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WATER AND SMOKE

Colebrook firemen pour water on blaze at Ouellet mill Wednesday night. Mike Ouellet Jr. (plaid jacket) tries to help. (Staff photo)



WELL DONE, JUDGE

Judge Ivorey Cobb with (l. to r.) Selectmen Gordon Placy, Richard Hicks, Jr., and Frank Owen, after Judge Cobb's last regular session of Colebrook District Court. (Staff photo)

Judge Cobb Retires From District Court

Hon. Ivorey Cobb, Judge of the Colebrook District Court since November, 1968, reached the age of 70 on Monday and retired as District Judge. He held his last regular session of Court last Wednesday night.

There was no formal ceremony, as Judge Cobb had specifically requested that no particular notice be taken of the occasion, but after he had doffed his robe the press appeared, he was thanked by the Selectmen for his many years of service, and fellow members of the Bar kept him reminiscing until long after court was over.

Judge Cobb established a law practice in Colebrook in 1962, after completing twenty years of service in the U.S. Army. Retiring with the rank of Major, he had served in Korea, Germany, France, Austria, and Italy during his years of Army duty. He had done his undergraduate work at Rutgers and Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

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R.R. "Confident" On Service Here

Last week, a lead story in the Union-Leader dealt with the end of federal subsidies for the North Stratford Railroad and the Concord-Lincoln line, also operated by the North Stratford. It included a

Warren Pearson, Steve Barba Of Balsams Win Top Hotel Award

At its recent annual meeting at the Mountain View House in Whitefield, the New Hampshire Hospitality Association (formerly the N. H. Hotel and Restaurant Association) awarded its plaque as "Inkeepers of the Year" to

Fire Destroys Ouellet Mill

The Colebrook Fire Department was called to Mike and Mary Ouellet's lumber mill on Route 26 about 7 p.m. last Wednesday night. They arrived to find flames shooting from the building, and had their hands full getting the fire

Strike Still On, Mediator Expected

As of yesterday, the strike of Local 61, United Paperworkers International Union, was still on at the Groveton Papers Co. plant of Diamond International, and was

Two Accidents, Escape Foiled

Friday afternoon, at 1:30 p.m., in front of Dickson's Pharmacy on Main Street, a car operated by Phyllis King of Colebrook was in collision with car operated by Dennis Johnson of Pleasant Street.

Pittsburg

Joe and Marie Honnig have returned home to Dunellen, N. J. after spending two weeks on Back Lake.

Richard and David Howland were in Manchester Monday on business.

Kevin Howland and Paul Bergeron reported that the foliage was gorgeous, after a trail ride on horseback Sunday.

Maudetta Taylor of Granby, Mass. has been spending a few days with Dorothy Amey and visiting many friends and relatives. On Sunday, she took her brother, Alfred, to Holiday in the Hills.

Sentinel Classifieds Work

LADIES AID NOTICE

There will be a regular meeting of the Pittsburg Ladies Aid on Thursday, October 1 at the home of Donna Gray. This will be in addition to the scheduled meeting of October 6.

Florence Scott
President

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Railroad...

(Continued from Page One) approached customers of the Concord-Lincoln line and the Danbury, Conn home office of Ethan Allen, in an attempt to form a cooperative of shippers to take over the two lines, and this is what gave rise to the story in the Manchester paper.

According to Mr. Rolli, the federal government has spent millions on the Lincoln line and about a half million on the Beecher Falls line, and this money will have to be repaid by New Hampshire if the railroads cease to operate. "It would make more sense," he said, "for the state to spend \$150,000 a year to keep the lines operating for the next thirty years or so." A footnote in the current state budget, inserted by Sen. Laurier Lamontagne of Berlin, would continue the state subsidy regardless of the federal cessation, but this footnote is apparently not clearly understood by Highway Commissioner John Clement, whose department now administers the railroads. "Our five-year contract with Ethan Allen runs until March," Mr. Rolli said, "although there is a 30-day termination clause. We are confident the state will keep the two railroads in operation." He went on to say that the Beecher Falls-Stratford line is much closer to being self-sustaining than the Lincoln line, and expressed hope that the future will bring additional customers to use the service. "We'd like to be hauling coal and oil," he said, "but the other railroads are pretty rigid on routing and prices." He also said that under new laws a railroad can put a surcharge on freight to reach the break-even point, "but we don't want to price ourselves or Beecher Falls out of business."

At the Beecher Falls factory, Andy Smith said, "We have had excellent service from the railroad, and appreciate all that Ed Clark and the railroad people are doing. We're very pleased, and we don't anticipate any change." He added that he had no indication that either the proposed coop, or purchase of the railroad by Ethan Allen, was likely to materialize.

Beecher Falls provides 600 jobs in the area, many or most of them held by New Hampshire residents.

Judge Cobb...

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Pa. He received his LL.B degree from Suffolk University in Boston, and after becoming District Judge was awarded an honorary Juris Doctor degree by Suffolk. Prior to entering the Army, Judge Cobb had been editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper in Pittsburg.

Judge Cobb will continue his law practice in Colebrook, and will continue to reside with wife Elsie at his Academy Street home. Judge and Mrs. Cobb are the parents of three daughters, Attorney Marilyn MacDonald of Chicago, Illinois, Louise (Mrs. Lucas) Phillips of East Orange, New Jersey, and Gretel (Mrs. Dennis) Webster of Solon, Ohio, and six grandchildren.

The Judge didn't look like a retiree Wednesday night. He's kept his weight close to that of his track and field days in college, and is by no means prepared to give up his activities. "I plan to continue my practice of law as usual," he said, "and to continue my residence here. I have no plans for relocating, but might plan to spend a month or two in the winter in a warmer climate. I think the people have been wonderful, I have enjoyed them and hope they have enjoyed me. I love Colebrook and consider it my home - I certainly plan to remain a part of this town."

NORTON-AVERILL

Visiting Mrs. Ollie McWain Wednesday evening were Mrs. Rita Devost and Mrs. Jeannette Roy.

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