

# A Program In Pictures, A Day In The Life Of VICP



**STUDENTS LEARN THROUGH DOING** — The prime object of vocational education is to instruct the student on the actual elements of the job he is studying. This means that the student gets glib to the meat of the job by working part-time at some trade. Students in the local vocational program

study anything from welding to nursing and from auto mechanics to newspaper journalism. Here we see three local students as they do their job at a place of employment. In the photo at right is Ronald Barlow. Barlow is studying auto parts management and is employed in the auto parts division

of Curtiss Motors in Potsdam. The center picture is that of Miss Judy Cameron as she prepares a patient at the Potsdam Hospital for a blood test. Miss Cameron is studying laboratory technology and works part-time in the hospital lab. The photo at left is of William LaLonde, a student auto

mechanic at Barstow Motors as he does a tune up job on a new car. All are learning the trade they want to know, some are studying subjects more technical than others, but all are learning to take a useful place in the future society as a skilled worker.



**PROJECT PLANNING** — Mrs. Melissa Carroll, seated, is the Superintendent of Schools for the Third Supervisory District and has charge of the Board of Cooperative Educa-

tional Services under which the vocational education program is carried out. Here we see Mrs. Carroll and James Fogarty looking over plans for the program.

## Vocational Education Comes A Long Way

Vocational education in this area has come a long way since its meager beginnings two years ago. It all began with an idea in the back of somebody's mind. It festered from that idea to a living, breathing project; catching on with students, teachers, school officials, employers, and parents.

It has grown from a score of students in four schools to double that size with the possibility of including another school in the very near future. The central school system in Canton is now in the progress of surveying the project for that school. Gouverneur and Massena schools have also shown some signs of interest, but nothing definite has been established yet.

However, the indications are that it will grow. It has begun, and the only way it can go is up at this point. James Fogarty has administered this program like a mother nursing its child. He has tramped around the county and the state talking with other people where the program is booming and gaining momentum for his own home territory.



### Busy Man

Fogarty is a busy man. He spends his daylight hours in a constant travel from one school to another, stopping here and there to talk with students and employers. The rest of the day is paperwork time, reports are made and filed, students graded and case histories gone over. He also interviews interested students and employers who may want to get on the bandwagon.

Night time is usually a time of rest for the average white-collar worker, but not so for Fogarty. Evenings are taken up with reading the latest reports from the legislature on how the program is shaping up there, clubs would like to have him speak, and the PTA is so very interested in his work.

But this is fruitful work for Fogarty. He knows that before the vocational program can come into its own that the people, the students, the schools, and the businessmen have to be sold on it. So he accepts the invitations, and he spreads the word around. For instance, next week he and Verner Ingram will speak to the Potsdam PTA. The week after that the same two men will stand before a delegation of educators and newsmen from across the county and explain the program.

### Feb. 28 Meeting

This meeting will be Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, and while only educators have received written invitations, the public is also welcome to sit in and hear what is going on. St. Lawrence Valley Chapter, Sigma Delta Chi — a professional journalists society, is sponsoring the event.

Assemblyman Ingram has become an integral part of vocational education. A recognized authority on educational legislation, Ingram is the champion of vocational education in Albany. Only last week he introduced a bill calling for the establishment of pilot vocational schools in the state, one of which would probably be located here.

Yes, vocational education HAS come a long, long way. But the road is rough and the going sometimes bogs down. There are always those not willing to accept the new or discard the old. But Jim Fogarty and Vern Ingram are optimistic, they see the value of the program and both have pledged themselves to carry it out. The future is sure to see it done.



**FOGARTY SPEAKS TO JC'S** — A part of the job done by James Fogarty is to educate the people on what his program is and how it works. This is accomplished in many ways, among them speaking at service club meet-

ings, the PTA and other organizations. Here Fogarty chats with Gary Bartow, right, and David Satterlee, left, of the Potsdam Junior Chamber of Commerce at a recent Jaycee meeting.



**EMPLOYERS REMARKS** — Roy Barstow, right, is shown here conferring with Jim Fogarty on the progress of a high school student he has working for him in his Ford garage.

Fogarty makes periodic trips to the places of employment to confer with the employers on the student.

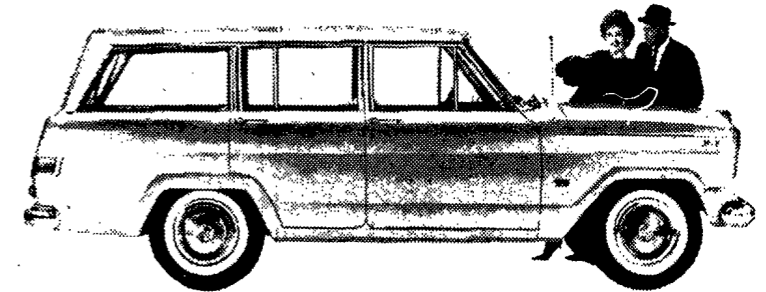


**WE HAVE FOUR** — The Courier and Freeman has prided itself on the active participation it has shown with the Vocational Education Program since it began three years ago. Shown here are: George R. Little, general manager (seated) with four present and former staff members that came to the newspaper under VICP. From left to right are: James H. Currier, the first VICP student and now assistant editor; Janet Groebler, second

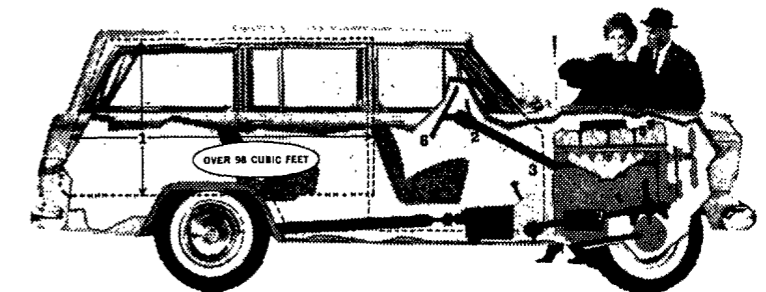
VICP student to work in the editorial department and now a student at Syracuse University; Sharon Davis, third VICP student to work in the editorial department and a student at Potsdam Central School; and Claudia McLennen, the fourth student to come to the paper — she is employed in the business department and is a student at Norwood-Norfolk Central School.

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