



THE POTSDAM Day Care Center recently held its sixth annual used book sale in Potsdam. The young patron shown is about to make a selection from the children's book table. Day

care sources have said the sale raised about \$800 this year. (Betsy Baker photo)



MAKING PLANS for the Campus Club's fall bread and salad luncheon on September 17 at noon in Thatcher Hall are, from left, Sylvia Mulherin, Sally Zoss, Nancy Del Borge, Mary Stoltie, Cathy Brosnan, and Marion Bartlett. For reservations

call Nancy DelBorge, 265-3944 or Gail Schabert at 265-6933. The organization is a service and social group open to women associated with State University College. (Victoria Levitt photo)

'Personal enrichment' is goal of SUCP non-credit informal courses

BY BILL LARUE

"Personal enrichment" for those in the local community is the goal of a series of non-credit informal courses offered this fall by the State University College at Potsdam.

The courses were designed for "those in the community wanting personal enrichment without the rigors of a full academic program," according to Frank Dunn, Director of the Office of Continuing Education at the college.

The offerings, Dunn added, "assist in meeting the community service mission of the State University College."

The courses offered this fall include Amateur Radio, Basic Scuba Diving, Beginning Guitar, Hatha Yoga, and a number of dance and gymnastic courses for both children and adults.

In addition, a course on planning for retirement is being offered for the first time.

The aspects of retirement planning "have, in the past, been neglected, so we're kind of excited about this offering," Dunn noted.

The pre-retirement program, entitled

"Ready or Not!" features a series of color video tape programs, followed by a discussion period. Assistance for this program is given by the National Manpower Education Institute.

The State Education Department periodically surveys the state of New York to determine the educational needs of various regions.

"The survey indicated," Dunn said, "that there is a great concern in the North Country for the arts and crafts and physical education courses and classes normally associated with hobbies and leisure."

"Our non-credit courses attempt to meet this concern," he added.

The instructors for these courses, Dunn said, are selected from individuals in the community, including students, who have the necessary "skill and interest."

"We are proud to say," he said, "that all of the people who teach these courses have extensive qualifications."

"We have no formal evaluations of the courses, but the value of them is determined by the students who respond

to them. We will occasionally drop a course if there is low enrollment or if we do not receive any requests that the course be held again," said Dunn.

Some of the courses not now offered which Dunn would like to see include wood carving, basic photography, ballroom dancing and wine making and tasting.

"We are open to suggestions," Dunn said. "If someone has an interest and would like to teach a course, Dunn requests they contact the Office of Continuing Education."

The cost of enrolling in one of the informal courses vary. The pre-retirement program is free and the cost of the Scuba Diving class is \$80.

The average charge is between \$20 and \$25.

The instructors receive "anywhere from \$400 to \$600" to teach a course "depending on the enrollment," Dunn said.

A approximately 150 to 200 people enroll in these courses each semester and according to Dunn, "as long as the interest remains, we'll keep having them."

Most of the non-credit classes begin this week. Those interested in enrolling for a course, or those who want further information, can contact the Office of Continuing Education, 620 Raymond Hall, State University College at Potsdam, Potsdam, New York, 13676 or call 268-3197.

He served as highway superintendent for the Town of Stockholm for 22 years, retiring in 1974.

Contributions may be made to the Methodist Church in West Stockholm.

Hunter was pronounced dead on arrival at Potsdam Hospital at 10:30 a.m. September 5, 1977. He had been stricken while attending the Colton Field Day and was taken to the hospital by the Colton Rescue Squad.

Surviving are his widow, Maude; a son, Howard W. of West Stockholm; a daughter, Mrs. Keith Fay (Margaret) Gary of Old Forge Road, Winthrop; five sisters, Ethel Derushia of Massena, Mammie Blair of Syracuse, Ethel Murphy of Massena, Elva Henry of Syracuse and Mary Peck, Jr. of Potsdam; three grandchildren and several nephews and nieces. He was one of 13 children, seven of whom predeceased him.

He was born in Cobalt, Ontario, February 11, 1902, the son of James and Ellen Monk Hunter. He moved to the United States at an early age and was married to Maude Gray of Raymondville on October 26, 1927.

Hunter was a member of the Methodist Church, West Stockholm; a member and past master of the Brasher Falls Lodge F and AM 54; a member and past master of the Royal Arch Masons 300 of Massena; a member of the Winthrop Grange 538; a member and immediate past president of the Tri Town Chamber of Commerce; a member of the West Stockholm Fire Department; chairman of the Fire Commissioners of West Stockholm; a life member and past president of the St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendents Association.

