

THE FUTURE DRAWS CLOSER — The first piece of sod will be turned Monday morning on a plot of ground on the Cottage Street side of the Potsdam Hospital, signifying the beginning of the expansion of the local hospital with the new three-story wing pictured above. A campaign to raise more than a million dollars (half of it coming from the ARA) for the new wing, whose area will be larger than the present total area of the hospital, has been underway for almost a

year, and has been successful to this point. Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held Monday morning, and construction is expected to begin shortly thereafter. Meanwhile, it was announced this week that a unique student infirmary section will be established in what is known as the I-A area of the hospital (seen in the left of the photo) for the use of students at both Potsdam State and Clarkson. The colleges are donating over \$350,000 to establish this wing.

Hospital Committee Sets May 4 For Ground Breaking Ritual

After more than a year of fund-raising efforts, it is expected that construction will begin next week on the \$1,350,000 Potsdam Hospital expansion project, providing that the low bid contractors meet the approval of the New York State Department of Health, Division of Hospital Review and Planning, and the United States Public Health Service.

Meanwhile, plans are being developed for an impressive ground-breaking ceremony on Monday, May 4 at 11 a. m. on the Cottage Street side of the property. Invitations have been sent to local and area dignitaries, and the proposed program has been announced with Loren Edwards, public relations director of the Hospital Board, as master of ceremonies.

John Winthrop, chairman of the Hospital Fund Drive, will deliver the address for the Board of Trustees, while Mayor George Anderson will respond for the community. The actual ground-breaking will be accomplished by F.T.E. Sisson, president of the Board of Trustees, and Mayor Anderson.

Dr. William Carson, chief Radiologist at the hospital, will make brief remarks on the future of the hospital. The Rev. James Braker, pastor of First Baptist Church, will deliver the invocation and Father Tierney of St. Mary's Church will pronounce the benediction.

Also getting underway on May 4 will be the general solicitation of the residents of the greater Potsdam area. Hundreds of volunteers in the village and surrounding communities will be conducting a solicitation campaign among some 3000 families, under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Morton S. Winters.

A feature of the canvass will be the selling of 'shares' in the Potsdam Hospital for \$30 each. 'Share' purchasers will receive a printed acknowledgment in the form of a certificate, and the total cost of a 'share' may be paid over a three year period at the rate of \$10 per year.

James Clemens, hospital administrator, explained that bids for construction were opened several weeks ago and the apparent low bidders were notified. However, no contracts have been signed and no work will begin until the approval of the proper agencies has been secured. This is expected to be forthcoming shortly, possibly as early as next week.

When the bids were opened, the apparent low bidders were announced as follows: General Construction, Rouse Construction Co. of Gouverneur; Electrical Work, Shelley Inc. of Potsdam; Heating and Ventilation, C. W. Davis Co. of Syracuse. The bids on Plumbing are still being reviewed.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony on Monday morning, and to show its support of this worthwhile project, and needed addition to the growing community.

College Students' Infirmary Slated In New Hospital

Potsdam's two colleges — Clarkson College of Technology and the State University College — announced plans today to give financial support to the Potsdam Hospital for the establishment of a joint college infirmary at the Hospital.

This is expected to be one of the first projects of this type ever attempted in combining the infirmary facilities of two colleges and the facilities of a community hospital. It is expected to draw widespread attention from hospital administrators and officials and college officials from around the country.

Trustees of the State University have approved negotiation of a \$250,000 payment to the Hospital over the next few years. Similarly, Clarkson College has authorized payment of up to \$100,000 for the same purpose.

Both colleges indicated they would make payments to the Hospital in lieu of constructing student infirmaries on their own campuses.

Housed In I-A
The proposed facility will be housed in the Hospital's existing I-A wing, which was constructed in 1952. It is anticipated that there will be additional construction as well as extensive renovation in order to accommodate the college students.

Dr. Frederick W. Crumb, president of the State University College at Potsdam, in making the announcement said, "In a direct effort to aid the community of Potsdam expand its hospital facilities, the Trustees of the State University of New York have agreed to work out with the Potsdam Hospital an arrangement for infirmary care of students of the State University College at Potsdam." He noted that discussions of the specific details were underway with the central office of the State University in Albany.

