

Community events

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Aug. 15—The United Methodist Women of Fort Jackson are sponsoring an ice cream social at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7 p.m.

SUNMOUNT BOARD
Aug. 15—The Sunmount Developmental Center Board of Visitors will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, in the board room at the center in Tupper Lake for the monthly meeting.

LELECHE LEAGUE
Aug. 15—The Potsdam LaLeche League will be holding its fourth meeting of a series Tuesday, at the home of Jan Worton, 22 Maple St., Norfolk, at 7:30 p.m. The topic of the meeting will be nutrition and weaning. All new and prospective mothers welcome. For further information, call 265-4485 or 384-3102.

BIRTHRIGHT
Aug. 15-22 Birthright volunteers will be available to assist with problem pregnancy cases in this area during the coming week. Please call 265-4510 evenings Monday through Saturday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. All services are completely confidential and without charge.

HILLTOPPERS DANCE
Aug. 16—The Parishville Hilltoppers will hold a dance from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Wednesday at the Parishville Town Hall. Music by the Mockingbirds. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Aug. 17—Ice cream social from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Norfolk Fire Station. Music by the Norfolk Fire Department Band. Benefit of the Norfolk Rescue Squad.

COUNTY CSEA
Aug. 17—The St. Lawrence County Chapter CSEA, Local 645, will hold a board of directors' meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday at the University Inn, Canton.

COMMUNITY CHURCH HOLDS DINNER
Aug. 17—There will be a roast beef dinner at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Community Center in South Colton, benefit of the Community Church. Adults, \$3; children, \$1.50; family, \$11.

DEIBERT'S SCHOOL DINNER
Aug. 19—60th anniversary of Deibert's Private School, Watertown, at the Ramada Inn in Watertown. Registration and cocktail hour from 5-7 p.m.; dinner from 7-9 p.m. Congressman Robert C. McEwen will be guest speaker; entertainment and dancing to follow. Reservations are due by Aug. 15. Contact Leona Davis Laney, 773-5738.

BENEFIT DANCE
Aug. 19—Circles and Squares dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Countryside Inn, benefit of the West Stockholm Ladies Auxiliary.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
The group Overeaters Anonymous meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in the Newman Center, Potsdam. For information, call 265-6510.

FLEA MARKET
Aug. 19-20—Flea market at the municipal park on Rt. 3 in Tupper Lake, sponsored by Mt. Morris chapter 361 O.E.S.

DAIRY BANQUET
Sept. 16—Annual Dairy Herd Improvement banquet at 8 p.m. at The Lodge in Morristown. Tickets available from DHI supervisors and at the door. Cost is \$4. For more information contact Marshall Fellon at 518-483-3251.

Lake Placid Tour Planned

The St. Lawrence County Historical Association announces a summer tour to Lake Placid on Aug. 23. The bus will leave Canton at 8 a.m. and return by about 5 p.m. We will view the Olympic construction site and visit the farm of John Brown, a state historic site. Most of the time, however, will be yours to use as you wish. The tour price of \$7 per person includes transportation only. Please reserve by Aug. 15. This tour is open to the public and is part of the museum's public service.

ATC Offers Credit Courses

CANTON—Canton ATC will conduct three registrations for part-time students seeking credit courses in the fall 1978 semester. Students in the Potsdam and Canton area and all others may register for part-time study at the Canton ATC Gymnasium on Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. This year, as in the past, Canton ATC will offer courses in the evening on the college campus, in the Massena area, in the Ogdensburg area and in the Watertown area. There will be 18 courses offered at the Canton campus ranging from the biological and physical sciences to English, social sciences, criminal justice, business courses and math and humanities courses.

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Arquitt Found Not Guilty Of Murder; Mental Illness Cited

BY MARY EGGERT
CANTON — Following testimony by Allan Ray Arquitt's mother and wife, County Judge Michael H. Duskas found the defendant not guilty of murder in the second degree, by reason of mental illness.

Arquitt was found not guilty for the same reason on charges of attempted murder in the second degree, arson in the third degree, and menacing. A second count of murder in the second degree was dismissed.

He was temporarily remanded back to county jail this morning to await transfer to a mental hygiene facility. The trial ended in less than 24 hours with the prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney Richard Dudley, bringing forth no witnesses to dispute testimony by police officers, family, and psychiatrists that Arquitt showed symptoms of mental illness.

In rendering his decision, Duskas said that there was "substantial evidence that the defendant...was suffering from mental disease and...that he did not know and appreciate the rightness or wrongness of his act...nor the nature of the acts, nor the consequences."

In his summation, defense attorney Verner Ingram Jr. contended that Arquitt was trapped in a type of mental "whirlpool...spinning round and round and ever more dragged down into the depths" that prompted the "explosive outburst," the shooting of John A. Mills.

No Logic, Reason
Citing testimony by two psychiatrists, Ingram said that there was neither logic or reason involved in the act.

Dudley, meanwhile, said that he had no summation in that the issue as to whether Arquitt had in fact committed the act was "clear cut." "The sole issue is mental competency and the people

decline any comment."

In today's testimony, Vernie Arquitt, the defendant's wife, said that Arquitt "started getting quieter" at about the time that a co-worker at St. Joe's Minerals died in an accident there.

Arquitt, she said, began taking more time off from work, talking to himself, reading the Bible and a dictionary, and laughing for no apparent reason.

She also told the court that he only slept two or three hours a day, and would rarely leave the couple's home.

Suicide Mentioned
Her husband thought that people were talking about and laughing at him, Mrs. Arquitt testified, and began to speak of suicide. "He wanted me to do it, to kill him, because no one would hear him."

On the morning of Jan. 19, when Arquitt shot Mills, her husband dropped her off at Mrs. Arquitt's brother's home and said he wanted to "get some

cigarettes and he said he'd shoot about half a dozen people...he started laughing, he acted like he didn't know what he was doing," she concluded.

Rose Marie Arquitt, the defendant's mother, said that she had observed a change in her son about a year ago, when he began to "laugh at nothing and talk to himself...I couldn't understand it, it was all mumbling."

Dr. Walter Hewko, a psychiatrist with the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, testified that Arquitt suffered from a "schizophrenia which was overt." It was his belief that Arquitt was afflicted with the illness at least one year prior to the shooting of Mills.

Hewko also cited the accidental death of Arquitt's co-worker as precipitating the illness, which he said became progressively worse as time passed.

Arquitt was not aware of the nature or consequences of his act, Hewko

maintained. The psychiatrist also said that as a paranoid, the defendant tended to take action against others, rather than himself, and to blame others, he concluded.

Back Home Sunday at Chipman Church

CHIPMAN—The Scotch Presbyterian Church, Chipman, will hold its 57th annual "Back Home Sunday" on Aug. 20, with a worship service at 10 a.m.

David Harland of Rochester will be the guest speaker. Harland is the son of the late Rev. George Harland, Rev. Harland served as pastor of the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Chipman during the years 1921-1948, and first instituted the annual "Back Home Sunday" service in 1921.

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