

New programs at Potsdam Central

Certain program changes were evident when Potsdam Central Schools opened for the academic year.

At the Lawrence Avenue Elementary School, Principal Gary Snell indicated that a second teacher team consisting of two third grade teachers will be working together with 50 pupils in a double-room fashioned from two former classrooms. Last year one such team was formed and the pupil achievement results were so favorable, that it was decided by the administrators to attempt a second.

According to Snell, one key factor is finding two teachers who want to work in this manner and whose personalities are conducive to such a team effort. The atmosphere in these rooms encourages individual investigation, yet they are highly structured in terms of what is expected from the pupils. Snell and his staff devoted many hours to matching the child to the teacher. "Some children cannot function as well on their own initiative and need a self-contained situation. We try to give the child the circumstances where he or she will function best," the administrator stated.

A third team consisting of two teachers of the handicapped will be working under similar conditions at Lawrence Avenue. The school now has four pre-grades operating. "These classes ease the transition from one grade to the next. Some children, for reasons of maturity or adjustment, need more time to accomplish a given set of tasks than do

others. These pre-grades, which resulted from staff suggestions are a step toward continuous progress. The youngster continues to hold a sense of accomplishment although he or she may not be moving as rapidly as others," the principal pointed out.

At the A.A. Kingston Middle School, pupils will have more time devoted to music, due to a shift in personnel within that department. Sixth graders will have music every other day while seventh and eighth graders will take music in 12-week blocks in each year. General music is a requirement at grades 7 and 8, although the exact time to be devoted to its study is not specified, only suggested. This change will bring local students closer to the suggested time allotment of a minimum of 90 music sessions in each of the two years. The district has been operating well below this minimum.

Also at the Kingston School, a self-contained sixth grade section will be operated. This is a departure from the full teacher team approach which has been utilized since the school opened. The self-contained sixth grade section will be designed for those pupils who prefer or whom teachers feel would function better in one room, throughout the day rather than changing class each period. This change came about as a result of teacher suggestions through Kenneth Daniels, building principal.

High School principal, Rene Bouchard has announced a number of changes in the senior high program, beginning with a new reading and math plan at grade nine. Monies from categorical state aid are being diverted into this plan to strengthen reading and math skills for ninth graders who indicate deficiencies as a result of testing in these areas. An advanced biology course which could result in college credit is being offered for approximately 30 pupils, and a course in astronomy has been added as an elective for all grade levels at the high school. There are 20 pupils enrolled in a practical law course, and the English department will offer public speaking for all grade levels and a short story course as electives.

Bouchard points to a strengthened emphasis on writing skills as the most significant curriculum change in store this year. All the members of the English and social studies departments have agreed to monitor pupils' writing abilities, beginning at grade nine and provide individual assistance where it is needed. Pre- and post-testing will be done to check results and the plan will culminate with two courses open to seniors.

Hong Kong is the third largest single-country market for U.S. poultry and egg products, mainly chicken wings. Japan is the top single-country market.



"IT'S GROWN A LOT!" Sandee Middlemiss compares the size of the little watermelon her dad Lloyd is holding with the big one her hand is resting on. Bigger melon was only one and one-half inches long on July 22. Middlemiss says this summer "was a good year for melons." Certainly this 21 and three-fourths pound beauty proves it. The melon is 17 and one-half inches long and 25 inches around. Middlemiss raised the watermelon plants inside and set them out the week before Memorial Day. "they were nearly blossoming then," he recalled yesterday. Middlemiss lives on the Van Rensselaer Road, Madrid Route 1, works in the Aluminum Service Utility Department at Alcoa. He lists hunting, fishing and gardening as his favorite hobbies. This year's garden has included, besides the giant watermelon, both sweet and indian corn, pumpkins, tomatoes, green, and gold Hubbard squash, acorn squash and butternut squash, cucumbers, cabbage, potatoes, turnips, lettuce and radishes. "I took better care of this one melon plant," he said, of the big one. "I watered, and weeded it more than usual." It sure paid off. (Lee Reed photo).

