

Speed Up Work on Barclay St. Sewer



—Courier and Freeman Photo by Dennis Webster
This power shovel, at work on the Barclay St. storm sewer project, was joined by another shovel this week in response to protests from village officials. Work was progressing slowly and Carson James, village street superintendent notified a state inspector that it was creating a hazard because fire trucks could not use the street. Another shovel was put on the job on Monday on the sewer, which will connect with the new Potsdam State Teachers College campus.

Plan 'Dimes' Drive For Community; Set To Start on Jan. 15

Potsdam's March of Dimes drive for 1951 will start on Monday, Jan. 15. Thomas P. Dolan, who was named Potsdam director by county executive director Edward J. Cahill this week, announced that the campaign this year will be more important than ever because of the urgent need for funds.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has for some time existed on borrowed funds. Mr. Dolan pointed out. The national group has a \$5 million deficit because of the sharp rise in poliomyelitis cases during the last two years.

The county chapter has already received \$12,000 from the national foundation. Mr. Dolan reported. In addition, the county chapter has borrowed \$1800 and has unpaid bills of \$2000.

Northern New York experienced its worst polio epidemic in 30 years last year with 33 new cases. There were also five carryover cases in rehabilitation hospitals.

Mr. Dolan said that collection boxes would be placed in various business establishments about town. In addition, he remarked, he is hoping to hold a theater benefit for the March of Dimes.

SPCA Holds Meeting Jan. 9 in Ogdensburg

Members of the St. Lawrence County Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9 in the council room of the Ogdensburg City Hall.

The SPCA has at present several dogs and pups for adoption. Included are a thoroughbred Irish terrier and several shepherds. Anyone wishing to adopt a pet should contact Mrs. Howard Larrow at Ogdensburg 828-W.

Tech Professor Talks in Rochester

Myron G. Mochel, associate professor of mechanical engineering at Clarkson College, spoke Tuesday at the regular monthly meeting of the Society of Time and Motion Engineers, Industrial Management Council of Rochester.

Approximately 300 time and motion study engineers, representing 40 industries in the Rochester area, comprise the society.

Get Wage Hike

Potsdam employees of the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. will receive the general 3 percent wage hike that became effective on Jan. 1. The company also will hand out another 3 percent raise on June 3.

The wage agreement was negotiated by the company and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL. The pact is effective until May 31, 1952.

Stamp Sales Drop

Postage stamp sales in Potsdam took their first significant decrease in 1941 during the last year, Mrs. Bernice Collins, acting postmaster, announced yesterday. During 1950 stamp receipts were \$81,210.41, down \$589.34 from the 1949 peak of \$81,799.75.

Stamp business in 1941 was about \$2500 less than 1940, Mrs. Collins announced, while 1945 showed a drop of only about \$20 from 1944.

Since the slight slump in 1945 receipts had jumped about 6000 a year until 1950. The 1945 figure was \$53,927.72.

Fish and Game Club To Hear Trapping Expert on Jan. 15

E. J. Dailey of Lisbon, president of the New York State Trappers Assn., will be the main speaker at the January meeting of the Potsdam Fish and Game Club. The meeting will be held on Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the civic center lounge, according to President George Risley.

Mr. Dailey will demonstrate methods and baits to use in the capture of beaver, mink, coyotes and bobcats. He will also illustrate lures, scents and other devices. He will demonstrate a new type of Canadian racing snowshoe that has been creating wide interest among sportsmen.

A motion picture, "Speckled Trout Across Canada," will be shown.

Vega Chapter, OES Plans Installation Of Officers in Ceremony Tomorrow

Officers in Vega Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will be installed tomorrow evening Jan. 12 in ceremonies at the Masonic Temple on Elm St. The installation will be preceded by a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Helen Harder is outgoing matron and Harry Jackson is the outgoing patron. Mr. Jackson will be the installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Harder, marshal and Dr. Paul West, assistant marshal. Mrs. Laura Lalonde will be chairman of the supper.

To be installed are Irene Taylor, worthy matron; Paul Hosmer, worthy patron; Louise Spotswood, associate matron; Myrtle Parmele, conductress; Beatrice Child, associate conductress; Leah Theobald, chairman of trustees.