Speaking for Clarkson College, Dr. William L. Whitson, president, referred to the joint college infirmary as, "An outstanding example of good community planning. With the proposed expansion of both colleges, it would very soon have been necessary for each institution to provide infirmary facilities." He noted that, "If this were done individually, there would be increased costs, the quality of care might well be reduced and finally, it would put a great strain on the community's medical personnel."

Benefit Everyone
Dr. Whitson stated that, "the Board of Trustees and the Administration of Clarkson College feel this is a development that will benefit everyone concerned—the colleges, the hospital, the community—and of greatest importance—the students who will use the facility." Dr. Whitson concluded by saying that the Board had authorized the College to provide up to \$100,000 as Clarkson's share in the proposed infirmary.

Francis T. E. Sisson, president of the Hospital's Board of Trustees, explained that plans were still in the discussion stage, but there will be a study room, recreation area and a central dining room included in the infirmary. He stressed the fact that the financing forthcoming from the Colleges would cover the Hospital's original investment in that portion of the wing devoted to infirmary care, as well as the costs of planned construction and renovation.

"In addition, it is estimated that some \$100,000 will be allocated to help provide the ancillary services in our proposed new hospital. Obviously," he said, "in order to function, the infirmary will be utilizing the Hospital's laundry, dietary, heating and other basic facilities and will therefore assist in their construction."

Sisson noted that this arrangement was quite unique in the country and proves that local services, such as the Potsdam Hospital, can work effectively with State and private agencies to the benefit of all concerned. "On behalf of the Hospital and the community as a whole, I should like to express our sincerest thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to make this infirmary a reality," he concluded.



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Potsdam Postscript

(A weekly Potpourri of people and events in and around Potsdam)

Front Page Dateline

With Spring comes the annual announcements of interest to folks beginning to prepare their camps along the Raquette River at Higley; and to small fry who look longingly at their swim suits tucked away in the dresser drawers . . . Niagara-Mohawk Power Corp. will lower the water level on Higley Pond this Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3 for maintenance of equipment. This will provide an opportunity for camp owners to clean beaches and repair docks.

Along with this, Jerry Bradshaw, chairman of the Town of Potsdam Youth Commission, has announced that on Saturday, May 9, a work bee will be held at Postwood Park with area Boy Scouts and members of Clarkson and State fraternities pitching in to clean things up and prepare for the season ahead (swimming season we refer to!). Jerry tells us that Town Highway Superintendent Seth Fountain and his men and equipment have already been at work at Postwood, and the beach is clear, but there's still plenty to be done.

Our story last week of the Urban Renewal "advance" and the map of the "midtown" area being proposed, apparently caused some concern at the meeting of the Potsdam Urban Renewal Agency last Monday afternoon. They have put out their own release on the situation, most of which says the same things we reported last week concerning the "advance" of seventy some-odd thousand dollars for planning and a sum of just over one million dollars for a reserve for the first project to be approved . . . This urban renewal is a confusing thing to most people; and it is difficult to get across the point that NOTHING WILL HAPPEN FOR QUITE SOME TIME; and NO ONE IS GOING TO GO ALONG TEARING DOWN BUILDINGS AND HOMES ONE AFTER ANOTHER (as is a popular concept.) One paragraph from the release points this out very clearly:

"It was pointed out that urban renewal does not necessarily mean that existing structures are to be demolished and that new structures are to be rebuilt. It can mean that when the structures in an area are so substandard, they cannot be renewed and rehabilitated. The plan itself that will be developed will have to deal with each structure in the area to be renewed as a separate problem."

More area people audition for the Ted Mack Show. The Accordion Capers group of Winthrop will hold their auditions tonight in Alex Bay. They are a rather unique group, and accordions are a favorite on the Amateur Hour. We wish them all kinds of luck. This group will also play for the Brasher Falls Minstrel to be held this week end in Brasher, but have declined the invitation to the World's Fair on July 21 because of lack of funds.

