

## Courier Comments.....

"Give Them Light With Which To See And Stimulus To Reflect"

### Tough Row to Hoe

The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce has sent out several hundred letters to business and professional men who should be members of that Organization and take an active part in its affairs. We think it is a good letter and should be read by every citizen of this community and of St. Lawrence County. It brings out some disturbing facts about the future of our area unless we do something about it and do it now.

The letter was written by Mr. Joseph Romola of Potsdam, president of the County Chamber of Commerce, after consultation with his directors. Mr. Romola is a substantial citizen, is vice president of the Marine Midland Trust Company of Northern New York and heads the Potsdam bank of Marine Midland. His letter which we hope you all read follows:

One percent. . .How's that as an annual percentage of increase for your volume of business. . .your salary. . .your investments?

Not a very robust figure. Yet the projected growth in population for St. Lawrence County over the next 13 years is just one percent! Think of it. Just one percent growth by 1980. And only four percent growth projected to the year 2000. Let's compare Onondaga County (Syracuse) — 1980 plus 87 percent; 2000 plus 255 percent. And how about Dutchess County (on the Hudson) — 1980 plus 133 percent; 2000 423 percent.

"Of the 21.2 million (people) projected for the state (New York) in 1980, nearly 19 million will be in the seven great urban systems. (Albany, Schenectady Binghamton, Buffalo, New York, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica.) — Looking at the probably less reliable forecasts for the year 2000, one can estimate that 25.4 million of the state's 28 million will be concentrated in the seven urban systems."

"The causes of slow growth are many, but generally they are related to the lack of potential for urbanization. If nearly 80 percent of all new jobs are to be in and around the great urban systems it is obvious that strictly agricultural counties cannot expect to grow. They continue to be agricultural or perhaps try to emphasize recreation, but large population growth does not come from such emphasis."

"Perhaps efforts should go into making these areas attractive places for smaller existing populations rather than hoped-for foci for population growth. In such instances, of course, surplus population, often including the most able people, migrate to faster growing areas where jobs are more plentiful and varied." (Source: Geography of New York State, Syracuse University Press, 1966). It is written by Dr. John H. Thompson of Syracuse University, a noted authority on urban planning and population growth.

An interesting book: Its maps of the future Empire State show growing networks of airlines, railroads, highways, manufacturing centers and other facilities. But St. Lawrence County is so much blank white paper on these maps of things to come. Authorities simply write off our area as insignificant in future economic progress.

This isn't our thinking and I'm sure not yours. Your County Chamber is:

1. The only single voice for all St. Lawrence County.
  2. The only organization working for the economic betterment of the entire county.
  3. The only organization working for improved highways and transportation for all of St. Lawrence County.
- Chamber Committees are working now, but we need you, your ideas, and your financial support. An investment in your County Chamber today is your best insurance for a bright future tomorrow. (FRL)

### Returns Immeasurable

With autumn in the air, Girl Scout meetings will soon be in full swing, and if she isn't already a girl in green, your daughter may arrive home one of these days asking for permission to join a troop.

What will your permission give her? First of all, it will give her a unity of purpose with three million other girls throughout the country. And if the Girl Scout promise is achieved, it will give her an adulthood enriched with the highest ideals of character, conduct and citizenship.

The simple word "yes" is small — the returns are immeasurable. For girls ages seven through 17 growing up in Girl Scouting is synonymous with growing up gracefully — and graciously.

A Brownie is a 7 or 8 year old Girl Scout, and Brownie Girl Scouts extend a welcome to fun with friends both old and new, things to make and things to do, secrets, song — adventure, too!

Potsdam troop meetings will begin within the next two weeks, and anyone interested in being included in the membership is asked to contact Mrs. Gary Bartow.

Adults are also needed in the program. If you would like to help, leave your name with Mrs. Richard Elliott. Remember — the returns are immeasurable.

### One More Time

Make sure you register under the new system of permanent personal registration during the next two weeks so you will be able to vote in the Nov. 7 election.

Remember, once you have completed the task, you do not have to again unless you move or do not vote in two consecutive elections. The last four days for registration are Oct. 3, 7, 13 and 14. This page lists the complete schedule for the Town of Potsdam. Our area correspondents carry the schedules for surrounding towns.