Ruth West, marshal; Gladys Brown, assistant marshal; Shirley Arnold, historian; Iris Wickwire, warden; John Parmele, sentinel; Audrey Fullerton, chaplain; Laura Lloyd, color bearer; Vivian Hosmer, treasurer; Janet Williams, secretary.

Kay Ritchie, Aida; Marion Warner, Ruth; Marion Olds, Esther; Helen Mitchell, Martha; and Clara Smith, Electa.

On the floral staff will be Janet Martin, Thelma Stillman, Bernice Aiken, Elizabeth Hoyer and Arlene Vincent.

Murphy Reports Town's Balance Dropped in 1950

Town Supervisor Elmer J. Murphy reported this week that the town's balance had dropped to \$43,076.29 during 1950. In his annual report for the year Mr. Murphy showed that the funds available at the end of the year dropped \$1232.75 from the \$44,308.04 reported at the end of 1949.

The largest expense through the year was the highway fund, which ate up \$81,566.94. There was a balance of only \$1052.87 on Dec. 31. There had been a balance of \$1018.25 at the beginning of the year.

General fund receipts totaled \$52,020.72, of which the largest item was state assistance. This was \$28,041.46.

Taxes Aid Highway Fund
The highway fund gained its greatest amount from real property taxes. This amount was \$27,901.90.

The smallest itemized expense in the whole report was \$1.20 for assessors' office and other expenses.

A copy of Mr. Murphy's report is printed on page 3 of section 2 of this issue.

Reappoint Officers Of Town for 1951

Potsdam's town board has reappointed the officers of the town for the coming year, the office of the town clerk, William T. Hinman, announced this week.

These officers are: Frank C. Lytle, highway superintendent; Miss Gladys McGee, deputy town clerk; Miss Rose Eastman, clerk; Allen Breaky, Earl Brownell, Charles McKenty and Maurice Quigley, constables.

The town board is headed by Supervisor Elmer J. Murphy and includes Verner M. Ingram, Jesse Williams, Richard C. Algie, justices of the peace, and Truman I. Evans and Frank S. Jenkins, councilmen from West Potsdam and Norwood.

The Potsdam Bank and Trust Company was named depository for highway funds, while the Norwood Bank will receive general funds for deposit. The Courier and Freeman and the Potsdam Herald will be the official newspapers of the town.

Mr. Murphy was chosen to be delegate to the Association of Towns meeting in Buffalo Feb. 6-8. Mr. Algie will be alternate.

The board also authorized the purchase of a stone crushing machine at a cost of \$9550 for highway use. The machine is movable and will be used in gravel pits within the town.

3 Clarkson ROTC Men Named for Commissions

Three members of the Clarkson Reserve Officers Training Corps battalion are among the distinguished military students who have been selected by the department of the army for appointment as second lieutenants in the regular army.

They are James B. Carr Jr., Wolfert Conover Jr. and Theodore O. Prossner. Upon graduation in June, Mr. Carr and Mr. Prossner will enter the engineers corps and Mr. Conover the signal corps.

These men were among nine seniors at Clarkson College who were designated as distinguished military students last November. Selection was based on ROTC and general academic work at the college and on an evaluation of performance at ROTC summer camp.

The designation of distinguished military students enabled these men to apply for a direct commission in the regular army.

97 Get Marriage Licenses

Wedding-bent couples picked up 97 marriage licenses from Town Clerk William T. Hinman during 1950, he reported this week. The figure represents an increase of eight over 1949 figures.

The total falls well below the record of 115 issued in 1947.

Change Cinema Club Date

The meeting of the Cinema Club originally scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 17, has been rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 15. The feature film will be "Carnival in Flanders."

100 Aliens Return Registration Blanks By Jan. 10 Deadline

Deadline day for alien registration came yesterday and a great many non-citizens in Potsdam seemingly omitted to sign up. "About 100" registration blanks had been turned in at the Potsdam Post Office by yesterday, Jan. 10, an official reported.

All aliens, including even those who have received their first citizenship papers, are required to register by the tenth day of each year under the terms of the internal security act of 1950. The law was passed by congress last year in an effort to make a check for possible Communists in the country.

Although no official questioned seemed to know just how many aliens reside in the Potsdam area it seems safe to assume that there are more than 100 in the thousands who live here. There are 26 students at Clarkson College alone.

