



## Petitions filed

Thirty-four people have filed independent nominating petitions for the upcoming town and county political races, according to Democratic elections commissioner Steve Van Ness.

Deadline for filing petitions was Thursday, August 25 at 5 p.m. Petitions were received from the following area persons:

William Louie, for Waddington town highway superintendent. Louie faces both a Republican and a Democrat.

Mary Rutley, who is vying for a two year term on the Colton town council and who faces a Republican primary.

Christine Davis, who opposes Betty Bradley, the incumbent district 14 county legislator.

Shirley Harris, a Democrat, is seeking the Potsdam town justice. She is currently an acting village justice.

Rosemary Sanford, the Republican candidate for the district 13 legislature seat. She opposes incumbent Democrat Francis Healey.

Robert Dinello, who is the Republican candidate for Ernest LaBaff's district 15 seat on the legislature.

Ralph Greco, the incumbent Democrat from legislature district 8.

Carl LaSalle, the incumbent district 3 legislator.

Donald LaVare, seeking the job of Brasher highway superintendent which is currently held by Raymond Barney, Barney, who replaced the retired long time superintendent Paul Dumas, is the Republican candidate.

Eldin Jones, the incumbent Stockholm town highway superintendent.

## Old well discovered

Renovation of the Civic Center to house the Potsdam Museum is progressing rapidly. There have been some slight delays however.

The most recent came when the large bucket truck, which workmen have been using to paint the outside trim, fell into a hole near the sidewalk to the Municipal Offices. On further investigation by workers, it was found that the hole is lined with stonework and is about eight feet deep. This hole is a well which supplied water to the Universalist Church before water lines were put in.

Authorities knew that the well existed because of a reference to it in a deed dated March 16, 1875, when it was part of a boundary line to a new section of land which the Universalist Church bought. Unfortunately, no one knows when the well was filled and covered up, and its exact location was lost, until now.

No indication as to the fate of the well is yet known.



JOEY DEPINTO OF POTSDAM shows his form on the trampoline, one of the pieces of apparatus introduced in the gymnastics class for preschoolers which is among several classes in gymnastics for children and women offered by State University College at Potsdam.



Post office closed Sept. 6

The Post Office in Potsdam will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday, Potsdam Mayor Elliott announced. On that day there will be no window service or regular carrier delivery. A complete collection will be made to all collection boxes within the local delivery area, at 1:00 p.m.

Special delivery letters will be delivered.

The incoming and outgoing mail on Monday will be on the holiday schedule.



ERNIE LABAFF (left), PASNY chairman Fred Clark (center), and Allen Rishe met Monday to discuss the issue of more power for St. Lawrence County. LaBaff is chairman of the county's Economic Development Committee of the legislature. Rishe is the chairman of the legislature.

## St. Mary's opens school September 6

St. Mary's School will open for the 1977-78 school year at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, for a full-day session.

Regular noon lunch will be offered. The school calendar for the year will follow exactly that of the Potsdam Public School System.

St. Mary's School is staffed by the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart and by qualified lay teachers, all of whom are competent in their fields and certified by New York State.

This school year St. Mary's boasts of having seven Grey Nuns on its staff

along with three full-time and one part-time lay teacher as part of the regular faculty. A remedial reading and math teacher, art, physical education and music teachers all assist the faculty in a well-rounded program. Father Michael Toth will hold scheduled religion classes for all grades during the school year.

The objectives of St. Mary's is to help those with whom they work develop to their greatest potential by preparing the students for the parts they will play in society, and to foster in them a response to the needs of society and their fellowmen," according to school

spokesmen. "St. Mary's endeavors to bring qualified personnel who will strive to provide innovative, and creative programs through updated curriculum, on-going study and inservice training in order to effect the best possible education in our society," sources added.

"The Grey Nuns have all received their undergraduate degrees from such institutions as D'Youville College in Buffalo, Fordham University, New York and Georgia State, Atlanta. Graduate work has been in various universities; namely St. Bonaventure, Potsdam State, Seton Hall, Eastern Kentucky University, St. John's New York and Eastern Illinois, Illinois. The lay faculty join the sisters with graduate studies from Mater Dei, Plymouth State, Potsdam State, St. Lawrence College of Applied Arts, Canada and St. Lawrence University," sources concluded.

Late registrations of students for any grade K-8 will be accepted during this week and through the first week of school.

## Troopers will be out in force

State troopers will have a wary eye out for speeders over the Labor Day weekend as they attempt to reduce the number of accidents that marred the 1976 holiday.

