



NEW ALBION LOBBY — The lobby of the Albion Hotel has recently undergone extensive redecoration in connection with the general renovation of the old Potsdam landmark by its owner, Richard Sullivan. The lobby is now furnished in a tasteful and modern atmosphere as is the rest of the hotel. A new cocktail lounge is adjacent to the lobby on the left and a tavern is a few steps away from the rear of the lobby. (Photo by J. H. Currier)

Earl J. Mattis, County's Highway Superintendent, Dies In Potsdam

Earl J. Mattis, 66, St. Lawrence County Superintendent of Highways for 33 years, died in Potsdam Hospital last Wednesday night.

He entered the hospital about two weeks ago for an operation. He was recovering satisfactorily when complications set in. His condition had been serious since last Tuesday morning.

Mattis was born Apr. 2, 1895 in Lafargeville, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Mattis. He was graduated from Clayton High School and was valedictorian of his class. He was graduated from the College of Engineering, Syracuse University.

After graduating, he began working for the New York State Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, District 7, Watertown.

He served in World War I and after being discharged he returned to the State Highway Department.

In 1929, the Massena-Louisville road was under construction. Walter F. Willson, Louisville, was then County Superintendent of Highways. Mattis came to work for the county at that time.

In 1928, Willson decided to retire as County Highway Superintendent and devote his full time as president of the First National Bank and Trust Company. Mattis was appointed as Highway Superintendent on Aug. 13, 1928. He had been reappointed at the end of every four-year term since. His last appointment was in August.

He married Miss Fern L. Soper of Raymondville, Dec. 27, 1928. They were married in the Raymondville church. Later they sold that property and bought a new home at 40 Churchill Ave.

Mattis was a licensed professional engineer and land surveyor.

Authority On Road Building

Regarded as an authority on road construction, he held a number of State and regional offices. He has served as president of North Atlantic States section of Highway Engineers Association and as president of the New York State Society of County Highway Superintendents Association.

On many occasions he served on forums or had presented papers at meetings of the New York State Association of Towns. He was well known throughout the state.

In Massena, he was prominent in many organizations. He was a member of the Massena Library Board and had been devoting much time in the planning and constructing of the new Warren Memorial Library. He recently attended the town budget meeting when the Library Fund was being discussed.

Past Legion Commander

He was a member of Massena Post 79, American Legion and served as commander in 1932. Later he served as county commander.

He was a charter member of Massena Lodge 1702, Elks Club, member and past president of the Massena Monday Luncheon Club, member of Emmanuel Congregational Church and Massena Lodge 513, F. & M. He belonged to the Stillwater Hunting Club.

Surviving are his wife; one brother, Howard Mattis, Clayton; one sister, Mrs. Arthur Bond, Greenville, S. C., and two nephews.

The body was brought to the Phillips Memorial Home, in Massena.



EARL J. MATTIS

Mrs. Fisher To Head County's Extension Service

Canton — Mrs. Robert Fisher, Madrid, will be President of the St. Lawrence County Extension Service for 1962. She was elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association, held in the Canton Masonic Hall on Nov. 6.

The event opened with a turkey dinner served to 197 members of the association by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Fisher has been associated with the Extension Service for many years. She served seven years on the Home Demonstration Department Executive Committee, and for a time was its chairman.

Other officers for 1962 include: Mrs. Theodore Gibson, Canton, Vice-President; and Fred Selleck, Pierrepont, Secretary.

Members of the Executive Committee of the Agricultural Department elected at this time include: Harold Willard, Chase Mills, and Fred LaVack, Gouverneur, who succeeded themselves for terms of three years.

Named to the 4-H Club Department Executive Committee were: Walter Wheaton, from Black Lake for three years; Mrs. Glenford Meashaw, Parishville for three years; and Mrs. Allen Woodward, Gouverneur for a term of two years.

On the Home Demonstration Department's Executive Committee will be: Mrs. John Peters, DeKalb Junction; Mrs. Ed Lewis, Norfolk; and Mrs. Ansel Dorothy, Childwood, each to succeed themselves for terms of three years.

Secondary Tests

Dec. 9 At SLU

Canton — St. Lawrence University has been designated one of the testing centers for the nationwide administration of the Secondary School Admission Tests on Dec. 9, according to Miss Helen E. Whalen, Registrar.