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\$10,000 pledged for power fight

CANTON — The 765 kV power line dominated Monday night's county board of legislators meeting, as the legislators approved \$10,000 for the fight to get power off the line, and \$2,000 for the effort to reroute a segment of the line.

Neither action came easily for the board, as legislators and opponents of the line haggled over technical issues, and moral questions and how much authority the county board has.

Monday night's meeting was charged by events that occurred earlier in the day. Three people were arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest at the Edwards farm of Richard and Janet Gotham, after trying to prevent a bulldozer from cutting an access road in the Gotham's cornfield. (See related story)

\$10,000 For Industrial Power
Legislator Ernest J. LaBaff's resolution for \$10,000 for legal counsel for negotiations with the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) was approved 15-6, with legislators Robert Thompson, Peter Otto, Lloyd Moore, Stan Morrill, Donald Bixby and Edward Johnson opposed, and LaBaff and others have been negotiating with PASNY for power off the line for the expansion of Chevrolet and Reynolds Metals' Massena plants, that could mean an additional 1,300 jobs in the area.

LaBaff announced Monday night that PASNY chairman Frederick Clark had contacted him, and is working "very hard" on trying to obtain a portion of the power for the county. He promised, LaBaff said, to have more information within the next 10 days.

LaBaff acknowledged that the \$10,000 for an attorney may well never be needed. But in his opinion, "the only way to send a clear signal to Albany is to put our money where our mouth is."

"It's worth the effort," said LaBaff, "if we can bring jobs to this economically depressed county."

His remarks immediately drew opposition from the 765 line opponents in the room, many of them fresh from the battle in Edwards. Clyde Morse, acting president of the anti-line Upstate People for Safe Energy Technology, (UPSET), took issue with the idea that line will provide more jobs for the county.

Said Morse: "I agree with Mr. LaBaff that if you're going to negotiate with PASNY you'd better have good help, because they're a tough bunch of cookies."

"I see this resolution as a hidden endorsement of the 765 line," he said.

Morse pointed out that the contract PASNY has for the power with Hydro-Quebec could make the Power Authority return power to Canada during the winter months after 1981, and he said that it would be better for the county if the board supported UPSET's fight to stop the line.

Morse is of the opinion that the main reason PASNY is willing to negotiate is because of the stiff opposition the line has encountered.

Richard Gotham, whose wife was among those arrested, told the board that he's "been toyed with and tossed around for the last two weeks."

"If you can trust the Power Authority, you're doing better than I am," he said.

Carl LaSalle introduced the first amendment, which was eventually withdrawn, which would have diverted the \$10,000 for the purpose of opposing the line. As legislature chairman Allen Rishie pointed out, "the amendment, in the context of the resolution does not make sense."

The second amendment came from Ralph Greco, who moved to support the efforts of the Industrial Development Agency, which has pledged \$5,000 toward the fight. "What it's saying in effect," Greco said, "is that if they're willing to go ahead and spend \$5,000, then let them go ahead and do it."

Francis Healey challenged the amendment, saying "it's like sending a batter up without a bat, hoping he'll draw a walk."

Greco's amendment was defeated 15-6, with legislators Robert Thompson, Peter Otto, Fay Peters, Lloyd Moore, Greco, and Dr. Donald Bixby voting yes, and LaSalle abstaining.

After LaBaff moved the question, the original resolution, intact after about an hour's worth of debate, passed 15-6-1.

\$2,000 For Rerouting
The vote to transfer \$2,000 to the county planning board came after another 45 minutes' worth of debate, covering many of the same issues.

LaSalle, supported by Mrs. Bradley, moved to supply \$10,000 for the rerouting fight under suspension of rules.

However, county planner Richard Grover had asked only for \$1,500 for an attorney, Robert Sassone of Norwood, who would represent the county at the Public Service Commission hearings on rerouting a 14-mile section of the line in the Edwards-Fitzcarrum area, and \$500 for technical assistance for Sassone.

The PSC announced the hearings on certifying that section of the line last week. The planning board has been pushing for the hearings for several months, and according to Grover, they will probably be held within the next couple of months, somewhere in the county.

Before the legislature agreed to give him the money, Rishie made Grover promise that the county legislature would not be represented as being opposed to the entire line.

