

Railway Corp. Eyes Rectory For Offices

NORWOOD—A zoning change that would allow the National Railway Utilization Corporation to put an office in the former St. Philip's Episcopal rectory will be considered by the Zoning Board Wednesday night, according to Joe Mariano, chairman.

The railway company (NRUC) is seeking a variance to change the use of the rectory from residential use to commercial use.

According to Mariano, NRUC would convert the downstairs of the building to office space and is considering installing either apartments or rooms upstairs. Mariano said it was his understanding that the apartments would not be rented to the general public, but would be used by company personnel or guests who were visiting the area. Plans also include the installation of a parking lot. At present, NRUC offices are in Ogdensburg with the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority.

The former rectory, a large brick residence on the corner of Park Street and Main Street, has been for sale for some time.

The St. Lawrence County Planning Board has already taken a look at the plans and has passed them back to the Norwood Zoning Board without comment. The county planning board was authorized to review the plans because the house is along a state right-of-way. According to County Planner Richard Grover, he could see nothing wrong with the plan.

Produce Store Opens Locally

A new wholesale and retail produce store opened its doors in Potsdam on Aug. 1 (Tuesday). The T. & J. Produce Co., which operates stores in Massena and Ogdensburg, opened a store at 51 Market St. in the village, formerly the location of Bailey's Appliance.

The store will sell fruits and vegetables, and cash and carry milk and other dairy products. Local and home-grown produce will be available and special orders will be taken, according to co-owner Thomas Whitcomb.

Whitcomb said that the store, which will employ three people, will be open six days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday the store will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Both Whitcomb and co-owner James Dowd were formerly associated with the Potsdam Loblaw's market, now the Great American. Whitcomb was a former produce manager at that store. Whitcomb is a resident of Ogdensburg; Dowd is a resident of Syracuse.

Potsdam is a "lively community" according to Whitcomb. Potsdam's large numbers of students and considerable traffic made it an attractive location, he said. Also, the addition of a third store will increase the produce company's buying power, Whitcomb said. "We're hoping to do well in Potsdam," he concluded.

Real Estate Firm Takes New Name

The Arlene W. Correll Realty Corp., Potsdam, began operations as a corporation on June 28 of this year. The business, located at 16 Market St., in the village, bought out the interest of Ben Wood in the former Wood-Correll Realty Company.

According to Correll, the business is currently expanding, and has gone into relocating people nationwide. The corporation is also opening a branch office in Canton, where three staff people will be employed.

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WORKING ON THEIR DREAM—Barbara and Dan Pottsdam, leaning on the sign that proclaims their new way of life. They came to this county by way of New York City.

A Long Way From Harlem To Here, But, Brother, It's Worth The Trip

From Harlem in New York City to West Potsdam in St. Lawrence County is quite a jump any way you look at it—physically, culturally, or otherwise.

For those with an eye on sociological phenomena, it might be viewed as the ultimate in the so-called "migration from the cities."

But for a couple who has made the leap, the move is more like the fulfillment of a dream. In the words of Dan Richardson, "I'm doing what I want to do."

Dan and his wife Barbara bought almost ten acres of land on the West Potsdam-Buck's Bridge Road about four years ago, but they actually moved on to the property less than a year ago.

Since that time, Dan has begun to establish himself locally as a skilled craftsman knowledgeable in furniture refinishing. As his business picks up, he finds himself closer and closer to the attainment of his goal: to be his own man, set his own hours, and work with wood as he loves to do.

"Life is too short. You just cannot store time," says Barbara, a small, attractive woman with a lively personality. That statement sheds a lot of light on their outlook on life.

Both Barbara and Dan were born in Harlem. They lived in other places in the big city, including the Bronx. It was in the Bronx that Dan graduated from the Bronx Vocational High School and Barbara from a commercial high school.

