my designating petitions by the Livingston County Democrat Party Chairman, Mr William Rawlins, of Lima on behalf of the Democrat Assembly candidate, Mayor Robert Gardner of Wellsville, on the most minute grounds is very puzzling to me.

Over 3800 enrolled Republican voters of the Counties of Allegany, Livingston and Ontario signed petitions designating me as the Republican candidate for Member of Assembly in the 136th Assembly District. I am informed by the State Board of Elections that my petitions had more names than any other Assembly candidate in the State of New York. There is no challenge to the names of these 3700 people. Instead, Mr. Rawlins and Mayor Gardner have challenged my petitions on the grounds that the election district of the witness to the petitions is not stated. The full name, street, and village or city of the witness are clearly stated on each petition The purpose is to insure that the witness is an enrolled Republican Party member. I can fully understand the requirement in major cities where there might well be duplicate names, but in areas such as the 136th Assembly District where there are but 1, 2 and 3 election districts to a Town, it would be easy indeed to verify the enrollment of the witness.

It is further puzzling to note that the official records at the State Board of Elections fail to show where either Democrat Chairman Rawlins or Mayor Gardner have ever inspected my designating petitions. Instead, the only person to do so is a $20,000 per year counsel to Democrat Speaker Stanley Steingut who apparently is working on political campaigns while being paid a public salary with taxpayers money.

It is obvious then that Democrat Chairman Rawlins and Mayor Gardner take orders from Speaker Stanley Steingut and would rather 'steal' an election than face the voters and attempt to run on a disastrous Democrat performance in Albany in the past two years.

Chairman Rawlins, in an affidavit, acknowledged he had made his objections in information and belief but failed to set forth the basis of this information. Another puzzling aspect of the matter was the fact that Chairman Rawlins mailed his objection from the Democrat Party Headquarters in Monroe County. It is obvious to me that here again Chairman Rawlins and Mayor Gardner are subservient to the big County Democrat Machines as Monroe County is not in any way within the boundaries of the 136th Assembly District.

I do not intend to have the voters in the 136th Assembly District denied their constitutional rights of having a free choice of choosing between candidates in this Bicentennial year. While Democrat Party leaders denounce dirty campaign tricks at one juncture, they engage in them at another. I intend to pursue the validity of my petitions at the State Board of Elections where a hearing will resume on Thursday, August 5th. I intend to fight this case all the way to the State's highest court if necessary.

Voters in the 136th Assembly District will have a choice to elect a representative who is not controlled by the New York City dominated Democrat Party. It is apparent that my criticism of Governor Carey and the Democrat controlled Assembly must be hitting home and they are using this tactic to silence me. The voters will have a choice to select one who will serve and vote independently.

I would hope that the balance of the campaign for this Assembly seat will be conducted on the basis of issue rather than resorting to the kind of tactics already employed by the Democrat Party and their candidate.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We recently attended an informal Press conference for weekly Newspaper Editors at the new home of Assemblyman Emery and his wife, Jill, on the Long Point-Geneseo Road and asked Mr. Emery about this challenge. He showed us on a sample petition where the printer had inadvertenly omitted a small space where the witness is supposed to put in his election district but, since their entire address was filled in, the challenge was rejected because it was not filed properly and within the designated time limit.

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

Mrs. Elaine Allen, Director of morning recreation for children 4 - 12 years at school from July 12 to August 20, reported an attendance of 23 - 30 children. We played games and did crafts. The last week of recreation we had Field Day with different events. The closing day Elaine Allen had a surprise party for the kids with cake and ice cream and candy. At that time she gave out prizes for the different contests we had during the six weeks. It was fun and we hope the kids had fun, also. We also had a float in the Bicentennial Parade, August 14.

Edward Halsey, Jr., son of Mr and Mrs. Edward Halsey, left Monday for Fort Dix, N. J., where he had enlisted in the Army for three years. Last Saturday Steve Moore and Mrs. Ed Halsey were hosts for a farewell party for "Bud" at Steve's home, the home of the late John Rogers. There were about 75 relatives and friends in attendance. His basic training will last until December when he will have his first leave.

