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Controversy in Cortland

Court Reserves Decision on Police Work Schedule

CORTLAND — Decision on the legality of the police department's controversial work schedule was reserved in Supreme Court Monday.

Three lawyers, two for the police and one for the city, argued their cases for over an hour and both sides were admonished by Judge Robert Sloan to stick to the points of law involved in the case.

Three police commissioners and the chief of police were ordered to show cause why the work order should not be declared illegal.

The disagreement centers around what is meant by the words "seven consecutive days" in a state law which restricts police officers from working more than 40 hours a week under normal conditions. The new schedule, with rotating days off, has been in effect since Feb. 3.

The major arguments are: Police officers contend the law is specific in its wording and a court precedent exists ruling a work week need not be a calendar week, but any seven days in a row.

The city argues, the law is ambiguous and a state comptroller's decision ruled that any 7-day period, including a calendar week, can be counted as a work week.

The city also maintains the patrolmen did not exhaust the administrative procedures available to them under the city's grievance machinery.

John Gardner — who represents police officers — Robert Trim, Arthur Ludwig and Carl Staley, signers of the complaint, told the court the new schedule violates Section 971 of the state consolidated laws in 11 places where men are required to work seven consecutive days, and in six places where men are required to work six straight days.

"The work schedule is pockmarked with illegalities," he said.

The police attorney also stated the case had to be brought to court because the city had failed to change the schedule as requested by the police officers at the Common Council meeting and because Mayor Joseph Mack has failed to fill the Grievance Board of Appeals.

Gardner said the city intends to use the current schedule until it gets an opinion on the law from the state attorney general. The police attorney said with the state Legislature in session it will "be a long time before we hear from the attorney general."

City Attorney Edmund Hoffmann Jr. said the city's case is based on the fact that the police failed to follow the authorized procedure for grievances adopted by the Common Council in October in compliance with Article 16 of the State Municipal Law.

The city attorney said the grievance machinery was established to handle problems pertaining to work schedules and not only minor matters as Gardner stated. Hoffmann also said the Grievance Board serves at the mayor's pleasure and may be appointed at anytime and may also be composed of different persons to hear different cases.

Hoffmann also quoted a state comptroller's decision that ruled that any 7-day period could be considered a work week.

Louis Patrone, representing the Police Council of New York, said the law is specific in wording. "Seven consecutive days means seven days in a row," he said.

Patrone said Article 16, which establishes the grievance procedures does not apply since the law excludes "atters" where questions of law must be settled in the courts.

Patrone also said the precedent established in the Shill vs. New York City case, the court ruled the work schedule illegal. The police council lawyer noted in both the Cortland case and the New York City case, police officers are required to work six days on and two off and the court ruled this system illegal.

Patrone told the court, the city has admitted to the fact that men are working six days on and two off in their answer to the complaint.

A jurisdictional question was also raised by Hoffmann but was resolved. Only two of the police commissioners, Alexander Milham and John Fabrizio, were served with the court order. Chief Norman McNamara and Commissioner Russell Bentley were both reported to be in Florida on vacation last week when the orders were served.

Both Gardner and Hoffmann were told by Judge Sloan to stick to significant points of law.

"Our concern is whether there is a violation of the statute. After all is shorn from emotions and argument, it is a point of law we must decide."

Tompkins Board Guarantees Private, Charter Flights

Group Says Field to Have All Facilities

ITHACA — Improved air service was promised Monday by the Tompkins County Board of Supervisors in a resolution guaranteeing the facilities for private and charter plane operations would be made available.

The supervisors, as well as city officials, Cornell University and local business interests, are concerned about the lack of air transportation because of reduced flights since Mohawk Airlines left its original base here to move to Utica.

The general feeling among supervisors was Ithaca might still have a chance of being the home base for the new Agway Inc. — name of the cooperative formed last week through the merger of GLF and Eastern State farmer cooperatives — if the air transportation was more frequent.

Mohawk protested last week a chamber of commerce suggestion concerning shuttle flights to Syracuse and other airports to improve service in Ithaca.

But from the supervisors action Monday, this is going to be pushed even at the expense of building new facilities at the county airport to make it possible.

In a resolution, it was asserted, "the Tompkins County Board of Supervisors is both legally and morally responsible for promoting the general welfare of this county and it clearly feels no effort can be spared in providing facilities for the retention of existing business . . . and for the attraction of other industrial developments."