Dan began working for a piano company there, and it was then that he learned to enjoy working with wood. He explained that he used to watch the skilled refinishers work on a piano that might have been damaged slightly during shipping; he'd watch them patch and fill nicks and cracks until the deep cordovan finish, or any others of numerous types of woods, was just like new.

They were married in January, 1957 and eventually moved to Amityville,

Long Island where Dan worked for Georgetown Manor, an Ethan Allen company. By now, Dan was doing the refinishing work he had seen done on pianos, but now on all types of furniture.

Barbara was working in a bank. They owned a house and they tended to the yard, but they also discovered a different way of living: camping. "Camping became a way of life after awhile; we loved it," Barbara said. "We camped both summer and winter."

Meanwhile, they had both decided that life could be too hectic and they began to look for a piece of land in the country where they could get on with their dream.

And so it was that they camped near Massena one January in a heated camper that Dan had converted from a van. "We explored the area and we liked it," said Barbara. We liked the area, the people, the price of land. They took a look at a few pieces of land and decided to buy their 9.9 acres near West Potsdam.

It took nearly four years for them to make the move permanently to their new property, but it finally happened. About a year ago they brought up a travel trailer for living quarters.

Borrowing electric power from next door neighbor Olga Wise, they began to clear their land for a home. They have cleared a small plot, big enough for their house, a garage, and a yard. "No way are we going to spend all day mowing and trimming a big yard again," Dan remarked.

They sold the travel trailer and purchased a mobile home, and they now have their own power hook-up. Today, as you drive the road from West Potsdam to Buck's Bridge, you'll pass Olga Wise's home on the right and then notice the Richardson's neatly-kept homestead just beyond it. On the front lawn is a sign that reads, "Richardson's Furniture Finishing and Repair Shop."

APA Will Hold More Hearings On Regulations

In the wake of criticism from the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, the Adirondack Park Agency has extended the time for public review and comment on the revision of its rules and regulations.

The Local Government Review Board has lately become critical of a number of APA practices.

In this latest round, the Local Government Review Board leveled criticism at the APA, stating that it was improper to schedule two public hearings on the proposed rules and regulations because the draft revision of the rules and regulations was incomplete. The board said that the situation would not allow the public to have a "proper opportunity to comment."

But now the APA has agreed to hold a second series of public hearings in September to review the draft rules and regulations. In announcing the second series of hearings, the chairman of the APA, Robert F. Flacke, said, "More time is necessary to insure maximum public contribution to the revision process. The basic purpose of the rules and regulations is to better explain the laws administered by the Agency in order that the public will have a better understanding of these laws." Flacke continued, "It is most important that all interested persons and groups have time to review the draft regulations and provide the Agency with their comments and recommendations."

The second series of hearings in September will deal with a revised draft prepared by the Agency's Legal Committee. This draft will reflect changes made to the staff draft as the result of the first series of hearings and the numerous consultation meetings being held by the Agency with public and private groups.

The Agency hopes to finalize the revised rules and regulations later this fall.

Inside the garage that Dan uses as a shop, there lies a wealth of information about woods and their finishes. A conversation with Dan brings some of it out.

For one thing, he strips all furniture by hand, rather than dipping it. He feels it does a better job. One day, he worked to strip a roll-top desk, reflecting as he worked on various pieces he had done and finishes he had used. Another day, he dickered with a woman customer about a part she wanted him to add to a piece of furniture. He wanted to be certain that the part would be of quality construction. "When I do a job, I want to be certain it's something I can be proud of," he told the customer.

Inside their home, the quality of refinishing that Dan strives for is evidenced by their own furnishings. In particular, there is a beautiful old wooden icebox that he has restored, capturing the deep beauty of the oak and the lustre of the brass fittings.

For now, they are on their way to their dream. Along with his refinishing business, Dan is currently employed at Standard Shade Roller in Ogdensburg. But the day will come, he says in his soft but assured manner, when he won't need that outside employment. The refinishing business will support them both. Then they'll be there.

