

# Village requests Federal Funds for Airport



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### Industry attracted by Improvements

By SANFORD DEWEY  
Future development of an airport to serve the Potsdam area will be determined by the outcome of an application by the village to the Federal Aviation Agency. The application for federal funds to develop the airport is now under study by the agency at its Boston office, according to word received by Mayor George E. Anderson.

Development of Damon field, owned by Clarkson college and operated by Potsdam Airways, Inc., has been discussed for several years. About two years ago representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Potsdam Airways approached Dr. William L. Whitson, then president of Clarkson College, and inquired about future plans. They were advised to prepare a study of the feasibility of expansion and submit it to the college.

This was completed with the assistance of the New York State Department of Commerce and several months ago Dr. Whitson informed the village board of the college's willingness to turn the field over to the village for development. Federal funds are available only if an airport is owned by a municipality.

Following the college's offer, the village board appointed an airport committee composed of Richard Kukuk, former president of the chamber of commerce; Malcolm T. Rodger, Felix Shelly, Ernest Moore and Thomas E. Place. The committee made a survey, with engineering assistance, to determine that the field can be improved for general aviation, which involves a surfaced strip and communication facilities. The committee will continue to represent the village with state and federal aviation agencies.

Prime purpose of the development program is to make the field suitable for general aviation. This, in turn, will bring many benefits to the community — new industry and business, help retain present industry, and keep Potsdam in a position with landing facilities geared to the economy of the near future. The runway improvements would handle twin engine aircraft up to 8,000 pounds, which covers the range of planes used by most business concerns.

If the project gains approval, Clarkson college will give to the village land around the present airstrip involving an area of about 500 to 3,000 feet and another area of about 1,000 by 1,000 feet. This would provide land needed for the air strip, hanger space, taxi strip and parking for both aircraft and cars. The college would retain title to land adjacent to the airport and plans for its development are indefinite at the present.

The project also involves the eventual relocation of the airstrip so that planes will take off south of the State University College campus rather than over it.

The present runway is not surfaced which means that the field is closed for several weeks in the spring and its size prevents many planes from landing here.

## Fire sweeps Barstow Home; Tops \$17,000



KITCHEN IN RUINS — Here's how the kitchen in the Robert Barstow home on the May Road looked after fire swept through the house last Sunday morning. An explosion from the garage caused flames to sweep across the kitchen ceiling. The kitchen and garage were completely destroyed and smoke and water damage were extensive in the rest of the house. —Photo by Laird Chaffee

The Robert Barstow home at 47 May Road, Potsdam, was swept by fire early Sunday morning causing an estimated \$15-17,000 in damage. Discovered by 19-year-old Bobby Barstow, home alone for the weekend, the boy was awakened by smoke at about 8 a.m. that morning. Investigating he found smoke pouring from a car parked in the double garage attached to the house. Closing the entrance door between kitchen and garage, Bobby rushed to the phone about six feet away to call in an alarm. Before he was able to complete the call, however, an explosion blew the glass out of the door and flames swept across the kitchen ceiling, shooting up through the roof within minutes.

Attempting to call again from an extension phone at the other end of the house, the boy was unable to complete dialing due to interference on the line. The alarm was finally sent in from the Bob Halliday home across the street. Within minutes, he reports, the Potsdam Fire Department was at the scene. Doug Pete, an assistant fire chief, noted that as they approached the house, flames were shooting 30-40 feet in the air. Firemen were at the scene for 2½ hours. The elder Barstows, at their

Wilson Hill Camp on Lake St. Lawrence for the weekend, reported that the two stall garage and kitchen were completely destroyed. Heavy smoke and water damage ruined much of the interior. The house, Barstow, told the Courier Tuesday morning, would have to be gutted since sheet rock and insulation had been totally destroyed in some areas. Damage estimates on the house itself have been approximated at \$10 to \$12,000, he added, with contents estimated at about \$5,000.

