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## Board Approves School Tax Roll; Rates Will Climb

Town of Gouverneur taxpayers can look forward to an approximate \$8 per thousand jump in school taxes this fall following the approval of the 1963-64 Gouverneur Central School district tax roll by the board of education at a meeting Monday night in the high school. The tax rate was set at \$83.464 per thousand of assessed valuation in the township. Last year the tax was about \$75 per thousand.

A total of \$710,499.35 must be raised by taxes this year and rates throughout the district in general will be increased. Antwerp has a rate of 28.206 followed by DeKalb with 46.155; Edwards, 52.073; Fowler, 31.244; Hermon, 39.820; Macomb, 43.209; Pitcairn, 52.072; and Rosette, 47.229.

The board authorized tax collector, Mrs. John Corwine, to mail tax bills starting Sept. 1.

A complete tax roll summary showing equalization rates, total assessed valuations and three-year comparisons will be published in next week's issue of the Tribune-Press.

In other action Monday night the board resolved to give Northern Metals and Construction company of Gouverneur, a letter of intent to proceed with construction of the vehicle storage addition to the bus garage at the East Side school.

The contract cannot be signed until expected state approval is received from the department of education. The letter of intent also includes 24 feet of additional construction to the addition at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Action on construction of the extra footage, seen necessary for an adequate facility, will be made at a meeting of the board next week after total estimates are presented.

The Ritchie brothers firm was low bidder by \$49,999 in 75 days for the construction job when bids were opened last Friday.

Other bids received were Redick Construction company, Gouverneur, \$50,443 in 90 days; Fisher-Rexford Inc., Colton, \$51,200 in 75 days; and Northern Builders Inc., Watertown, \$57,489 in 90 days.

Plumbing and heating bids for the addition were received from: George H. Hyde Inc. for an apparent low at \$13,200; from Northern Mechanicals Inc. of Utica for \$16,270; and from A-1 Plumbing Inc., Ogdensburg for \$13,984. Further study is planned before the bid is awarded.

The board approved the electrical contract with Harro's Electric service, Gouverneur, for \$2,300.

Donald F. Schang, Fowler supervisor, was named clerk of the works on a part time basis at \$90 per week.

The board also discussed method of payment for construction costs, due on a monthly basis, and further action was deferred to the next meeting.

Members also approved the purchase and installation of a unit heater in the junior-senior high cafeteria for \$571 by A-1 Construction company of Ogdensburg.

Committees Named  
Members of the board were appointed to the following committees:

Accreditation, John Corwine, chairman, Richard Billings and Joseph McAllister.

Athletic, Mr. Corwine, chairman, Elwin Bigelow and Mrs. Helen Hurley.

Buildings and grounds, Mr. Bigelow, chairman, Mr. Corwine and Robert Witt.

Finance, Mr. Witt, chairman, Arnold Byrns, Mr. Corwine and Mr. McAllister.

Personnel, Mr. Bigelow, chairman, Richard Billings, Clifford Hay and Mrs. Hurley.

Transportation, Mr. Billings, chairman, Mr. Byrns, Mr. Hay and Mr. McAllister.

7 Teachers Hired By School Board

Seven teachers received appointments to the Gouverneur Central schools following approval of the board of education meeting Monday night.

Frank C. Bergau, manager of the Gralyn Theatre, will instruct a course in high school English this year and Carlton L. Toomey, who has been manager of the Penguin Bowling lanes since last August, has been retained by the board to teach high school business education.

Mrs. Kathleen H. Leonard was hired as a guidance instructor on a half day basis.

Other new teachers are: Lorraine Schreiber, art; Marion F. Surville, high school home-making; Irene M. Tyler, East Side elementary; and Lilla M. McDouglas elementary music.

Mrs. Corinne C. Knowlton was approved as a junior high school secretary and Morris Shuppe as a junior.

Resignations were accepted from Christa Serbanes, home-making teacher, and Frances Stoy, junior high secretary.

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Tuesday	.....	66	50	117	
Wednesday	.....	64	52	37	
Thursday	.....	69	47	35	
Friday	.....	65	44	17	
Saturday	.....	68	48	18	
Sunday	.....	69	53	0	
Monday	.....	68	50	0	

## 69-Year-Old School Building Soon Will be Only a Memory

By JULIUS BARTLETT

Village Historian

Razing of the old Gouverneur high school building at 100 E. Main St., while not causing carping criticism, still brings some sentimental regret at its passing into only a memory.

The Bank of Gouverneur

which presently has C. B. Sherman & Son, Inc., of Potsdam doing the demolition work, will erect a very presentable building in its place.

