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On The Inside

The story of the 33rd Annual Clarkson College-SUCP Ice Carnival, which begins today, is found on pages 12 and 13 of this issue. Pictures and stories of all events, including the ice show tonight, jazz concert, carnival ball, and other events, were written for the Courier by State College students and pictures were supplied by the student newspaper, "Raquette."

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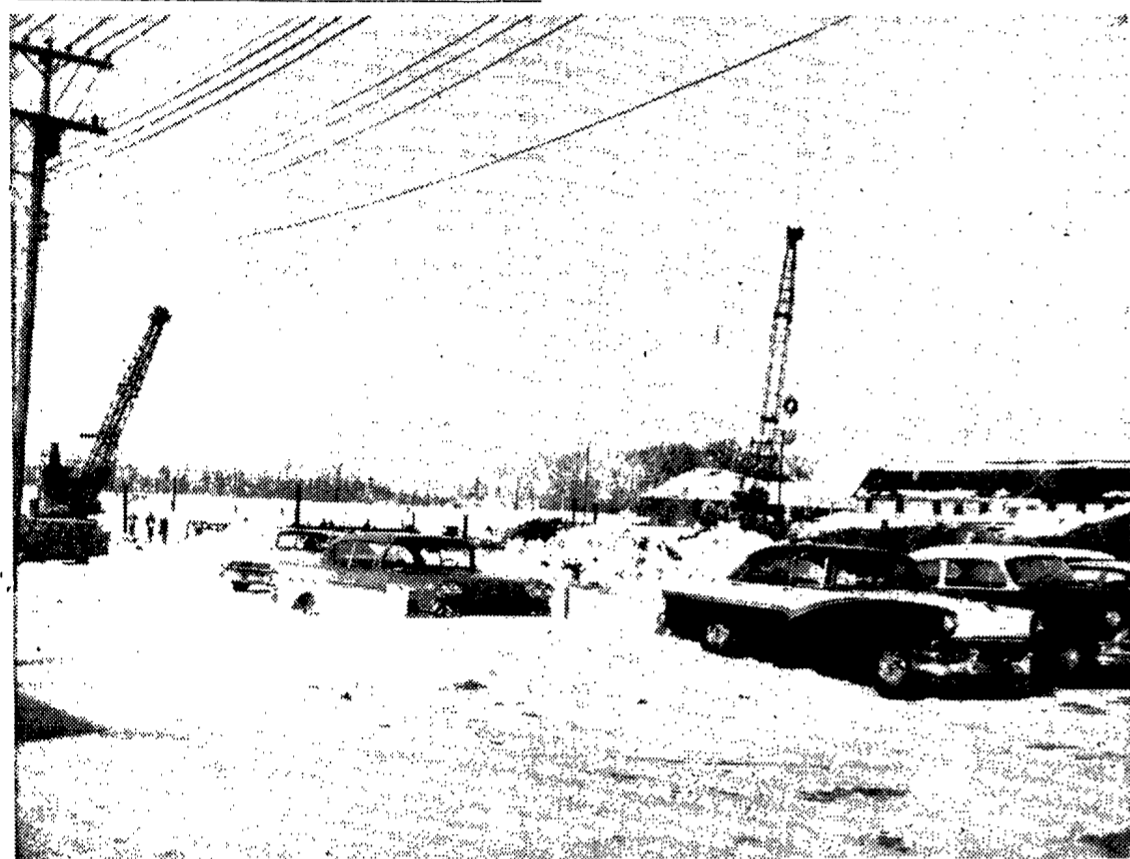
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Wards Construction Progresses....



WORK IS PROGRESSING — Construction of the new Montgomery Wards department store is progressing steadily at its Depot Street site. This photograph, taken from the police station, shows the towering apparatus used in driving piles

for the building foundation. Construction men at the scene said that work will go on at all times providing the weather is good.

(James H. Currier photo)

72 Diseased Elms In Village To Fall Beginning Next Week

Public Urged To See Film On Tree Problem Tomorrow At Civic Center

Seventy-two dead or disease-riddled elm trees in the Village of Potsdam will begin to fall next Monday, as crews of Site Contractors, Inc. of Buffalo move into town to begin the first phase of the village's long-range program to combat the Dutch Elm disease which has plagued over 300 trees already on both private and public property.

Meanwhile, according to Mayor Ted Anderson, the public and residents of Potsdam are urged to attend a special film to be shown tomorrow night at 7:30 p. m. in the Potsdam Civic Center auditorium dealing with the problem of the dreaded Dutch Elm blight. The film was shown to members of the Village Board and Planning Board last Monday night after the regular Village Board meeting.

Anderson said that the film was being shown publicly so that people could better understand the tremendous task which the village faces in wiping out the disease which could kill all the elm trees in the community. The film, about 20 minutes in length and in color, very clearly and carefully explains how the Dutch Elm disease is spread and formed, and what effective steps must be taken to check the spread.

