



Early Irondequoit

THE ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB. While the clubhouse may be where the organizational and social meetings occur, it's out there on the waterways where the action is...and has been now for well over a hundred years! Rochester Yacht Club's first official regatta was held in the Summer of 1877. The club's building was then located in Summerville, a bit closer to the lake than now. The group relocated on the Charlotte side in the late 1800's, but built a second clubhouse on the Summerville side about 1902 and apparently used both shelters for a number of years. This second Summerville house for yacht club members is the building to the right in our picture. (This building was sold to the American Brewing Co. in 1914 and may be remembered by some as the popular lakeside tavern, Popp's Inn.) Note the covered and spacious balconies thoughtfully provided for the pleasure of the ladies who came to view the boat races. The turn-of-the-century era of Canadian Cup races brought acclaim to our area with such historic yachts as the Genesee and the Iroquois. Following these highly successful years, club membership again increased as did the need for new quarters. Members dredged and dredged and kept on dredging a swampy area to establish the basis of their present basin and lockers. Then they built the present building in 1822 at 5555 St. Paul Blvd., currently serving a membership of more than 600, approximately half owning their own yachts. The Rochester Yacht Club may certainly take pride in the manner in which the group has historically "encouraged and promoted yachting." (Many thanks to the current commodore of the Rochester Yacht Club, Pete Woodams, for his generous contribution of the club's impressive centennial album -- a great addition to the historian's reference library!)

-- Town Historian Walter Sassaman

With a Long Commute In Between

Our State Legislators: Two Exist

Excitement, power and influence are a state legislator's fringe benefits. But there are other aspects to the life, as Susan Eisenhower describes in this three-part series on our representatives in Albany.

By Susan Eisenhower

The capitol complex in Albany gleams white against the black sky. In the shadow of this towering marble huddle the dwellings of people this monolith was built to serve. Entering the city at night, one is struck by the flood-lit presence the capitol structures impose above the quiet streets.

demands, vigorous state house politicking, and the temptations associated with power and independence are also factors.

Almost as a shelter against the difficult aspects this life imposes, each representative has personalized his Albany life so it will work.

Jim Nagle (135th District) and Steve Hawley (represents Monroe County's Hamlin) share "digs" with other state legislators.

Nagle finds the company/privacy combination of sharing a large house ideal. Hawley jokes that living with Senator John Daley is "quite a little difference" from living with his wife.

(and others) estimates that he works 6½ days. That's why he tries to utilize the car ride down to the capital. He drives with a staff member who reads him letters on the trip. Robach then dictates his reply for typing upon his arrival in the city. Many representatives conduct mini-staff meetings en route.

Perhaps one of the most artful balances that a legislator has to achieve is that between legislative time and constituent time. Amidst mail, phone calls, negotiations on bills, committees, sessions, caucuses, and staff meetings, visitors from home have to be seen.

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