

Higgins Attacks N. Y. City Plan For Exemption

Candidate For Assembly Talks Before Women Voters At Center

John D. Rockefeller pays his private taxes without running to the New York Legislature seeking an exemption. Why shouldn't New York City do the same?

In this way Alvin M. Higgins, Republican candidate for the Assembly from this district, pointed out the inconsistencies in the plea for assessment exemption made annually by the City of New York before the New York State Legislature.

Mr. Higgins spoke, along with other candidates, before the Westchester County League of Women Voters at a meeting in the County Center yesterday afternoon. Each Assembly candidate in Westchester, along with the candidates for Supreme Court, Judge and County Treasurer, had been invited to make a five-minute talk before the Women's League at White Plains.

"At every recent session of the Legislature New York City has introduced a bill or a rider to exempt from the great water system from taxes," Mr. Higgins said. "I have the finest feeling for my opponent and I regard him as one of my friends. But if my opponent is elected a member of the Assembly and a Democratic majority needs his vote to push through a tax-exemption program, he will not be able to stand against the avalanche of pressure which will be brought to bear against him."

"He wouldn't dare do it. I have all respect for his courage but this refusal would flatten him for all time. That would be asking too much of any man."

"Of course, if they were to have a sufficient Democratic majority so that his vote was not needed, the leaders might let him ride along with the exemption just to keep the voters at home satisfied. If his vote is needed, however, mark my words, he will be approached in such a way that it will be impossible for him to stand alone."

"If he does he will be the greatest man ever to rise in American politics."

Mam'k Politicians In Last Hard Drive

MAMARONECK, Nov. 1.—With Election Day less than a week away, this town today entered the final phase of the campaign with both sides fighting tooth and nail to gain control of the town government. Each side is today quite confident

TRIUMVIRATE IN CRUSADE FOR TOLERANCE



Each a leader in a different faith, these three men plan a tour of the nation's 48 states to plead for greater tolerance among various faiths, races and cultures. They will start from New York and appear on the same platform in the leading cities of the country. Left to right are Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. Father John Elliot Ross, Iowa City, Ia., and the Rev. Everett R. Clinchy, Middletown, Conn.

Glenville Taxpayers Vote 22-14 For Fire District Dissolution

Town Board Hears Arguments On Question And Duell Asks Group To Prepare Data For Presentation

Twenty-two Glenville taxpayers voted last night in favor of abolishing the present fire district and creating a Fire Prevention District, while 14 others were opposed, at the hearing conducted by the Greenburgh Town Board under Supervisor William C. Duell at the Glenville firehouse for the purpose of obtaining the sentiment of the taxpayers on the dissolution of the fire district which was asked in a petition presented to the Town Board. Those seeking the change will submit facts to the Greenburgh Board. The Fire Commissioners may do likewise, so that the board may give fair consideration.

Supervisor Duell announced that the district would not be left without fire protection in the event of a dissolution and pending a contract with Tarrytown to furnish such protection. Winfield L. Morse that his efforts will result in victory, the only question being the size of the majority.

Robert H. Stevens at the head of the straight Republican ticket is finishing an active campaign that has been made up mostly of neighborhood meetings calculated to bring about direct personal contact with the voter.

appeared as attorney for the taxpayers who seek to have the district dissolved.

The meeting at times was bitter and Supervisor Duell had to intervene several times to keep the members of opposing factions from indulging in personalities. In one instance two men were heard arguing in the back of the room, one inviting the other outside and being taken up on the offer, only to be halted by the wife of one of the men.

Fire Commissioner Alfred Wood of Glenville inquired if the district would have to assume liability for the firemen who were sent there to fight fires. Duell replied that Tarrytown assumed liability, but he was not certain that Tarrytown would not have the right to action against the Glenville district in the event of an accident to any of its men sent to Glenville to fight a fire.

Wood inquired if the petitioners for the dissolution of the district had a letter from the Board of Fire Underwriters guaranteeing that the insurance rates would be reduced to half if the change was made. Duell at this point announced "The Town Board is here in an impartial manner. We were forced into it, and we are here to obtain an expression of sentiment of the people as in all districts where a question of this kind is raised."

Morse stated that his group did not have a letter from the underwriters, but if the district were dissolved and a Fire Protection District created, the fire insurance rates would be reduced 50 percent. The residents in the district now pay \$10 per thousand, and this is because the insurance companies feel that the district has not the proper fire protection at the present time.

Wood interrupted with: "You can't get proper fire protection

from the outside for \$1,000 a year, the amount now paid out for maintaining the fire district." He said that Tarrytown would not provide it for that amount. He declared the commissioners had conferred with the Tarrytown Board of Trustees and the Fire Department heads on this question.

Attorney Morse asked him, "Did you tell the petitioners what you did?"

Wood replied, "We sent out cards to them, but only about 20 showed up."

"Did Tarrytown tell you that it could provide such protection for \$250 a year?" Morse asked.

"No," Wood replied, adding that Tarrytown intimated a figure between \$250 and \$300, "but they would not commit themselves."