In 1887, the village of Gouverneur adopted the Union Free School system and at first made use of the Wesleyan

Seminary which had been built in 1840. This building housed for six years what was known as the Gouverneur Seminary. The idea at the time was that a high school product would not have the standing at large that would be accorded a seminary graduate. The seminary stood on almost the same site as the building now being torn down.

Miss Blanche Hodgkin was a member of the last graduating class and taught in the new high school which was built in 1894 after some arguments having to do with acceptance of the site offered by Seminary Trustees. There was opposition to accepting the site as the location for the high school and there were those who thought the site was not suitable. Since the land was available, the proposal was eventually put across.

The new school contained the seventh and eighth grades as well as the four upper grades since there was no senior and junior high school at that time. The school had no name other than Gouverneur High School until Mrs. Mira Dean and her daughters, the Jennie and Cora Dean, built Dean High School at the corner of East Barney and Rock Island streets in 1914. The Board of Education planned on building a new elementary school on the site of the East Side School then existing where the playgrounds are located at East Barney and North Gordon streets. The State Board of Education opposed this plan as being inadequate.

During this period in 1914 when the Dean High School was being erected, taxpayers voted to buy the old school at a cost of \$32,000 and to pay up to \$29,000 for alterations, making a total expenditure of \$61,000. This all fell through when the proposition to build an elementary school to replace the East Side building failed to materialize.

Gouverneur High School then See — SCHOOL — Page 2



OLD LANDMARK — There was a tinge of sadness in the hearts of many Gouverneur residents this week as workmen began tearing down this stately old building at the corner of E. Main and Grove streets. The old high school was built in 1894 and its halls were filled with the laughter of children for 67 years. The building was last used as a school in 1961.



ONLY A SHELL — Workmen of C. B. Sherman & Sons, Inc., of Potsdam, are proceeding at a fast clip with the demolishing of the old Gouverneur High School. Most of the interior furnishings, windows and frames have been removed along with some of the roofing. The site has been purchased by the Bank of Gouverneur which plans to erect a modern bank building.

## New Location For District 4 Polling Place

The polling place for District No. 4 in the Town of Gouverneur has been relocated to the Town Clerk's office at 9 East Main St. for greater convenience to voters in that district, Supervisor Donald D. Peck announced today.

The polling place last year was moved to the town building on Depot St., when the former location in the Beecher Lino-leum store was no longer available.

Mr. Peck's announcement follows:

"The official polling place for voters in District No. 4 will hereafter be located in the Town Clerk's office at 9 East Main St.

"This site was chosen in order to make it as convenient as possible for voters and election inspectors in the district."

"The polling place previously designated was the Town Building on Depot St., when it was moved there from the Beecher property on William Street which was no longer available for this purpose."

"I made a survey of voters and election inspectors and discovered that the inconvenience of the Depot Street location had actually reduced the vote in that district, and for the convenience of all concerned, I decided to move the polling place to a more central location. See — LOCATION — Page 2

## Hospital Appeals for Funds

An Open Letter to Residents of the Gouverneur Area:

"The annual fund raising drive of Edward John Noble Hospital of Gouverneur will get underway Sept. 1 and will continue to the end of September. This drive will be conducted under the chairmanship of Ross Hudson with Michael Maroun as vice-chairman. The Ladies Auxiliary of the hospital will also hold its membership drive during the same period.

"Last year we raised slightly over \$14,000 in this drive, and we have set this amount for our goal this year. In order to reach our goal, we must have the generous support of industry, business and private givers to the fullest extent.

"We feel that Edward John Noble Hospital is far the most important institution in our community. In the course of each of our lives, it is almost inevitable that we will need its facilities at some time. With this thought in mind, all our efforts are spent to provide the finest equipment, the best care and the greatest amount of medical service possible.

"Although we are able to break even on the operation of the hospital, we must depend on income from endowments, gifts and money raised from this annual drive to take care of new equipment, extraordinary repairs and many other things that do not come under normal hospital expenses.

"As I pointed out last year, medical science advances steadily. We must meet this advance with new and modern equipment so that the people of this community will be served properly. We depend on the money from this annual drive to supply this important equipment.

"Speaking for the Board of Trustees, I appeal to every person in this area to support your local hospital to the fullest extent in this annual fund raising effort."

JOSEPH F. McALLISTER  
Chairman  
Board of Trustees,  
Edward John Noble Hospital,  
Gouverneur.

## MASON SMITH

Politics is politics

ALTHOUGH the polls indicate that he is now the leading contender for the GOP Presidential nomination; and although a real choice between liberalism and conservatism in a Presidential election would bring a welcome change in American politics — Arizona's Senator Barry Goldwater will need to clarify his position soon, if he is to be considered seriously as a candidate next year.

