

24 Potsdam Seniors Win Regents Scholarships

A total of 160 students in St. Lawrence County have won Regents College Scholarships this year, including 24 seniors from Potsdam Central School. Massena Central School led the county in the number of winners, with 28.

The awards are effective as of the 1979-80 academic year. Each scholarship entitles the recipient to an award of \$250 per year, for up to five years of study at an approved program in New York State.

The winners are among candidates who earned the highest scores in each county, on either the American College Testing Program (ACT) Assessment, or the College Board's Scholastic Ability Test (SAT), prior to Nov. 1, 1978. Approximately 99,000 candidates in 1,400 high schools in the state were included in the scholarship competition.

In neighboring districts, Norwood-Norfolk Central School had 11 winners; St. Lawrence Central, nine; Colton-Pierrepont, three; Parishville-Hopkinton, four; and Madrid-Waddington, five.

In addition to the Regents scholarships, six students in the county won Regents professional education in nursing scholarships. They are Linda Besio at St. Lawrence Central, Deborah Wanzer at Norwood-Norfolk Central,

Gertrude H. Hewko at Ogdensburg Free Academy, Anne M. Henry at Heuvelton Central, Michele M. Lockhart at Lisbon Central, and Kevin Moore at Morrisstown Central.

These students are among 800 in the state who won nursing scholarships which provide a similar award of \$250 per year, up to five years of study at a college or hospital school of professional nursing in the state.

In the event that any winner declines the award or is unable to accept it for any reason, it is offered to the highest ranking alternate. Winners of the scholarships and alternate winners in the Potsdam area are as follows:

Potsdam Central School
 Winners: Bruce C. Armstrong, Randall J. Boyer, Tammy L. Burns, Marcia E. Campbell, Lynn M. Carey, Mary P. Claffey, Andrew P. Cyr, Jennifer A. Goyette, Christopher J. Jados, Jerry S. Klirvy, Snigda R. Kulkarni, John T. Lausa, Alan L. Letarte, Ellen C. Opperman, Kimberly A. Patch, Allan E. Plath, David A. Santo, Susan H. Sennett, Teresa M. Snell, Cynthia C. Theobald, Johanna M. Travis, Thor W. VanDiver, Daniel J. Williams, Thomas R. Wing.

Alternates: Mark O. Chatelle, Richard N. Estrin, Robert D. Miller, Sandi J. Sieminski, Deborah A. Valentine.

Norwood-Norfolk Central School
 Winners: Randall J. Barry, Susan M. Connelly, Shari M. Despaw, David S. Gately, Beth M. Lashomb, Cheryl A. Lavigne, Jamie L. Pernice, Joanna M. Post, Carolyn R. Stafford, William J. Stone, John F. Tiernan.

Alternates: Russell G. Corp, Philip M. Lynch, Richard K. Merchant, Donna M. Paig, Deborah L. Wanzer.

St. Lawrence Central School
 Winners: Christine A. Compo, Mary E. Foisy, Mary Beth Frary, Loren L. Furguson, Terry L. Goodrich, Cheryl L. Lacey, Thomas J. O'Connor, Suzanne U. Preiser, Lindsay L. Tozier.

Alternates: Linda M. Besio, Timothy P. Giuliani, Ray F. McLaughlin, Andrew L. Ramey.

Madrid-Waddington Central School
 Winners: Mark J. Dumas, Brian R. Grayson, Mary E. Hefner, Thomas C. Ryan, Brian F. Sutter.

Alternates: Kerrie L. Dawley, Gregory R. Hargrave, Clinton C. Johnson, Harold F. Lehman.

Parishville-Hopkinton Central School
 Winners: Lynn M. Forrest, Anthony J. Gilbert, Bruce P. Hanson, Michael J. Scudder.

Alternates: Daniel E. McCarthy.

Colton-Pierrepont Central School
 Winners: Jeffrey L. Ford, Joann P. Sheeran, John J. Sheeran.

Alternates: Morris B. Hawley.