John J. Macken asked if it wasn't so, that for fire protection service no more than a stated amount per thousand of assessed valuation could be charged.

John E. Withler McDowell of the Town Board, answering the query, replied that it was up to the village. He added that the Town Board could contract for such service up to \$1 per thousand.

William Hatfield inquired if the Fire Commissioners had a letter from the Village Board in Tarrytown. Attorney Morse informed the meeting that the Fire Commissioners met with the Village Board and Fire Wardens to discuss the furnishing of fire protection to the Glenville Fire District, but the Board contended that the commissioners had no authority to act but during the discussion told them that such protection could be furnished for between \$200 and \$300.

After a few further questions, Mr. Morse stated for the information of all that he represented the people who in 1927 filed a petition to create the present fire district feeling that it was much less expensive than it turned out to be and that their insurance rates would be cut. They have discovered that it cost more and they felt it would be better to dissolve the district and obtain fire protection from the outside. They realize that with proper protection the insurance rates would be decreased.

The signers of the petition represented 80 per cent of the people owning about \$369,000 assessed valuation.

ation. They agree that the district be dissolved with the purpose of creating a new district which was contract with the Village of Tarrytown for fire protection. This does not affect these members of the Glenville Fire Company. They can continue as before the district was created. There will be no interference with your present fire company.

"Some of the critics of the plan felt it was going to do away with the fire company. You can continue as you did prior to 1927."

Morse stressed that 80 per cent of the taxpayers were asking for dissolution. Fire Commissioner Wood intimated that the signers all were not resident property owners. "The law requires that they be resident property owners," he said. "But they were resident property owners. These people want proper fire protection. All too long they have had to wait for Tarrytown to come over and fight their fires. Why not save them the wait and save them money?"

Wood intimated the fire company had gone further than the petitioners in going to Tarrytown to see what could be done to obtain better fire protection. "You say it does not matter this fire company. We don't get \$1,000," said Wood.

"Who paid for it before 1927?" asked Morse.

Wood asked, "Do we get it from a budget?"

"Where did you get it before?" Morse asked him.

"How would you expect from this company if you paid Tarrytown?"

After the exchange the atmosphere was cleared by Duell who stated that there were 58 bondable resident taxpayers signed on the petition, representing about \$489,000 of the assessed valuation. Wood said he doubted if they did represent that much. He pointed out that Julian B. Decker was the holder of the largest assessment in the district and he was not a resident. Wood cited others on the petition who also were not resident taxpayers. Duell replied that the petition could be attacked but there was nothing before the board at the time.

Albert Merritt stated that there was not one in the house but what would want his insurance rate cut. They would never get a cut until the Glenville Company was eliminated.

Mrs. Albert Newman at this point took the floor and answering Merritt, said: "While we would be waiting for Tarrytown to come over what would we do about a fire?" (Applause.) Merritt replied that when a truck load of goods burned in front of his home only the Tarrytown and Elmwood fire companies were there to fight the fire, Glenville wasn't there.

Wood again asked "Why must we dissolve the present district?"

Duell replied, "To get protection from Tarrytown."

Jack Moore inquired as to who would pay for the water if Tarrytown was furnishing fire protection. Morse informed him the fire district would pay.

Wood charged that many of those who signed the petition to dissolve the district would not sign another petition to create the new district. Duell took a poll of the taxpayers present whose names appeared on the petition and only four said they would not sign a new petition. Jack Moore asked how long the community would have to wait for action under the new district. Duell assured him that pending the formation of new district plans protection would be provided for.

Winding up the meeting Duell stated that the majority on the question of dissolution of the present district and the vote was 22 to 14 in favor. "Why is not this fair? We will adjourn this meeting and those acting in favor and those interested submit a new setup showing the cost," Duell said in conclusion.

Tavern Fire Was Set, Belief

McQuillan Says Blaze Was Of Inceciary Origin

Captain Philip McQuillan of the Greenburgh Police announced today that he was convinced that the burning of the White House Tavern on the Saw Mill River Road early Monday morning was the work of incendiaries.

Traces of oil were found near the burnt walls and embers in the building and he has started an investigation hoping to obtain a clue to the person or persons responsible for the fire. It was indicated today that the Fire Insurance Company would assign investigators to work with Captain McQuillan in an effort to clean up the case.

The fire was operated by various owners over a period of several years. It was a favorite stopping place for motor parties from Yonkers and New York City. The damage caused by the recent fire is such that it is not expected the place can be repaired.

Lost Dog Found After Week's Hunt

NEW ROCHELLE, Nov. 1.—"Nancy," little Cairn terrier owned by L. Franklin van Zelm, cartoonist, was found in Mount Vernon yesterday after being lost for more than a week.

Mrs. C. Muesel, of 653 Gramatan Avenue, Mount Vernon, was visiting her sister in New Rochelle, and read a story and saw a picture of the dog in The Standard-Star.