A 1959 Chevrolet belonging to young Barstow and not covered by fire insurance, the source of the fire and later blast, was completely demolished as well as equipment stored in the garage. Furniture and clothes were still intact although damaged somewhat by smoke. The Barstow's will live at their summer camp until repairs are completed. Mr. Barstow and his brother Roy own and operate Barstows Motors in Potsdam.



WILLIAM HEAD  
Head Named Principal at Lawrence Ave.

The appointment of William D. Head of Cortland, New York, as Principal of the Lawrence Avenue Elementary School was announced by A. A. Kingston, Superintendent of Schools of the Potsdam Central School District. The appointment is effective August 1. Mr. Head replaces Charles E. Turcotte who was appointed Administrative Assistant for the Potsdam Central School District on Feb. 1.

Mr. Head comes to Potsdam from the Cortland City School system where he has been Principal of an Elementary School since 1961. His previous professional experience includes elementary school teaching, remedial reading teaching, and grade supervision.

Mr. Head graduated from Suffolk University, Boston, Mass., in 1954 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. In 1957 he received his Bachelor of Law degree from Albany Law School, and in 1961 his Master's degree in Education from the State University College in Geneseo. He has taken graduate courses at Cortland State University College.

Mr. Head has been active in Cortland community organizations. He is a member of the Board of Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church and Chairman of Christian Education for the Cortland County Council of Churches. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Cortland County Health Association, and in 1964 was County Chairman of the Christmas Seal campaign.

In 1964 Mr. Head received the Distinguished Service Award of the Cortland County Junior Chamber of Commerce as the "Young Man of the Year" for Cortland County, and in 1965 was appointed (See Village Board, Pg. 20)

### Fate of Fire Swept Buildings dominate Village Board Meet

By Betsy Mahony  
The fate of fire-swept Market Street buildings belonging to Clifford Morey, an unexpected three-foot pumping station protruberance, and an Emergency Squad plea for a dozen compressed air tanks occupied the Village Board Monday evening for three sweltering hours.

Of overriding importance, however, in the long-drawn-out meeting, was the discussion of condemnation proceedings against property located at 55 Market Street, scene of the June 29 fire. Notices from the fire chief, health and building inspectors, and the police department sent from the Village Administrator's office warning the owner, Clifford Morey, that the building was condemned for further use and constituted a hazard to public safety, were sent out July 5, 6, and 12.

No action to improve, repair, or remove the hazard has been taken. The board therefore authorized the village administrator to request Morey to meet with the Board Friday, July 29, at which time the property owner will again be shown copies of the reports and preliminary action by Morey or the Village Board will be taken to correct the situation.

From the Fire Department report, the Administrator was also authorized to send several village property owners, letters stating they had a week to improve sites noted by the Fire Chief as fire hazards and infractions of fire laws.

The construction height of the new Pumping Station at Clarkston, a foot higher than anticipated by the engineer and three feet taller than the Mayor had expected, came under fire as Joseph

Tisdell, engineer for the station, was called before the board to explain the reason for the protruberance. Ventilation and construction materials several feet longer than planned resulted, he explained, in the above ground projection. However, the station must protrude two feet above in order that proper ventilation be maintained. The extra foot of concrete now visible could be obscured by grading.

Andrew Rogers, reporting from the Potsdam Emergency Squad, requested a dozen air tanks to be placed in an emergency bank for use of both fire department and emergency squad. Rogers pointed out that, as in the case of the June 29 fire, inadequate supplies of compressed air rendered entrance into the smoke filled buildings impossible. Use of scuba equipment in drowning recoveries also necessitated access to a compressed air supply, a service procured from Erwin Hutchins, supplying air for emergency and fire squads in the area. Taylor moved and Harris seconded the purchase of the 12 small tanks for emergency use. A report on the compressed air supply pump, mounted on a trailer, use of which will be procured from Hutchins, was tabled for further reports and discussions.

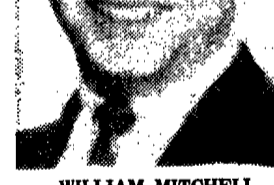
Appointment of two new men, Steven Riggs and Steven Thomas, to the Volunteer Fire Department was approved as well as reservation of 150 feet parking space on Main Street for firemen's cars.