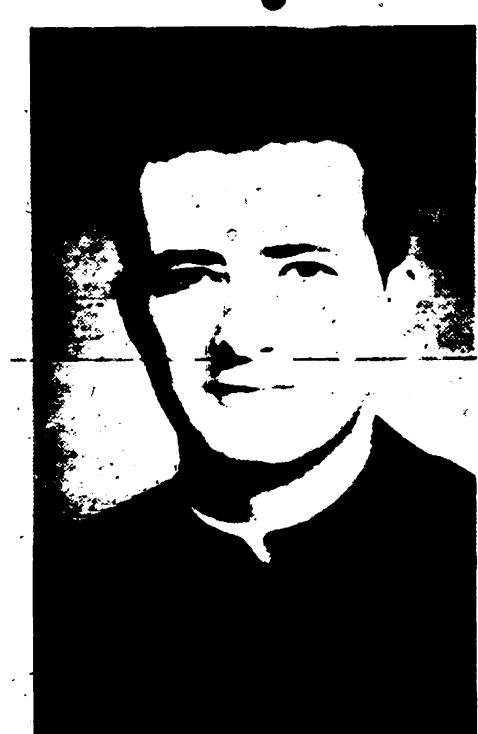
Essentially, it's a question of how conservative the senator is — ultra-conservative enough to accept the support of the John Birch Society and perhaps even Arkansas Governor Faubus, who reportedly leans toward the GOP "if the right candidate comes along"; or moderately conservative, primarily interested in sound government — in the manner of Governor Romney of Michigan, who seems to be concerned more about good government than political and party labels.

Senator Goldwater is one of the most forthright, outspoken members of the Congress; he has rarely hesitated to state his position on any major issue. But up to now, he has steadfastly refused to disavow ultra-conservative Governor Rockefeller calls it the "radical right" support. Accordingly, in the absence of a forthright statement from him to the contrary, the American people can only assume that the Arizona senator sympathizes with the Birchers and the Faubuses.

Indeed, Governor Rockefeller — whether or not he wins the party's Presidential nomination — performs an important public service when he calls upon Senator Goldwater to make his position clear. For the people have the right to know. By comparison, there is little doubt as to where Governor Rockefeller stands.

Indeed, if the coming contest were to resolve itself to a battle between Governor Rockefeller and President Kennedy many people in both parties would be quick to observe that in terms of political philosophy there's really not much difference between them. See — SMITH — Page 2

## Father Darcy Leaving for Plattsburgh



The Rev. John Darcy, assistant pastor of St. James Church, Gouverneur, for the last 14 months, has been transferred to Plattsburgh where he will take up his duties as assistant pastor effective Saturday, Aug. 24.

The announcement came this week from the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. See — DARC — Page 2

## Airman's Body Being Shipped Home for Burial

The body of Sgt. Harold Stacy, who perished in the July 25th earthquake which wrecked the city of Skopje, Yugoslavia, is being sent home for burial, according to word received last Thursday by the man's father, Robert W. Stacy, Beckwith street.

Mr. Stacy, who has heard nothing since last week, said Tuesday that full military honors will be accorded the airman and rites will be held in the First Presbyterian church with arrangements made by the Burr-Green funeral home upon the arrival of the body.

Sgt. Stacy's wife, the former Johanna Steitz of Germany, is still missing and believed to have been a victim of the quake but the search for her body has been abandoned, according to Mr. Stacy.

## Football Squads, Harriers Report at GHS Next Week

Candidates for varsity and junior varsity football and cross-country squads at Gouverneur High School will report for physical examinations at the high school Thursday, Aug. 29 and Friday, Aug. 30.

Dr. Harry Mills and Dr. Nyles Crowner will conduct the checkups Thursday between 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. Hours on Friday will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Varsity Football Coach Frank LaFolce announced today that he would issue equipment to juniors and seniors Thursday, Aug. 29th and to ninth and 10th graders Friday, Aug. 30. Candidates have been asked to report to the equipment room immediately following physical examinations.

LaFolce plans to begin football drills Monday, Sept. 2. The Wildcats were undefeated in seven Northern League contests last season and shared their fifth league crown in six campaigns. Although LaFolce is reluctant to discuss his squad

prior to the opening of practice, football followers around the St. Lawrence Valley are already touting the Wildcats as strong contenders for the 1964 title.

Cross-country candidates are slated to receive their equipment during the first week of school and will begin workouts that week. School will open Sept. 4.

According to Leo Canale, director of athletics at GHS, a boy shall be eligible for inter-high school athletic competition only during the eight semesters after his date of entry in the ninth grade. He shall be eligible for only four years in any one inter-school sport.

