

Letters

Garner attacks column; claims inaccurate report

Dear Editor: I always read with interest all the editorial and reporter columns in your paper, and really enjoy the expressed comments, however, I must take issue with the Soap Box column of last week. Since I too attended the Abzug press conference, your reporter to say the least presented a most distorted, prejudiced view of what was said.

She, Ms. Abzug, gave a very reasoned, carefully worded answer to the posed question of abortion, stating simply that it is a most difficult issue and she upheld the right of choice and the right of dissent. Surely this issue does give concern to all but in no way did Ms. Abzug endorse abortion.

Carlson answers NCDC statement

Dear Editor: A few weeks ago I wrote regarding the North Country Defense Committee's pamphlet, "What the North Country Needs to Know About Nuclear Power Plants." At that time I stated that the booklet is full of errors and exaggerations. It seems the authors are upset at the truth, for they feel that they have the right to misrepresent fact for their own purposes, and by their own admission they acknowledge errors in the pamphlet.

The purposes of my first letter was to bring attention to the point that too many self appointed individuals are using emotional statements completely unsupported by fact to present their position. This, coupled with an arrogant position of presenting themselves as "privileged" to distort truth for their own purpose makes me challenge their credibility.

My position in writing is as an individual who believes areas of concern should be treated honestly and on supported fact. My membership in the St. Lawrence Energy Council is just for these reasons, to learn and understand the energy implications facing all of us in the near future, and it is my hope the outcome of the group effort be based on a honest effort of examining facts related to the problem.

Sincerely,
Ben Carlson
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BI-CENTENNIAL FAIR

The Potsdam bicentennial quilt has been entered in a bicentennial quilt contest in the home arts division of the New York State Fair. The quilt was the work of 29 women aged 10 to 70, under the direction of Janice Knapp. Recently donated to the Potsdam Public Museum, it will again be on exhibit there during the first part of September.

BLOOD CLINIC

There will be a blood clinic at the Municipal Building in Norwood from noon to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17.

FIRESIDE MEETING

The Bahai's of Potsdam are holding a public fireside meeting at 3 Elderkin Street on Saturday, August 16 at 7 p.m. The Bahai faith is a universal religion originating in Persia in 1844. Some of the teachings established by Bahaulah, founder of the faith, include oneness of mankind, all religions are one, independent investigation of truth, and the equality of men and women. There will be a speaker and open discussion. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

a well run center can be, and also inform herself as to what are the needs of so many people less fortunate than ourselves who are unable to stay in their home and care for their children.

As to the Taiwan problem Ms. Abzug did state that the Republic of China represented far more Chinese people than Taiwan but she regretted the incident of the Olympics.

I think that Congresswoman Abzug does not need me to defend her statements, one only has to look at her very excellent 6 yr. record in the Congress to know she is a dedicated,

Putnam endorses Martin

Dear Editor: Just a few years back Potsdam was the Republican headquarters of this County, and in fact, of Northern New York. Our Congressman, Bertrand H. Snell was Speaker of the House of Representatives, Harry M. Ingram was County Chairman of the Republican Party, the Sissons who employed half of our workers in Potsdam, Dr. Tom Watkins, a great southern gentleman blessed us with his presence, and many others, that limited space prohibits mentioning.

Now this is all changed although we still have many more Republicans registered voters than the Democrats. Has our Democratic Assemblyman Dan Haley changed all of this during his reign? One would think that he was a home town boy to see the vote given him election day 1974 over our Republican candidate Robert McNeil of Lisbon. Mr. McNeil was a very fine fellow, well qualified for the job. Yet he lost Potsdam by the highest vote of any town in the county. Haley's majority was 729 votes. The city of Ogdensburg gave Haley only a few votes more than did Potsdam, 797 to be exact.

This falling apart of our Republican Party in Potsdam scares me. What's the matter with us? We are now represented on the County Board of Legislators by two Democrats; I am not kicking about that, but we Republicans know how they got there. We voted for them. That's O.K. But on the other hand these same Legislators are hurting themselves by pestering their Republican friends to vote for Dan Haley. Why?