Duane Losey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Losey of West Union, enlisted in the Marines and left July 6 for three years, taking his Boot Training at Parris Island, N C. He was in the hospital four days, but is back on duty. His basic ends September 29 and his family will go down.

Kris Dytche, son of Mrs. Dolores Dytche, enlisted in the Marines and left Monday, August 30 for Parris Island, N. C. All three boys are 1976 graduates from Greenwood Central School.

West Jasper Wesleyan Church held Vacation Bible School, Aug. 16 - 21 from 7 to 8:30 p. m., with an average attendance of 215. Mrs. Donna Campbell Sandford, a Houghton graduate, was Director of the school. The pupils were from 4 years old to an adult class of 30. The pianist was Mrs. Lucy Kernan (James) and music leader was Kevin Drake. The closing program was the Sunday Morning Worship Service, August 22 with 241 attending.

Bennetts Creek Bible Church held a Vacation Bible School last week, August 23 - 28 with 39 children registered from 4 - 12 years and an average attendance of 33 Mrs. Karen Lambert of Canisteo (daughter of Dan Mullen) was school director and did the opening devotions. Rev. Bob Stone of Beuna Vista visited the school every day to greet the children. Hours were 8:45 to Noon. Jane Campbell was pianist and Karen Campbell, song director. There were three classes -- Nursery taught by Lauri Campbell; Beginners taught by Vickie Mullen and Juniors taught by Marlene Campbell. The closing program was held Saturday night.

United Methodist Fall Church School sessions will start September 12. The time is changed to 9:45 each Sunday. There will be classes for Nursery, Pre-school, Kindergarten through 8th Grade; Adult class will be at 10:45. High School Youth Group will begin in October.

The Allen-Mack Family Reunion organized in 1896, held their 79th Reunion, Saturday at the Birmingham-Burd American Legion Post in Greenwood. Officers, Ralph Allen, President; Arling Allen, Vice-President; Shirley Herrick, Secretary - Treasurer; and Hostesses: Erma Allen, Elaine Allen, Marjorie Herrick, Shirley Herrick and Janice Bahlmann, dressed in Bicentennial outfits and made an all-out effort to have a real celebration. Their work paid off, last year there were 40 in attendance and this year nearly 300 Shirley Herrick, Janice Bahlmann Elaine Allen and Marjorie Herrick decorated and prepared tables for a Noon dinner and a family orchestra played for dancing in the afternoon. Max Arling Allen and son, Lynn visited the original homestead in Young Hickory. The house is gone, but they found a cornerstone of the old house that had the family crest, a Maltese Cross carved on it. The stone was on display at the Hall. The oldest members present were: Rose Brundage, 83, of Scio and Freda Allen, 82, of Wellsville. The Legion donated the use of the Hall and the family wished to express their appreciation. Ralph and Arling Allen are still members of this Legion. Mrs. Arling Allen of Wellsville is President for 1977 The place was not decided for a crowd like this year.

Gary Coleman of Hornell was elected President at the recent 11th Annual Coleman Reunion attended by 75 descendents at the James Coleman Homestead on Irish Hill, Reverend Dewitt Coleman, outgoing President, conducted the business meeting. Other Officers elected were: Mary Ann Coleman, Hornell and Elmira Davis of Canisteo, Vice-Presidents; Viola Mahoney of Wellsville, Secretary; Stewart Coleman of Canisteo, Treasurer; Sean Coleman of Hornell and Lera Coleman of Hornellsville, Historians.

William Coleman, 86, of Wellsville, was the oldest person present and Maggie Kathleen Cregan, 9 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cregan, the youngest; Miss Beverly Donlon, of Horseheads, traveled the farthest.

The group voted to start a building fund to repair the Homestead wall. The committee will have a work bee soon. The house is not occupied.

Next year's Reunion will be the third week in August and the location will be announced later. A silent prayer was said in memory of Charles McCormick, Eugene Mahoney and Margaret Birmingham, who died during the last year. Attending from here were Thomas Coleman, Mary Coleman and Louise DeLatrone.

