

High Attendance At Village Board Meetings Shows Increased Interest By Citizens

Somebody suggested that an enterprising businessman could probably make a pretty good night's profit if he sold refreshments at Potsdam Village Board meetings these days.

Some people come to Board meetings for specific reasons, such as to discuss problems with the Board or to ask questions, or just to "sit-in" on certain matters of interest to them.

Women Voters' in Potsdam, a very fine nationwide organization which has done a great deal to instill interest in our election procedures and legislative processes.

And then there was the couple who attended the meeting Monday and waited two hours to ask their question of the Board. To them it was a very important matter, but unfortunately, there was little the Village Fathers could do to help.

At any rate, it is a very healthy sign when Board meetings are well attended and when participation by the citizens is high.

We Proudly Begin Our 114th Year

A note of nostalgia will probably accompany this, the beginning of our 114th year of publication and the moving of the Courier-Freeman Inc. to our new location in the Craig building.

While we have not been able to determine for sure whether we are the oldest industry in Potsdam, we are certainly one of the oldest, and available records seem to indicate that we may be the oldest newspaper in the county.

Thus, as we move along with progress and plan to move into our new and modern quarters, probably in about six weeks, it's perhaps only natural that we go back through the files in our reminiscing.

We were reminded anew of the value of these old issues last Nov. 22 at the time of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

As we begin our 114th year of news service, one thing about the Courier-Freeman has not been changed: the flag (or front page heading). It remains basically the same as when it

was first initiated, although diligent research has failed to reveal what if any significance it holds.

We appreciate the kindness of all the people who tell us they enjoy reading our paper; and we realize all too well that we are but one small part of the 114 years of journalism imprinted by this paper on Potsdam.

Although we shall take pride and pleasure in our larger and more modern establishment, we are sure that the Courier-Freeman's journalistic traditions would remain the same, whether the work is done in a shack or a sandstone palace.

Limited Franchise?

In 1960, eight million Americans were, in effect, disfranchised. They could not vote for President. That startling point is stressed in a Saturday Evening Post editorial.

The reason for this is that our election laws have not kept up with modern mobility. Millions of citizens change their state of residence each year, often for compelling business reasons.

The Post remarks, "State legislatures can remedy this situation by shortening the residence requirements — they range up to two years in some states — and by permitting citizens who have recently moved to vote by absentee ballot in the state they have left."

Will Someone Wake Her Sunday Morning?

'Dizzy' Dean Doesn't Detect Direction To Set The Clock For Daylight Savings

By EVA DEAN It's that time of year again when we change our clocks... sometimes it's pretty hard to remember which direction to turn that hand...

Daylight Saving time, there's the usual argument about the advantages versus the disadvantages of this system.

Moms Bitter Perhaps the most bitter opponents of the Daylight Saving system are Mothers...

According to the Potsdam Herald-Recorder, it WAS a man... and a Parishville man, at that, who was the father of Daylight Saving in the North Country.

The latter had to be considered because he ran the engine in the big sawmill which operated the then famous "steam feed" on the log carriage...



Senator Keating Reports

The Latest News From Washington Of Special Interest To New York...

Seven weeks ago, a special committee of the Organization of American States completed an exhaustive investigation into charges that Cuba had tried, through a campaign of propaganda and terror, to subvert free elections in Venezuela.

The OAS Council is currently making an evaluation of this report of Cuban aggression, and will, in the near future, have to decide on a course of action to deal with this menace to peace and progress in the Western Hemisphere.

Once again, the United States and its Latin American neighbors are faced with a challenge to the survival of freedom. And like the old League of Nations, there has been a tendency to close our eyes and hope that the trouble will go away.

Turned Other Cheek Thirty years ago, the League of Nations faced a crisis none unlike that facing the OAS today.

We all know what happened next. Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini and the military leaders of Japan went on the move, the League of Nations fell apart, and the most ghastly war in history descended upon mankind.

Charges of aggression have been made against Cuba in the past by many of the nations of the Western Hemisphere. The OAS has met to consider formal accusations

LETTERS ...

(The Courier Welcomes "Letters to the Editor" on topics discussed in this paper and issues of interest to our readers.)

Easter Seal Fund Thanks Everyone

To the Editor: Many people contributed in many ways to help make the 1964 Easter Seal Appeal a successful one and I assure that our year-round service program for the crippled children and adults will continue.

Madrid Rescue Squad Receives Much Help

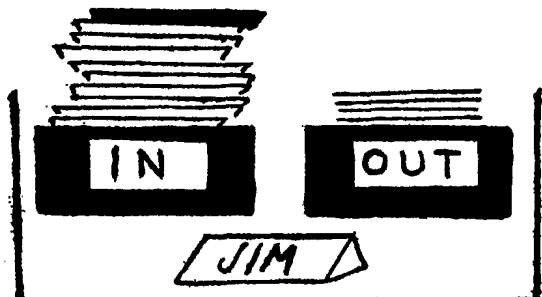
To the Editor: The Madrid Rescue Squad during its third year of operation answered 147 calls, while traveling a total of 9,599 miles. This involved 1,438 man hours.

The warnings of history are there for all to see. Castro sees them too and will continue to follow the course of other tyrants if the United States and the OAS don't call a halt to his trouble-making.

The squad wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the citizens of Madrid and the surrounding areas for their cooperation and support during the past year.

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From The Administrator's Desk ...



By JIM MULCARE Village Administrator

On Monday night the Village Board adopted the 1964-65 operating budget for the Village of Potsdam.

The Village of Potsdam presently has no capital projects budget... when something comes up... we spend the money.

Our procedure will be to lay out these programs on a calendar for the next 20 years. We know, for instance, that we have a limited borrowing power or debt limit, and we will not be able to do work that would exceed this limit.

I must stop here and define just what is a capital project. Surely if I buy a new paper-weight for my desk, this is not a capital expenditure.

Potsdam's Needs Glenn Mathiasen and I have spent no few hours in determining Potsdam's needs. This determination on our part has been necessary as it is the ultimate responsibility of both good planning and administration.

I will not attempt to give you the capital budget projection for the next 20 years. First off, neither Mr. Mathiasen and the Planning Commission, nor this office, have consolidated our thinking in this regard.

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