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Mt. Hope Farm hearing slated

By JILL WALLACH
Union correspondent

WILLIAMSTOWN - A hearing has been scheduled for Sept. 11 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Worcester on the proposed purchase of the Mt. Hope Farm Estate by John R. Campbell, a 29-year-old entrepreneur from Kansas and California.

A spokesman in the office of Attorney Philip Hendel said this weekend the hearing was scheduled to discuss approval of the second sales-purchase agreement between Campbell and current owner August E. Mansker, which was submitted earlier this month to Judge Paul W. Glennon for approval.

Williams College challenged the first sales-purchase agreement, contending it was only an option to buy the 1,100 acre estate and did not trigger the college's right of first refusal, a clause included in the deed to the property.

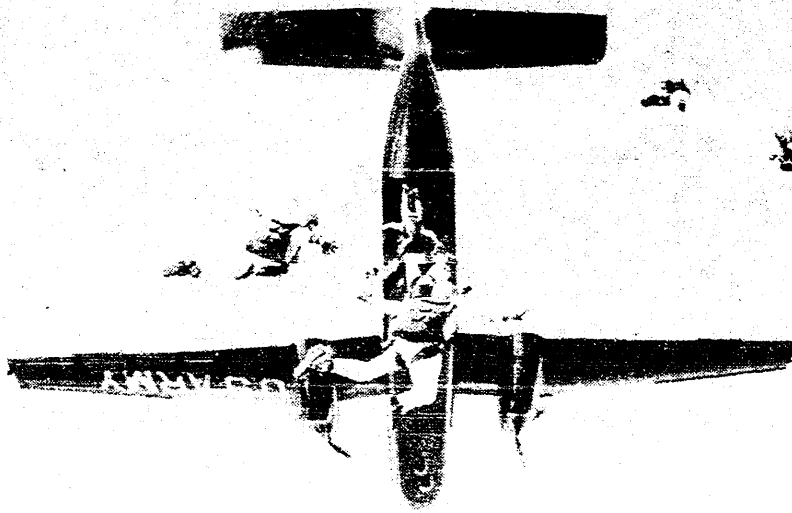
Glennon ruled in July that the bankruptcy court would have to approve any sale of the property and required a new agreement be drawn up that answered questions raised by the college about Campbell's financial status and his intentions for the property.

With the second agreement, Campbell increased his offer for the property to \$2.2 million and paid an additional \$100,000 on the downpayment. Since the transaction, Mansker has left the property and Campbell, his wife and two children are spending the month of August at the estate.

In addition, Campbell may be requested to testify at the hearing on Sept. 11. Glennon approved a motion last week requiring Campbell to testify, under oath, to his financial ability to purchase and maintain the estate.

The motion was filed by Mt. Hope Realty Trust, which holds a \$200,000 mortgage on the estate, and was purchased from Carley Capital Development Group in early July by the Purple Mountain Partnership, a group of Williams College alumni who are seeking to purchase the estate from Mansker, but only offered \$1.2 million for the property last December.

Philip Grandchamp, an attorney with the firm of Donovan and O'Connor who represents Campbell here, said Sunday night he does not know if Philip J. Hendel, the Springfield attorney representing Mansker, will require Campbell to testify at this time.



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'Golden Knights' in action

Members of the "Golden Knights," the Army's official parachute demonstration team, jump from a Caribou aircraft at the Quonset International Airshow on Saturday in North Kingston, R.I. This photo was taken using a helmet-rigged camera on the team's Sgt. Chuck Kaucher.

Court lets couple keep beehives

By MITCHEL ZEMEL
Union correspondent

CHICOPEE - A Hampden County Housing Court magistrate has allowed Doris and Joseph Mozdzanowski to keep their bees, and they are glad, but they are still afraid they may lose them.

Associate City Solicitor Thomas Costello and health department officials argued that the Mozdzanowski's should remove their hives because of complaints from neighbors that the bees were a nuisance and prevented them from enjoying themselves outdoors.

The magistrate continued the hearing, allowing them to keep the bees until Sept. 27. If there are more complaints though, they may lose them.

"Few people complained," Doris Mozdzanowski, of 85 Nichols Road, said. "Our closest (in distance) neighbors didn't complain. We had a petition signed and got 27 names. Nobody's getting bitten."