Potsdam's Sewerage Control System came under discussion briefly as Mayor Anderson hit upon the "bond issue". The first among municipalities to subscribe to a Sewerage Control Plant designed (See Village Board, Pg. 20)

## County Manpower Panel meets, plans coordination

The first meeting of a Manpower Advisory Panel in St. Lawrence County was held last week at the Treadway Inn at Canton.

In attendance were officials of State Agencies and St. Lawrence County citizens who are interested in the Manpower Development and Training Courses available under State programs in St. Lawrence County.



WILLIAM MITCHELL  
Mitchell New PCS Center Coordinator

William J. Mitchell, a member of the Congdon Campus School faculty at The State University College at Potsdam, has been appointed coordinator of the Title III planning grant awarded Potsdam Central School for the establishment of a county-wide supplementary educational center and related services.

In announcing the appointment, A. A. Kingston, superintendent of Potsdam schools, said Mitchell would be responsible for developing programs designed to encourage creativity and strengthen subject matter taught in area public schools. He has been granted a one-year leave of absence by the college to accept the appointment.

The center will provide for the interchange of existing resources, programs and procedures of participating school systems, as well as means for determining additional services necessary to insure quality education for area children.

Under Mitchell's direction the center will also offer leadership in research, innovation and evaluation of solutions to existing and anticipated educational problems, as well as providing guidance in submit-

tor of Technical Services, St. Lawrence University. Frank Ostenak of the New York State Department of Labor, Utica, spoke on the Manpower Development Training Act. He discussed present courses and courses being implemented. He was followed by William (Jeff) Dwyer, Superintendent of Schools in Ogdensburg, who talked on the Practical Nurses program which is being conducted in Ogdensburg and to date has proved highly successful. He also discussed participation of Public Schools in the training program.

Other talks were given by Mr. Ostenak on individual MDTA courses available this year and next. James E. Hurley, Albany, talked about the on-the-job training which is available for eligible trainees in St. Lawrence County and commented on the progress of this program in this county to date.

### Potsdam Firemen set Parade this Saturday

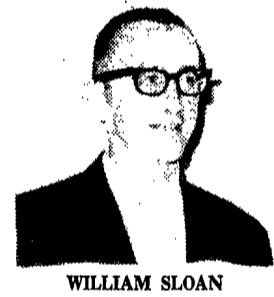
George W. Sullivan, chief of the Potsdam Volunteer Fire Department, announces that the Department will hold its Annual Review this Saturday, July 30. The parade, will start at 5:30 p.m. from the fire station on Main St. The route will be as follows: across Park St., up Leroy St. to Cottage St., west on Cottage St. to Market St., south on Market St. to Main St., north on Main to fire station.

At 6 p.m. there will be a test run from the local fire station down Main St. to Water St. near the bridges.

Proposals for future federal assistance. Since joining the Potsdam faculty in Sept., 1964, Mitchell has taught fourth grade in Congdon Campus School. Prior to coming to Potsdam he taught for six years at Louisville Elementary School, Massena.

Mitchell was graduated from the State University College at Plattsburgh in 1958 with a B. S. degree in education. He earned an M. S. degree in elementary administration at Plattsburgh in 1964. He is currently serving as associate director of The State University College at Potsdam's Summer Reading Clinic.

made by Malcolm Stark, Canton, on the Title V training program; Elsa Luksich, Ogdensburg, discussed coordination with the Neighborhood Youth Corps. Richard Sorenson, Albany, spoke on Job Corps Recruitment. Charles J. (See Manpower, Pg. 20)



WILLIAM SLOAN  
Bill Sloan to be Associate Dean at Potsdam State

William N. Sloan, a member of the mathematics faculty at The State University College at Potsdam for the past seven years, has been named associate dean of the college, according to an announcement by Dr. Frederick W. Crumb, president of the college. The appointment is effective Sept. 1.

Sloan will succeed Dr. William D. Claudson, who will become professor of music education at Florida State University, Tallahassee. As associate dean, Sloan will be responsible for the correlation of many aspects of Potsdam's academic curriculum. His duties will include administering policy and procedures, class scheduling, registration, and continuing education, including direction of the college's extension program.

