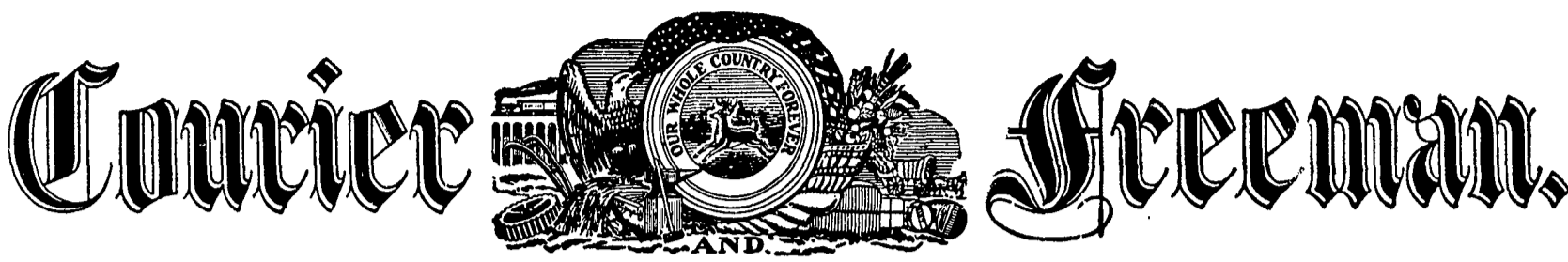


# Anderson To Seek Reelection As Mayor; Lowe To Run

## On The Inside

Candidates for various county offices get a jump on the fall primaries and election by announcing their intentions eight months in advance. One of the most interesting races will be for the office of Sheriff between Under Sheriff "Lefty" Allen and Gouverneur Supervisor D. O. Peck. See special stories covering these political matters on page 14.



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## Village Election Slated Mar. 19

By MICHAEL L. KNAPP  
Potsdam Mayor George (Ted) Anderson has announced that he will seek another term as head of the village in the upcoming Mar. 19 village election. Trustee William Lowe has also let it be known that he will be a candidate again in the Spring balloting, while Trustee Charles Clarridge will not seek another term on the Board. All three men have served under the Republican banner.

As the date for the spring election is less than two months off, both Democrats and Republicans in the village prepare for what some observers think will be one of the most important elections for Board of Trustees in recent years. Of the five Board members, the terms of Anderson, Lowe, and Clarridge are up this Spring, while the two remaining members of the Board, Felix Shelly and Merton Taylor, both Republicans, still have another year to serve.

Democrats in the village have been meeting for the past two weeks seeking candidates for their ticket, which is expected to be announced shortly. A special Democratic committee, appointed at a meeting last week, will gather again tonight to review their findings. It is expected that they will run candidates for Mayor, as well as both trustee positions. At present the Board is composed of all Republicans, and has been since Anderson's election two years ago. Shelly and Taylor were elected last March.

According to Edward McHugh, village Republican chairman, the Republican caucus will be scheduled sometime within the next month. It is expected to be a matter of formality to choose both Anderson and Lowe on the GOP ticket again, while Republicans are now looking for a candidate to run for Clarridge's vacancy.

Anderson, who has been ill during the early part of the week, told the Courier of his decision from his home yesterday. He said that the Democrats would be hard-pressed to criticize the work of his administration during the past two years, and said that his decision to seek another term was based largely on the tremendous amount of important "unfinished business" being conducted by the Board at this time.

Since Anderson took office, several important pieces of legislation have been passed by the Board affecting the village, including the proposed urban renewal plan, the Village Administrator plan, and the elm tree problem.

One of the biggest problems which the new administration may face is the specific duties of various appointed village employees in relation to the newly-created office of Village Administrator now held by Stanley Howlett. It has been indicated that some readjustment may have to take place.

Anderson has been in the lumber business for 40 years in Potsdam. A native of this village, where his father, William Anderson, also served as Mayor, he attended Potsdam High School and graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1929 with a bachelor of science degree from the school of commerce there. Four years (continued on page 20)

## Local College Students Calmly Face Tuition

By JAMES H. CURRIER

The decision of the Board of Trustees of the New York State University system to impose a tuition fee on students of state colleges came as a sudden surprise to students across the state.

The surprise move was evident at State University College at Potsdam when several student leaders admitted yesterday they did not have a deep insight to the change or its effect on the college.

Interviewed were: Gib Barnard, president Student Government Association; John Nethaway, a member of the College Union Board; Miss Barbara Sanborn, president College Union Board and candidate for Ice Carnival Queen; and Michael McDade, a married Crane student.

Generally the feeling among the four was not one of panic and misgivings about a tuition charge. The four felt that the charge would not affect student enrollment nor would it make a drastic dent in the number of students who go to schools of the state.