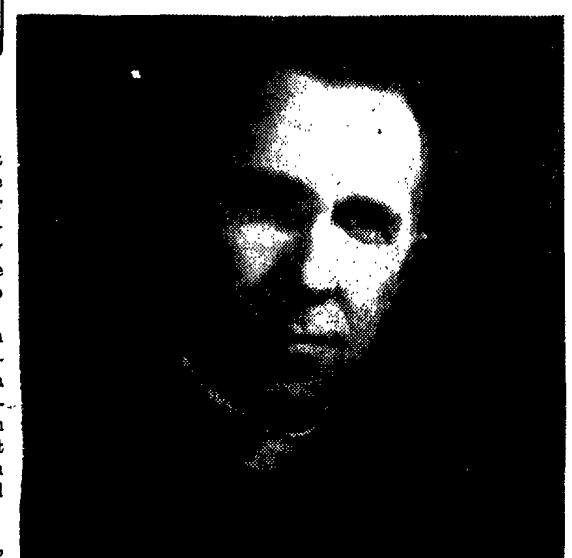
Take A Hint
Gladys McGee, Potsdam Town clerk, has issued a reminder to residents within the Township that NO FIRES MAY BE SET IN THE TOWN OF POTSDAM UNLESS AN APPLICATION IS FIRST OBTAINED FROM ONE OF THESE FIRE WARDENS: Fay Collins at CO 7-5261 or Lyle Emmons, CO 7-4969. In the Village, incidentally, it is illegal to burn anything outside unless in covered containers. We've already had enough unnecessary grass fires this Spring.

Of Local Interest
Well, at least one "gal" in the Potsdam area is making history. Miggie, who belongs to the Phil Craigs of Potsdam, gave birth to another set of quintuplets last week! It was just seven months ago when she celebrated Columbus Day by giving birth to her first five! And Miggie's quite a girl, for the entire family is doing fine . . . no transfusion and no assistance needed. Incidentally, Miggie is a tiny Chihuahua dog, which is what makes this story so remarkable. The dad's name, we understand, is Cheste.

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Coming Attractions
NEXT WEEK: A special "Home Improvement" edition of the Courier will be published in tabloid form, featuring helpful hints on home redecorating and improvement ideas, gardening hints, Spring cleaning topics, and other ideas for the busy housewife and harassed husband changing the storm windows to screens.

Reverend Varre Cummins To Leave Local Pastorate



THE REV. VARRE A. CUMMINS

Plan Lawn Picnic

Deanery To Convene At Trinity Church

The St. Lawrence Deanery will meet in spring convocation this Sunday, May 3 at Trinity Church, Fall Island, Potsdam. The program will begin at 10 a. m. in the church building and will continue at Snell Field where the assembly will watch the annual field day for young people. The field day is under the direction of the Rev. Edward Fiecke, rector of St. Mark's Church, Malone and will start promptly at 3 p. m.

At 4:30 p. m. the Women of St. Lawrence Deanery will meet in the church building for regular business and to watch colored slides depicting the use of the money that is collected each year in the United Thank Offering. The men of the deanery will meet in the chapel of the church building to transact business and to elect a dean.



NEW BISHOP IS WELCOMED — An unidentified young lady kneels to kiss the ring of the Most Rev. Thomas A. Donnellan, ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, during the civic ceremonies welcoming the bishop to Potsdam last Wednesday evening at the Civic Center. In the background can be seen the Very Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Devan, pastor of St. Mary's Church here. Town of Potsdam Supervisor Francis G. Henley looks on approvingly. More than 1500 persons were present at the reception.

The Vestry Committee of First Presbyterian Church met last Sunday to accept the resignation of the Rev. Varre Cummins, who is leaving the Potsdam church to accept the position of Chaplain at St. Lawrence University, Canton.

Parcel Post Service Cut On Wednesday

A cutback in some services at the Potsdam Post Office has been announced by Postmaster Howard L. King. This will include the elimination of parcel post service on Wednesday on city delivery routes only; and the closing of all service windows on Saturdays with the exception of the stamp and parcel post window.

