

PAT begins "citizen awareness" drive

The Potsdam Area Taxpayers Inc. (PAT) announced it is beginning a campaign to make citizens aware of the issues in town and county government and of the importance of being registered by October 15 and of voting November 8. Just because it is an "off-year" election does not mean that the results may not be of considerable importance to local residents for there are many important issues at stake, particularly in the county elections, PAT claims.

PAT has said a major issue is that of cost versus the size of government and services offered. A spokesman said "Many of these services are desirable, but the question is can we afford them?"

New York is number one in state and local taxes per person, yet only number eight in per-person average income (according to government figures). Thus New York residents pay more than the residents of any other state, even though income is less than that of residents of many neighboring states, a PAT spokesman said. The tax rate is growing faster than most states while the income growth is slower than most. According to PAT this is because New York spends far more than any other state, on a per-person basis, on schools, welfare, Medicaid, and government. This has given New York a state and local debt of \$40 billion dollars, double that of California, with almost 2 million more residents and so interest payments alone are a serious burden, according to PAT.

Another major issue is that of over-regulation and interference of all levels of government with private lives and business, according to PAT. "Thomas Jefferson is quoted as saying the best government is the least government, and many people feel we have too much government by far," PAT stated.

"These two problems of taxation and regulation have brought along a third

problem of unemployment and the flight of business and jobs from New York to neighboring states with lower taxes and less regulation," a spokesman said.

"Thus we are caught in a vicious circle; as more jobs leave, costs of welfare, medical help and unemployment rise, forcing still other jobs out of the state, and so on."

County taxes are a significant percentage of the total taxes local businesses must pay, and with our county leading the rest in rate of unemployment, these problems of costs of programs, taxes, and accountability are of importance to all local residents, PAT claims.

A spokesman stated: "As a non-partisan taxpayer organization, PAT does not support individual candidates, but it does support or oppose the views of candidates as they relate to taxpayer interests."

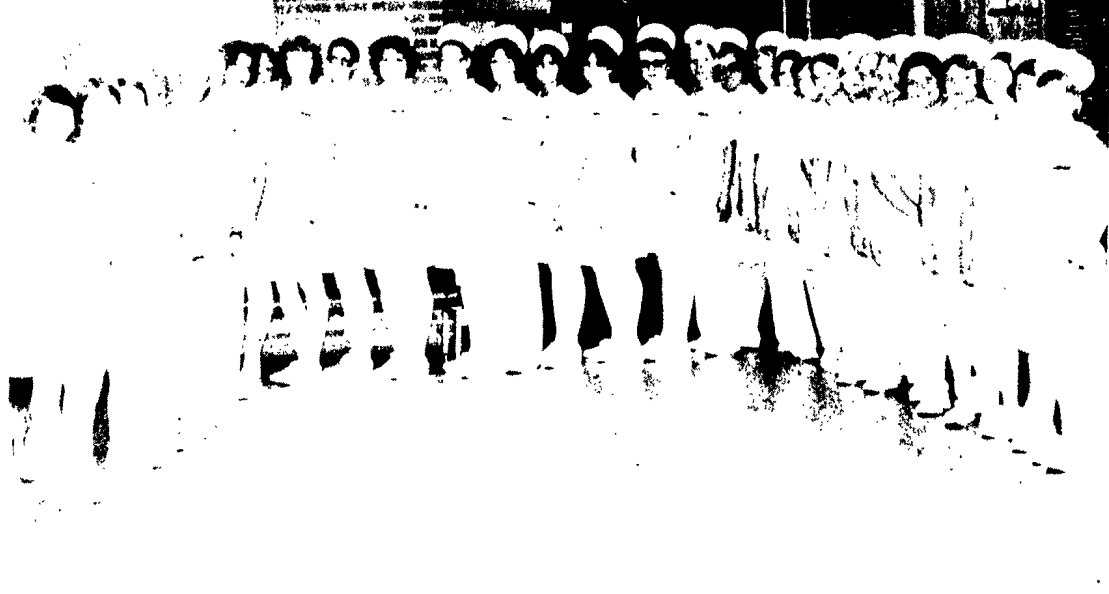
"PAT feels it is important for voters to know the views and records of candidates and to support those candidates pledged to fiscal responsibility and to giving taxpayers a dollar's worth of value for every tax dollar spent."

To help acquaint voters with all the candidates for the legislature, PAT has compiled the following table.

R-REPUBLICAN
D-DEMOCRAT
I-INDEPENDENT
C-CONSERVATIVE

DISTRICT AREA
Lisbon-Madrid
Incumbent-Bob Thompson, R
Opponent-unopposed
Waddington-Louisville
Incumbent-Don Smith, D
Opponent-Eud Howard, R
Stockholm-Parisville
Incumbent-Carl LaSalle, D, I
Opponent-Gus Marscher, R, C
Brasher, Lawrence, Hopkinton
Incumbent-Peter Otto, R
Opponent-Anthony Kilcoyne, D

