

# State Voters Reject Proposed College Loan Support

## Potsdam OK's All But No. 5 On Debt

Residents of the Township of Potsdam voted in favor of all but one of the proposed State Constitution amendments on Tuesday. They rejected No. 5, which would allow state debt for more than one reason during a recession.

Included in the locally-approved amendments was controversial Amendment Six, which would allow the state to back loans to colleges for buildings.

Amendment Six was the subject of a late phone-call drive Monday night in this area urging voters to defeat it. Some phone callers said that State Assemblyman Vermer Ingram had asked the callers to urge defeat of the amendment.

On Tuesday, however, Ingram denied asking anyone to do such a thing. He had been quoted in last week's paper as in favor of the proposal. Ingram said this week that he was in favor of the intent of the bill, but had reservations about two words in the proposal which opened the amendment to more than building loans.

Some local Protestant ministers attacked the amendment from their pulpits on Sunday morning.

County Backs Three  
On the county level, only amendments one, two, and four were approved. Amendment six was defeated by a small margin.

Potsdam's voters approved No. 1 by 1396 to 455 (unified court system); approved No. 2 by 1229 to 544 (state government re-organization); approved No. 3 by 984-807 (commuter car bonds); approved No. 4 by 1082-811 (Job Authority); rejected No. 5 by 818-830 (state debt); approved No. 6 by 1114-999 (college loans); and ok'd No. 7 by 1096-755 (highway improvement in forest preserve).

The Township of Potsdam was one of the last towns in the state to report the amendment voting. The final tally was made at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, while most townships recorded amendment votes on Tuesday night.

## Victorious:



SETH FOUNTAIN  
Highway Superintendent



GLADYS MCGEE  
Town Clerk



ROBERT HAGGETT  
Council

By MICHAEL KEATING  
Albany — (AP) New York voters, apparently alarmed by the church-state issue, turned their backs on their political and education leaders and rejected the proposed college-building constitutional amendment.

The narrow defeat of the proposal yesterday startled many observers. The amendment was losing 1,202,979 to 1,073,167, a margin of 129,812.

on the basis of nearly complete returns.  
The voters defeated two other constitutional amendments, one involving use of the forest preserve for straightening an Adirondack road and the other to permit a bond issue to be used for more than one construction project.

Four Approved  
Four other amendments were approved. These provide for court reorganization, easier re-

organization of state government, creation of a state job development authority and provide state credit for the purchase of commuter cars by railroads serving the New York metropolitan area.

The college-building amendment had been strongly backed by Gov. Rockefeller, the legislature, the state board of regents and Senate Majority Leader Walter J. Mahoney, who sponsored the legislation.

It was opposed by Protestant and other groups, which contended it violated the provision in the state constitution forbidding use of public money or credit for religious institutions.

The amendment, No. 6 on the ballot, would have permitted the state to guarantee \$500 million in bonds to be issued by the state dormitory authority. The authority uses bond money to construct dormitories and other buildings for

lease to public and private colleges, including those sponsored by the Roman Catholic church.

State Credit  
The state credit would have enabled the authority to sell its bonds at a lower interest rate and pass the savings on to the colleges.

The chief opponents were the State Council of Churches representing the major Protestant denominations, and the

State Council of Parents and Teachers.

The heartiest voter endorsement was given the court-reorganization amendment, No. 1, the chief effects of which will be felt in New York city. It was approved by a nearly 5-1 margin.

Returns from 11,268 of the states 12,009 voting districts gives these returns on the amendments:  
No. 1 (courts) Yes- 2,146, 016; No- 461, 448

No. 2-(government reorganization) Yes- 1,732,639; No- 633,344

No. 3-(commuter cars) Yes- 1,479,547; No- 892,593

No. 4-(job development) Yes- 1,327,456; No- 796,076

No. 5-(public works bonds) Yes- 1,019,133; No- 1,068,579

No. 6-(college buildings) Yes- 1,073,167; No- 1,202,979

No. 7-(forest preserve) Yes- 962,195; No- 1,317,594



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# Healey Wins Supervisor Race With Large Margin; Bowers Tops LaVigne

## DA Carries

## Most Towns

By JAMES H. CURRIER  
Massena — By 10 p.m. Tuesday night, a hard fought campaign for District Attorney in St. Lawrence County came to an end when figures received at the home of Cecil McConnell, County Republican Chairman in Massena, indicated that Incumbent Republican DA Charles Bowers had won by a handsome margin.