A boy shall be eligible for inter-school competition only between his 14th and 19th birthdays. He must be 14 years old and in the ninth grade. A pupil who attains the age of 19 years on or after Sept. 1 may continue to participate during that particular school year in all sports.

## Record \$192,950 Sought For United Fund Agencies

A goal of \$192,950 has been set for the 1963-St. Lawrence County United Fund campaign which begins Oct. 1 and ends Oct. 31.

Norman James, president of the Fund, announced this year's campaign goal which has been established by the Fund's Board of Directors, acting upon the recommendation of its Allocations and Admissions committee.

The drive will be conducted under the co-chairmanship of

Dr. William Haenel, Mario Pistolesi

Leave Rotary Club

Resignations tendered by Dr. William Haenel and Mario Pistolesi have been accepted "with regret" by the Board of Directors of the Gouverneur Rotary Club.

"It is the sincere hope of each and every member of the club that both men will again take up their membership at such time as their businesses permit," Club President John Henry said at Tuesday's meeting held at Smith's Hotel.

President Henry pointed out at the open meeting that the visit of the District Governor, originally set for August, has been deferred until September or October. He reminded members of a special meeting scheduled Sept. 21 at Smith Falls, Ont. to consider nominations for District Governor.

Charles H. Jones announced that the club is already accumulating items for the 1964 Rotary Auction. He advised members that storage space was available at Jones Hardware for items collected for next year's auction.

the Rev. Jack Wells, pastor of Presbyterian Church in Canton, and Glenn Wright, dean at Canton Agricultural and Technical Institute.

This year's goal is the highest in the four-year history of the Fund. The increase, said Mr. James, reflects the addition of several new participating fund agencies including Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (St. Lawrence County).

Mr. James also indicated that the increased goal reflects the increased need for funds by various agencies whose services over the past several years have been expanded as part of their work program. Currently, Mr. James added, there are now 26 agencies throughout the area which are carrying out charitable work and public service programs for the residents of St. Lawrence County and Upper Franklin County.

## Gouverneur Family Welcomes German Exchange Student

Wolfgang von Sulecki, Gouverneur's seventh foreign exchange student, has arrived at the home of Dr. and Mrs. William Haenel, West Barney street, where the student will reside for the next nine months while attending Gouverneur High School.

The German lad arrived in Syracuse Thursday evening from New York and was met by the Haenels who brought him on to Gouverneur.

Wolfgang came here under the American Field service exchange program and with major interests lying in the fields of language science and athletics, will be a welcomed addition to both the academic and athletic ranks of the school.

## Attorneys Plan to Appeal Welfare Case Convictions

Five St. Lawrence County men convicted Aug. 8 on a charge of refusing to cut brush on a county work-relief project in the Town of Pierrepont back on Jan. 30 are at liberty today after drawing sentences ranging from four to eight months in St. Lawrence County Court on Monday.

Judge Roger W. Daniels of Potsdam handed down the jail terms after admonishing the five Pierrepont resident for "deliberately striking against the work-relief project. You deliberately sabotaged this project," said Judge Daniels.

A St. Lawrence County jury found the men guilty of interfering with the administration of welfare in St. Lawrence County after deliberating only 47 minutes.

The men were released in their own recognizance pending the outcome of an appeal on the ground their conviction violated constitutional guarantees against "involuntary servitude."

Melvin Huff of New York City, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, who represented four of the defendants, indicated Monday he would file an appeal with the Appellate Division, Third Department. "If necessary," he said, "we will take this all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court."

Attorney John Oliver of Canton represented the fifth. Judge Daniels sentenced Joseph LaFountain, 53, to eight

months in County Jail, and Morton A. Swinyer, 23, Theodore Perry, 34, and Loyal Snyder, 23, to serve four months. Ambrose Woodward, 49, also received a four month sentence which was suspended by Judge Daniels when it was pointed out that Woodward had actually reported for work on the afternoon of the day in question but was ill and had gone home.

The trial has been viewed as a test of the government's power to compel relief recipients to work on public projects in return for welfare assistance.

The men had been arrested March 4 by Sheriff's Deputies and were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Millard France of Pierrepont. Perry, Snyder and Woodward were committed to County Jail and later were released on bail. Swinyer and LaFountain remained in custody.

The indictment against the five specifically alleged the men's action "interfered with the proper administration of public assistance and care by increasing the welfare costs to the County of St. Lawrence for the support of their families."

The men had refused to cut brush along the road in the Town of Pierrepont on Jan. 30 on the grounds of cold weather and deep snow. Sanders D. Heller of Gouverneur presented the case for the prosecution.