

Trio buys Elliot Hardwood

The Elliott Hardwood Division of Litchfield Park Corporation has been purchased by three individuals, including Richard Elliott of Potsdam, whose family has been associated with the company for more than three generations. The other two owners are Curtis Manasse of Albany who has been involved in the wood manufacturing industry for many years and Anthony Cashen of Pleasantville a Vice President of the New York investment firm of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, Inc.

The three owners, all of whom will be active in the business, intend to continue and expand the business of Elliott which presently operates saw

mills and lumber processing facilities in Potsdam and Tupper Lake. The company, which currently has 110 employees is one of the largest producers of hardwood in the Northeast.

Commenting on their plans for the company, the new owners emphasized their intentions to expand the production of their two present mills. "We presently have excellent production facilities and a loyal group of long-term supervisors and workers. We will continue to have excellent long-term timber agreements with Litchfield Park and other land owners and we expect to expand our log purchases from local suppliers. Our production plans will not only be good for

our present employees, but should provide additional jobs over a period of time."

The purchase of the saw mill facilities from Litchfield Park Corporation was negotiated over the past six months. Litchfield, which has operated the mills for the past 12 years originally purchased its Potsdam saw mill operations from Elliott's father, Basil Elliott. Litchfield subsequently expanded its operations by building the Tupper Lake mill on its property in the town of Altamont on Route 30 at Tupper Lake. By having a long-term timber agreement with the new owners, Litchfield will continue its involvement in the timber industry as an Adirondack landowner.

Exemptions become effective Sept. 1

Tax Commissioner James H. Tully Jr. announced today that legislation recommended by the Department of Taxation and Finance which exempts purchases of medical equipment and supplies from State and local sales and use taxes under certain circumstances becomes effective September 1. The legislation also broadens the exemption for artificial devices.

Artificial devices also become general ly exempt from the sales tax on September 1. Previously, these devices have had to be designed for the use of a particular individual to qualify for an exemption.

Commissioner Tully said additional information concerning the new exemp-

tions is available from the Sales Tax Bureau in Albany and the various district offices of the Tax Department throughout the State. Interested individuals should request the publication entitled "Medical Equipment and Supplies, Prosthetic Devices and Related Items," (form ST 377.1).

Lending activity "brisk"

Mortgage lending activity at New York State savings banks continued at a brisk pace during July with \$750 million in new mortgage loans granted, it was announced today by Ira Scott, executive

vice president, Savings Bank Association of New York State.

The July mortgage volume followed \$758 million in mortgage loans granted in June and brought the total for the first seven months of 1976 to \$3.8 billion in new mortgage loans, an increase of \$700 million over the comparable period of 1975. After principal repayment of \$402 million, the mortgage portfolio of the banks increased by \$188 million and now stands at \$46.3 billion, compared with \$44.5 billion in July, 1975.

Mortgage commitments outstanding increased by \$31 million during July to a total of \$2.4 billion, an increase of more than \$200 million over the July 31, 1975 figure.

Total assets of the New York State savings banks advanced by \$443 million in July 1976 compared to the \$475 million increase of July 1975. Assets of the 118 banks total \$71.1 billion, up from \$65.1 billion a year earlier.

Obituaries

Wales Perkins

Wales E. (Billy) Perkins, 48, of Hopkinton Road, died August 20, 1976 in Potsdam Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted with a prayer at 9 a.m. at the Garner Funeral Home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Potsdam.

Burial was in Garfield Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, his mother, Gladys Perkins; three children, Shawn, 18, Joan, 12; and Wales Jr., 11; two brothers, Richard of Canton, Frank of Rochester; one sister, Bernetta Mason of Ithaca; one brother, Jack, predeceased him.

He was born March 28, 1928 in Potsdam, the son of Frank and Gladys Fuller Perkins.

He attended Potsdam High School and married Patricia Burnet on February 26, 1957, in Potsdam.

He served in the U.S. Army and was employed as a heavy equipment operator for the past 17 years by the Village of Potsdam.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church, the VFW, and the CSEA.

Lillian Heaton

Funeral services were held at the Mann Funeral Home, Madrid, on Saturday, August 28, 1976 for Lillian L. Heaton, 81, Rt. 2, Potsdam.

Burial took place in the Madrid cemetery. Rev. Charles Maxfield officiated.

She died August 25 in the Highland Nursing Home, Massena where she had been a patient only a short time.

