



THE POTSDAM QUAKER MEETING held a canning bee last week to process donated vegetables to be given to the Mohawk Indians who have not yet moved to Macomb. Above, Ruth Penrose and Helen Lindsey are at work with jars and

pressure cooker. Another session will be held soon and the group needs donations of quart jars and rings or tops. To donate, call 265-3589. (Victoria Levitt photo).

## Powerline walk-a-thon set August 24

Plans for a Powerline Walk-A-Thon were formally released recently by the following co-sponsoring organizations: Upstate People for Safe Energy Technology (UPSET, Inc.) North Country Defense Committee (NCDC), Ft. Covington-Bombay Residents, Edwards Area Citizens, Stop Hazards of Cable Kilovolts, (SHOCK), Syracuse Peace Council, DeKalb Concerned Citizens, Friends of the St. Lawrence, and the People's Power Coalition.

The walk will begin on August 24 at the south end of the 765 KV powerline route in Marcy. On August 27, a second group of walkers will start out from the north end of the route in Fort Covington. The southern portion of the walk is approximately 100 miles; the northern

portion is approximately 80 miles. Per mile pledges are being sought by walkers from area residents.

At each end, there will be at least several walkers committed to going the entire distance. Many other people are expected to walk for shorter distances as the walk passes through their communities. Along the way, informational meetings are planned. These meetings will be held in several key towns the walk will pass through.

On September 4, at noon, the two groups of walkers will meet in Edwards for a rally against the 765 KV powerline. The Edwards Area Citizens have passed the following resolution.

"Whereas we believe in Government of The People, by The People, and for The People; and

"Whereas the Power Authority of the State of New York is currently attempting to construct and energize a statewide network of 765,000 Volt power lines; and

"Whereas there is substantial evidence that the construction and energizing of these lines might cause irreparable harm to productive farm lands and health hazards to Citizens living and working near the proposed lines; and

"Whereas the Power Authority of the State of New York has not had to provide the need for these lines and has consistently attempted to keep the true facts concerning these lines from the Public; and

"Whereas a substantial number of Citizens organizations throughout New York State have seen fit to openly and courageously oppose the construction of these lines; and

"Whereas the pleadings of the citizens of New York State have fallen on deaf ears of the Legislature and Governor; and

"Whereas courageous, knowledgeable Citizens have repeatedly been branded as 'troublemakers' by the Governor who is ill informed and

"Whereas the pleading of the Citizens of New York State are now being heard and listened to by other concerned Citizens of the United States of America; and

"Whereas it has come to our attention that various Citizens Organizations are proposing a walk the entire length of the

proposed line, from Massena, to Marcy, to dramatize their dictatorial treatment by the Power Authority of the State of New York; and

"Whereas a motion has been duly made and seconded, and passed by unanimous vote, of the members present, be it

"Resolved, that the Edwards Area Citizens do invite the Free World to walk from Massena, or from Marcy, and to rendezvous at Edwards, there to partake of our hospitality, and to hold a rally and to peacefully demonstrate to the World the merits of our cause."

Citizen groups throughout the state and the Northeast have indicated their support for this Walk-A-Thon and are expected to participate in the walk and the rallies following the walk.

After the gathering in Edwards on September 4, people will caravan to a meadow just south of Canton on Rt. 11 where an Old-Time Country Music Show will be held from late afternoon through the evening. Musicians from around the state are expected to perform at this event. Refreshments will be served both in Edwards and at the Music Show.

On September 5, a statewide conference on 765,000 volt powerlines will be held at the Unitarian Church in Canton from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Representatives from citizen groups all around the state will discuss how citizens can effectively oppose the construction of high-voltage transmission facilities. Workshops will be led by local experts as well as by Werner Kuhn and Fred Dusenbury of the Public Utilities Law Project (based in Albany); Donal Ross (head of the New York Public Interest Research Group); Pauline Davis of the Safe Energy Coalition of New York State (a citizens' lobby based in the Albany area.).

People wishing to participate in the Walk-A-Thon or wishing to pledge money for walkers, should contact Ellen Rocco at Rt. 1, Richville, 13681, 353-2512.

People wishing to participate in the September 5 conference should contact Ed Dubinsky at Pleasant St., Potsdam, 13676, 265-2906.

Most of New York's power (85 percent) is generated by privately owned utility companies, according to the New York State Department of Commerce.

## Studies reveal 'striking difference' in energy use and cost NOJC claims

A striking difference in energy use and cost between oil and electricity for heating purposes has been revealed by two recent official U.S. studies.

The first, issued by Brookhaven National Laboratory of the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration, shows that in a major Eastern U.S. metropolitan area, the annual cost of providing home heat and 80 gallons of domestic hot water daily was \$649 with oil heat equipment.

Proving the same heat and hot water in a home equipped with an electric heat pump and an electric water heater was more than twice as costly; \$1380.