Letters

Sledders Say Thanks

To the Editor:
 The Wolfe Pack Snowmobile Club of Hannawa Falls would like to thank all who donated and participated in the 6th Annual Snowmobiles Against Cancer weekend held Feb. 3 and 4 at Hannawa Falls. It was another successful fund-raising weekend to benefit the St. Lawrence County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Sincerely,
 Wolfe Pack Snowmobile Club
 of Hannawa Falls

Chief's Suspension Political Foul Play

To the Editor:
 With reference to the two-week suspension without pay of the Potsdam chief of police, it does not take a criminal psychologist to detect a political foul play. Anyone can see that this is just plain harassment, serving no other purpose than to humiliate an esteemed public servant in order to artificially inflate the political bosses' absolute power in this now unfortunate village. We can hear the cracking of the whip loud and clear, accompanied by the arrogant chant of "I'm the boss and don't you forget it!" Come off it, Garner, whom do you think you are fooling?

Let's consider the facts. Here we have a law enforcement professional of the highest integrity, with the most excellent record of public service for over 20 years who, all of a sudden, is hit with a letter informing him that he is suspended because of all things, there was some minor misunderstanding about a couple of vacation days. Wouldn't simple decency tell any administrator to just sit down with the man over a cup of coffee, and iron out whatever misunderstanding there was, man to man, with mutual understanding and respect? Anywhere else, we are sure, this would be the way. Not in Potsdam. In Potsdam, apparently, things got entirely out of hand.

Now, let's come back to reality in this village. In this reality, one simple matter appears to be clear: we need our police officers, we need our firemen, we need our village workers, we need our hospital and we need our rescue squad. One thing we certainly don't need is politicians. We can do without them, and how better off we would be if they finally left us alone. So let us all unite, in this village, at the side of every policeman, every fireman, every hospital, rescue squad and village worker to prevent any more harassment on part of the political bosses.

Let us tell the political bosses, loud and clear, that they have no whip to crack. Let us tell them that their sadistic play on fear will not be any longer tolerated in this village. Let us tell them that they are at our service, and that they serve at our pleasure, as we will demonstrate in the forthcoming elections with a simple exercise in intelligence and emotional maturity.

Cordially yours,
 Dr. A. Steven Glanell de Jannelli
 Potsdam

Ode To Government

AN ODE TO OPEN GOVERNMENT Village Of Potsdam Style

Please come to our Village Board meetings, "tis stated. They are open to me and all. Ask, and your questions will be answered. Most judiciously. At the Civic Center the records complete of Board meetings and Hearings past. Are always available for review by you. And in their reading you will learn how the Team works. In complete unanimity!

So I read all the minutes of the past couple years. And what did I learn— But that the minutes do speak of harmony abounding! So few says, it is truly astounding! Such harmony, such accord, so little discussion. No arguments recorded in thought, in planning, (with few exceptions, all trustees to sway their heads, and say aye!) Those minutes quite boggle the mind with their blandness!

I can not help then, but wonder, that at meetings held private is when the planning takes place, not before public view.

Are we truly appraised only of "faits accomplis"? Must we bear the taxes due? Can it be that frankness of thought, disagreement in plan of action is not to be done in the open, no interaction, no dissension accepted?

Can we be so ignorant, can we be so naive? If we disagree with the master's plan, should we come with purgatory? Must letters be written to employers protesting our dissent, must our freedom of thought and speech be stifled before we realize how the twig is being bent?

So I say to you all, gentle readers dear, Go to the meetings, and Any questions. Demand the answers, and Accept only the truth. Speak out when troubled, and Wake up, before it's too late!
 Mrs. Barbara Lenhart
 4 Chestnut St., Potsdam

14 Clarkson School Students Win Regents Scholarships

The first class of The Clarkson College which opened its doors in September 1978, included 16 New York State students who were eligible for Regents Scholarships. Of those 16, 14 have been named Regents Scholars and the other two alternates.

The Clarkson School program is designed for high school seniors who excel in mathematics and science and who wish to get a "headstart" on college. They take college level math and science classes with Clarkson College freshmen, but they have special recitation sections, receiving individualized tutoring and counseling, and take a social sciences-humanities course designed specifically for them. They live with their tutors in houses adjacent to the College campus. This first group of students have also

excelled in the College courses. For example, at the end of the first semester, the three top grades in the freshman chemistry course went to Clarkson School students.