Two Trips To U.S. In Two Weeks Because Of Winning Bingo Draw

NORWOOD—How would you feel if your sister was planning to make a trip from England to the United States and she didn't intend on stopping to see you? Upset? Ignored?

Mrs. Elwood (Ruby) Royce, 4 Harrison St., Norwood, probably doesn't feel so bad, because she knows she will see her sister the following week anyway.

That is because the reason for the delayed reunion is really exciting in its own right.

The reason? Mrs. Royce's sister, Mrs. William (Betty) Stone of Bristol, England, has won an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Disney World in Florida. Mrs. Stone won the trip as a grand prize in a bingo drawing.

Mrs. Royce, who last visited her sister in 1976, said that the news "made my day." She heard of the news in a letter from her sister last week and she called her on the telephone.

Mrs. Stone and her daughter Shirley planned to leave Bristol on Sept. 7 to visit the Royces in Norwood, but the prize trip has delayed those plans by a week. And, because of the way that the prize trip is scheduled, Mrs. Stone will have to go all the way back across the Atlantic to England before she can return to Norwood the following week.

According to Mrs. Royce, when bingo is played each week in Bristol, the names of the winners are placed in a drum and at the end of each year there is a drawing for a grand prize. Mrs. Stone's grand prize trip is worth more than \$2,000.

To begin the trip, William and Betty Stone will be picked up at their home in Bristol in a limousine and will be taken to Heathrow Airport in London. They will remain overnight that night, Aug. 31, in a Holiday Inn Motel. The next day they will be taken to their plane in a limousine.

At Disney World, all tours for the week have been planned. There will be banquets every night, Mrs. Stone's sister, said. A tour of Cape Canaveral has been planned, as have trips to the dog races for Bill Stone. And, to top it off, Betty Stone will get in on some bingo games in Florida.

They will return to England by plane on Sept. 7. Then, on Sept. 14, Mrs. Stone and her daughter will embark on the trip that they had planned in the first place. They will fly to Montreal, Quebec, and will spend the following three weeks in Norwood with Elwood and Ruby Royce, owners and operators of Elwood's Department Store, 10 South Main Street,

Hannawa Falls Firemen Plan Annual Field Day

HANNAWA FALLS—The annual Hannawa Falls firemen's field day weekend will be this weekend, Aug. 5 and 6. Hounds Haven Field at Hannawa Falls is currently undergoing final preparations for the annual field day of the Hounds of Hannawa. This facility has adequate accommodations for several thousand persons and each year has proven to attract a large crowd.

The Hannawa firemen start their weekend off with round and square dancing on Saturday evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The dance also includes all sorts of fun and frolic including hot goodies from the snack bar as well as favorite beverages.

Sunday is the big day at Hounds Haven and the firemen's parade starting at noon leads off the events of the day. This year six different bands are in the line of march to assist firemen along the route. There will be numerous one time floats seen only here at Hannawa to help entertain the crowd and compete for prizes.

Immediately following the parade will be a smorgasbord type dinner centered around the main course of roast beef. With inflation at an all time high, cost of \$3.50 per adult and \$2 for children proves to be a great bargain.

After dinner a leisurely stroll is recommended around the grounds to see the many activities and also renew old acquaintances of friends and neighbors who are sure to be there. A roller coaster will occupy the center of the field along with child's ferris wheel, boat rides and a helicopter ride.

Just a short distance away under the shade trees will be the game midway with over a dozen games to test your skill and abilities. This is a favorite area for persons of all ages and each year there is some variance in the games offered. Back in the open center field the ball field has been made ready for an afternoon of slowpitch ball games. These will get underway at 2 p.m. with

leading area teams competing for trophies.