Challenger Francis LaVigne, young Massena attorney, polled a total of 13,133 votes and carried four towns and the city of Ogdensburg but still bowed to the Republican warhorse who accumulated 15,975 votes.

LaVigne carried the townships of Massena, Norfolk, Brasher, and Louisville with Bowers taking the remaining 28 townships.

The city of Ogdensburg was regarded as the win or lose post in the election with both candidates anxiously awaiting tabulated figures from that city.

Sigh of Relief!  
Bowers breathed a sigh of relief when at the eleventh hour he was found to be in the lead in

Last Minute Returns  
Last minute returns in the District Attorney race Wednesday put the record at Bowers—16,022 to LaVigne's 13,028.

the county by approximately 2,500 votes.  
Bowers stated that, "no matter how Ogdensburg goes now, I already have the plurality to win."

The Haskell street home of Cecil McConnell served as unofficial Republican headquarters throughout the evening of election. LaVigne remained in his office for the better part of the election and officially conceded to Bowers via telephone at 11 p.m.

As expected, the town of Massena went over to LaVigne by landslide, 2926 for LaVigne and 1921 for Bowers.

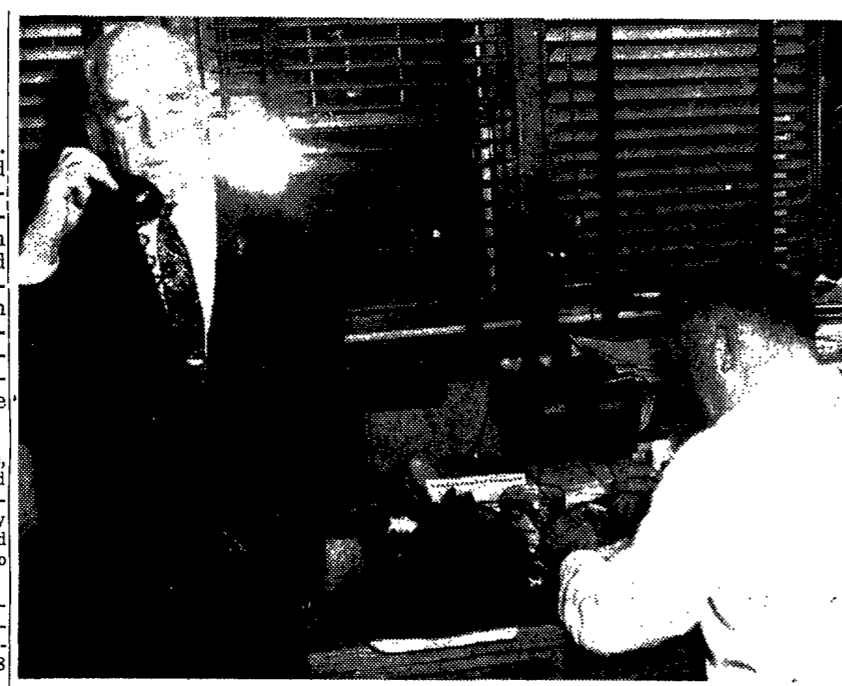
In Canton, Courier and Freeman correspondents there reported that it was not expected that LaVigne would post as many votes as he did. Although Bowers carried his home town very well, LaVigne did poll 605 votes.

Fifth Term  
This is the fifth term of office for Charles Bowers. He was first elected in 1949 and served in Canton since.

Prior to becoming DA, Bowers had served as assistant District Attorney six years prior to running against Arthur Hart in 1946. He was defeated in that election and returned to his law practice and served as police justice in Canton.

Bowers originally hails from Canton. He was born, raised and educated in that community. Therefore, after becoming a lawyer in 1931 he moved back to Canton and opened a practice there in 1934.