The Potsdam mayor told the Courier Wednesday that Site Contractors reported it would take approximately three weeks to complete the work of felling the 72 trees. The bid from the village was awarded to Site by the Village Board Monday on the recommendation of Village Administrator Stanley Howlett, and Anderson signed the contract Tuesday. Price of the low bid was \$3,994 less salvage costs.

On the matter of salvage, the firm will immediately load the logs from the diseased trees to be shipped to a paper mill in Cornwall, Ont., where they will immediately be put on a conveyor belt and made into pulp. It is imperative that all dead wood be disposed of immediately or the beetle which carries the disease will reproduce in the bark of the dead

wood and it will spread to live, good Elms.

Several important dates of concern to village residents were set by the Board of Trustees at their meeting Monday night.

Registration Days for the Village Elections to be held Mar. 19 are as follows:
Mar. 1, 2, and 8 from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.
Mar. 10 from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.
Those required to register on one of these dates in order to vote in the Mar. 19 village election are persons whose names did not appear on the Town of Potsdam registration poll books as of the last general election on Nov. 6, 1962. Persons eligible to register and vote must be 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States for 90 days, a resident of the State of New York for one year, a resident of the County of St. Lawrence for four months, and a resident of the Village of Potsdam for 30 days from the next preceding election.

Grievance Day for village taxpayers will be held on Feb. 19 from 1 to 4 p. m. in the Village Board room of the Civic Center. The Board of Trustees will sit as a board of assessors to hear grievances against assessments.

Date for the Village Tax Sale has been set as Monday, Mar. 11 at 10 a. m. in the village offices.

Other action taken at the meeting included:

COMMUNITY THEATRE
The Board denied a request by the Potsdam Community Theatre for free use of the Civic Center auditorium for its next production on the grounds that the present regulations governing the use of the hall prevent the waiver of fees. This controversial issue has been hanging fire since last November when the Board granted the theatre group permission for free use of the auditorium for its production of "Gigi" in December.

However, Mayor Anderson, who was absent from the meeting when the original permission was granted, called a special Board session, and informed the group that the action taken by the Board previously had been illegal. It was then decided to let the group use the hall free, as they were donating their proceeds at the door to the Potsdam Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Only groups allowed to use the hall free of the normal \$60 rental fee for a public performance, are youth groups or those raising money for youth groups.

When the decision was made, however, Anderson said that it held good for the theatre group's December production (continued on page 3)

The New Look

"Progress Is Our Most Important Product" is the well-known slogan of one of the world's leading firms. We heartily agree, and request to borrow the slogan to promote our upcoming "NEW LOOK" of the Courier and Freeman.

With progress comes change — change that we hope will make your weekly copy of the Courier and Freeman more readable and more valuable. Starting next Thursday, Feb. 14 our paper will take on a new face with new features and some new styles. All of the old tried and true material will remain — nothing has been deleted, but some things have been added — things like a new "Community Calendar" and our special "In Depth" front page articles.

Some of this change will be experimental, some will be permanent. All, we hope, will bring to our over 16,000 readers a paper with improved reporting, more information of local interest, exciting new features, and, our pride and joy, better community service.

Look at your Courier carefully next week and in the weeks to come. We are here to serve you. We invite your comments and opinions.

Couple Are Killed In Auto Crash

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, 35, of Gouverneur met death at the wheel of their auto one mile west of Potsdam Monday afternoon to become the first fatal highway accident of St. Lawrence County in 1963 and the first double-fatal near Potsdam in several years.

The accident occurred at about 3:10 p. m. when the Jones vehicle, headed toward Canton, collided with a tractor-trailer, going towards Potsdam, as the trailer jack-knifed on ice.

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DEATH AT THE WHEEL — The body of Charles Jones, a fuel oil firm head, of Gouverneur, hangs limp from the door of the 1955 sedan he was operating at the time of the fatal crash. Mr. Jones was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Hans Levi, coroner physician. (James H. Currier photo)

Trustee Lowe Explains Local Police Operation

Editor's note: The following article was submitted by Village Trustee and Police Commissioner William Lowe on the make-up and operation of the Potsdam Police Department. The Courier & Freeman joins with Trustee Lowe in suggesting that our local police enforcement body needs a well deserved pat-on-the-back.)

By TRUSTEE WILLIAM LOWE

A frequent question directed to Police Chief Donald King is, "Why can't there always be a policeman in the business section where people can find him?" The answer to this is not so simple as the question.

First let us look at the make-up of the department and then at the various duties performed by the personnel. Potsdam has a police chief, three sergeants, seven patrolmen, a night desk clerk, and a matron who assists in clerical duties, makes meter collections and guards school crossings. Police duty is a 24 hour affair, seven days a week with no time off for holidays.

Each eight hour shift requires one sergeant and two patrolmen. Since there is some attempt to maintain a 40-hour week, there has to be an extra patrolman to fill in. The night desk clerk completes the daily paper work and filing in addition to handling the radio and telephone.