Lansing Supervisor Harris Dates said another effort would be made by his committee to negotiate purchase of a hangar owned by Mohawk, failing in that, his committee would consider new construction for the desired facilities.



Youth Forum at Oneida

A "Youth and You" forum was conducted recently at Oneida Senior High School when 600 parents heard the problems of youth explained. Members of the panel, from left, Police Chief George A. Murphy, Rev. Robert E. Morisseau, Thomas Dexter,

director of Madison County Probation Department; Mrs. Donald Sanders moderator; Dr. Joseph Leistyna; Dr. Stanley Bell, school psychologist; and Otto Shortell, principal, Oneida Junior High School.

Income Tax Case

Homer Resident Fined \$10,000

UTICA (AP) — Lewis M. Whitney, 57, of Homer was fined \$10,000 Monday and placed on probation for six months for evading payment of \$17,100 in

federal income taxes over a four-year period. The government charged Whitney, a truck salesman, should have paid \$26,817 in taxes on total earnings of \$94,596 for the years 1957 through 1960, instead of paying \$9,717 on earnings he reported as \$42,460.

Judge Stephen W. Brennan of U. S. District Court fined Whitney \$2,500 on each of four counts. The salesman had pleaded guilty Jan. 13 in Syracuse.

In another case, Travis A. Tonzi of North Syracuse was placed on probation for two years for embezzling \$270 from the North Syracuse branch of the Lincoln National Bank & Trust Co., where he had been employed as a teller. Tonzi also pleaded guilty last month.

Cornell Trio Deny Phone Fraud Count

ITHACA (AP) — Three Cornell University engineering students pleaded innocent Monday to a charge of fraudulent use of telephone equipment to avoid payment of long-distance charges.

The three were arrested Feb. 15 during what police said was a fraternity house demonstration of an electrical device the three allegedly had engineered to enable them to telephone anywhere in the country free-of-charge.

Stuart S. Pattison, 22, of White Plains; Seth J. Stowell, 20, of Troy, and Hoyt A. Stearns Jr., 19, of Arcadia, Calif., appeared in City Court to enter their pleas.

They were continued free on \$50 bail each, pending trial. No trial date was set.

Last week, an engineering student involved in a similar case at Troy was sentenced to two days in jail for rigging a metal box with which, police said, he could make long distance calls without paying.

10 Beagles Lost In Barn Blaze

FLORENCE — Fire destroyed a large dairy barn on the Robert Mahle farm Sunday killing 10 Beagle hounds in the structure.

The fire was spotted at about 5 p.m. by a baby sitter for the eight Mahle children.

Volunteer firemen from Camden, Taberg and Florence responded to the alarm and were at the scene for three hours.

The dogs were in a kennel in the barn. The family managed to save a white registered German shepherd.

Other losses in the destruction of the 30 by 50 foot barn were a refrigerator, plow, five bicycles and many tools.

Camden Fire Chief Donald Sanborn said the barn was aflame when firemen arrived. Firemen concentrated on wetting down the two-story family home just 35 feet from the barn. Water was pumped from a creek a half mile away.

Deaths

DR. C. A. NEWCOMB
CORTLAND — Services for Dr. Cyrenius A. Newcomb will be in the Earle W. Wright Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Thursday, the Rev. James Russell officiating.

Dr. Newcomb, a former Cortland resident, died Sunday in Denver, Colo. He was a physician and lived in Denver 40 years.

Dr. Newcomb was born Aug. 1, 1886, in Homer, the son of William and Jennie Cobb Newcomb.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Minnie Brown Newcomb; two brothers, Ray B. of Denver and Fred E. Newcomb of Cortland; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery, Homer.

Area Weather

Tuesday, generally fair through the mid-day hours. Clouding up by night and cold. High, 16 to 18 in the North and 16 to 24 in the South. Winds, westerly light and

Group to Study Educational Bills

CORTLAND — A legislative committee to study educational bills and their expected impact on local schools has been formed by the County School Boards Association.

Members of the committee are Leslie Gilbert, Cincinnati; Mrs. Rose Lawn, Cortland; Dr. C. M. Sunderland, DeRuyter; Gordon H. Griffin, Homer; Lewis G. Sager Jr., Marathon; Stanley Kullman, McGraw; Dr. Paul Clarke, Truxton; and Jean Cutler, Virgil.