The Secondary School Admission Tests are administered by Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J., for the Secondary School Admission Test Board, an association of 45 independent secondary schools.

Approximately 200 independent secondary schools throughout the country presently require applicants for admission at grades seven through eleven to take these examinations.

Application forms and full information about the tests may be obtained by writing to the Secondary School Admission Test Program, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, All applications for the Dec. 9 administration must be received in Princeton by Nov. 25.

\$1,285,000 School Bond Vote Set Dec. 19 In Brasher Falls

Brasher Falls, — The Board of Education of the St. Lawrence Central School District has set Dec. 19, as the date to vote on a \$1,285,000 bond issue.

This bond issue would provide for the construction of a \$1,075,000 elementary school building, a \$110,000 bus garage, and \$100,000 for renovations to the present school building.

The \$1,075,000 elementary school building would provide 29 classrooms, playground, library, cafeteria, and administrative area. As a result of the construction of this building, all elementary children of the school district would be housed in this new school necessitating the closing of the Helena Elementary School and the Quonset which presently houses kindergarten students.

The \$110,000 bus garage would provide housing and repair facilities for all of the transportation equipment.

The \$100,000 for renovations of the present school will provide funds for conversion of present elementary classrooms to high school classrooms plus changes in present high school rooms, corridor lockers, and gym lockers for the expanded high school enrollment.

Built In 1954

When the present school building was occupied in September, 1954, the total school enrollment was 1181. This was approximately 380 more students than were enrolled in 1951 when the bond issue was accepted by the voters. With the coming of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project, the enrollment started to increase before the building was ready to use. Presently there are 1512 students enrolled, with 656 in the high school, which is about double the high school enrollment at the time of the original bond issue.

At a meeting of the Board of Education held last spring, a delegation of parents from the Helena area discussed with the members of the Board certain problems relative to that area. It was suggested by some of the delegation that it might be advantageous not only to their specific area problems but to the problems of the central district as a whole that the Helena Elementary School be closed. Further study and discussion by the Board of Education indicated that a better educational program could be offered the children of the area at a saving in tax dollars.

The program will result in increased taxes but not in excess of the average for other school districts in St. Lawrence County. It will, however, eliminate double sessions, provide adequate classroom space, and enable the school to offer children as "fine a school program as the children of any other school district."

Voting will take place in the school auditorium from 8 a.m. on, Dec. 19.

Physical Fitness Course Set For Adult Education

The Adult Education Program at Potsdam High School will offer a course in women's physical fitness beginning Monday, Nov. 20.

The first meeting of the class, which will stress exercise, will be Monday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Registration may be made by calling CO 7-3893, ext. 8, or at the first class meeting.

WESTERN AUTO MERGER

Morrisstown, N. J. — O. W. Caspersen, Chairman of the Board and President of Beneficial Finance Company, and A. C. Swanson, President of Western Auto Supply Company, have announced the merger of Western Auto into Beneficial Finance Company. Earlier this month, Oct. 16, stockholders of both companies overwhelmingly approved the merger.

Parishville News Items

Parishville FFA Chapter Second Among 18 In Annual ATI Contest

By MRS. IRENE ROSENBERKER, CO 7-7443

The Parishville F.F.A. Chapter placed second among 18 schools at the annual A.T.I. judging contest held at Canton on Nov. 3. The contests consists of three different events: milk quality, field and forage crops and cattle judging. Three boys from one chapter form a team and must judge in all three divisions.

As well as placing second in the total contest, Parishville placed first in the milk quality and third in the cattle judging. Bert Rosenbarker was second individual in total score for the combined contests. Vance Eakins and Billy Meashaw were the other two Parishville team members with Mike Richard judging as alternate. The 18 teams included schools from Lewis, Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Franklin and Clinton Counties.

Some of the lucky ones to get a deer recently were Fay Duffy, Ben Longtin, James Young, and Lowell Socia, who is home on furlough.

Harold Rubing and Stanley Conrad of Buffalo are in camp at Sylvan hunting.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Union Church are planning a bazaar for Dec. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Roswill Converse spent the weekend at Whitney out with his sister.

Kubat Article On Czech Parliament Will Be Published

Dr. Daniel Kubat, assistant professor of liberal studies at Clarkson College of Technology, was written an article which will appear in the December issue of "Slavic Review," a quarterly published at the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

The article, entitled "Communist Use of the Czechoslovak Parliament Since World War II," is a partial result of Dr. Kubat's study in Marburg/Lahn, Germany, where he was a research fellow at the Herder Institute in 1958-59. His work there on the sociology of Communist intelligentsia was co-sponsored by a grant from the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Kubat is a native of Czechoslovakia.

