

Rebellious Village Puts Itself on Map

WINNECONNE, Wis. (UPI)—Again this rebellious village laid down its arms and rejoined Wisconsin Sunday—having literally put itself on the map.

Incensed because Winneconne had been left off Wisconsin's 1967 highway map by mistake, townspeople Saturday seceded from the state and formed the "Sovereign State of Winneconne."

Winneconne called up its own militia—members of the Fox Valley Muzzle-Loading Club, clear-eyed sharpshooters armed with black powder, muzzle-loading muskets and who wear (yes) buckskin shirts.

As the Wisconsin flag was lowered Saturday, the militiamen fired ragged volleys. Then the flag of Winneconne rose—a red, white and blue banner

featuring the village seal and the motto: "We like it—where?"

Surrounding Winneconne's motto are the Winneconne state bird, the dodo; the state animal, the skunk; the state flower, poison ivy; and the state fish, the sheepshead.

At noon ceremonies Sunday, the Winneconne flag was lowered and the Wisconsin banner hoisted again—the one-day rebellion over. Wisconsin Atty. Gen. Bronson La Follette was on hand to welcome Winneconne back into the state.

Saturday, Wisconsin Gov. Warren Knowles conferred with village President James Coughlin on a "hot-line" telephone.

Knowles caved in. Winneconne, he said, would be on the 1968 highway map.