Ithacans to See Title Fight Free

ITHACA — Free TV of Tuesday's championship fight between Sonny Liston, the heavyweight titleholder and challenger Cassius Clay is being featured here as an attraction to hotels and restaurants.

The Ithaca Hotel has installed two more of the largest screen sets in its Dutch kitchen and invited the public to attend.

David A. Saperstone, president of the hotel corporation, said, "come in and see the fight whether it lasts 2 minutes or goes all the way; you are welcome and there is no charge."

It is expected fight fans from the surrounding area will converge on Ithaca in large numbers since in most other cities the fight can be seen only on closed circuit television for which admission fees are charged.

The television corporation which operates the cable service in Ithaca contracted for the fight through its president, Anthony Ceracche, who said he did so as a service to his customers and the community.

Church Women Planning Dinner

MCGRAW — The Women's Auxiliary Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold a dinner meeting Tuesday in Fellowship Hall, according to Mrs. Martin Caulfield, secretary.

Committee members include Mrs. William Cain, Mrs. Grace Brown, Mrs. W. K. Alexander, Mrs. Samuel Maricle and Mrs. Jesse Ryan.

BRITISH FILM
CORTLAND — "Oscar Wilde," a British movie, will be shown as the fourth of the Cortland Adult Education Program's international film series. The film can be seen at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

SEEKS HOME FOR PETS
ONEIDA — Mrs. Grace Remis, city dog warden is seeking homes for a dog, three cats and two kittens. The dog is a spayed female cocker spaniel.

United Co-ops Choose Name Of Agway Inc.

ITHACA. (AP) — The corporate name, Agway Inc., has been given to a giant farmer cooperative that is being created through a merger, it was announced Monday.

Agway will assume the assets of the Cooperative Grange League Federation Inc. (GLF) and Eastern States Farmers' Exchange Inc. on July 1. Members of the two cooperatives approved the merger last week.

The name of the new organization, which will become what has been described as the largest farm-supply cooperative in the nation, was announced by Edmund H. Fallon, general manager of BLF and the new cooperative.

GLF and Eastern do a combined annual business of more than \$300 million in a combined total of 11 states.

GLF, based in Ithaca, operates in New York State, New Jersey and Northern Pennsylvania.

Eastern's territory takes in New England, Delaware and parts of Maryland, Ohio and Eastern Pennsylvania. Its headquarters are in West Springfield, Mass.

The site for Agway's headquarters has not been selected.

2 Orchestras To Combine For Concert

AUBURN — The Hamilton and Wells College orchestras will combine for a concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Margaret Phipps auditorium on the Wells campus.

The orchestras will present a program including works of Beethoven, Boyce, Mozart, Vivaldi, Legrenzi and Hindemith.

On Thursday and Friday the students in the swimming program at the college will present their annual aquacade, "Swimsation," in the Student union pool at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

The faculty will meet at 4:40 p.m. Friday in the art exhibit room where the drawings of Archie Gorky are on display.

"Winter Light," a foreign film directed by famed Ingmar Bergman, will be presented in Phipps auditorium at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Speaker at the vesper service at 7 p.m. Sunday in the chapel will be the Rev. Albert Buchanan of Calvary Episcopal Church, New York City.

Auto Accident Injures Three

CORTLAND — Three persons were injured in a one-car accident at 8:20 a.m. Monday on Route 281 in the Town of Cortlandville.

Taken to Cortland Memorial Hospital by Haynes Ambulance for treatment were: John Ferri, 38, the driver, of 1 Carpenter St.; Paul Rieger, 20, of Parker St.; Homer, and Ralph Warren, 31, of Marathon RD 3.

Trooper Fred Williams of the Homer Substation investigated. None of the injuries were serious.

Woman Killed In Collision

ODESSA — Mrs. Louella M. Rogers, 41, of County Line Road, Trumansburg, was killed Monday when her automobile and a tank truck collided on icy Route 224 two miles south of this Schuyler County community.

YMCA to Host Landscape Class

CORTLAND — A landscape school for seed and fertilizer dealers, florists, landscape representative, caretakers and other suppliers will be held Wednesday in the YMCA.

The meeting will be from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and will cover establishment and maintenance of lawns as well as recommended fertilizers and weed control, according to Ira Blixt, county agricultural agent.

