

Brenda Starr chutes up—but will she make the jump?

BY JUDI BUTLER
I am not very familiar with the Malone area, and I have only been there on occasion to shop.

Recently, while on one of these occasional shopping trips, my family and I noticed, as we had done before, a number of bodies drifting down out of the sky, dangling from parachutes.

We watched for several moments and then continued about our business concerning dog food coupons and the special of the week in canned Tuna fish.

After trekking around the stores for a bit, we came outside and noticed yet more parachutes dotted the sky!

Suddenly, my newly acquired Sixth Sense as a reporter activated the idea that there might indeed be a story around these adventurous (or suicidal) persons.

So...much to my husband's amazement, I followed my impulsive nature and headed for the spot where the 'chutes seemed to be landing.

I found what I had previously thought to be an airport was called the Malone Parachute Center.

Mustering up confidence and trying to look like a "Brenda Starr" type journalist, and fully expecting to be thrown out on my ear, in I walked. I introduced myself and asked about the possibility of taking a few pictures and writing a story to go with them, all the time preparing to run if it looked like anyone might get violent.

Moments later I was fitted up with parachute and found myself climbing into Big Bird, the plane which was going up for the next "drop" wondering how I get myself into these things.

The ride was thrilling for me, as I have never flown in anything less than a 727 jet liner. I sat beside the door which was opened at 7,200 feet for the jumpers to exit. I looked down and there it was, the world, and I wondered, "could I ever do it?"

As it turns out the only good way to write a story about skydiving is to do it. Well...I'm one of those people who shouldn't get too close to cliff tops or Niagara Falls, so the mania is already there, but will I jump? The date is set and the chute is packed, and you may get a more personal insight to this sport in my next episode....



DRIFTING SOFTLY earthward this parachutist swings gently in the afternoon breeze in Malone. (Judi Butler Photo)

Sunday Rock--north and south

DOROTHY AYERS

FIREMEN'S FIELD DAY
Colton's Field Day was saddened by the unexpected death of one of the participants, Silas Hunter of the West Stockholm Fire Department. Everyone in this community extends sympathy to his family.

It was a shame that the weather wasn't more co-operative as it takes so many hours of planning and so much hard work to make such an affair a success. People turned out despite the gloomy skies and enjoyed the parade, events at the Field and last, but not least, the delicious dinner. We really have a lot of good cooks in the North Country.

NEW BABIES

Ronald and Betty Smith have a son, Gerald, who was born August 8. Patrick Jr. and Debra Wright have a son, Frederick, born August 12. John and Sally Mae Long have a son, Patrick, born August 24.

THE BEARS ARE COMING

There's a small wild apple tree at the end of our field by the house and I'd been keeping an eye on the one or two good-sized apples among the scabby lot, with a view to eating them out of hand. Went down to check on them and not an apple on the tree and the center branch, what I'd call the leader on an evergreen, was torn down as the something heavy had tried to climb it. The apples were too few for a person to have gone to that much trouble so I wondered if it could have been a bear. My Better Half agreed to walk down one day and sure enough, he found claw marks which just about proved it had to be a bear.

Telling Carl Newton about it later and he told me that just recently in their apple orchard on Wildwood Road he found bear signs.

Potsdam to hold parents classes

The fall series of the Expectant Parents Classes will start on Wednesday, September 21.

The series, which is sponsored by the Central St. Lawrence Health Services and the Association for Family Health Services, will be held on five consecutive Wednesday evenings. Each class will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Medical Library on the first floor of the Potsdam Hospital.

Featured speakers will include several local doctors and nurses, a Lamaz instructor, and La Leche League leader as well as interested parents. Subjects to be discussed will include management of pregnancy, the Lamaz technique of child birth, layette, bottle and breast feeding, health care for children, safety, a panel discussion with some new parents and a baby bath demonstration. Tours of the Potsdam Hospital's labor and delivery rooms will also be arranged.

Classes are open to all interested persons and couples are especially encouraged to attend. A donation of \$3 is suggested but not required. Proceeds are used to purchase handout materials as well as books for the lending library.

For further information call Diana Tebo, 353-8821 or Diane Green, 265-4144.



WITH THE WIND tearing at his face, this parachutist prepares to drop into the cool air above Malone. Malone is the home of a parachuting club. (Judi Butler Photo)

Small talk

BY JUDI BUTLER

Robert Jenkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jenkinson, of Hopkinton, was married on September 2 to Dawn Shorette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shorette of Helena. The wedding took place in the Hogansburg Catholic Church.

HARVEST DINNER

Holy Cross Catholic Church of Hopkinton will be holding its annual Harvest Dinner in the Hopkinton Town Hall on October 2 from noon to 3 p.m. Catholic families in the parish will be approached in the next week or so to donate food and money toward the dinner. The price for the dinner will be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

CHURCH SERVICES

The Congregational Church in Hopkinton has opened its doors for regular services after the summer close down. Services began last Sunday with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and Church services at 10:30 a.m., with Rev. Albert Nehls officiating.