Matron Needed
State law requires a matron be in attendance when female prisoners are being held. Potsdam's matron also collects met-

er money and makes out notices to be mailed to those delinquents failing to return parking fines. She also does school crossing guard duty.

Accident reports must be carefully completed, not only for local use but for the use of county and state officials who ask for them. Lawyers and insurance company representatives also create an almost constant demand for such reports.

Every arrest must be carefully documented and the charges listed must be checked for legal accuracy. Officers are frequently called on to make court appearances.

Demanding Job
Potsdam citizens make many demands on their police department. Stray dogs are reported for pick up. Since pigeons are an annoyance to some people, the police are asked to do away with them. Family quarrels sometimes terminate with a police officer as the mediator. Lost children are hunted. Bicycles are inspected and licensed. Emergency trips carrying serum or needed drugs for desperately ill people are not unusual.

Area Residents Will Hear New Tech FM Station Soon

By William Cleverly, President Inter College Radio Network

In the next few months the Inter College Radio Network of Clarkson College of Technology, through its member station WCCCT, will begin test broadcasting to the Potsdam area by permission of the Federal Communications Commission.

Since its inception early last year it has been a prime aim of the ICN to obtain permission to broadcast programming to the local area. This goal was finally achieved last week when the FCC announced that it had granted Clarkson College a construction permit for a class D non-commercial FM station operating on a frequency of 91.1 megacycles, with sufficient power to cover the Potsdam area.

The new station will be operated by the students of Clarkson College, and will provide programming throughout the school year. Broadcasting is tentatively set from 6 p. m. to midnight daily, and will consist of educational programs, semi-classical and classical music, news broadcasts and other special programs.

Recently a newsroom was installed at Lewis House, which has been equipped with United Press International news facilities. Newscasts will originate from here while other programming will be from WCCCT on the Hill Campus of Clarkson where the studios and transmitter are located.

It is interesting to note that although campus radio has been in existence at Clarkson for better than 15 years, this will be the first time that Potsdam area residents who own FM receivers will be able to listen to campus radio.

Blood Clinic Exceeds Quota

Potsdam residents and students at Clarkson and State University College here continue to give overwhelming support to the local blood drives, as Dave Garner, chairman of the drive, reported that 364 pints were collected as of 4:45 p. m. Wednesday afternoon in the recent clinic.

The quota for the two-day collection was 300 pints, and this was the second time in a row that the clinic, sponsored by the Pershing Rifles of Clarkson College, had exceeded its quota.



NEW RADIO NEWS ROOM — Leon Smith, news director of the Inter-College Radio Network at Clarkson College is shown in the new studio located in Lewis House.

Two Injured In Auto Crash On Route 11

The second serious accident in three days struck late Wednesday afternoon four miles west of Potsdam on the Canton Road just a few hundred yards east of Gales Garage.

The head-on collision due to icy roads injured: George O'Neil, Niagara-Mohawk area supervisor, Ogdensburg, a severe right leg laceration, hip and chest injury and deep shock; also, Mrs. Ruth LaPointe, 129 Main St., Potsdam, who suffered a severe laceration of the right arm and injury to her nose and mouth.

According to Sgt. Al Fuhr of the St. Lawrence County Sheriff Patrol, the LaPointe car was traveling east toward Potsdam when it skidded on icy roads and swung into the opposite lane of traffic in the path of a 1963 sedan belonging to Niagara-Mohawk and driven by O'Neil.

The Potsdam Rescue Squad responded to the alarm and transported both accident victims to the Potsdam Hospital. The accident occurred at about 4:15 p. m. yesterday.

Traffic was stopped for two miles on both directions due to the accident.

Sheriff deputies are investigating. Assisting in the emergency operation were Potsdam Police Department men and State Police.

Library To Close

Due to the celebration of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln the Potsdam Library will be closed on Feb. 12.

Republicans To Caucus Feb. 15, McHugh Has Mystery Candidate

Village Republican Chairman Edward McHugh has announced that the village caucus will be held Feb. 15 at 7 p. m. in the Civic Center to nominate candidates for Mayor and two Trustees.

Mayor Ted Anderson and Trustee William Lowe have already made clear their intention to run again, and there is little doubt that they will get the nod of the GOP electorate.

However, a third candidate, to replace outgoing Trustee Charles Garridge has not yet been formally announced and probably will not be until the caucus.

McHugh said this week that a prominent and well known professional man has indicated he may be willing to run if nominated at the caucus. He would not divulge his name, however.

Meanwhile, the Democrats are apparently running into trouble searching for candidates. Village Chairman Ken McGowan said yesterday that many men have said they were interested and several names have been tossed around but no one will commit himself to run. A few weeks ago Joe Calpari was the leading contender for nomination as a trustee candidate, but since then word has circulated around that he may even be the mayorality candidate for the Democrats. Calpari has not announced his candidacy formally as yet.

No date has been set for the Democrat caucus. (continued on page 6)