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### ASSEMBLYMAN ED KEENAN



reports from Albany

#### Talks About Con Con

I'd like to talk with you briefly today about goats. I don't know how much my friends from the city know about goats. I have one friend down in New York who thought until recently that his Mohair jacket came from a goat named Max. But out here in the country, we understand goats fairly well. We know that a nannygoat goes on giving milk all her life even though her self-interest must be urging her to give gin. And we know about another kind of goat, known to farmers as the Judas goat. Most herds have one — he's the goat that leads his unsuspecting brethren to the slaughter house before they

get wise. He deceives the others, partly intentionally, partly unwittingly, by raising false hopes among them.

It's this kind of goat I'd like to address myself to for a moment. As a state legislator, I've been paying close attention to what's going on down in Albany at the Constitutional Convention. And as I've watched the proceedings there since its opening April 4, I think I have seen evidence of a few Judas goats in its midst. These goats have, I think, mesmerized many normally intelligent, thinking people into some highly unintelligent and fallacious opinions.

Let's look at a couple of proposals which have come up. One is Convention president's noble-sounding, but utterly impractical suggestion that would give a free higher education to everyone in the state, even to people who can afford to pay. Another one is a recommendation that the state assume the entire cost of welfare, just like that. These look good on the surface. But can you imagine what these two propositions alone would cost you and me as taxpayers?

#### Ballot Box

Permanent personal registration is now in effect in New York State and all eligible voters of St. Lawrence County must register in person this year to vote.

Registration will be at local polling places on the following four days:

- Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Oct. 7, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Oct. 14, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Several people called to ask what questions would have to be answered at the new registration. Registration is not a test, it is a method of identifying the voter and checking his eligibility to vote and recording his signature.

The information that will be asked of you when you register includes Name, Address, Date of birth, Height, Color of hair and eyes, Length of residence in New York State, St. Lawrence County and the election district (this can be figured ahead of time to speed registration). Date you last voted, Changes in name and address, Birth place and Employer. Naturalized citizens should have their naturalization papers.

Under the old system of registration, many voters never had to register. This may seem simple and easy but the elections are not safeguarded by any reliable check. People who have been dead for years have been known to be still carried on the election rolls!

As the population in the state, county and town grows, thorough registration records enable the election boards to check to be sure that information on the voters is still up-to-date. The right to vote is important enough to safeguard!

Under the new system a voter need register only once. He may then vote without re-registration unless he moves or fails to vote for two years and then he may re-register by mail! This is a voter convenience.

If you have a question about elections please send it to the League of Women Voters, c/o Mrs. W.N. Gill, Sisson St., Potsdam, 265-3324.

Well, it has been conservatively estimated that the impact of the free higher education idea would add \$568 million to the cost of government. These are only the operating costs. Another \$2.5 billion would be needed to meet capital requirements.

And on the welfare thing, the cost would hit \$528 million in the current fiscal year. This alone would necessitate a doubling of the sales tax or a 50 percent increase in the personal income tax.

Now, we all know that the real need in higher education is new facilities. Free tuition to a college which doesn't exist is a hoax. Fortunately, there is a growing disenchantment in education circles with the free-for-all proposal, and a compromise seems likely.

This compromise may be very close to a Republican proposition, introduced early in the convention, which calls for a guarantee that no capable boy or girl would be deprived of the opportunity for a higher education because of a lack of facilities or financial resources. The proposition commits the state to fulfill the 1964 master plan for higher education, to continue the massive building program of the state university, to support the expansion of the City University, to enlarge the program of locally-sponsored public higher educational institutions, and to support the expansion of its students in the state's public and private colleges. It would not subsidize the wealthy and, by giving aid to private colleges, be so costly as to deprive the needy of an educational opportunity.

The Democrats' support of the welfare proposal may be explained by the fact that New York City, which contributes only 46.5 percent of the personal income tax and less than half of state revenue (See Keenan, Page 18)



ATTEND OPENING OF ALCOHOLISM UNIT at the St. Lawrence State Hospital recently were from left Assemblyman Edward Keenan, John Gibbon, director of the St. Lawrence State Hospital, and John Butler, director of the Bureau of Alcoholicism. The new 60-bed male unit is housed at Farm Cottage.