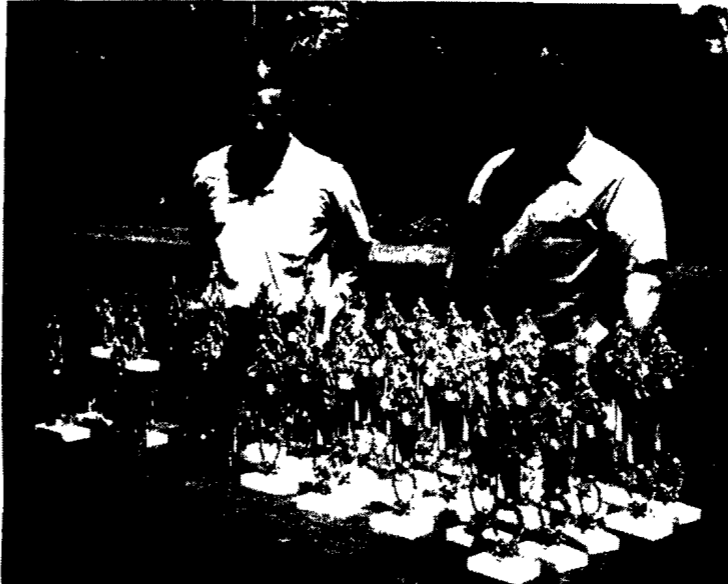
Over at the southern portion of the 33 acre site, the St. Lawrence County Horsemen's Association will be competing in a sanctioned 15-event horse show. This is a popular event drawing horses from throughout Northern New York.

On the opposite side of this field is an area which has been designated as the area where motorcycle field trails will be held. In the past this has proven to be a popular event. Some changes have been made here this year with the addition of a half-mile track area winding in and around the white birches. This is primarily a competition of riding skill rather than speed with competitors receiving trophies to attest to their accomplishments.

Another area on the northwest side of the field is given over to the playing of firemen's waterball. Teams from neighboring fire departments display their skill with the aiming of a firestream, in an effort to drive back their competition.

The Hannawa Falls firemen have constructed this field with convenience in mind. There are hotdog and hamburger stands at four different locations spaced around the field. A full complement of goodies or light lunches can be had later in the day at the main dinner area in "The Doghouse." Another convenience feature is the enclosed and attended play area where parents of preschoolers can leave children free of charge while on the field. During Sunday afternoon in another shady area just off the midway there will be a band providing music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

The complete day has been planned with people of all ages in mind so that all have something of interest to do. Public support is gratefully acknowledged. The Hannawa Falls Firemen extend the invitation now for you to come and have a good time.



FIELD DAY PREPARATIONS—Planning for the Hannawa Falls firemen's field days. Steve Farney, left, and Mark Collins, assistant fire chief, examine trophies that will be given to competitors in motocross and waterball events. The field days are scheduled for Aug. 6.

Judging Schedule For Fair Set

GOVERNEUR—The schedule for judging entries in all departments of the 1978 Gouverneur and St. Lawrence County Fair has been announced by the business office as follows:

Home and FFA Judging
1978 Gouverneur Fair (Now in new 4-F, FFA & Co. Bldg.)
Saturday, Aug. 5, 9 a.m.—foods, vegetables and ag engineering judged as follows: 9:30 foods; 9:30 engineering; 10:00-vegetables; and 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.—home economics judging contest.

Monday, Aug. 7, 9-A-H horse show (English) in horse show ring; 9-FFA forage crops contest (in new bldg. show ring); 9-home economics judging (clothing, home management & improvement); 9:30-poultry and rabbit judging; 10-junior fair sheep judging; 1-junior fair beef cattle; 1-FFA milk judging contest (in new bldg. show ring).

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 9-A-H horse show (Western); 9-home economics judging continues; 9-FFA Co. Chapters Dairy Leadman Contest (new bldg. show ring); 10-4-H FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Contest (new bldg. show ring); 1:15-Dairy cattle Showmanship Contest (new bldg. show ring).