Highest on the list of apprehensions was the fact that to date, everyone, including students, do not know where the money will be spent nor do they know exactly how much tuition will be charged.

The picture looks somewhat like this. The State University Board of Trustees have passed a tuition rate of \$400 plus \$25 college fees. However, they have also asked the State Legislature to increase the aid in grant under the scholar incentive program which, if accepted by the legislature, would then cost less for some students to receive a state education than it does now.

The new table suggested to the legislature would eliminate any tuition charge for students from a family with a net taxable income of \$1800 or less. This is about \$4500 gross income. The student would also have a reduced college fee of \$25 which would mean that he or she would be able to go to State University for \$25 less than they do now due to the decrease in college fees which were \$50.

The student from the family with a net income of \$1801 to \$7499 would get a \$200 scholarship under the scholar incentive program if he qualifies. This means that he would pay about

\$175 more than it now costs. In the income bracket of \$7500 and over the student would try to qualify for a scholarship of \$100. This would mean an increase of \$275 more than he or she now pays.

However, the parts described above still depend on the state legislature to pass them, and there is no guarantee that they will. Therefore, there is the chance that no increases will be made to the scholar incentive program and that the full tuition of \$400 would have to be charged.

A second big complaint of students and colleges alike is that the tuition plan comes into effect next September. Most colleges already have about half of the freshman class enrolled. These people enrolled before the tuition hike and now face the prospect of having to pay. In most instances it is felt that the tuition fee should have been delayed until September of 1964.

One student interviewed at the local State U said he felt that it might cut down on enrollment. Michael McDade said, (continued on page 10)



MAYOR TED ANDERSON



WILLIAM LOWE



CHARLES CLARRIDGE

## Parking Proposal Expected Tonight

One of the main topics of tonight's Village Board meeting will be the controversial subject of parking meters and their future use. The board meeting was postponed from last Monday night to tonight due to the illness of Mayor Ted Anderson.

At the last board meeting Trustee William Lowe and Village Administrator Stan Howlett were appointed to look into the parking meter situation.

Lowe reported that in years past the village used to make about \$20,000 a year from the meters, but now it is costing the taxpayers money to maintain them.

It has been suggested that meters be removed from the upper Elm and Main Street areas. It has also been suggested that all meters be removed.

Lowe has recommended that in many instances two hour parking meters could be substituted for the old meters.

The village faces the fact that revenue from the meters may fall off even more in the next year since Montgomery Ward is constructing a store with a parking area for over 200 cars.

Last week the Courier and Freeman conducted a survey of meters from Grants Store to the bridge on both sides of Market Street and up Main Street to the movie theatre and up Elm Street to Union Street.

From the meters in that area, on a Friday afternoon, which is usually a very busy shopping time, there were 24 meters with violations and 21 that were vacant. No tickets had been issued.

It has been generally recognized over the past several months that very few parking tickets were being given for overtime parking. In most instances the meters were frozen and either would not turn or the patron could not put money in them. In any case, the Police Department has more or less relaxed its grip on meter violations until the situation is cleared.

Mayor Anderson states that many, many meters are broken and don't work right in any weather.



MOVING SOON — The familiar sight of customers trudging in and out of Montgomery Ward's Store on Fall Island will soon be a thing of the past as the national firm begins construction of its new modern structure on land between Depot and Raymond Streets. Plans call for the completion of the structure in April and opening sometime in May. The moving of the Ward's store to a more desirable location will eliminate a bad traffic bottleneck on the Island, and proposed urban renewal plans may be in the offing for the location where the Wards building now stands.

## April Completion Date Set For Potsdam Wards Store

Construction plans for the new Montgomery Wards Store at the lower end of Depot Street were announced this week by G. Willard Blauvelt, construction supervisor for Cale Development Corp.

Blauvelt told the Courier that a completion date has been set for April 30 but much of the schedule depends on weather conditions. He said they hope to keep to the schedule but unforeseen developments could interfere.

Piles were beginning to be driven on Tuesday afternoon after a slight weather delay. General contractors for the 50,000 square foot building is Leo Capocci and Son of Rome. The owners of the building are Cale Development.

Lease Building Montgomery Wards will lease the building after it is constructed.

Blauvelt said that the old creamery building will probably be demolished by the end of this week, again depending on the weather. C. B. Surman and Son of Potsdam are contractors for demolition of the creamery.

The contractor said that their will be parking facilities for about 230 cars adjacent to the building. It was also noted that the owner will let sub-contractors for such facilities as heating plant, electrical apparatus, plumbing, fixtures, a sprinkler system and blacktop paving.

Local labor is being used when ever possible, said Blauvelt.