Prof. A. S. Lieberman of Cornell University Ornamental Horticultural Department, will conduct the meeting.

The county agent said this meeting is open to all who are assisting others in the general establishment and care of lawns.

Blixt said the meeting will provide ample time to for questions and answers.

Ithacan Faces DWI Charge

ITHACA — Ivan W. Snyder, 60, of 453 Floral Ave., was arrested Monday afternoon on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He is being held in lieu of \$100 bail for appearance in City Court Tuesday. Patrolman Thomas Scaglione stopped Snyder in the 200 block of E. Seneca Street and took him into custody.

Folmer Presides Over Assembly

ALBANY — Cortland County Assemblyman Louis H. Folmer, served as acting Assembly majority leader during part of Monday afternoon's session of the lower house of the Legislature.

He substituted for Majority Leader George L. Ingalls, Binghamton, who had to leave his seat to attend a Republican legislative leaders conference.

Area Trio Win Bowling Crown

CORTLAND — Two local men and one from Ithaca composed a team that captured the New York-Penn Invitational Bowling League Championship in Binghamton Sunday night.

Jim and John Partigianoni of Cortland and Corkey Daghlis of Ithaca won 667 to 645 over Canny Truckers of Binghamton in the final round to win the crown.

The area team posted a 69 won, 36 loss record in the 22-week invitational loop that hosted top bowlers of the Southern Tier and Northern Pennsylvania.

The team average 630 pins for the season. They will split \$300 in prize money and will be awarded a trophy.

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Meeting Tonight

Cortland School Board Will Plan May Election

CORTLAND — The city Board of Education is scheduled to appoint a Registration Board and election inspectors for the May 5 School Board election at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the board office.

Four persons will be named to the Registration Board and Superintendent J. Phillips Reynolds will be authorized to arrange with the election office for replacements in the event of vacancies if board members approve plans outlined in the agenda prepared for the meeting.

April 14 is scheduled as Registration Day and it is expected to be approved by the board. Action will also be taken on a list of inspectors prepared by the election office.

The board will also hear a report on the progress of the new senior high school and consider other business.

He succeeds Michael LoPinto, former acting city judge. D. Boardman Lee was named vice president. William Kerr, now serving as Town of Ithaca supervisor, was elected secretary and Leonard Snow, treasurer.

Robert E. Sloan of Cortland, newly designated Supreme Court justice for the Sixth Judicial District, was speaker.

Figure Skaters Plan CU Show

ITHACA — Themes from Broadway hits will be featured in the Cornell Figure Skating Club show at James Lynch Hall March 20 and 21.

It will be the club's second showing and was prompted by the good reception of capacity audiences two years ago.

Members have been rehearsing since November for the production in which there will be two chorus lines, one of which will be the small fry; special numbers, comedy acts, pair skating and other routines.

The guest skater will be Toshio Sasaki, silver medalist who placed third in the Japanese nationals in 1962.

Sasaki is a freshman in the School of Hotel Administration.

Kiwanis to Hear College Quartet

CORTLAND — The Greenbriars, four members of Gamma Tau Sigma Fraternity at the State University College here will give a performance of folk singing at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club Tuesday.

The hootenanny will be in Comandore Restaurant at 6:15 p.m.

Members of the Greenbriars are Dave Maloney, Jim Rose, Ron Smalt and Andy Tel.

Bar Association Elects Prof. as New President

ITHACA — Ernest N. Warren of 514 Edgewood Place, a Cornell University Law School professor, was elected president of the Tompkins County Bar Association Monday night at its meeting in the Normandie restaurant.

He succeeds Michael LoPinto, former acting city judge. D. Boardman Lee was named vice president. William Kerr, now serving as Town of Ithaca supervisor, was elected secretary and Leonard Snow, treasurer.

Robert E. Sloan of Cortland, newly designated Supreme Court justice for the Sixth Judicial District, was speaker.

Doughty to Give Rotary Speech

CORTLAND — Len Doughty, who has been a timber cruises and general lumberman in Cortland County for many years, will speak to the Cortland Rotary Club Tuesday at noon in the Cort-Lanes.

Doughty will speak on the lumber industry in this county.



Governor's Greeting

Gov Rockefeller greets Mrs. Jeanne Tomlinson of Ithaca Monday at a hotel breakfast attended by representatives of the Federation of Women's Clubs of New York State.