RETURNING HOME

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Spence of Hopkinton returned to Camp Mandaville after a vacation. They will be starting regular Bible Club classes again this week. In addition to adult courses offered several times a week in the area, children's classes will begin on October 18 at Mandaville, from 7-8 pm for youngsters four years old to sixth grade (on Tuesday nights), and Teen Club on October 20 from 7-9 pm every Thursday night.

The Spence's will host a covered dish supper at the camp on September 24 at 6 pm to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of The Bible Club Movement in the North Country. For more information about Bible Club in this area call the Spence's 328-2881.

OUT OF HOSPITAL

Robert Converse of Hopkinton is back at home and back at work after a lengthy stay at Potsdam Hospital for treatment of a blood clot in the leg. His friends and family welcome him back to health again!

ATTENDED SESSION

The Board of Elections for the Fort Jackson and Hopkinton Area, attended a training session recently held at the county offices in Canton.

Blood pressure checks

Have you had your blood pressure checked recently? High blood pressure can increase your risk of heart attack and can be indicative of other health problems.

Central St. Lawrence Health Services is interested in the health of the members of our communities. A free blood pressure check service is offered 24 hours a day every day of the year. Safeguard your health. Stop in at the emergency room of the Potsdam Hospital Unit today and have your blood pressure checked.

People

RETURNS HOME

Florence Donovan has returned to her home in New York City, after spending three weeks visiting her brother Claude Donovan, Canton, her sister-in-law Mrs. Bernard Donovan and family Sanfordville and sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Alguire, Ogdensburg.

RAYMO TRANSFERRED

Coast Guard Electronics Technician First Class Gary J. Raymo, whose wife Anita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Silver of Route 2, Box 100, Brasier Falls, has been assigned to the Coast Guard's oldest "new" cutter. He is serving aboard the Coast Guard cutter Unimak, homeported in New Bedford, Mass.

His ship, originally commissioned as a Navy seaplane tender in 1943, was transferred to the Coast Guard in 1949 and had a colorful career before being mothballed in 1975. She was recently renovated and recommissioned for the second time as a Coast Guard cutter. He joined the Coast Guard in August 1962.

REVEREND IS GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Charles Dayton, pastor of the Norfolk Wesleyan Church, was the guest speaker one night recently at the Morley Wesleyan Church where he addressed the Sunday school officers and workers of the Wesleyan Sunday School.

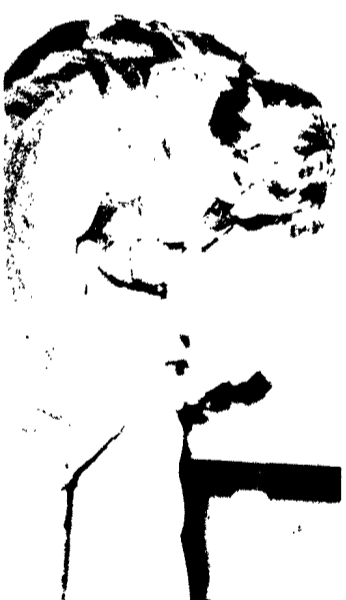
The pastor of the Morley Wesleyan Church is the Rev. James Willis. Superintendent of the Morley Wesleyan Sunday School is Harry Gibson, Norwood. The Rev. Willis succeeded Rev. Reginald Hewitt.

There was a round table discussion period followed by refreshments in the parsonage.

JEWELRY SALE MONEY SENT TO TELETHON

Mrs. Rose Berge, Raymondville Motel, sent \$180 to the Jerry Lewis Telethon, Labor Day, for Muscular Dystrophy. This amount was realized from the sale of jewelry from the Raymondville Motel.

Mrs. Berge said that the jewelry sale to be held Sept. 26 through Sept. 30 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day, at the American Legion Room, Norwood, with proceeds to be given to the Norfolk Fire Department and to the Norfolk Rescue Squad.



BUCKLING UP his harness this jumper makes sure that all of his belts are tightened and that his parachute is in perfect working order. It's a long way to the ground if it isn't... (Judi Butler Photo)

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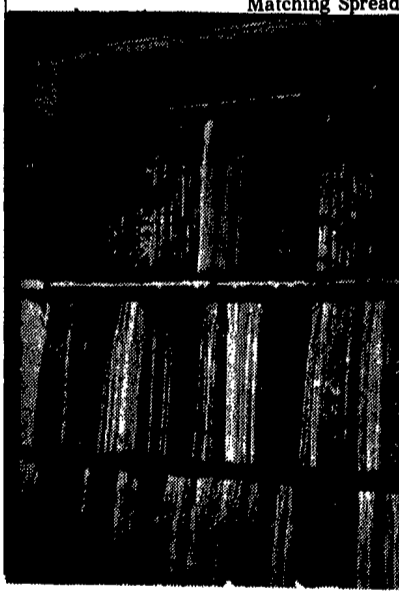

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