Grover told the board that the situation in Edwards was unique largely because the line will run close to houses and farm land. He and the planning board have developed an alternate route, which would divert the line from agricultural land.

Gotham's land lies 2,000 feet shy of being in the uncertified section of the line, and several legislators seemed to look toward him for advice. When asked if the resolution would relieve his situation, Gotham said that even if it didn't, he would support it anyway.

Gotham has a tower slated for the middle of his cornfield. He wants it moved a short distance onto unused land.

LaSalle withdrew his resolution, prior to the board awarding the \$2,000.

Another resolution, authorizing an engineering study to determine what would have to be done to make the home safe, was on the agenda in case the vote to demolish failed.

The demolition was opposed by legislators Robert Thompson, Charles Cooke, Carl LaSalle, Stan Morrill, Edward Johnson and Ralph Greco.

Although the resolution said nothing about who would level the home, or how the demolition will be paid for, legislature chairman Allen Rishie said that it is possible that the county highway department may do the work.

Monday night's action was spurred by an insurance study of the home that confirmed what many legislators already suspected—that the county home is unsafe, inadequately protected from the public, and insufficiently insured.

The county home formerly housed the department of social services.

Highway Building Money
One resolution that drew an unexpectedly large amount of comment was approval of a federal Economic Development Administration grant for \$81,000, for the purpose of constructing new offices for the county highway department.

It eventually passed 21-1 with only Oswegatchie legislator Donald Livingston opposed, but only after the transportation committee was directed to revise the plans for the building to cut costs.

Although the EDA grant is in the amount of \$81,000, an earlier resolution of the board had also appropriated \$94,000 in federal revenue sharing funds for the county's share of the project.

At the time, legislator Francis Healey told the board that it was necessary to include the \$94,000, even if it didn't end

up being used, for the purpose of making application to the federal government.

At Monday night's meeting, legislator Hess questioned the proposed scope of the building, saying "I like the idea of that \$81,000 grant but I'm not sure I like the \$94,000 being tied to it."

According to the engineer for the building, Joseph Tisdell, it is to be 3,420 square feet, with a brick facing, laminated wood arches and a timber ceiling. The basic cost for the structure, Tisdell said, will be \$119,000.

Hess argued that all that Tisdell proposed might not be necessary "from a practical standpoint," and urged the board to scale down the plans for the building slated to be constructed on Park Street.

He pointed out that several years ago, there had been talk of the highway department building its own offices for \$40,000—a figure that did not, however include the cost of labor.

Hess also questioned whether the department really needed all of the space the proposed building would contain, pointing out that it occupies only 775 square feet at the Harold Smith building, plus about another 1,000 feet for its engineering and drafting unit.

In the end, Healey amended the resolution to direct the highway committee to review the project and try and reduce costs. If the committee is going to act it will have to do so quickly, because the EDA grant requires that work be started within 90 days after the project is approved. In this case, Tisdell said, work will have to be commenced by Nov. 22.

Another problem that might slow up the letting of bids for the building is the EDA's requirement that 10 per cent of the project be provided by minorities, either in labor or material. Tisdell said that a list of minority contractors is being assembled. He said that he suspects the "10 per cent requirement" will add to the cost of the project.

After lengthy discussion, the board approved a resolution adding the East DeKalb Road to the county highway map, in effect making it a county road.

Legislator Stan Morrill had originally proposed that only about three miles of the road that could be used by school buses be added. But on the suggestion of legislator Livingston, the board added the remainder of the road. Adding the road to the county highway system means that it is eligible for county repair and maintenance work.

The segment Morrill proposed, from Route 11 to the Hermon-Richville Road, is reportedly quite narrow and in need of repair work.

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United Way sets \$370,000 campaign goal

The United Way of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties has set a goal of \$370,000 to be raised in this year's campaign to support member agencies in 1978.

The goal represents an increase of 15 percent over the funds raised a year ago.

Agencies receiving funds in 1978 were required to submit detailed budgets of their anticipated income and expenses for review by the Allocations Committee.

Agencies also are required to submit audits of their financial condition, in order to be eligible for funding.

Proposed 1978 Allocations presume that the campaign goal will be reached. Initial requests from agencies totaled \$495,000.

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A reserve for emergencies is budgeted for \$15,915.

The United Way spent more than \$38,000 in reserves in 1975 to maintain support to agencies during the recession and has been able to replace those reserves.