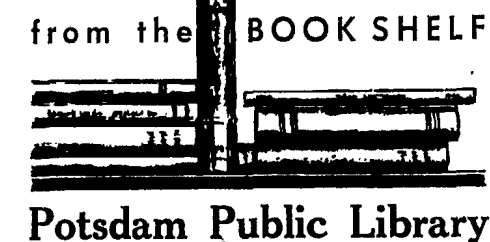
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#### Washington Sidelight... —

### Lyndon, Lady Bird Happy With Daughter's New Beau

By Esther Van Wagoner Tufty Johnson saying aren't you glad Washington-No one rushes your daughter fell in love with up to the President and Mrs. a marine instead of that actor?

Not only is Capt. Charles Robb a Marine but he has that famed Marine esprit de corps which made him prefer Vietnam combat to being selected as a White House aide. But he obeyed orders, naturally, and see what happened!



### Potsdam Public Library

BY DORA DITANO

May we remind the Great Books Discussion Group and all who are interested in joining us that the organization meeting is this coming Tuesday Oct. 3 in the Library.

Our new 1967 Americana Encyclopedia in 30 volumes is now on our shelves. Using this attractive, concise set of volumes, full of illustrations, chiefly photographs. It is strong on countries and states, with maps and some pictures in color. References at the end of each article make it a good place to start research.

Students please note that we now have two up-to-date unabridged dictionaries. In the controversial Webster's Third Unabridged Dictionary you will find many new words and new meanings. Random House Dictionary of The English Language is smaller but also excellent for quick reference. Its supplement gives information, such as the height of Mt. Marcy, the date our State University was founded. There's also an atlas section. And the new flags in both dictionaries will interest Seaway boat watchers.

For foreign language reference we have dictionaries for English-speaking students in seven languages—French, German, Italian, Latin, Russian, Spanish, and our newest acquisition, Hindi-English Dictionaries, gifts from one of our student patrons from India. May we say thanks to him for these useful books.

Putnam's Medical Dictionary is for the layman who may not understand a doctor's terms. Lives Of The Saints helps identify saints. A Dictionary of Acronyms gives meanings of words formed from initials, such as FIA or CIA. The five-volume Dictionary of American History, 1940, is a ready reference for places, sayings, battles, court cases etc. in our country's past. Poet's Manual and Rhyming Dictionary has a fine introductory article, and if you are struggling to compose a bit of rime verse, don't panic. Pick your rhymes from this book.

Some reference books are a pleasure just to read at random. The Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes with its illustrations from old British books is a delight. The Viking Book of Aphorisms, interesting in itself, can be useful in supplying the right quotation for a speaker. An aphorism, in case you've forgotten, is a terse saying, such as: "Progress is the mother of problems." Another fine work is The Standard Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology and Legend, called "a cross section into the spiritual content of the world." And last, The Dictionary of American Biography is on our shelves in the eleven-volume edition. This scholarly, readable work, described as the greatest in its class in America, "deserves more readers. One excellent article for example is on Frederick Remington. All articles have bibliographies at the end.

Again we invite you to get acquainted with our reference books. And if you have a reference question, phone the Library and our staff members will do their best to find the information.

### Registration Days For Town of Potsdam

- REGISTRATION DAYS: Oct. 3 and Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 7 and Oct. 14, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- District 1, Gale's Garage — Potsdam-Canton Road
  - District 2, Kings Daughters Hall — Bucks Bridge Road.
  - District 3, Municipal Hall — Village of Norwood.
  - District 4, Civic Center, Potsdam.
  - District 5, Civic Center, Potsdam.
  - District 6, Civic Center, Potsdam.
  - District 7, Civic Center, Potsdam.
  - District 8, Civic Center, Potsdam.
  - District 9, Civic Center, Potsdam.
  - District 10, Civic Center, Potsdam.
  - District 11, Civic Center, Potsdam.
  - District 12, Municipal Hall, Norwood.
  - District 13, Municipal Hall, Norwood.

NOTE Concerning Districts: Districts 4 through 11. On Oct. 3 and 7 — Registration will be held in the American Legion Rooms. Entrance Elm St. side of the Civic Center. On Oct. 13 and 14 registration will be held in the Auditorium of the Civic Center.

### We Get Letters... Residents Thanked By Chief

Dear Sir: On behalf of the Potsdam Volunteer Fire Department I would like to thank the residents of the Village and Town of Potsdam for their generous contributions during our recent coin card drive. If anyone was not home when we picked the cards up, call the station. The cards also can be left at the station. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
George Sullivan

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