A couple of neighbors have complained that the bees are a nuisance, following them when they walk.

"Honey bees are curious," Mrs. Mozdzanowski said. "They aren't persistent like yellow jackets and hornets. They're nosy but they're just after pollen. If you bother them though, you'll get stung."

The couple keeps three hives, down from the 10 they kept until the spring. Each hive can contain anywhere from 25,000 to 70,000 bees.

"It sounds like an awful lot but a lot don't fly out," she said. "Only about one-third of them leave the hive."

The hives look like drawers stacked on top of each other. There is one queen bee, the only bee which reproduces, in each hive. Mrs. Mozdzanowski said they get about seven or eight gallons of honey each year from the bees.

"This has been a bad year and we'll probably only get a couple gallons" she said. "The rainy, cold

spring prevented them from going out."

Honey bees remain in the hive all winter, flapping their wings to generate heat. Even though the flowers may have bloomed, if it's cold the bees won't go out.

She said if it's been a good year they may collect honey twice but they'll be "lucky" if they can collect once this year.

"You have to make sure to leave the bees some honey so they can feed during the winter," Mrs. Mozdzanowski said.

Her husband, who is almost 70 years old, has been a beekeeper for about 10 years. A friend got him interested in it and his uncle kept bees.

"He got to like them so much. They're fascinating. He sits and observes them," Mrs. Mozdzanowski said. "If he has to move them to a farm somewhere he won't want to drive there to observe them."

Restaurant decision put off to October

By JILL WALLACH
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NORTH ADAMS - In spite of an apparent ground swell of support from North Adams residents, Joseph DiMassimo, the owner of Teo's Restaurant in Pittsfield, will have to wait at least another six weeks before he can make a decision on plans for another Teo's on Ashland Street in North Adams.

The North Adams Licensing Board denied DiMassimo's application for a beer and wine license for the proposed restaurant on July 12. DiMassimo appealed that decision to the state's Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission which has scheduled a hearing for Oct. 2.

DiMassimo purchased the former P.J.'s restaurant on the corner of Ashland and Porter streets and planned to spend \$200,000 to tear

down the fire-damaged building and replace it with a small restaurant similar to the one he operates in Pittsfield.

Teo's Restaurant on East Street in Pittsfield serves hot dogs and other items, as well as beer and wine.

At a June hearing before the city's licensing board, there was strong opposition to granting the license from several North Adams restaurant owners and several residents of Ashland and Porter streets.

But following the board's decision, DiMassimo said he has received a lot of calls supporting his proposal and efforts to obtain the beer and wine license. Earlier this month a petition was circulated by a couple on Ashland Street seeking support for the restaurant. More than 50 people signed the petition.

DiMassimo has denied contentions by some residents that the restaurant will attract only the college students from nearby North Adams State College and create a pub-like atmosphere. He has also said several times in the past it will not be economically feasible for him to operate the restaurant without the beer and wine license.

Fair begins today

GREENWICH, N.Y. - The annual Washington County Fair will be held Monday through Aug. 25 at the fairgrounds on Route 29d, with a full range of agricultural exhibits, horse and ox pulls, horse and cattle shows, and nightly entertainment. Gates open daily at 9 a.m.

North Adams wins \$12,000 state grant

NORTH ADAMS - Rep. Frank Costa, D-Adams, announced Friday that North Adams has been awarded a \$12,000 economic development grant from the state's Executive Office of Economic Affairs.

In making the announcement, Evelyn Murphy, Secretary of the Office of Economic Affairs, said "the recent closing of Adams Print Works, and the changing industrial base of the North Adams area are ongoing concerns of the Dukakis administration. In North Adams there is a readily available labor force to tap, prime industrial land and property to capitalize on."

The grant was awarded at the recommendation of Costa, who worked with the state's Department of Commerce and Development within the Executive Office of Eco-

nomics Affairs to secure the funding.

The grant will be administered jointly by the city of North Adams and the Northern Berkshire Development Corp. and used to promote economic and industrial development in the city.

"The displacement of Adams Print Work employees requires an intensive effort to create new employment opportunities. The grant should provide assistance in this process. It indicates to me the strength of the commitment by Gov. Dukakis and Secretary Murphy to working at the local public/private sector," Costa said.