He was married to the former Frances LaTempa shortly before opening his Canton practice and they have two children.  
Bowers is a member of the Canton Lions Club, a charter member for 26 years; New York State District Attorney's Association; National District Attorney's Association; a Mason and past commander of the Canton



ELEVENTH HOUR — Taking returns over the telephone in Massena is District Attorney Charles E. Bowers, Republican (left), who was victorious on Tuesday over Democrat

Francis LaVigne. At right is Cecil McConnell, County GOP Chairman. (Photo by J. H. Currier)



RE-ELECTED — Stopping in to check returns Tuesday night at the Courier & Freeman office is Democrat Francis (Bill) Healey and his wife, Amelia. Healey was elected over Republican Robert Halliday Tuesday. (Photo by Bill Jones)

## Only Healey Beats GOP

By SUE JONES  
As everyone knows by now, Democrat Francis (Bill) Healey was re-elected Town of Potsdam Supervisor on Tuesday by an unexpected margin of more than 400 votes.

Healey, the only Democrat ever to hold the office in the history of the Township of Potsdam, defeated Republican Justice of the Peace Robert Halliday by 2098 to 1616 votes to win a second consecutive victory. He ran well ahead of other Democratic candidates.

In 1959, the popular Healey defeated Republican Milton (Mike) Murphy by only 111 votes, 1522 to 1411.

Thus the Town of Potsdam will again be served for two years by a board composed of all Republicans with the exception of the chief official — the Supervisor.

Only the Democrats were not surprised, and admittedly even a few of them were just as surprised.

Born Near Here  
Healey was born in 1918 on a farm in the outskirts of Potsdam, he later moved into the village and attended Postdam High School and Potsdam State Teacher's College. He taught school for three years before entering the chemical warfare division of the U.S. army in World War II.

After the war he returned to Potsdam and finished the work on his degree. He then taught school for six years in Poughkeepsie. In June 1951 he returned to Potsdam and opened his service station. He now owns a small farm on the Back Hamnaxa road. He is married to the former Amelia Clouhosey of Gouverneur, and they have five children.

According to Healey, the seven outstanding achievements which helped him win the campaign were: 1) Reactivation of the town planning commission; 2) Passing of the zoning ordinance; 3) securing a week's vacation for town employees; 4) setting up employees under the town hospitalization plan; 5) providing a five percent in take home pay through reduced rates deductions; 6) rural numbering; 7) the purchase of new road equipment; 8) holding down the tax rate.

Also, he takes pride in his role in reorganization of County Welfare Department, in his votes against salary increases for board members, insisting on accepting low bids, and opposing the county sales tax.

Over By 8 p.m.  
We joined Healey at about 7 p.m. to star a run of going around to all the polling places to see just what was happening. By about 8 p.m. with the results of all the districts but one it was fairly evident that Healey had won.

In his victory statement, Healey commented that he was very happy, especially with the "confidence that the people of Potsdam had in him." He stated that he had carried on an "active program" in the past two years on both the town and county level, and would continue to make a sincere attempt to continue to serve the whole community.  
Healey also wished to thank all the people, of both political

## GOP Town Board

# Republicans Win All Other Town Of Potsdam Posts

The Republican Party scored a smashing victory in the Town of Potsdam, losing only the Supervisor race to Democrat Francis Healey.

Approximately 60 percent of the registered voters went to the polls.

Gladys McGee, Town Clerk, won by the largest margin of all Town candidates. The incumbent Republican got 2,200 votes against Kathleen Murphy's 1,489.

Incumbent Highway Superintendent, Seth A. Fountain, was re-elected by a 2,088-1,527 vote over his Democratic opponent, William Viviamore.

JP Races  
In the two races for Justice of the Peace, both Republicans won by large margins. Attorney William Krebs garnered 1,930 votes and incumbent George Dailey of Norwood won 2,067 votes.

Democratic JP candidates were Horace Baker, who received 1,532 votes and Patrick

Regan, who won 1,620 votes.