Welfare Costs Higher Than Last October

Canton — Welfare costs in St. Lawrence county for the month of October were \$387,382, an increase of \$45,987 over the same month last year.

Surplus food distribution was down during the month due to transportation difficulties.

The following foods were distributed through six different locales in the county: milk, 19,881 pounds; rice, 12,048; lard, 10,512; butter, 17,355; beans, 16,766; peanut butter, 10,760; and oats, 19,836 pounds.

Welfare Commissioner Lee P. Finley explained that white flour, corn meal, eggs and meat were not distributed because of transportation difficulties. He said the food did not reach Malone, where the county picks it up.

Food was distributed to 10,532 persons not on the Welfare rolls and to 6,142 persons who are welfare recipients. Points of distribution were at Canton, Gouverneur, Star Lake, Ogdensburg, Potsdam and Massena.

Seaway Gain Is Predicted Next Year

Chicago — (AP)—The American chief of the St. Lawrence Seaway figured last Thursday that it will show a gain in freight volume this year.

Martin W. Oettershagen, administrator of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp., estimated freight will total 22 million tons by the time winter halts operations.

Volume amounted to 20.5 million tons in 1959, when Canada and the United States opened the deepened link between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean. It eased off to 20.3 million tons in 1960. Tonnage in both these seasons was under advance expectations.

Oettershagen talked with a reporter during sessions of the Great Lakes Commission's annual meeting.

The organization's committee on seaway and navigation took a serious view of a move by Japanese shipping interests to boost charges on freight carried from Great Lakes ports to levels much higher than charges for goods picked up at ocean ports.

Gov. Otto Kerner of Illinois urged lake states and Canadian provinces Thursday to join in drafting a plan for wise and fair use of the tremendous water resources of the great lakes region.

He suggested that Canada consider reversing the direction of some rivers so they will flow into the Great Lakes instead of Hudson Bay.

Kerner did not name the Canadian Rivers or go into detail about damming any rivers to reverse their flow.

The meeting was being attended by representatives of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ohio, Ontario and Quebec.

ATTEND FALL CONFERENCE

Claude Moulton and Mrs. Theda Wells, Potsdam, St. Lawrence County Young Cooperator Senior Advisers; with Joe Lord, Potsdam Division office; attended the annual Dairymen's League Young Cooperators Senior Advisers Fall Conference, which was held in Watkins Glen, recently.

Christmas Seal Campaign Begins

The traditional annual Christmas Seal Campaign opened Monday morning of Christmas Seals to St. Lawrence County residents.

"Christmas Seals on Every Piece of Mail" is the aim of the St. Lawrence County Tuberculosis Association as it formulates plans for the 1961 Christmas Seal Campaign, said Mrs. Chester Malley, Christmas Seal Chairman.

Over nine million lives have been saved since the first Christmas Seal was sold, but the saving of lives is not enough," declared Mrs. Malley. "We must see to it that every family is spared the suffering and tragedy of this long-term, chronic illness."

Proceeds from this year's Christmas Seal Campaign must do more than maintain our present TB control activities," said Mrs. Malley, speaking at a volunteers' kick-off meeting, Friday at the Tuberculosis office. "We must expand our effort to find all the unknown cases of TB lurking in this community; increase our efforts to help ex-TB patients get back on their feet and stay there; extend our educational program so that people of all ages learn how to protect themselves from TB; and we must put more money into medical research to find better ways of fighting TB," she added.

YOUTH ADVISERS TO MEET

Norwood — A Regional Senior Adviser Conference will be held at the Sunset Lodge, Norwood, today, to discuss the Dairymen's League youth program, its aims and objectives, the leadership development and how this leadership can best be used in the parent organization.

Chamber President To Address SLVA

Ogdensburg — The president of the Empire State Chamber of Commerce will address the St. Lawrence Valley Association at a membership meeting Nov. 30.

Don Foster, executive secretary of the St. Lawrence Valley Association, said Sunday that Spencer C. Silverthorn will speak at a luncheon meeting held at Grandview Restaurant here. The topic of Silverthorn's talk will be "Government and Business."

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