Mrs. Eleanor Lamphier, teacher in Dog Obedience, reported five took their dogs to the Bath Fair, Tuesday. Mindy Lamphier won 2nd in Graduate Beginners; Denise Hulse was 2nd for Beginners; Jeanne Putnam was 3rd in Beginners. They can take their dogs to State Fair at Syracuse to compete, Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Lamphier and Mrs. Sandy Hulse will drive. Others who competed were Theresa Hulse, Carol Cook and Jeff Heckman.

John Mills, 17, of West Greenwood, won the FFA Tractor Driving Contest Tuesday at the Steuben County Fair at Bath and will represent the County at the State Fair in Syracuse. John, who is a senior at Greenwood Central School this year, went through the tractor rountine at the County Contest in record time. He backed the tractor and four wheel wagon the prescribed distance in 2 minutes, 6 seconds. The contest included a safety quiz, service check, a parts identification quiz and the tractor driving course. The contest is designed to promote safety driving skills. Mills won 1st place in a class of 21 contestants. Bruce Brewer of Jasper placed 2nd in over 16 years: John is an FFA Chapter member of Greenwood Central School and works on the family farm with his brother Roger and father, Arthur. The Mills have a 750 acre farm and a 250 cow dairy farm. They also are Maple Syrup producers and John is at home on tractors of all sizes. At the Greenwood Bicentennial Garden Tractor Pull he was the winner in the smaller size. He will drive the larger tractor at Syracuse.

Boy Scouts attended Camp this Summer at Camp Gordon. The first week in July they had their own group with leaders, Ed Mullen Bill Schwartz and Reg Baker taking turns staying at Camp with them. Scouts in that week going were: James Putnam, Mike Putnam, Donald Simonini, David Baker, John Sherman, Mark Zinchin, Paul Zinchin, Lyle Wilson, Gerald Miles, Edward Haag, Edward Haag was then a foster child at the Home of Mike Sky and did so well in responsibility and enthusiasm he was named 'Scout of the Week' and given a second week free camping. He is now a foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howland, a Ranger living at Camp Gorton.

The last week of Camp in August

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30 YEARS AGO

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Mrs. Claude Chase and sons, Donald and James of Whitesville and Mrs. Clifford Nye and daughter, Phyllis of Independence, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Chase's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nye. Donald Chase was home on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacKinney and daughter, Mary Ann, were Rochester visitors Wednesday.

Miss Marie Clift of Alfred Station spent Tuesday evening at the home of Mary and Mrs. Guy Hull.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Burdick of Rochester were called to the home of Mrs. Patty Wood of East Valley, Sunday, Mrs. Elva Burdick of Sacramento, who has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Wood for four weeks, returned to Rochester with them.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gurnsey of Hornell, passed Sunday with Mr and Mrs. P. J. Seidel in Wayland.

Weekend Specials at Sackett's Super Market — Elberta Peaches for eating 2 lbs. for 25c; Valencia Oranges 35c a doz.; New Apples 2 lbs. 23c; New Cabbage 9c a lb.; Cantaloupe 25c each; Watermelon 79c each; Granulated Sugar 5 lbs for 37c; Ball Mason Jars, pints 65c; Presto Mason Jars, quarts 69c and tall Jelly Glasses 39c a dozen; and Jar Rubbers 5c a package.

William "Jug" Dunham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Dunham of First Street, recently enlisted in the U.S. Marines. He was sent to Buffalo where he took the oath which was administered by Major Diehl. From Buffalo he was sent to Parris Island in South Carolina for recruit training. After recruit training he will receive a 10-day furlough and them will be assigned to some Marine Corps Aviation Unit.

Kenneth Howland left Tuesday to report to Buffalo for duty in the Navy. "Pete" enlisted for a four year stretch and has been sent to Brainbridge, Md., for his boot training.

PFC James S. Witter of Kerne Field, Utah and friend John Fish are greeting Andover friends this week, Jimmy is enjoying a 21-day furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kaple received a telegram his week from their son, Eldon Kaple, saying he arrived safely in San Francisco California after 18 months in the Navy.

Pvt. Carl Wentworth of Chanute Field, Illinois spent from Thursday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wentworth.