On that weekend, troopers investigated 543 accidents in which 335 persons were injured and 11 were killed. More than 6,000 tickets were issued.

"We intend to enforce the 55 mile per hour speed limit stringently this Labor Day weekend and every day in the name of safety and fuel economy," Superintendent William G. Connelle of the New York State Police warns the motoring public.

To assure compliance with the federally-mandated speed limit, troopers will be out in force, armed not only with tickets but with VASCAR and stationary and mobile radar to catch disobedient drivers.

## PCS schedules tax collection

Una Frank, tax collector for the Potsdam Central School has indicated that the 30 day period during which taxes may be paid without penalty will begin on 8 a.m. on September 6 and will run through the end of the business day, Thursday, October 6.

Taxes will be collected in the business offices of the district's high school building on Leroy Street in the village of Potsdam.

The business office is located in the middle of the first floor of the older section of the high school.

Frank indicated that a two percent

penalty will be added to the tax bill for the second 30 day period which will begin on Friday, October 7 running through Friday, November 4.

The board of education recently approved a tax levy of \$1,823,000 which will result in rates per thousand of assessed valuation as follows: Potsdam, \$95.59, Pierrepont, \$96.82, Stockholm, \$137.96, Parishville-\$95.61, Canton, \$90.90.

The increase in Potsdam, the major share of the school district is \$2.44 per thousand.

## Butterfield seeks Stockholm post

William Butterfield is a Republican candidate for Highway Superintendent of the Town of Stockholm for the Primary Election to be held on Thursday, September 8 from noon to 9 p.m.

The four polling places in the Town of Stockholm are: District one, Sansfordville Community Center; District two, Municipal Building, Winthrop; District three, Buckton Church Hall; and District four, North Stockholm Church Hall.

Butterfield has resided in the Town of Stockholm for the past 22 years and at his present home on the Knapps Station Road for the past seven years.

He was a self-employed farmer for eight years prior to working for four

years on construction on the Seaway from 1954-58.

In the spring of 1959 he started his employment for the Highway Department of the Town of Stockholm where he is still employed.

He is a machine operator and truck driver.

He has been Shop Steward of the Teamsters Union for the Stockholm Highway Department for the past four years and has been a member for eight years.

He is married and the couple are the parents of four sons and one daughter.

He said that he feels his "experience on the highway department" makes him a "well qualified candidate for highway superintendent."

## County Chamber of Commerce to be at State Fair in Syracuse

The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce will again participate in the New York State Travel and Vacation Association's Travel Exhibit in the Center of Progress Building at the Syracuse New York State Fair beginning Tuesday, August 30 through September 5.

The Chamber in its continuing effort to promote St. Lawrence County as a unique year-round vacation area will have eight panels on display depicting various fall, winter and spring activities as well as year-round attractions. A variety of entertainment to be enjoyed by Fair goers will include participation in an ongoing New York State slide presentation, showing of the cooperative

regional film "Bountiful Boundary" and two performances by Champion Gouverneur St. Lawrence County Fair fiddlers, one of whom is the current New York State Champion. The fiddlers, all St. Lawrence County residents, will perform on Wednesday, August 31, the day designated to feature "Thousand Islands-St. Lawrence Region."

Representing St. Lawrence County on its featured day in the "I Love New York" travel booth will be Chamber executive secretary, Rosemarie Carpenter and Harriet Dodge, Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, who will distribute County promotional material and be available to assist the traveling public in planning a St. Lawrence County vacation.

## Potsdam Central opens September 6

The Potsdam Central School will open for the 1977-78 school year with a full day session on Tuesday, September 6, 1977. Staff meetings will be held in each of the district's three buildings on that day. Pupils will follow the same time schedule as last year, arriving after 7:30 a.m. in the A.A. Kingston Middle School and the Senior High School, and after 8:30 a.m. in the Lawrence Avenue Elementary School.

Any pupils who are new to Potsdam or who have not completed registration for any reason are asked to report to the office of the school they will attend during the week prior to school opening. The offices are open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Parents of elementary school children should receive notices by mail as to the classroom placement of their youngsters. Those not receiving this information by Friday, August 19, should contact the Lawrence Avenue Office.

District residents are asked to watch their local papers for information about transportation routes. These will be published during the week of August 29.

## Clark to examine power allocations for Massena area

LAKE PLACID — Will the 765 kV line supply electricity for industrial expansions at two plants at Massena?

No one knows, but the chairman of the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) has agreed at least to reexamine the allocations of power scheduled to flow from Canada downstate over the controversial line, to see if Massena might be included.

That was the substance of a commitment obtained Monday by county officials, who met for two hours with PASNY Chairman Frederick R. Clark here.