The Regents winners are: Stephen P. Ayer, Dexter, N.Y.; Ruth C. Bahrs, Parish, N.Y.; Carl L. Chamberlin, Central Square, N.Y.; Paul F. Clement, Webster, N.Y.; Andrew P. Cyr, Potsdam, N.Y.; Kim Dellas, Syracuse, N.Y.; John F. Heden, Malone, N.Y.; Jack K. Larson, Mannsville, N.Y.; Kevin J. Moore (Regents Nursing Scholarship), Morrisstown, N.Y.; Eileen O'Leary, Utica, N.Y.; Michael J. Scudder, Winthrop, N.Y.; William G. Thomas, Rome, N.Y.; Daniel J. Williams, Hannawa Falls, N.Y.; Timothy J. Wiltshire, Saugerties, N.Y.

Students Named Presidential Scholars

The following area students have been named Presidential Scholars for the fall semester at Clarkson College:

Harvey A. Factor, 26 Clark St., Norwood; Paul R. Austin, son of Dr. and Mrs. John H. Austin, 36 Leroy St., Potsdam; Donald M. George, Route 1, Norwood; David S. Bither, Madrid Road, Potsdam; Sharon A. Hourihan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Hourihan, Winthrop; Christine N. Leach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Leach, Raymondville; Daniel J. Wixted, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Edward J. Wixted, Sr., 26 Circle Dr., Potsdam; Michael S. Sennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sennett, 22 Garden St., Potsdam; Robin Meites, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meites, 25 Circle Dr., Potsdam; Joseph A. Loo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ta-Cheng Loo, 15 Haggerty Rd., Potsdam; Joseph John Cimback, son of Mr. Joseph J. Cimback, Potsdam-Canton Road and June Broughton, 4 Leroy St., Potsdam.

To qualify as a Presidential Scholar, a full-time student must earn at least a 3.50 quality point ratio on a scale of 4.0.

Public Record

James B. Shinnick, 6 State St., was charged with third degree assault Sunday after he allegedly struck his half-brother, George M. Dory, 32, Dover Plains, in the face following a wedding. According to police, Dory was taken to Canton-Potsdam Hospital for treatment.

Kevin L. Cornish, 22, Rome, was ticketed Sunday on a charge of failure to turn as required.

Gerald W. Cook, 25, Malone, was ticketed Sunday on charges of failure to keep right and leaving the scene of an accident. He is alleged to have damaged a telephone pole with his car, according to police.

A car belonging to Lawrence C. Ham, 24, Millbrook, N.Y., was reported taken from Main Street when it was parked in front of Alger's Pub early Sunday morning. Village police said the car was discovered on the SUCP campus shortly afterwards.

A van owned by Donald Mackey, 47, Seneca Falls, was reported taken from the parking lot at the Clarkson Science Center Saturday, but police said it was found nearby, having been driven off the road and into a snowbank.

Andrew D. Thow, 19, and Pamela A. Payne, 18, both SUCP students, were ticketed for alleged failure to use the sidewalk.

Roxee Ann Dufresne, 22, Hannawa Falls, was arrested Saturday on a warrant issued by Acting Village Justice Patrick VerSchneider. The warrant charged her with harassment.

Frank J. Quarantello, 21, Buffalo, was ticketed Saturday on charges of failure to keep right and driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

Linda M. Patraw, 31, St. Regis Falls, was ticketed Saturday on a charge of having an uninspected motor vehicle.

Jane M. Barber, 18, Waverly, N.Y., was ticketed Friday afternoon on a charge of failure to turn as required after an automobile accident at the intersection of Riverview and Maple Streets. Police said her car collided with a vehicle driven by Robert E. White Jr., 24, Box #71, Potsdam.

A 16-year-old Potsdam youth pleaded guilty in Village Court Wednesday to charges of petit larceny and trespass, lesser charges than those of burglary and petit larceny, which he was being arraigned on. The charges stemmed from a Jan. 5 incident in which the youth, not identified because of his age, was said to have taken a purse belonging to a first floor nurse at the Canton-Potsdam Hospital. The purse was later found in a men's room at the hospital but several checks were missing.

Stephen B. Lemons, 24, Clinton, Mass., was charged Wednesday with driving while intoxicated.

Joseph J. Latimer, 25, Potsdam was ticketed Tuesday on a charge of having an unregistered motor vehicle.

Irene M. Vari, 53, Norwood, was charged Thursday with petit larceny in connection with an alleged shoplifting incident at the Kinney Drug store at the Big N Plaza.

Donna M. Bailey, 20, and Barbra A. Bailey, 18, both of a Pierrepont Ave., were charged Thursday with disorderly conduct. Village police said they were pushing a shopping cart recklessly down the Market St., sidewalk, nearly striking pedestrians.