Wednesday, Aug. 9, 9-home economics judging continues; 10-All Holstein, Guernsey & Brown Swiss Cattle Judging.
Thursday, Aug. 10, 10-All Ayrshire & Jersey Cattle Judging; 1:30-4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest.
Friday, Aug. 11, 9-FFA milk products Judging (in new bldg. show ring); 10-FFA Wildlife Identification Judging (new bldg. show ring); 1:30-cow & calf costume class (new bldg. show ring); 7-4-H Dog show and drill team exhibition (new bldg. show ring).

Saturday, Aug. 12, 11:30-Dairy and sheep exhibits; meetings (in new bldg. show ring); 2:30 to 4:30 ONLY RELEASE of all livestock & poultry, and of all exhibits housed in new building.

Open Class Judging
1978 Gouverneur Fair
Monday, Aug. 7, 10-sheep show; 1-beef judging; 1-grange booth.

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 10-St. Lawrence Co. Spelling Contest (in high school); 10:30-first flower show (garden flowers); 1:30-high school bands' contest.

Wednesday, Aug. 9, 10-dairy cattle judging of Holstein, Guernsey & Brown Swiss Classes; 10-Ponies and English saddle horses.

Thursday, Aug. 10, 10-dairy cattle judging of Ayrshire & Jersey classes; 10-Western Saddle Horses; 10:30-second flower show (arrangements); **Saturday, Aug. 12, 9:30-draft horses**; 12 noon-10:30 Pulling Contest and Horse Pulling Contest (in horse show ring).

Hearing Scheduled On Tax Exemption

A law that would provide for tax exemption for eligible industries will be the subject of a public hearing that has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 28 in the Civic Center board room.

That date for the hearing was established by the Potsdam Village Board of Trustees at a special meeting last Friday.

The law would provide for an exemption from taxation for eligible businesses, pursuant to sections 115 and 120 of New York State's Commerce Law, according to Mayor Ruth Garner. Garner said the local law would complement existing state law. She also noted that the exemption would apply to industrial ventures only. The law would not apply to the Holiday Inn venture, Garner said.

Norwood. Mrs. Royce said that her sister has been busy raising six children and has had little time for traveling; in fact, she has never stayed in a motel. The Stones, with their twin sons Harry and Tony last visited this area in September 1976. The last time that Mrs. Royce visited her sister in their native homeland was in 1971.

Both women come from Bristol, one of the largest English cities. The Southwestern city is similar in size to Buffalo, N.Y. Mrs. Royce, the former Ruby Stevens, came to Norwood as a "war bride" in March 1946 at the end of World War II. The Royces are the parents of one son, Glenn, and they have two granddaughters, Rebecca and Tina Royce.

Mrs. Royce said she feels it is an honor that her sister won a grand prize from among all the thousands who play bingo in Bristol. Ironically, the week after learning that she won the grand prize, Mrs. Stone played bingo again and won 50 pounds, equal to almost \$150.

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The board also approved the reappointment of Robert Donah of the May Road to the Potsdam Housing Authority for a five year term ending June 19, 1983.

In other action the board authorized the village clerk to advertise for bids for the cleaning of the sewage treatment plant digester and wet well; those bids to be received at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 21 in the civic center board room. Other bids to be received on that date include bids for black top paving rental equipment, sewer plant chemicals, water plant chemicals, ready mix concrete, crushed gravel, rock sand and fill sand.

Bids for the Frash parking lot will also be accepted on Aug. 21. The Board of Trustees meets next in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 21.



HOME DAMAGED—No official cause has been listed in a fire that caused heavy damage to the home of Allen S. Jones, 43 Pierrepont Ave. in Potsdam Monday afternoon. Potsdam volunteers responded to the blaze, which began in the attic of the two-story wood frame structure. Hannawa Falls firemen were on stand-by. A spokesman for the fire department said that there was an explosion, but that the fire was apparently well along prior to the explosion. (Betsy Baker photo).