The annual United Way Campaign held in October and early November is the only appeal United Way makes for funds each year. There are no special fund-raising events or promotions conducted by United Way of St. Lawrence and Franklin County.

The campaign seeks one gift from each contributor to support the year-round program of services provided in local communities by 33 local agencies.

FPA now considering Follett order

A controversy over the care of Foster Children on Probation arose at the regular meeting of the Foster Parents Association in Canton last week.

George Follett, Family Court Judge in Canton, has designed an order for a major change in the procedure for care of "Persons in Need of Supervision (P.I.N.S.)" the order, which will go to the county legislature soon, is designed to remove the responsibility for care of these children from the Social Services Department and transfer it to the probation department.

It also allows for the Probation Department to screen separate homes and parents for these youngsters and thereby remove them from the social services foster care program.

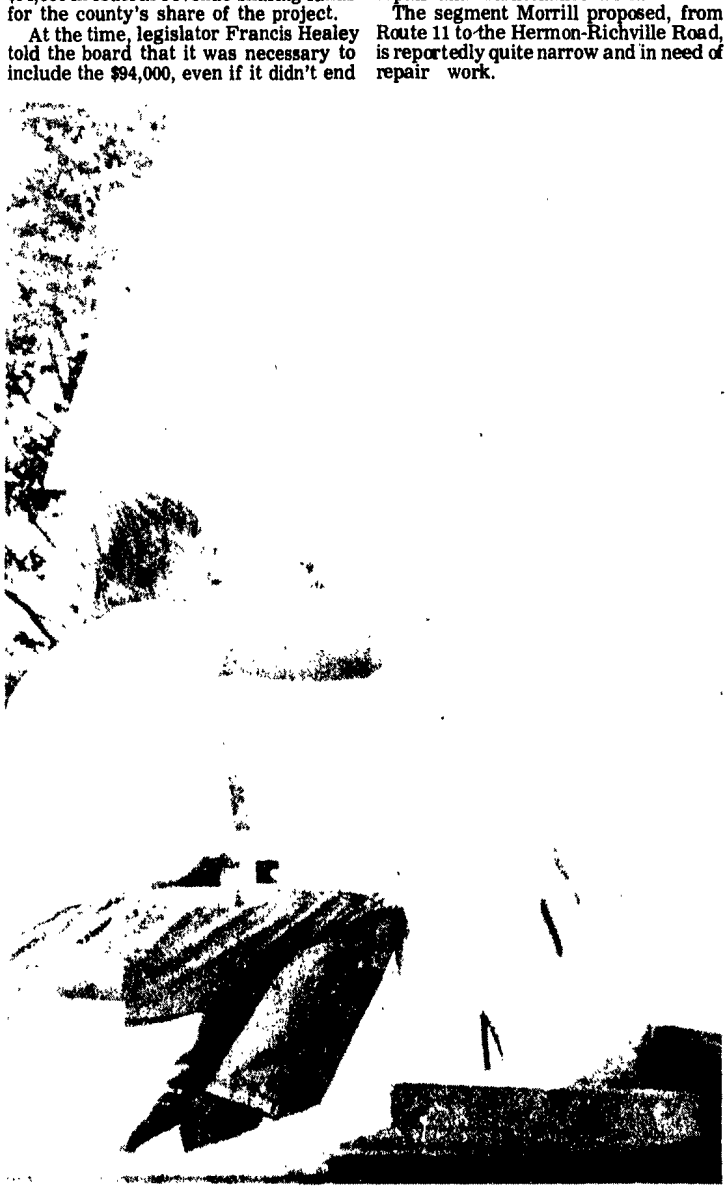
Cady outlined the proposed order to the F.P.A. at the meeting, and urged the membership to study it and voice opinions on the proposition.

There has been mixed reaction among foster parents who previously provided homes for probationary children. Some object to being set apart from social services jurisdiction.

Other foster parents feel it would be a much more direct way of caring for these youngsters.

There is a grave shortage of foster homes for young people on probation. Until now, ordinary foster homes were assigned for these children in addition to taking other foster children. Social Services staffers feel the new procedure may take good foster homes out of their system in order to provide homes for short term probationary care.

The F.P.A. is currently awaiting further information as to whether the order will be passed in the legislature.



THE CEREMONIES opening the Potsdam Paper Mill were held Monday but for John Floyd of Creative Signcraft Sunday was a cause for a small celebration. Floyd painted the new paper mill sign which fronts Route 56. The job took the better part of four days.