Jonathan P. Ring, 20, Westport, was charged early Tuesday morning with a violation of the village's open container ordinance and with throwing glass on the highway.

Steve LaRock, 35, Norwood, was arrested Monday on a charge of petit larceny. He was arrested on a warrant issued by Acting Village Justice Patrick VerSchneider. According to police, LaRock had been given \$5 by a person who asked him to pick up some items at the grocery store, but the items were never delivered.

Four young people from the Colton area were apprehended at the Big N parking lot Monday night on charges of open container violations. Their names were withheld due to their ages. They were a 17-year-old male from South Colton, two 16-year-old males from Colton, and a 15-year-old female from Colton. All were released in the custody of their parents.

A 16-year-old Potsdam girl was charged with petit larceny Monday in connection with a shoplifting incident at the Potsdam Super Duper. According to police, she was accompanied by a six-year-old girl whose mother had allegedly given her a list of items that she was supposed to steal. Police notified the Department of Social Services of the incident.

A 16-year-old girl from Hermon was arrested Monday on a charge of petit larceny in connection with an alleged theft of an \$11 shirt from Montgomery Wards in Potsdam. She was apprehended in Canton after an employee of Wards got a description of the car in which she was riding.

An 18-year-old Potsdam male was charged Monday with petit larceny in connection with the alleged shoplifting of a birthday card from Kinney Drug store at the Big N Plaza. His name was withheld due to his age.

Car Hits Buggy

NORFOLK—A Norfolk couple was injured when their horse-and-buggy rig was hit by a car at 3 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of the River Road and Bridge Street, sheriff's deputies report. David Wickey, 70, and his wife, Barbara, 67, were injured when their rig was hit by a car driven by Richard Frederick, 26, Norfolk, deputies said. They were transported to Canton-Potsdam Hospital by the Norfolk Rescue Squad. Wickey was admitted with a broken jaw and Mrs. Wickey was treated for bruises and released, deputies said.

Their horse received a broken leg and had to be destroyed, deputies said. Deputies said that the buggy pulled off the bridge and into the path of the Frederick's car, which was northbound on the River Road. No summonses were issued.

Fire Damages Lynch Home

STOCKHOLM—The fire that damaged the family home of Stockholm Town Councilman Leo Lynch is believed to have begun in the rear of the home near a woodslove that was in a recreation room, according to St. Lawrence County Sheriff's deputies.

Mrs. Lynch and three children, who were at home when a smoke detector alerted them at 7:15 a.m. Monday, were able to escape without injury, according to deputies.

The two-story, wood-frame house on the Brookdale Road was extensively damaged from smoke, water, and flames in the rear portion, according to deputies.

They said that the loss was insured. Fire departments involved in the incident were Norfolk, Norwood, Madrid, Raymondville, West Stockholm, Louisvile, and Winthrop-Brasher, deputies said.

Clarkson Gives To Village, Town, School

Clarkson College has presented a \$10,000 gift to the Village of Potsdam and \$2,500 gifts to the Town of Potsdam and the Potsdam Central School District.

A tax-exempt institution, the college does not pay property taxes to those three organizations.

Both Mayor Ruth Garner and Town Supervisor Joel Merriman have praised the college for the gifts.

The gift to the Village "represents a breakthrough in college-community relations," according to Mayor Garner. Merriman, at Tuesday night's meeting of the town board, highly commended the college for the action.

"I feel strongly about this," he told the town board as he announced the gift. The village will reportedly put the \$10,000 toward the purchase of the new aerial firetruck, which is on order.

There was no indication as to how the town or the school system would earmark the money.

"I am delighted by the college's demonstrated good faith in the village by contributing toward the cost of the new firetruck, a necessary piece of equipment that will benefit the entire community," said Mayor Garner. The town board agreed to send a letter of appreciation to the college.

President Robert A. Plane stated: "The college is pleased to make these gifts because we value the services of the village, the town and the local schools. We appreciate all of the agencies that contribute to the safety of everyone at the college and the cooperation we have received from our area neighbors."

Regarding the new firetruck, the \$197,000 85-foot aerial platform truck will replace "Old Number 1," which was purchased in 1947 and is now the oldest aerial ladder truck still in service in the North Country.

