



MERRILL VILLMORE, right, winner of the VI Baker Memorial Award, receives a check from Bob Loucks. Loucks said that the cash award is given periodically to a student who has provided valuable technical assistance to Potsdam Community Theater's productions. In giving the award Loucks said that "community theater depends to a great extent on the young people in the community and on their volunteer efforts." Villmore has worked with the theater for three years in all aspects of technical work. He will study forestry at Paul Smith's this fall. The award is funded through costume rentals and to some extent through contributions. (Victoria Levitt photo).

Youth leadership program set

The Youth Department of the diocese through the Reverend Arthur J. LaBaff, Diocesan Youth Director, has announced that the Youth Department will conduct over Labor Day Weekend a leadership training program at the Guggenheim Center for Religious Programs outside of Saranac Lake. These programs have been conducted for a number of years. This year the leadership training program will focus on the theme of the International Eucharistic Congress held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania August 1-8. The theme is "Hungers of the Human Family," these hungers being hunger for God, bread, freedom and justice, the spirit, truth, understanding, peace, and

Jesus, the Bread of Life. Registration will be on September 3, at 7 p.m. and the weekend will conclude September 6. Applications must be made in advance with the Youth Department, Diocese of Ogdensburg, Box 369, Ogdensburg, New York 13669. The cost of the leadership program is \$20.

Book sale is September 16

The Potsdam Day Care Center will hold its fifth annual Used Book Sale on Thursday, September 16, and Friday, September 17, in the basement of the Civic Center. (Watch for signs.) Thousands of books of all kinds will be available, and donations are still being received. To donate books, please call 265-9566 or 265-4592.

LWV continues petition drive

The Canton-Potsdam League of Women Voters will participate in a nationwide LWV campaign to gather signatures on a petition calling for televised debates by the two major-party presidential candidates, despite already apparent agreement by the candidates to do so.

After hearing that the Republican incumbent candidate, Gerald Ford, and the Democratic candidate, Jimmy Carter, had agreed to debate on national television, Norma Thayer, president of the Canton-Potsdam chapter of the League, contacted the national office of the LWV in Washington to see if the national organization would be proceeding with the plans for the nationwide petition drive.

An official of the national League organization told her that although the League has been successful, through earlier efforts, at convincing the candidates to agree to debate, the petition drive would begin as scheduled and would continue as long as final arrangements for the debates were not set.

Thayer said the League official expressed concern that while an agreement to debate has been reached, the agreement would be nullified if the League feels, and I agree, that if the pressure on the candidates is kept up, we are more likely to have a well run and informative series of debates," Thayer said.

The co-chairpeople of the Canton-Potsdam League petition drive, Turner and Kay Brown, explained that the national and local organizations of

the LWV have been working together this summer on the petition drive, which is scheduled to begin Saturday, August 21. With word from the national LWV office that the drive is on, the Canton-Potsdam chapter members will begin gathering signatures.

Special "downtown" drives are scheduled for Saturday, September 4, and Friday, September 10, in both Potsdam and Canton. In addition, the college campuses will be canvassed, and letters have been sent to the various local service organizations asking for their support.

The LWV's goal, nationwide, is to gather four million signatures on the Presidential Debate Petitions. The slogan of the drive, "Equal Time for the Issues," expresses the League's long-sought hope that public debates by candidates on local as well as national levels will become a natural and regular occurrence.

The League of Women Voters is urging not only the presidential candidates, but also the vice-presidential candidates to debate on national television this fall. The League has sent telegrams to both President Ford and Governor Carter offering the League's aid in setting up the debates, which would be the first presidential candidate debates since the Kennedy-Nixon debates of 1960.

The League has sent both candidates suggestions for the format of the debates, and has suggested a date of September 28, in St. Louis, for the first of the series of debates.

Conservation plan at ATC

Farmers, all of whom must now comply with a State law to have a conservation plan for their farms, may be benefited by a pilot project of a total conservation plan now under way at the Canton ATC farm and campus.

The plan, to be developed under the leadership of the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water District (chaired by Silas Pauling, Canton ATC farm manager; and Roger Hutchinson, Department of Environmental Conservation. Others who met recently at Canton ATC to initiate the procedure for an agreement for action on the plan were Earl W. MacArthur, Canton ATC president; Joe Metz, Cornell; Bob Dwyer, Resource Conservationist; Stewart Cuthbert of Hammond, ASCS; Ann Prouty, ASCS; Frank Hicks, Canton ATC; David Wentworth, Canton ATC; and Camille Howland, director of public information at Canton ATC.

The new law, according to Doug Burdick, states that farmers must sign up for a conservation plan by 1978. "They must sign up with our office (Soil and Water Conservation District) by 1978. And by 1980 the district must supply the farmer with that plan."

Burdick adds that it is not, at present, mandatory for the farmer to follow the plan. "We will develop a conservation plan according to the objectives and wishes of the farmer. However, if the farmer's scheme does not appear to be in keeping with good Soil and Water Conservation planning, we will recommend an alternative plan, if he desires."

KAPLAN RETIRES
Dr. Deborah Kaplan wishes to announce that she will retire from private practice on September 3, 1976. Upon written request records will be transferred to another doctor through December 31st, 1976. Thereafter all records will go to Dr. Jon Kay's office in Canton.



THE DOOR-TO-DOOR TEA MAN stops three times a week at the home of Clive Henry's parents in Durham, England. Henry posed for this photo with the tea man during his recent visit. He resides with his family in Potsdam.

Train excursions set for August 28

The Northern Railroad Association, affiliated with the Clarkson Railroad Club, and the Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority are cooperating to offer short passenger train excursions in connection with the Ogdensburg bicentennial celebration, on Saturday, August 28.

The trips will start from the former Rutland depot, on the east side of Ogdensburg, and run down to the vicinity of the State Hospital, beginning at 9:30 in the morning. Passengers will be carried in the two old coaches recently acquired by the club, and also in the caboose.

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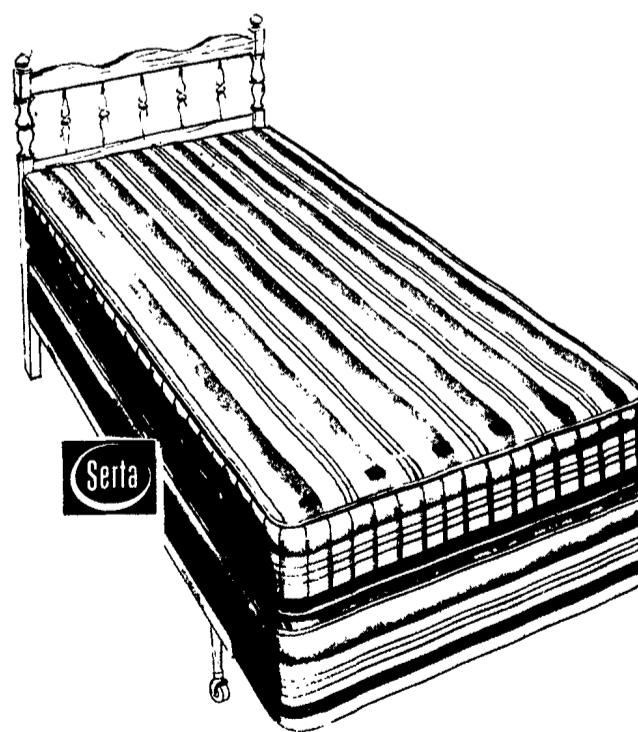
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