



NORTH GREENBUSH NOTES

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Bits of History from Snyders Lake

I recently obtained a 1934 article from the Troy Times chronicling the history of North Greenbush. Several items relating to Snyders Lake caught my eye and I wanted to pass them on.

The author writes: "Aries or Snyders Lake, situated in the eastern part of the town is a popular summer resort with about 150 cottages. On the east side of this lake is situated Indian Point, the site of a former Indian Village. The last chief was buried at the foot of a hill on the west shore of the lake, on the Archibald Dodds farm, which was owned at the time by Henry Snyder.

In the spring of 1934, Indian Point was purchased from Sidney J. Miller by the Catholic Charities of Albany which erected six buildings to accommodate 110 children during the summer. Mrs. James Farrell of Albany provided the funds. The buildings were dedicated on June 26 by Bishop Gibbons. Rev. John G. Hart, Director of the villa, was in charge of the activities."

The other item I found interesting dealt with St. Mark's Chapel: "located at Snyder's Corners, it was erected on the Dr. Edward J. Knauff property about 17 years ago (that would have been 1917). Dr. Henry Miller was a pastor of St. Henry's Church, Averill Park at that time and his assistant Rev. Francis A; Kelley, wartime chaplain of the 27th division was appointed to have charge of the first mission at Snyder's Corners. Rev. William B. Connell, assistant pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, Troy, had charge of the mission last summer (1933). Negotiations for buying the property were made by Attorney James V. Coffey under the direction of Bishop Cusack of Albany. A mission of St. Mark's Chapel held several services during the summer months at Lyndhurst Pavilion, Snyders Lake."

I'm not sure where exactly this was: someone told me there used to be a chapel on Pershing Avenue next to the old store. Is this the same one? If you know, please call me:283-6384.

Getting back to the Indians: someone joked that the milfoil problems at the Lake were caused by a curse of the last chief for disturbing his burying ground! Who knows?!