Wards Speaks For the first time since negotiations began last March on the property where the Wards store is being built, Wards has issued a press release concerning plans for the establishment. The release is from the Montgomery Wards regional office in Baltimore, Md., and reads as follows:

"Montgomery Ward will establish a new, full-line retail store in Potsdam, N. Y., between Depot and Raymond Streets in the downtown business district. E. S. Donnell, vice-president of the Eastern Region has announced.

The new store, scheduled to open in the summer of 1963, will be built 1/4 mile north of the present store on a four-acre site to be leased by Montgomery Ward. Construction of the new store is scheduled to begin immediately, Donnell said.

Ward's new Potsdam store will have approximately 63,000 sq. ft. of floor space including a six-car automobile service center, outdoor and seasonal areas.

Ward's present 27,000 sq. ft. retail store established in 1939 at Maple Street and Augusta River Bridge in Potsdam, will be closed when the new store opens. R. O. Wynant, store manager said. Approximately 89 employees will staff the new store. Paved parking for more than 200 cars will be provided. "We consider the St. Lawrence County area one of the growing areas of the United States," Donnell said. "Our surveys show that by 1965, population will have increased by

9,000, and we expect further industrial expansion in the area as well.

Wards has been well-received in the Potsdam area through the years, and we are proud to bring a new, larger and more modern facility to our customers in recognition of the fine

associations we have had," he said. The new store will incorporate the latest concepts in modern merchandising design and display including functional store fixtures, recessed and accent lighting.

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## Dun & Bradstreet Report Shows Drop In Number Of Potsdam Firms

Although businessmen in Potsdam say that 1962 sales were up from the previous year, and things look even brighter for the future, a recent report released by the Syracuse office of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., show a decided drop in the number of business establishments in the village in 1962.

A new 1962 business activity statistics report from the Dun & Bradstreet firm show that there were 19 less business listings in Dun & Bradstreet's Reference Book for Potsdam this year than last. Potsdam's total dropped from 207 to 188 — a slump of 9.2 percent. This would seem to indicate a decided drop in the number of business establishments in 1962, but it is not known if all businesses are including in this figure.

The revealing fact about these statistics is that while all St. Lawrence County communities showed a general decline in Dun & Bradstreet's listings, Ogdensburg actually gained three businesses, while Massena and Potsdam dropped considerably during the same period. Ogdensburg is generally considered a depressed area business-wise.

Specifically, for January, 1963, Massena had 330 business listings as compared with 359 the previous January—a decline of 8.1 percent. Ogdensburg was up from 319 to 322, for a gain of .9 percent. Similarly, Gouverneur gained one business (148 to 149) for a .9 increase. Potsdam showed the biggest drop in the county.

The Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book lists those manufact-

## Village Mothers To March Here For Polio Drive Starting Monday

Monday, January 28, has been selected for the Potsdam Mothers' March for the 1963 March of Dimes.

Plans for the March were announced today by Co-Chairmen Mrs. Gary Bartow, Mrs. Kenneth Gant and Mrs. William Sloan. They said the volunteers will go from house to house between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Monday. Headquarters will be at the Arlington Inn where the money collected should be turned in. Coffee and cookies will be provided for the workers. Any workers unable to return to the Arlington Inn that evening should make other arrangements with one of the co-chairmen.

Local residents are urged to leave their porch lights on for the March.

The co-chairmen expressed their appreciation to the numerous women who have volunteered to help. They said, "The Mothers' March for the March of Dimes is the greatest single volunteer effort put forth by the women of America for any cause. More than a million women march each year to help The National Foundation raise funds in its battle to prevent crippling diseases — birth defects, arthritis and polio."

The women who have volunteered to work on the 1963 Mothers' March of Dimes in Potsdam include: Mrs. Melvin (Continued on page 20)

## Verner Ingram Made NNY Trust Director

St. Lawrence County Assemblyman Verner M. Ingram was elected a director of the Northern New York Trust Company for a three year term at a meeting of the Board of Directors Jan. 18 in Watertown. Ingram fills a vacancy created by the death of corporation president, Spencer Silverthorn, who was killed recently in an airplane crash. This is the first time Ingram has been elected to the Board. He says, "I feel it is a real honor and a privilege to be asked to serve."



MOTHERS MARCH BEGINS — Members of the Potsdam Chapter of the Mothers March of Dimes will begin their campaign against crippling polio on Jan. 28. Here some of the leaders in the Mothers March pose for the Courier photographer: seated, William Sloan, chairman of the March of Dimes Drive in Potsdam. Standing, left to right are: Mrs. Armande Sloan, co-chairman of the mothers march; Miss Betty Baderman, publicity chairman of the mothers march; Mrs. Dawn Bartow, co-chairman of the mothers march; Thomas Enright, chairman for businesses and Homer Girard, treasurer. Missing is Mrs. Pat Gail, another co-chairman of the mothers march.