Surviving are one daughter, Irene Heaton, Madrid; several nieces, nephews and cousins. A son, Sgt. Lloyd Heaton, was killed while serving in the Air Force during World War Two.

She was born in Potsdam on November 30, 1894, the daughter of Ernest and Ida B. Quigley Hoadley. She married Glenn Heaton in Utica in September, 1915. He died in 1955.

She was a member of the Madrid American Legion Auxiliary, the Kings Daughters of St. Paul, the W.S.C.S. of West Potsdam and was active in the Home Bureau for many years. She was a member of the East Potsdam Methodist Church.

Art festival September 25

"Americana" is the theme of the 1976 Autumn Art Festival sponsored by the Village of Norwood. All interested persons are invited to attend. Admission is free to the general public. The open air art show has grown each year since it began in 1973. It is hoped that a large number of North country artists and craftsmen will be on hand Saturday September 25 to display and sell their work.

Members of the performing arts will provide entertainment throughout the day with a puppet show beginning at 11 a.m. on the new bandshell. Norwood's Brass Firemen are scheduled to play in the early afternoon. The Kiwanis Club have compiled information which is to be buried in the village in the mid-afternoon along with the dedication of the bandshell. It is expected that several out of town dignitaries will participate in these ceremonies. The Tri-Town Singers will also be performing in the afternoon and anyone who has never had the opportunity to attend a Tom Thumb Wedding will be able to do so in the late afternoon, compliments of the 4-H club. An ice cream social in the form of a reception will follow.

Those participants entering the art show in the competitive category will be judged in the afternoon and the winners will be announced at 5 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale by members of the Norwood Kiwanis and the Fire Department for the chicken barbecue which will begin at noon.

Entertainment for the kiddies that day will be provided in the afternoon by the Norwood Girl Scouts so mothers will be free to browse and relax.

The day's events will conclude with the townspeople gathered in the municipal hall for a cabaret.

Anyone interested in entering the art show is urged to contact Jane Peacock, 19 Bernard Avenue, Norwood, for more information and entry blank as soon as possible.

Flo Traynor

Florence H. Traynor, 78 a resident of Mayfield Apartments since November 1973 died at the Potsdam Hospital August 22, 1976. She had been a patient there since July 24.

She is survived by five sons, C. Michael, of Brushton; Bernard J., of Helena; Harold S., of Phoenix, Ariz.; James J. of Long Lake; and Richard C. of Malone; a daughter, Janet Pike of Potsdam; 24 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, Dorothy Glenn of Gardena Calif.; Mary Uphagrove, of Houston, Texas; and Vera Aubin of Ausable Forks; and two brothers, Charles Peck, of Phoenix Ariz. and Burton, of Brushton.

She was born in Minneapolis, Minn., October 4, 1897, a daughter of the late Burton and Ethel Stetson Peck.

A resident of Brushton most of her life, she was married to Carl A. Traynor on June 28, 1917. The couple operated a farm. He died on November 25, 1956.

She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Potsdam and the Esther Seal Society at Mayfield. Formerly she was a member of the Brushton Altar and Rosary Society and St. Mary's Mission.

The funeral was held August 23, at St. Mary's Church, Brushton with the Rev. C. Albert Richardson officiating, assisted by Rev. James Lamite of Constable. Pallbearers were Jerome, Bernie, David, Patrick, Steve, and Mike Traynor, grandsons of the deceased. Burial was in the parish cemetery with arrangements with the Flint Funeral Home.

Clyde Clark

Clyde Clark, 68, of Hannawa Falls died at his home in the evening of August 12, 1976.

He was born in Norwood on February 4, 1908 the son of Edward and Minnie Corbin Clark. He spent his early life and was educated in Norwood.

He married Thelma Selleck in 1935 and moved to Hannawa Falls where he was employed by Niagara-Mohawk as an equipment operator for 30 years.

He was a member of the High Falls Masonic Lodge of Colton.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Eleanor Morgan of Potsdam and Judy Clark of Canton; one son, Edward of Colorado; as sister, Thelma Valquette of Endicott; one nephew and six grandchildren.

Burial was August 14 in the Riverside Cemetery, Hannawa Falls following a private funeral.

Grace Randall

Grace D. Randall, 90, of RD 4, Pierrepont, died August 21, 1976 at the Potsdam Hospital, where she had been a patient for two days.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. August 23 at the Lawrence Funeral Home in Canton, with the Rev. William Mundell officiating. Burial was in the Pierrepont Cemetery.