In the important race for Town Councilman, Norwood area resident Robert Hagggett, the Republican, won over Lyle Wolstenholme, also of Norwood, by a vote of 1,986 to 1,617.

All three Republican candidates won races for Assessor posts handily.

Assessors  
In the Assessor (4 year) race, David Anderson received 2,083 votes to his opponent, Joseph Calipari's 1,523.

The Assessor (2 year) post was won by Nye Smith over Leo L. McKenna, 2,032 to 1,602; while in the Assessor race, Wendell Fuller topped Edward Mackey, 1,981 to 1,561.

The Republican town candidates, with the exception of Robert Halliday, ran well in all but District No. 4, which is normally Democratic. Even Miss McGee won by one vote in that district.

Supervisor Healey won in all but the first two districts against Republican Halliday.

## Dixson Re-elected In Madrid, Virginia Molnar Wins Upset

By MRS. EARL CLARK  
Madrid — Incumbent Democrat Clyde Dixson was returned to office here Tuesday by a vote of 387 to 273, over popular Republican James Bartholomew.  
There was an upset in the Town Clerk race, when Virginia Molnar, Democratic candidate, took the votes from Burton Beswick, Republican, by 353 to 303. Charles Cryderman, Republican candidate for Superintendent of Highways, made a sweeping victory from Independent candidate, Lyle Cole, by a vote of 423 to 293.  
Dr. M. P. Barlett, Republican candidate for Justice of the Peace, defeated Democratic incumbent, Vann Bradish, by a narrow margin of 329 to 317. Councilman William Walker,

## Mayor Proposes 3 Ordinances At Village Board Meeting

By BILL JONES

Mayor George E. (Ted) Anderson proposed three ordinances for the Village of Potsdam at Monday night's meeting of the Village Trustees. Several citizens were in attendance.

Mayor Anderson recommended 1) a demolition ordinance that would be applied to permanent demolition of buildings; 2) a leash ordinance for all village dogs; and 3) a heavy penalty for cutting down trees without village permission the fine is currently \$10.

In other action, the board approved a new zoning ordinance amendment, approved the sale of a village-owned property, discussed the fire ruins, and reversed its previous decision on Castle drive numbering.

Zoning Approval  
The area between the railroad tracks west of the Racquette River, extending from the bridge to Washington street, was designated as general industrial for zoning purposes after a public hearing at the board meeting. No opposition was presented.

The village-owned lot at the corner of Pine and Maple streets, given to the village for a playground in 1952 by the Mayor's late father, was ap-

proved for sale to a private concern. The lot has never been used and the trustees agreed that a playground there would not be a possibility. The sale will bring a profit to the village and put the land back on the tax rolls.

On the demolition ordinance suggestion, the Mayor stated that the village needs something to require property owners to return village water and sewage services after a building is permanently demolished. He cited the cost to the village if the owner is not liable.

On the leash law suggestion for dogs, all board members agreed that the dog population in Potsdam was creating a serious problem. One member said, "There's a pack of dogs running loose."

Tree Ordinance  
The tree ordinance suggested by the Mayor would levy a fine of \$100 for the first tree cut without village permission; \$200 for the second tree; \$300 for the third tree, etc., or a total of \$600 for three illegally-cut trees.

Village Clerk Mary Moriarty suggested that this be included in an overall tree ordinance which had been tabled sometime earlier. The board agreed and submitted all three suggestions.

## Election Roundup

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to Village Attorney William Cubley who will draw up proposed ordinances.

Meanwhile, the Mayor announced that village trucks were bringing 21 new imperial locust trees to Potsdam on Tuesday. Of the total, 12 were purchased by the local State University College, while the remaining were purchased by the village. They will be planted shortly, with the possibility that two of the trees will be planted where the new A&P store is located. One tree was given the village by SUCP.

A motion to establish a \$200 petty cash fund for the village was approved over the objections of Mrs. Moriarty. The (Continued on page 6)

## Supervisor Vote

Dist.	Halliday (R)	Healey (D)
1	118	108
2	107	78
3	348	489
4	165	319
5	438	560
6	315	365
7	127	219
Total	1616	2098

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