In each case, the heating system served an identical 50,000 BTU per hour heat load.

The other report, entitled, "Potential for Energy Conservation in the United States-1979-1985," was compiled by the National Petroleum Council, industry's advisory council to the U.S. Department of Interior.

This report shows that heating oil operates with double the resource efficiency of electricity in home heating and water heating.

Doubled efficiency is reflected in homeowners' energy costs.

According to National Oil Jobbers Council, an association of 15,000 independent marketers of petroleum products, the government studies are being borne out in millions of homes throughout the country.

"Heating oil consumed on site is

simply a far more efficient method of providing home comfort than any form of electrical heating, including the heat pump, which is now being promoted so heavily by the electric company", according to NORJ spokesmen.

"National Oil Council urges prospective home buyers and builders to

check the two government reports with great care. If their lessons are applied, home ownership and operation will be substantially less costly, a great deal of energy will be conserved and our nation's air quality will be maintained at healthier levels," the NOJC spokesman said.

## Public hearings in Waddington

BY LEE REED  
Waddington Town Supervisor J. Albert Wright disclosed that there will be two public hearings, both slated for September 12.

One will deal with a review of the proposed Sanitary Regulations as presented by the Waddington Planning Board. The Town Board is seeking input from villagers and townspeople alike.

The other hearing will deal with how to spend the Federal Revenue Sharing monies allocated for Waddington during 1978. The Supervisor noted that in the past these monies have been used to operate the Sanitary Landfill. By using the funds this way there has been no need to raise taxes to pay for the escalating cost of operation of the landfill. It is hoped that several people attend both meetings, which will be scheduled prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board. Wright made the announcement at the August meeting of the board.

A letter from Richard Mayette, owner and operator of Waddington's Sanitary Landfill stating that the cost of operation would increase, four percent effective August 15 was read. This was in accordance with the original contract, dated 1974, which included a 'cost of living' increase. During the first year it cost \$18,500 for the Town to use the landfill. In 1976 it rose to \$19,425; and as of August 15 the cost now stands at \$2,200. Actually the contract specified a five percent increase; this year's raise was only four percent. Both the operator and the board are satisfied with these terms.

In other business a notice from the Department of Audit and Control stating that people presenting Town Vouchers to the Board will no longer be required to have said vouchers stamped by a Notary Public was read. Now only the person's signature presenting the bill need appear on the voucher.

Myron Young, chairman of the Library Board, appeared before the Town Board to discuss problems with that building. He noted that masonry work is needed on the entrance and that pointing and sealing of the brick should also be taken care of. The building was constructed in 1919. He will check the cost of such work and report his findings to the September Town Board meeting.

A letter from the Travelers insurance company stating that the Waddington Beach has passed their safety survey conducted July 28 was read. It said in part: "The parking and beach surfaces were in good condition. Excellent rules for using the beach have been established and were clearly posted. Required life saving equipment were on the premises and in good condition. Emergency procedures are adequate, consisting of telephone communications to the local emergency rescue squad nearby."

Bills were audited and approved for payment.

## Small talk

JUDI BUTLER

The Hopkinton-Fort Jackson Firemen's Picnic was held last Sunday at the new Recreational Park in Fort Jackson. About 50 persons, firemen and Auxiliary members and their families, enjoyed food, fun and sunshine.

VISIT

Lulu E. Jones, presently staying at the home of her daughter Lou Eakins of Hopkinton, recently enjoyed a pleasant visit from Mr. and Mrs. Elton Auchmoody of Westmoreland, who spent a day with her.

FAMILY PICNIC

A 75 year old former Hannawa Falls resident, Helen LeBlanc, presently residing in Ogdensburg, recently enjoyed the company of 38 members of her family at a family reunion picnic held in her honor at Barnhart Beach in Massena.

Mrs. LeBlanc celebrated the day with the help of seven of her ten surviving children, fourteen of her thirty-four grandchildren, and six of her twenty-two great grandchildren. Her sister, Bessie Bachman also attended the picnic. The family members gathered from Ogdensburg, Morristown, DePeyster, Massena, Colton, Rochester, and Albany.

Unable to attend were a son from Syracuse, another son and his family, residing in Georgia and one grandson, stationed with the U.S. Army in Germany.

Mrs. LeBlanc, who is a well-known and active member of the Ogdensburg Geriatric Day Care Center, has lived in that City for the past 35 years.

Mrs. Emma Peet, an active Senior Citizen of Hopkinton is back home after a stay in the Crouse Irving Hospital in Syracuse.

Mrs. Peet is now recovering from successful surgery to correct a detached retina.

Mrs. Peet said, "It was a lot to go through and the traveling to and from Syracuse is difficult and not over yet because of the follow up visits to my specialists, but I would go through just about anything to keep my sight."

Her friends and neighbors in Hopkinton are glad to have her home and pleased for her return to good health.

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