Surviving are one son Harold of Owasco; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was born in Pierrepont, December 12, 1885, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Veber. In 1909 she was married to Judson Randall, who predeceased her.

She was a member of the Pierrepont Community Club and the Cray Mills Grange.

Edgar Castle

The funeral for Edgar O. Castle, 74, of Rt. 1, Norwood was at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 24, 2976 at the Seymour Funeral Home in Potsdam. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery in Parisville.

He died Saturday, August 21, 1976 at the Potsdam Hospital.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Chester (Nancy) Ratelle of Miami, Fla.; one brother Bernard Castle of Rt. 1, Winthrop; one sister Mrs. Beatrice Lyon

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Business and Finance

Telephone rates to jump Oct. 7

New York Telephone plans to increase the monthly charge for local service in the Potsdam exchange in October to keep rates in line with those in similar exchanges around the state.

Based on current rates, the increase for a residence customer in Potsdam with an individual line will be 38 cents a month, said company manager Alfred Simpkins. The monthly increase for a

business customer with individual line service will be \$1.92.

Simpkins explained that the monthly charge for local service is based on the number of telephones that can be called without paying a toll charge. "The more phones you can reach, the greater the value of service and the higher the monthly rate," he said, noting that the number of phones that can be called toll-free from a phone in the Potsdam exchange has risen to over 19,000, placing Potsdam in the next highest telephone rate group.

"This charge is not a rise in the general level of telephone rates," Simpkins said. "Similar changes take place periodically in many exchanges throughout the state so that telephone customers in comparable exchanges pay comparable rates."

Ablowitz gets broker license

The M.R. Greene Real Estate Agency has announced that Enid M. Ablowitz has become a real estate broker, having just passed the New York State License Examination.

Ablowitz stated, "I thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to work with people and provide a service to the community. Real estate is a common denominator everyone needs housing, and I find it challenging to accommodate customers' individual needs."

Ablowitz is a member of the St. Lawrence County Board of Realtors and is serving as their publicity chairperson. She resides on Ames Road in Potsdam.

NYSUT predicts fewer strikes

Boards of education and local teacher unions in 173 of the state's 787 school districts are now at impasse in contract talks, according to James Conti, a field staff director of the 206,000-member New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), AFL-CIO.

While the number of stalemates is about the same as in August a year ago, NYSUT estimates that the number of teacher strikes this fall will be far below the 1975 figure. Last year at this time NYSUT identified 40 impasses as possible strikes, and 21 walkouts did occur. This year fewer than half a dozen of the existing 173 impasses seem likely to result in strikes.

Though there is "plenty of money" in most school district budgets that the local unions could hold out for, Conti says that "teachers are more reluctant to strike this year than they've been in over a decade."

"Teachers recognize that the state is in deep financial trouble, and concern about the future of school funding is having a profound psychological effect," the NYSUT spokesman explained. "Even the initial demand of most teacher locals were moderated by fear of the inflationary spiral."

A range of non-monetary issues has been more important to the local unions this year than salary increases, fringe benefits improvements, or cost-of-living adjustments. Retaining previously negotiated job security provisions has been the teachers' chief goal.

All though the state, school board negotiators have sought to waterdown or to eliminate clauses now in teacher contracts which provide that teachers may be dismissed only for just cause and following due process hearings, and which establish the binding arbitration of grievances.

"What's happened is that poor

management-- incompetent administrators-- have continued to make poor judgments," Conti notes. "Teachers have appealed those judgments through their grievance procedures, all the way to binding arbitration."

Overall the boards have assumed much tougher stances in bargaining, and a few of them have shown a "punitivistic, 'kill them teachers' attitude," according to Conti.

That tougher attitude became apparent in last year's teacher strikes. Early in the 1976 teacher strikes averaged about three days, as both sides were eager to settle their differences and reopen the schools. Hard-line views on school boards pushed that average to 12 days in 1975.

The school boards' recalcitrance was matched by a stiffer attitude in the courts. Eleven members of the Schenectady Federation of Teachers served jail terms, the largest number ever sentenced for participating in a teacher strike. Eight members of the Orchard Park Teachers Association were given 30 day terms--the longest ever given teachers for striking in New York State.

NORFOLK LABOR DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION

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Sun.-Sept. 5th - Noon - Parade
1 P.M. - Firematic Drills
6 P.M. - NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN LACROSS-SEMI-FINALS - (2 games)
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