In addition there are several displaced persons and many immigrants from nearby Canada.

Failure to register can bring a \$100 fine, 30 days in jail or both.

F. R. Woodruff Is Relected as Bank President

F. R. Woodruff was reelected president of the Potsdam Bank and Trust Co. on Tuesday. The other bank officials were also re-elected at a stockholders' meeting in the morning and a directors' meeting in the afternoon.

Other officers are Adam L. Sitterly, executive vicepresident and cashier; C. Marjorie Silver, secretary; Pierre Rozon and Fay MacDonald, assistant cashiers and Frank O. Torneberg, assistant cashier and trust officer.

On the board of directors are Warren O. Daniels, chairman, W. J. Benjamin, Basil W. Elliott, John McLaughlin, W. C. Sisson, Dr. Thomas M. Watkins, H. I. Van Ness Sr., Mr. Sitterly and Mr. Woodruff.

Tellers are Charles Brown, James Stafford, John Baker, Everett McDonough and James Valade. Kenneth Dodge is proof clerk and bookkeepers are Shirley Lloyd, Elizabeth Nichols, Ivy Robar, Virginia Sutherland and Mary Harper.

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HEAR SCRUTON SPEAK

Alton Scruton, superintendent of the St. Lawrence County welfare department, was the guest speaker at the winter dinner meeting of the St. Lawrence County Funeral Directors Assn. on Tuesday. The group met in Colton High School with George A. Garner of Potsdam, president, in charge.

To Test Shaky CD Program With Mock Air Raid, Feb. 10-11



—Courier and Freeman Photo by Dennis Webster
James T. Lahey, Potsdam civil defense director, opens the door to the air raid lookout post atop the village filter plant as Grant Cotton, chief observer, stands by. The men inspected the post this week to see what installation would be needed to reactivate it.

Reelect All Officers Of Savings Group At Annual Meeting

All the officers of the Potsdam Savings and Loan Assn. were re-elected on Tuesday night at the annual shareholders' meeting. Topping the list was Soule R. Lamar, president.

Other officers are Glen R. Morse, vicepresident; Lyle F. Mott, secretary and F. R. Woodruff, treasurer. They will serve for one year.

Six directors were also reelected. Named for two-year terms were W. S. Remington, Elmer J. Murphy and Mr. Mott.

Verner M. Ingram, Fred W. Rodger and Mr. Woodruff were elected for three-year terms.

The annual report showed that the number of members had grown to 2465, an increase of "about 350" over a year ago, according to Mr. Mott.

Masonic Officers Take New Posts

Installation of new officers featured the meeting of Racket River Lodge 213, Free and Accepted Masons last Thursday night at the Masonic Temple on Elm St. Robert D. Larsson, master, led the list of officials.

Others who were seated were Harry Jackson, senior warden and William J. Lowe, junior warden.

Appointive officers installed were Earl Hoover, senior deacon; James Reed, junior deacon; Albert Mitchell, chaplain; Louis Greenblatt, marshal.

Nathaniel Bartholomaei, senior master of ceremonies; Samuel Torrey, junior master of ceremonies; Stuart Collins and John Dow, stewards and Elton Doney, Tyler.

Dr. A. Raymond Powers conducted the ceremony. Outgoing officers were Lawrence Powers, master; George Gray, senior warden and Mr. Larsson, junior warden.

RETURNS TO BASE

Pfc. Donald W. Champney returned to Tulsa, Okla. Friday after having spent an 11-day vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Champney, RD 5. He is attending Spartan School of Aeronautics under the auspices of the U. S. Air Force.

He was graduated from Potsdam High School in June, 1949.

Lions Hear Officers Discuss Role Of CAP in Civil Defense Program To Register for CD

Members of the Potsdam Lions Club heard about the role the Civil Air Patrol will play in the civil defense program at their meeting in the Potsdam Club on Tuesday night. Maj. LeRoy Dunbar, commander of group 10, CAP and Lt. Michael Tarkulich, adjutant and communications officer were the guest speakers.

Other guests were Lt. C. E. Hall of Canton and W/O Mel Nemier, Potsdam flight leader. The guests were introduced by Capt. Frank W. Roberts, a Lion and executive officer of the Potsdam flight.