The new truck will make it possible to reach the top floor of buildings formerly inaccessible with available equipment.

Driver Charged In Collision

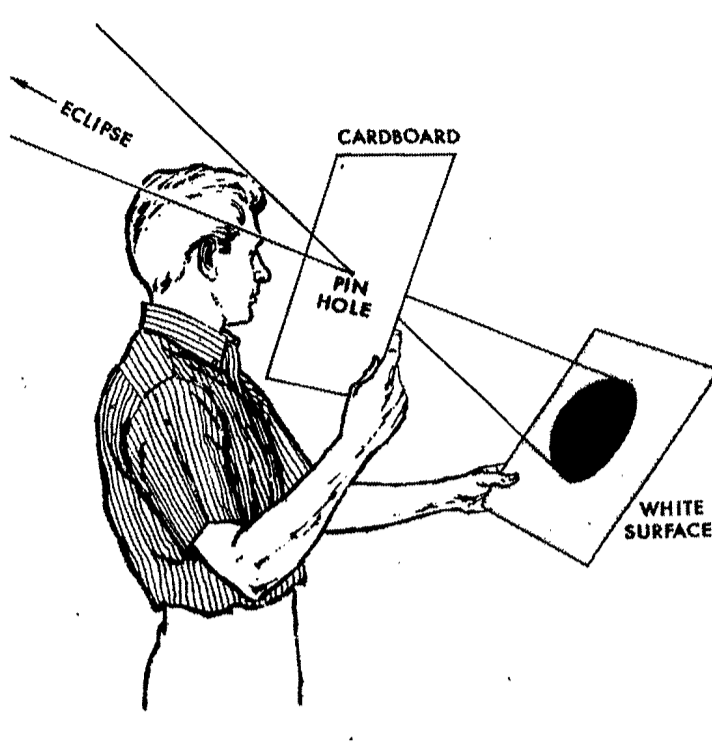
COLTON—State police investigated an accident late Sunday afternoon involving automobiles driven by Charles Steinberg, 45, of Averill Park, N.Y., and Lowell McMillen, 21, of Feura Bush, N.Y.

According to police, the Steinberg vehicle was traveling north on Route 56 when it was struck in the left side by the McMillen vehicle, which was traveling south on Route 56. McMillen allegedly lost control of his car.

McMillen was charged with driving at a speed not reasonable and prudent. He was uninjured. Steinberg suffered a bump to the head and an abrasion to the leg in the mishap, troopers said.

No Injuries In Mishap

State police investigated an accident on the Sisson Street Road in Potsdam at about 3:50 p.m. Sunday afternoon.



SAFEST—This pinhole technique is recommended as the safest way to watch the Feb. 26 eclipse of the sun.

Take Care Watching Eclipse

One of nature's most dramatic events, a solar eclipse, will occur on Feb. 26. It will be a total eclipse in a path from the Pacific Ocean crossing the northwestern United States, and partial in virtually all the rest of the continental U.S.

The National Society to Prevent Blindness (NSPB) warns that watching the eclipse can be dangerous, and advises precautionary measures.

Following the last total eclipse seen in the U.S. (March 7, 1970), 145 cases of eye injury were reported to an NSPB survey, 121 of them eclipse burns. Sixty percent of the casualties had looked at the sun directly with the naked eye. The remainder had tried to protect their eyes with various devices—sunglasses, totally exposed photographic negatives, smoked glass and welder's goggles.

NSPB Executive Director Virginia S. Boyce emphasizes that there is no recommended safe way to look at an eclipse directly—partial or total. Infra-red rays emitted by the sun can burn the retina, causing scarring and resulting in blind spots in the victim's vision. The retina is the light-sensitive layer of nerve cells at the back of the eye that transmits visual images to the brain.

"Usually the sun's dazzling light naturally prevents people from looking directly at it," Mrs. Boyce said, "but in a total eclipse, the moon slowly darkens that light, for brief minutes completely obscuring it. While the light dims, the sun is still emitting its invisible but burning infra-red rays, and since the retina is not pain-sensitive, a burn will not be noticed until the damage is done."

The Society recommends indirect watching as the only safe way. The simplest indirect way is the "pinhole" method. Take two pieces of white cardboard, make a small hole in one, and with the sun at your back, focus the eclipse through the pinhole onto the second board. The size of the image can be changed by altering the distance

between the cardboards. Older children and adults might use binoculars or a telescope as the projector, replacing the pinhole cardboard. With the sunlight at your back, position the instrument over your shoulder with the eyepiece down so that the light passing through it focuses on the white cardboard.