Sloan was graduated in 1956 from St. Lawrence University, where he majored in mathematics, minored in biology and French, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He holds masters degrees in academic administration from St. Lawrence and mathematics from the University of Illinois, earning the latter through a fellowship from the National Science Foundation. He joined the Potsdam faculty in 1959, after teaching mathematics for three years at Potsdam Central School.

As an undergraduate, Sloan was twice named to the all-America team for his exploits as goalie of St. Lawrence hockey. (See Sloan Named, Pg. 20)

### Sidewalk Sale starts Friday

Great values and bargains are in store for Potsdam and area shoppers this weekend, as the Potsdam Retail Merchants Association is holding its First Annual Sidewalk Sales promotion. Some 19 local stores are participating in the two day sale, which is scheduled for this Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30.

Everything from books to clothing, to furniture, to appliances, to records, to projectors, to furs, to china, to towels, to tents, etc., will be offered at tremendous reductions during this great two day sale.

Also, all participating stores will award prizes, and all shoppers are urged to register their name in any or all of the stores. Check closely the specials offered during this sale on pages 18 through 22 in this week's Courier and Freeman.

## Stringent Safeguards to State Medicaid Bill urged by ANYSPD

Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees were urged to consider adopting stringent safeguard measures to limit federal expenditures for Medicaid in New York State.

The request called attention to the fact that the New York State interpretation of Title XIX of the Social Security Act would require a federal dollar contribution roughly equal to the amount Congress intended to spend for all 50 states under the Medicaid program.

In a letter addressed to the more than 75 members of Congress serving on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, Dr. Ephraim Felderman, President of the Association of New York State Physicians and Dentists, Inc., said: "The federal government will face an unwarranted and unnecessary increase in its fiscal obligation unless the Department of Health, Education and Welfare disapproves the New York State Medicaid plan. Legal counsel for ANYSPD

has presented two memoranda to H.E.W. pointing out that the New York plan should be disapproved until it is made consistent with the intent of Congress when it enacted Title XIX. Dr. Felderman has asked the Appropriations Committee members to consider whether it may be necessary to enact legislation: (1) placing a ceiling on total Federal contributions under Title XIX, thus forcing a program. (See Medicaid, Pg. 20)

## Direct Dialing hits Potsdam August 8

Completion of a multi-million dollar project to expand and improve telephone service in the Potsdam area is scheduled for Aug. 8.

Potsdam telephone customers will begin enjoying direct long distance dialing service at 3:01 a.m. on that date, according to John J. Hayes, New York Telephone manager.

He said the new dialing facilities are part of a \$2 million expansion program in the Potsdam area. One feature of the new service will mean new phone numbers. (See Direct Dialing, Pg. 20)

## Potsdam Postscript

Of Local Interest  
Fresh Air guests arrive today at 2:15 via Greyhound accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Howe, escort and Miss Sherrie Moffett, assistant. Thirty-six children (over the anticipated quota.) from metropolitan areas will spend two weeks with families in Potsdam.

Mason (Tim) Smith's second episode in a Seaway trilogy, this, "The Lunge Campaign" premiered last evening at SUCP. A second performance is scheduled for 8:15 tonight.

Also on the theatre scene: if you're in the mood for a play this weekend and don't mind some driving, you have a choice, east or west. There's "Streetcar Named Desire" at the Plattsburgh State College theatre Saturday night, starting at 8:30 p.m. and The Morristown players are presenting "Ten Nights in a Barroom" at the Club Candee tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday with show time at 8:30 p.m.

Because of necessary construction work, the water will be lowered 2 feet at the Higley Pond Dam on Monday, Aug. 1. Water will be brought back to normal during Monday night, Niagara Mohawk has announced.

On The Inside  
NNCS School history is related.  
Editorial comment on the proposed Potsdam Airport.  
AFS Student reports from Chile; sorry about the Women's Page billing, Rick.  
Richard Meeker reviews "The Lunge Campaign."