Major Dunbar said the CAP is in better shape now than it was in the early days of World War 2 to aid in the defense effort. He pointed out that the earlier group flew its own or borrowed planes.

The CAP became an official auxiliary of the United States Air Force in 1948 and now has a trained organization of 45,000 pilots, ground crewmen, observers and special radio and medical technicians.

Lieutenant Tarkulich said the CAP mobile support unit can be integrated in the CD program. It can provide emergency transportation, operate an extensive radio network, provide rescue and emergency first aid detachments and fly search and rescue missions.

AMARANTH TO MEET

St. Lawrence Court 87, Order of Amaranth, will hold a covered dish supper at 6:30 Monday, Jan. 15 to be followed by the regular stated meeting at 8 p.m. at which time the slate of officers for 1951 will be installed.

There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 2:30 p.m. for all officers.

2 Works by Frackenpohl Scheduled For PSTC Faculty Recital Tomorrow

Two works by Arthur Frackenpohl, instructor at Potsdam State Teachers College, will be presented at a PSTC faculty recital tomorrow evening, Jan. 12, at 8:15. Mr. Frackenpohl will be the pianist for the concert. Other faculty performers will be George Cox, baritone; Helen King, pianist; Harry Phillips, clarinetist; Edward Brombach, cellist and Francis Fox, trumpeter.

Mr. Frackenpohl's "Dinner Music Suite" for cello, trumpet, clarinet and piano and "Sonatina" for clarinet and piano will be performed. The program follows:

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An Evening Hymn (on a Ground Bass), H. Purcell; Si je Pouvais Mourir, Alfredo Barbilolli; Gvarta Rosar, Jan Sibelius;

Schedule Meeting Tonight; Hundreds Of Workers Needed

Saddled by an inadequate lookout post and hampered by a lack of personnel, Potsdam's civil defense program will face a statewide air raid test on Feb. 10 and 11. James T. Lahey, supervisor of the Potsdam observation post, said this week he hopes to have a unit in operation here by the time the alarm is sounded but pointed out that nothing could be done without more volunteers.

He said that "about 50" persons had offered to assist in the work but he needed between 375 and 400 persons to operate efficiently. The director said, "We certainly should be able to get hundreds of workers from the thousands of people in Potsdam."

Spotter Post Poor

The CD airplane spotters will operate for the time being in the lookout post atop the village filter plant. The layout is poor because the view is obstructed by surrounding buildings, particularly to the east. Also, the sound of machinery from the plant makes it well-nigh impossible to hear approaching planes.

Mr. Lahey said Mayor Harold A. Putnam had promised the village would erect a new station on top of Potsdam Hospital. Within "a couple of days" in case of a real emergency. No one seems to know exactly what would constitute a "real emergency."

It is possible the new post will be erected in the spring.

To Meet Tonight
Mr. Lahey has called a meeting tonight in the Potsdam Club for all volunteers and other persons interested in working on the CD staff. The meeting is scheduled to get underway at 7:30.

Points to be discussed at the meeting are the various tasks assigned to the civil defense group and the jobs to be assigned the volunteers.

Mr. Lahey has urged all persons interested in CD work to attend the meeting.

Police Seek Meter Robbers; Bars Quiet

Police are still searching for the vandals who have been robbing parking meters in the village streets. The robberies are made by smashing the meter heads with a heavy instrument. Officers believe that the metal became brittle in cold weather and cracks easily.

On Elm St. alone police say, 18 meters were robbed in one night. Patrolmen are working extra shifts this week in an attempt to catch the robbers.

Chief Ployed Gilson stated this week that so far he has been given excellent cooperation by owners and bartenders in the Water St. area. All taverns have been closing at the legal hour and there have been no recent disturbances.

Chief Gilson pledged that his department would continue to patrol the district aided by members of the sheriff's patrol. The apparent peace in the village will not cause the police to relax their efforts to clean up Potsdam drinking establishments, Chief Gilson stated.

Volunteers Prevent Fire In Smoking Light Fixture

Volunteer firemen were called to the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Cephaus Castleman, 11 Munson St. at 2:50 p.m. yesterday when shorted wires in a living room lighting fixture started to smoke.

The firemen dismantled the fixture and located the trouble. There was no flame and no one was injured.

Mrs. Castleman was alone in the apartment when the smoke started to come from the light.