Social security reminds students to report changes this fall

Full-time students 18-22 who get social security checks have several things to keep in mind this time of the year, according to John G. Joly, social security district manager in Ogdensburg.

One of the most important things to remember is their school enrollment status, Joly said. Most of these young men and women have been getting checks during the summer vacation period because they planned to continue their education this fall. They should report to social security if their plans have changed and they did not return to full-time attendance, so they can avoid being overpaid.

On the other side of the coin, those students who told social security last spring they did not plan to return to school this fall, but who have returned to school or college, can have their checks restarted.

There are other items students getting benefit checks should report, Joly stated.

The first applies to those students who have been working for someone or for themselves and earning money. They should check their total earnings for the year to make sure they have not yet nor will soon, go over the annual earnings tax exempt amount. This is \$3,000 for 1977. If they expect to go over it before the end of the year, they should report this immediately to social security. This way they can avoid or minimize any possible overpayment, which would

have to be paid back.

The final reminder item concerns marital status. Students can generally get social security checks only if they are unmarried. Any student getting checks who has married, should report this to social security immediately.

Students wishing to make any of these reports or anyone wishing information about social security can contact the Ogdensburg social security office at 212 Caroline Street. The phone number is 393-0680.

VA offers work study program

Full-time veteran students who foresee money problems at fall enrollment time should look into the Veterans Administration's work-study program. Administrator of Veterans Affairs Max Cleland recognized that the new GI Bill payment procedures might leave students who don't have savings from summer jobs in a bind to pay necessary enrollment and subsistence expenses. To help offset this financial headache he has directed that more VA work-study jobs be made available.

GI Bill students can work up to 250 hours per semester for VA and receive \$2.50 per hour in addition to their usual education assistance allowances. An advance of up to \$250 is available as soon as the employment agreement is processed. The advance covers the first 100 hours of work.

Jobs are available for VA-related work on a given campus or at a VA facility. Priority is established on the basis of service-connected disability, financial need, motivation and the nature of the work. After the first 100 hours, VA pays work-study students after each 50 hours of work.

Details are available from campus veterans counselors or at any VA office.

Services for Sarah Palmer

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah J. Palmer, 83, were held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Church of the Visitation in Norfolk, with the Reverend George Lemieux, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Visitation Cemetery.

Mrs. Palmer died on Tuesday morning (Sept. 6, 1977) in Massena Memorial Hospital. She had formerly been a patient in the Highland Nursing Home.

Surviving are two sons, James of Norfolk and Howard of Parishville; a

daughter, Irene Bean of Ithaca; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, Aloney Snyder of Norwood and Floyd Snyder of Saranac Lake.

She was born in Moira October 8, 1893, the daughter of Joseph and Melvina Sawyer Snyder. She married Lenwood Palmer 61 years ago. He died January 1976. They resided in Norfolk since 1929.

She was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society of the Church of Visitation in Norfolk.

Items still needed for time capsule

Items for the Bicentennial capsule are still being sought. The Seymour family will accept additional items up to Wednesday morning, September 14.

Material can be brought to them at 4 Cedar Street.

Already included in the Time Capsule are clothing, business papers, leaflets, magazines, yearbooks, small pieces of furniture, handwork, a few toys—more are needed, particularly a doll typical of the Bicentennial year, photos of the village and of people living here in 1776, village records and maps, and an empty maple syrup container to show what it looked like even if the people of 2076 can't taste it.

The capsule will be buried with appropriate ceremony at 7 p.m. in the parking lot of the Civic Center. Arrangements are being made with Potsdam Central School to supply music for the event. Mayor Ruth Garner will officiate at the ceremony and other Village officials past and present, will participate. The public is encouraged to attend this historic occasion. Refreshments will be served in the Museum following the ceremony.

The new fall exhibit at the Museum will also open at this time.

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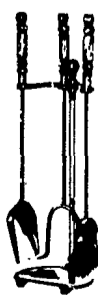
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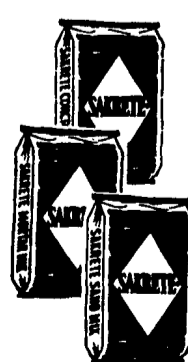
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