Mike Holt and Lyle Wilson attended as individuals and were in a Provisional Group. Three boys, Jim Putnam and Don Simonini in July and Mike Holt in August, completed work to earn their Eagle Award and were honored at Camp.

Gregory Baker won a Community Badge by helping with the Town Flag Pole Painting and helping to erect it and raise the Flag at the Town Park for the Bicentennial.

Miss Shirley Herrick of Rochester an Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bahlmann of Greece were weekend guess of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Herrick.

Francis Abbey entered the Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, last Sunday and had an appendectomy Thursday.

Raymond Wilcox returned to his home in Bath from the St. James Mercy Hospital where he was a patient for a week.

Lowell Arnold was a patient at the Bethesda Hospital, Sunday to Thursday.

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Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Dr. George N. Jack of Buffalo is writing an interesting series for The News telling of his finding title "Advancement of Science" and it will begin in next week's issue. He claims vibrations are the cause of much sickness and the freak weather conditions are prevailing. Dr. Jack is a brother of Griff W. Jack, a former resident of Canisteo, N. Y., who has furnished Dr Jack with much scientific data.

Twenty Minded the Jolly Birthday Party of the Women's Relief Corps held at the home of Mrs. C. S. Reynolds at Tip Top. A program of musical numbers, guessing contest and games was enjoyed as well as a picnic supper on the lawn.

The Baptist Sunday School will hold their picnic on Thursday, Rev. H. Gerhard Schmidt, Chairman, as assisted by Mrs. Clara C. Lynch Ray Bennett and Wilbur Anderson Mrs. Robert Bliss is Chairman of the Supper Committee Mrs. Ed Harris, Chairman of the Dining Room; Mrs. Howard Walsh, Chairman of the Needle Booth; Mrs Earl Dawson, Chairman of the Fancy Work; Miss Ellen Horan Fish Pond; Clifford Howland, Blanket Booth; Ernest Pudden Hot Dog Stand; Raymond Lynch, Bingo; Mrs. Tom McAndrew, Ice Cream; and Robert Dean, Dance Committee.

28 attended the Orvis Reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Orvis, July 19. Roger Swain was elected President; George Crosby, Vice-President and Mr. Earl Lyke Secretary and Treasurer. The next Reunion will be held the 3rd Saturday in July 1937 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Crosby of Canisteo.

A 2c Supper will be served at the Seventh Day Baptist Church July 29 at 5:30 p. m.

Mrs. Lana Baker of Greenwood celebrated her 86th birthday at a luncheon at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Lesie Baker of Canisteo. In the evening, the Ever Ready Sunday School Class surprised her with a picnic supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Ersley of Greenwood were called to Young Hickory by the death of Levi Connell.

Donald Emery is in Cleveland, Ohio this week with other boys on a trip sponsored by the Buffalo Times.

Mrs. B. H. Horton of Albuquerque, New Mexico, arrived Wednesday for a visit at the home of her aunt, Miss Mary Snyder.

Miss Alice Fisher who has been passing sometime at the home of her uncle in Pittsburgh, Pa., is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fisher of East Valley for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy and family left Thursday by motor for Tecumseh, Michigan, where they will visit his father, Dr. P. F Hardy.

Mrs. Guy Harder and Mrs. Richard Harder motored to Buffalo Wednesday where they met Mrs. Guy Harder's sister, Mrs. Grace Ward and sons, Billy and Artie of Taft, California, who are spending the summer with relatives in Andover and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Perry of Bennetts Creek, were Sunday guests of the brother, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perry.

Miss Hattie Orlyn Wood of Illion were weekend guests of Mrs. A. M. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. A. R Bliss the first of the week.

Miss Margaret Helen Dower of Buffalo, David and Robert Cornell and Henry Schmidt of Elgin, Ill., Wesley Leonard of Ocean and Miss Lovina Osborn of Elm Valley were Saturday evening callers of Mrs. A. M. Wood and Margaret of East Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stuart of Betulia, and Mrs. Emma Yeager of Bolivar and Clon Mulconery of Canisteo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Mulconery and Mrs. Nina Gordon.

Mrs. Roy Courtney has purchased the Bullard property on Grove Street and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hann will move there from East Avenue.

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