Canton, Dist. 1,3,6
Incumbent: John Ruitberg, D
Opponent-Bill LeMieux, R
Canton, Dist. 2,4,5,7,8,9
Incumbent-Fay Peters, R
Opponent: Joel Swart, I
Piercefield, Clare, Colton, Pierrepont, Russell
Incumbent-Lloyd Moore, R
Opponent-Tim Hennessy, D
Fine, Clifton, Edwards
Incumbent-Ralph Greco, D, C, I
Opponent-Rolland Hickey, R
Hammond, Rossie, Macomb,
Morristown, DePeyster
Incumbent-Bill Hess, R
Opponent-unopposed
Osewegatchie, DeKalb
Incumbent-Don Livingston, R
Opponent-unopposed
Gouverneur, Dist 1-2-4-5-7
Incumbent-Charles Cooke, R
Opponent-unopposed
Gouverneur, Dist 3,6, Fowler, Pitcairn, Hermon
Incumbent-Stan Morrill, D
Opponent-Harold Bell, R
Levi Kio, I
Potsdam, Dist 1,2,5,11
Incumbent-Bill Healey, D
Opponent-Rosey Sanford, R, C, I
Potsdam, Dist 6,7,10
Incumbent-Betty Bradley, D
Opponent-Christine Davis, R, I
Potsdam, Dist 3,4,8,9,12
Incumbent: Ernie LaBaff, D
Opponent-Bob Dinello, R, I
Norfolk, Potsdam Dist 13
Incumbent-Don Bixby, R
Opponent-Richard Farrell, D
Ogdensburg, Ward 1, Dist 1,4, Ward 2
Incumbent-Ed Johnson, R
Opponent-Don Burns, D
Ogdensburg, Ward 1, Dist 2,3, Ward 3,
Dist 2,3,4, Ward 4, Dist 2
Incumbent-Al Rische, D
Opponent-Ed Keenan, R
Ogdensburg, Ward 3 Dist 1, Ward 4, Dist
1,3,4
Incumbent-Stan Sovie, D
Opponent-George Phillips, D
Wallace Herzog, I
Massena Dist 5,10,11,12,13
Incumbent-Nicholas Viskovich, D
Opponent-Seboun Bogosian, R
Massena Dist 1,2,7,8,9
Incumbent-Fred Cook (not running)
Opponent-Bennett Abrams, R
Walter Basmajian, D
Massena Dist 3,4,6,14,15
Incumbent-John Harrington, D
Opponent-Jim Hamill, I



THE BOARD OF Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) held a capping ceremony on Friday at the Seaway Area Technology Center in Norwood for nursing students. Among those receiving caps were: Laurie Barney, Terri Bordeau, Laura Bregg, Melody Cook, Debbie Green, Ellen Grow, Shari Maxin, Sally Molnar, Dawne O'Neil, Lisa Deruchia, Tari Evans, Sarah Foote, Julie Fregoe, Shirley Fuller, Shelly Pettys, Debbie Pharoah, Jeanne Pitcher, Christine Planty, Debbie Stahl, Inez Waite, Kathy Wilson, and Barbara Wolf. Also: Carol Ayers, Brenda Beane, Karen Bogardus, Maureen Carney, Steven Deserre, Terry Halloddy, Michael LeClair, Robin Maracle, William McPherson, Wendy Pinkerton, Donna Prashaw, Kathy Roe, Michelle Rushio, Dawn Simmons and Kim Todd. Absent when the photo was taken was Debbie Sieradski. The students are enrolled in the Licensed Practical Nursing Program.

Bonnie Fetterly rites

Funeral services for Bonnie Fetterly, 31, formerly of Norwood, were held Saturday, September 10 at St. Andrews Church, Norwood with the Rev. John Wiley officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Fetterly died Wednesday September 7, 1977 in Syracuse.

Surviving are her husband, Harold; her mother, Beatrice Woodward; two sons, Jimmy, 11, and Robert 5; two daughters, Jannine, 8, and Denise, 7; and two brothers, Thomas and Craig Woodward of Norwood.

She was born in Potsdam, June 12, 1946, the daughter of Robert and Beatrice Minkel Woodward. She was married to Harold Fetterly on June 16, 1966 in Norwood.

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Third quarter tax due, says IRS

"Taxpayers who filed estimated tax on their 1977 income must pay their third quarter installment by September 15, 1977," advised Raymond Spillman, Internal Revenue Service District Director for Northeastern New York.

The provisions in the law for taxpayers to pay estimated tax in four equal installments means that three-quarters of the tax should be paid by September 15, 1977, using declaration-voucher 3 from 1040-ES package, Spillman said.

Taxpayers who previously filed estimated tax declaration, and taxpayers whose anticipated income or itemized deduction during 1977 have changed, may need to file an amended declaration. Space appears in the estimated tax package to compute an amended estimate.

Spillman cautions taxpayers to read thoroughly Lines 1 through 18 on the "U.S. Individual Worksheet for Computation of Estimated Tax" (Form

1040-ES), before answering each item. Spillman said he is especially concerned about taxpayers being confused with Lines 2a and 2b of the form. If not read thoroughly, taxpayers could make substantial errors when computing their tax, resulting in underpayment and possible penalties.

The 16 percent Standard Deduction has been replaced by a new Standard Deduction of \$2,200 for single persons and heads of households, \$3,200 for married persons filing joint returns and surviving spouses, and \$1,600 for married persons filing separate returns. These amounts are built into the revised Tax Rate Schedules which accompany Form 1040ES.

For more detailed information, taxpayers can obtain IRS Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Declaration of Estimated Tax, available free from the Albany IRS District Office. Supplies of the Form 1040-ES package are also available from this office.

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