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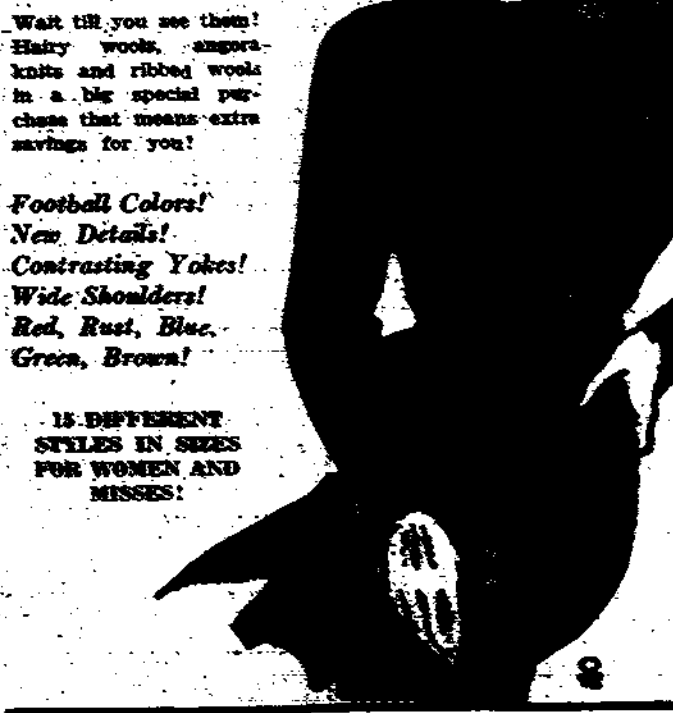
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one week, the torrent of treasures that have poured from every section of the county into the Center. He has handled and arranged the antique furniture, some of it fragile and delicate with centuries of wear, other pieces cumbersome and heavy with the Rococo veneration of the Victorian era.

Under his watchful eye, oil paintings and priceless silver, exquisite china and old lace, duelling pistols and drag coaches, quilted petticoats and autographed documents, have been catalogued and tagged and set up in the rooms allotted to them at the Center.

Handled Tea Service

Mr. Burns has handled the beautiful silver tea service that Cyrus Field of Ardsley, who laid the Atlantic cable, bought while on his honeymoon; he has selected the place best suited to show off the oldest Bishop's chair in the United States, dated 1837 and the property of St. Paul's Church, in Eastchester. He has supervised the setting up, by Mrs. Dixon Ryan Fox, of the Hammond house Colonial kitchen and Colonial bedroom; he has seen to it that the mementoes of Westchester's famous men are advantageously displayed.

And what mementoes those have turned out to be!

There are John Jay's cane and the chair in which he sat, a chair for some years in the Senate Chamber at Philadelphia when the nation's capitol was there; there are his grandfather's great book of Common Prayer and the piece of Lowmasson china marked with his initials; there are a dozen other articles that once belonged to the first Chief Justice of the United States, who spent his youth in Rye and his old age in Bedford. The Jay articles came from Jay's descendant, Mrs. Arthur Iselin of Bedford.

Also are included a portrait of Lewis Morris, Westchester's only signer of the Declaration of Independence; a portrait of Daniel D. Tompkins of Scarsdale, the only native Westchesterian who became Vice-president of the United States; the only known self-portrait of John Andre, captured at North Tarrytown when Arnold sought to betray West Point; a portrait of George Washington by Jane Stuart, daughter of Gilbert Stuart; dozens of oil paintings of such historic sites as the famous split rock on Split Rock Road, where the thickest fighting took place at the Battle of Pell's Point, in October, 1776, of

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of one century and a bodice of another—and looks nice enough, too. The gentlemen are not neglected for there are stout buff-colored coaching coats with high beaver hats; there are military coats with their stiff gold epaulets, worn in the War of 1812; there are boots that bramped on Revolutionary feet and brought shawls once given by county beaux to county belles.

This is but a brief summary, a faint indication of but a few of the thousand articles that turn the exhibit hall of the Center into a gorgeous panorama of Westchester's past. Today, on her birthday, she pauses to review those 250 years of her existence.

The Westchester County Historical Society and the Westchester County Publishers, who are sponsoring the exhibit, agree with Ned Burns that Westchester can afford to give herself a pat on the back. The birthday celebration is on.

Referee Named In Peekskill Row Over Assessments

WHITE PLAINS, Nov. 1.—Eliert N. Oakes, Middletown lawyer, today was named special referee by Supreme Court Justice Graham Witschick to take testimony and determine validity of complaints by 25 property owners in Peekskill that assessed valuations on their holdings on the 1932 tax roll were inequitable and should be reduced. Mr. Oakes lives in and practices law in Orange County, which is Justice Witschick's home county.

The referees are the largest number awarded to one lawyer by any jurist this year in tax certiorari cases, and if a reduction of more than 50 per cent is granted between the assessed valuation on the roll and the figure to which the reduction is sought, the village of Peekskill will have to pay the referee's fees. Otherwise the property owners, all of whom are from Westchester County, will be charged for the referee's services.

FOOTBALL

NORTH TARRYTOWN HIGH SCHOOL vs. Alexander Hamilton H. S. of Elmsford

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