While the officials are seemingly reluctant to be openly enthusiastic about the prospects for more power for Reynolds Metals and Chevrolet, both legislature chairman Allen Rishe and legislator Ernest J. LaBaff said they were optimistic about the prospects.

Rishe and LaBaff were joined in their meeting Monday by county economic developer William Cook and Temple Brown, the manager of the Massena Reynolds Plant. Both Reynolds and

Chevrolet have indicated that they will expand their Massena operations, should more power become available.

The jobs that would be created by two such expansions are said to number between 800 and 1,000.

While PASNY maintains that all of the 800 megawatts of power that will flow over the line from Hydro-Quebec are already committed outside the North Country, Clark's agreement to reexamine those commitments is regarded as significant.

Clark also told county officials that he would review the power allocations at other PASNY projects.

According to LaBaff, the conversation was for the most part confined to the possibility of extra power for Chevrolet and Reynolds, although LaBaff said that the question of more power to attract new industry to the north might be a topic of future talks with the chairman.

Clark promised the officials that he would "get back to us in the near future," according to LaBaff.

## Two county departments to get over \$280,000

CANTON — Two St. Lawrence County departments are due to receive over \$280,000 back from the federal government, according to the final report of Peat, Marwick and Mitchell, an accounting firm hired by the county.

The money dates from the "indirect costs" incurred by both the county's Department of Social Services and the Probation Department during 1975.

The departments have received their reports from the accounting firm, and the money is due back to them by the end of the year.

A spokesman for the company said this morning that after some 400 man-hours of work, his firm had determined that the social services department could recoup \$248,933 from the Department of Housing, Education and Welfare, while probation had \$32,598 coming to it.

Essentially, the accounting firm performs a survey of all of "indirect costs" of running each department. Any county department has direct costs—that is, salaries, housing, and other expenses. At the same time there are hidden costs, the costs of administering the program that are difficult to reflect in a department's budget.

These costs might take the form of work that the treasurer's office did for the departments, or the work performed on their behalf by some county official.

Since many of county departments are utilized by probation and social services, the spokesman pointed out that it would be extremely difficult for those departments to individually determine what their "indirect costs" are. Hence, the countywide survey.

## Holiday deadlines

Due to the Labor Day holiday next Monday, September 5, the Courier and Freeman will move up its deadline for the issue of September 6.

The deadline for display, classified display and classified advertising will be Friday at noon.

All correspondent's copy must be submitted for publication by noon Friday and all pictures must be taken by noon Friday. No pictures will be taken Monday, September 5.

## Basmajian takes exception with statements on power availability

Walter Basmajian, a member of the Massena and St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency, today took exception to statements of the officials of the Power Authority of the State of New York that power is not available for expansion and new jobs at Reynolds and Chevrolet Division of General Motors in the County.

Both industries have stated that they would increase employment by 300. Basmajian said the north country has some of the highest unemployment in New York State; averaging from 12 to 15 percent of the working population.

"The Power Authority admits power will be available-but yet throws 'cold water on the efforts of business and civic leaders to obtain the additional power. I urge that if the cities downstate need power—we need it here as well. I am disappointed that those who are responsible in the planning of the 765 kV line gave no consideration to the problem of jobs here. I feel that we have the electric power resource, but lack people and voting power," he said.

"I call on the Governor of the State of New York, who is working hard to bring industry to New York, to help expand

three major industries located here, willing to create substantial numbers of new jobs, pay a decent wage, pay taxes," Basmajian added.

"I urge the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Organizations and others to start action by circulating petitions, as was done in 1958 for Reynolds and General Motors," he added.

"The time is late but we have the will, and we can get the power. If we can ship power downstate because of blackouts and looting, then the people up north should get a piece of the action. We have suffered enough. We ask for just consideration from the Governor and the Power Authority of the State of New York for this impoverished area," he concluded.

## No tax for cable TV

The Department of Taxation and Finance has officially notified the New York State Cable Television Association that it will not appeal the recent Appellate Division decision which upheld the lower courts' finding that cable television service is not subject to sales tax.

All Cable TV companies in the State were advised that they should immediately discontinue collecting sales tax on Cable Television Service.

The New York State Cable Television Association is meeting with the State Department of Taxation in order to work out credit or refund procedures.

## Potsdam gets grant

Potsdam Mayor Ruth Garner told the Courier and Freeman on Monday that the village has received a grant from the Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$1,011,000.

Notice of approval of the grant came from Congressman Robert McEwen. Garner said the money would be used for the water tower and part of the water distribution system.