No, I am not going to tear Dan Haley apart. You people will be his judge on Election Day, Nov. 2, 1978. You know his past three terms. I am only going to say this, he is again running promising what he will do in the future.

I now want to tell you about our Republican candidate, David O'Brien Martin who is opposing Mr. Haley for the assembly. I have known Dave since he was seven or eight years old. His father and I were associated through the Racquette River Construction Corp. and the Carry Construction Corp. Builders of the Power Development up the Racquette River above Colton. I have seen Dave grow up from a small boy to manhood. I know that you people who helped us construct that job will remember Dave, the little fellow riding around with his Dad on weekends when school was out and any other time he could get away with it. Dave graduated from Notre Dame University in 1966 and immediately

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intelligent woman concerned about the issues of our times and trying to make a difference by doing something about them.

In my opinion, all citizens should avail themselves to all points of view and information regarding the candidates stand on the many serious social problems of today-but I do object to your reporter presenting her own views and attributing them to any candidate, particularly Mrs. Abzug.

Ms. Abzug 'not on our side' I reject that completely.

Yours Truly
Ruth F. Garner

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enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Air Force for four years. The last 13 months in combat duty in Vietnam. Then at the end of his Marine enlistment went directly back to school graduating from the Albany Law School in 1972. He returned to his home town, Canton, and became associated with Sidney H. Kitay. He was elected to the County Legislature and re-elected in that capacity. I know of no one better qualified to represent us in Albany than David O'Brien Martin.

Come Home Republicans and let's show the people of St. Lawrence County we are still alive.

Harold A. Putnam
former Mayor

Retired teachers attend conference held in Ithaca

Ten members of the Executive Committee of the Northern Zone Retired Teachers Association have returned from a Leadership Conference held at Ithaca, July 27-29.

Such topics as "Federal and State Laws as They Affect Retirees," "Gift and Estate Taxes," "Comprehensive Home Care," "Community Service Programs," and "Friendly Service When in Need" indicate the range of interests explored by the conference.

In addition to the "workshop" phase of the conference, the committee offered a variety of entertainment features. Bridge, swimming, and campus tours were available in the afternoon. Allen Sisson presented a slide and narrative account of "Highways and History" which combined travel with the Bicentennial theme. Kennitucket productions, New Canaan, Conn., provided a program of music and narration, also geared to the Bicentennial theme. Mary Jenkins, member of the New York State Retired Teachers Association, directed a square dancing demonstration by other members in colonial costumes.

Executive Committee members who attended the Conference were Charles J. and Mrs. Helen Murphy, Saranac Lake; Mrs. Jessie O'Hara and Merton L. Van Sant, Gouverneur; Mrs. Helen Cosgrove, Mrs. Margaret Mageeana, and Mrs. Ella Tavernier, Malone; Miss Virginia Virkler, Massena, and Miss Anna Russell, Brushton. Miss Margaret Gollaher and Mr. A. A. Kingston, both of Potsdam, attended as members of the NYSRTA Executive Committee. Gollaher is chairman of the state Nominating Committee; Kingston is Second Vice-President of the state organization.



THIS OLD FIRETRUCK is parked behind the Potsdam High School. For Sue Rosenthal it provided a subject for study as part of her coursework in a basic black and white photography course sponsored by the Potsdam Museum. The class was taught by Potsdam High School art instructor Sherwood Smith.

Hearing on bus system set

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Legislature has selected Oct. 18 as the date for a public hearing on a demonstration bus system for the county.

The hearing is a requirement before the \$274,000 in federal funds, which are to make the busing experiment possible, can be released.

The board had originally intended to hold the hearing before its regular Oct. 11 session, but on the advice of Fay Blair, federal state aid coordinator, the date was changed to Oct. 18. Mrs. Blair told the board she expects several hours of testimony to be offered during the hearing.

A September hearing had originally been considered, but as Eileen Petrie, clerk of the board, explained, 30 days notice of the hearing must be given thus ruling out the September meeting of the board.

The rural transportation demonstration project, formally titled "Transit for Human Services" is to provide bus transportation between the major population centers within the county. Rural areas are to be served by coordination with existing programs now being run by the Community Development Program and other agencies.

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