King explained that the "limited adjustments" in some postal services here and in most other areas of the country was ordered in Washington on Mar. 10 by Postmaster General John A. Gronouski to save \$12.7 million. The elimination of parcel post service one day a week and the curtailment of window service on Saturdays is the normal cutback being taken in most postal areas in this vicinity as well. Postal service cuts have also been ordered in Norwood, Colton, Canton, and other centers.

The curtailment of parcel post deliveries on Wednesdays on the city delivery routes will begin next Wednesday, May 6, according to King. Thus this will mean parcel post service five days a week, including Saturdays. The delivery of parcels on a six day basis will continue on rural routes and on star routes having box delivery.

Beginning May 9 all service windows will be closed on Saturdays with the exception of the stamp and parcel post window, which will continue to be open from 8:30 a. m. to noon. GOD and registry business will be conducted at this consolidated window on Saturdays. ALL money order (See Parcel Post, page 22)

College Pastor
Since his ordination into the ministry in 1942, this energetic minister has served most of that time in college communities, and says that he finds himself spending a good deal of his time in counselling services, a field which he obviously enjoys. He has always had hearty praise for the cooperation extended by both colleges to the churches in the community.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Calif., the Presbyterian pastor served churches in Bloomsburg, Trout Run, Montoursville, and Jersey Shore, all in Pennsylvania. While in Bloomsburg, Mr. Cummins served as moderator of the Northumberland Presbytery.

Prior to his ministerial activities, Rev. Cummins served in the Air Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve and as a case worker in Los Angeles County.

Besides his duties at the stately Presbyterian Church on the corner of Elm Street and Lawrence Avenue, the Rev. Cummins has been president of the Potsdam Ministerial Association, member of the Rotary Club, Torch Club, and the St. Lawrence County Mental Health Board. In 1963 he was elected president of the New York State Association of Mental Health Boards for a one year term.

Hockey Fan
An ardent ice hockey fan, this well-known Potsdam minister is also fond of fishing, golf and writing. Always in demand as a speaker, he accepts engagements before various club and civic groups as time permits. His most popular presentations have been his imaginative autobiographical "studies" of biblical characters; those on 'John the Apostle' and 'Peter' have been delivered more than 400 times.

Rev. Cummins is married to the former Wilma Wurster of Williamsport, Pa. and the couple has four children: Suzanne, Candy, Emily and John who was born since their arrival in Potsdam.

Tech MUD To Include Parents And Alumni

"Moving Up Day" at Clarkson College will take on new significance this year as Clarkson alumni and parents of Clarkson students take an active part in the traditional week end activities in Potsdam on May 1-2.

For the first time in Clarkson history, Alumni Homecoming and Parents' Spring Weekend will be held as an integral part of the Moving Up program.

Highlighting student activities for the week end will be the Moving Up Day ceremonies scheduled on Saturday morning at 10:30 a. m. in the Clarkson Arena.

The program will start with the annual ROTC review at 9:45 on the lawn of Men's Residence, adjacent to the arena. Commanded by Cadet Col Jerome Griep, the Cadet Corps will pass in review before Lt. Col V. Doss Wood, Jr., chairman of Clarkson's Military Science Department.

Phalanx Tapping
Sponsored by Phalanx, the highest leadership recognition society at Clarkson, "Moving Up Day" celebrates the symbolic end of the college year when each class advances to a higher academic level. During the ceremonies, Clarkson President William L. Whitson will deliver a brief address, and awards will be presented for scholastic, athletic and military achievement.

At the end of the program, two lines of students each in their respective class location, form a block "C". This signals the honoring of new members being tapped for Phalanx. After the tapping ceremony, the "shifting of the C" takes place when each class moves to the position of the class above and the seniors leave the "C".

Following the Moving Up Day ceremonies, Dr. and Mrs. Whitson will host a luncheon for visiting parents at the Hill Residence at 12:30 p. m. Other Saturday afternoon activities for parents include a tour of engineering exhibits, and a varsity baseball game between (See Tech MUD, page 22)