"The prime effort for economic revitalization must come from local community leaders. We on the state level must continue to support that effort," Costa noted.

Worthington man named DMH child coordinator

PITTSFIELD - The state Department of Mental Health (DMH) has hired Bruce J. Barshefsky of Worthington to coordinate children's services for the Berkshire Area Office, Area Director Joseph Vanhoenacker has announced.

Barshefsky succeeds Charles Garivaltis who resigned in July to become director of the welfare office in Great Barrington.

A clinical social worker for the Berkshire Area's Mental Health Service Coordination Team since August 1982, Barshefsky previously was an intern in psychiatric social work at the state hospital. In

Danvers and was adolescent group leader in the Cambridge Department of Human Service programs.

As area children's coordinator, Barshefsky will manage a \$918,787 budget for programs operated by four Berkshire agencies which provide residential services, day programs and outreach to adolescents. He will be advised in his work by the joint children's committee of the Berkshire Area Board for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Barshefsky has a master's degree in social work from Boston University and a bachelor's degree in management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge.

School hearing scheduled

By JOHN HITCHCOCK
Union bureau chief

LENOX - The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a hearing Sept. 12 on plans for the development of the former Cranwell School as a multi-million dollar resort.

Developers Richard D. Mullen and W. David Roche have applied for a special permit to convert the Pierce Chapel at the former seminary into an expanding building with 80 hotel rooms and a large indoor swimming pool.

"We are not requiring a variance, and we will not be working within the guidelines of the so-called Great Estate bylaws put into effect earlier this year," Mullen told The Morning Union Sunday.

Mullen signed a purchase agreement in February with the Society of Jesus to buy the estate for \$2.7 million, pending approval of the proposed construction by various town agencies and boards.

Cranwell had been run as a school by the Jesuits for 37 years until it was closed in 1976.

The two developers plan to spend, over the next six or seven years, some \$45 million on the project, which will include a conference center, resort hotel and buildings for up to 180 single-family condominium units around the famed 18-hole golf course.

The Great Estate bylaws, drafted by the Planning Board and approved by voters at a special town meeting in June, prohibit any new construction within 200 feet of the main buildings on the numerous estates built in Lenox by wealthy families around the turn of the century.

It is permitted, however, to remodel the interior of existing buildings. Mullen and Roche plan to create 60 hotel rooms in eight of the Cranwell buildings. There will be eight rooms in the main mansion, as well as a restaurant seating 300 people.

The two men originally planned to build up to 300 condominiums in several large buildings, but the new bylaw made that type of construction impractical.

Mullen said it is hoped to start construction in October, if the zoning board grants the special permit.

Cranwell, on the market since 1976, had been considered by the General Electric Co. as a site for its international plastics headquarters. But the company built a new facility next to its plastics production buildings in Pittsfield.

Veteran Lenox Selectman John J. Pignatelli heads a special town committee formed two years ago to help sell Cranwell, but preserve it in its present form as much as possible.

United Way effort gets running start

United Way's Pacesetter Campaign will get off to a running start Tuesday when 100 business representatives and volunteers participate in the Pacesetter Run-off, marking the beginning of the private fund-raising campaign.

United Way Campaign Chairman and Monarch Capital Corporation's Chairman of the Board Benjamin F. Jones, will be leading the group carrying an "Olympic Torch" when the runners begin their route at Springfield's Civic Center on Main Street at 11 a.m.

The Pacesetter campaign involves 14 organizations conducting their own campaigns in advance of the community-wide fund-raising.

Runners will include representatives from 14 pacesetter companies; United Way's 46 agencies and from 10 combined health appeal agencies. Representatives from each of the 10 communities served by the United Way and representatives from each of the eight campaign divisions will also be running.

The runners will head down Main Street and up Worthington Street into Stearns Square. Then, they will make a loop onto Bridge Street and they will follow that back to Main Street and end up at the gazebo in Court Square.

Jones is scheduled to announce the campaign goal at Court Square at 11:30 a.m.

The Pacesetter companies will report the results of their campaigns at the Campaign Kick-Off, scheduled for Sept. 26 at the Springfield Marriott Hotel.

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