Using either method, the circle of light on the cardboard will show the sun being slowly obscured by the moon as it passes between the earth and the sun. Never look at the eclipse through the pinhole or through the binoculars or telescope. Photographers should also remember not to look at the sun through their camera viewfinder.

The path of the total eclipse—which will be the last visible in the continental 48 states during this century—comes ashore over Oregon and Washington, moves through Idaho, Montana and a small part of North Dakota and then on into Canada and over Greenland, where sunset will terminate it.

In Walla Walla, Washington, the sun will be totally obscured by the moon for 2 minutes and 26 seconds beginning at 8:17 a.m. (PST). In Los Angeles 81.5 percent of the sun's disc will be covered at 7:59 a.m. (PST); in Dallas 72.7 percent at 10:25 a.m. (CST); in Chicago 82.8 percent at 10:52 a.m. (CST); in Miami 42.5 percent at 11:47 a.m. (EST); and in New York City 68 percent at 12:16 p.m. (EST). The duration of the entire eclipse will be about 2½ hours.

On Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m., Clarkson Professor Frank Goodrich will appear on WNPE-TV (cable channel 12) to discuss the eclipse.

Professor Goodrich will explain various ways to view the eclipse without damaging the eyes. On the day of eclipse, if the weather is fairly clear, Dr. Goodrich will have an apparatus for safe viewing set up in the second floor lobby of the Clarkson Science Center. Interested persons are welcome to join him there at 11:30 p.m.

Mormon Church Plans Dedication Of Chapel

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, more commonly known as the Mormons, will open their new chapel in Potsdam at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25, with a special worship service under the direction of Bishop Donald Herzog of Bradley Drive, Potsdam. The public is invited.

In commemoration of the opening, an open house will be held on Friday, Feb. 23 from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m., and on Saturday from 2-5 p.m. Tours of the building will be conducted and displays and movies will be shown.

Construction of the first local Mormon chapel commenced last September by Bast, Hatfield, and Sisson Construction Company of Albany. Landscaping and exterior stucco work will be completed in early spring. The growing church, now having over four million members world-wide, will build approximately 1,000 new chapels this year in the U.S. and Canada.

The spiritual leader of the church is Spencer W. Kimball, with headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mormons believe the most important unit within the church is the family, and all programs of the church are family oriented. "Family home evening" is a

church-wide program designed to provide opportunity for healthy communication between parents and children.

Mormons are active in genealogy work, having one of the largest genealogical libraries in the world. The facilities of the church's genealogical department are available to the public. The first Mormon to venture into St. Lawrence County was Joseph Smith Sr., in 1830. He was the father of the Mormon prophet Joseph Smith. Members of the Smith family were among the early settlers of Potsdam.

From 1830 to about 1844 the church gained many converts from the Potsdam vicinity. Potsdam was the home and birthplace of several of the church's early leaders. By 1844 most of the local converts had moved westward with the main body of the church. It was over a hundred years later that missionaries were sent into the area. The church has been growing here ever since then, to the point that membership became sufficient to require the building of a chapel for the members in and near Potsdam. Membership of the Potsdam Ward is currently over 200.

Chapple Supports Air North

Potsdam Village Trustee John Chapple is supporting Air North's bid to become a regional air carrier for the North Country.

In a letter to the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, D.C., Chapple has indicated that he is in favor of a subsidy to enable the airline to purchase larger airplanes. That would help the airline, he indicated.

A copy of the letter has been sent to Congressman Robert McEwen and to Senators Jacob Javits and Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

The text of Chapple's letter follows: "As a Trustee of the Village of Potsdam, Deputy Mayor, and as a member of the Potsdam Airport Communication, I urge you to act favorably on Air North's application to become a regional air carrier for the 'North Country' of New York State.

"Service has deteriorated since I moved to this area in 1965 during the era of Mohawk Airlines. The number of air travelers has declined. Do not be deceived, however, because many area people do fly but they drive 3 hours or more to Syracuse or Burlington. Some do so because they do not enjoy the Twin-Otters currently used by Air North. Others do so because these small

planes are often booked solid many days in advance.

"It is my opinion that a subsidy enabling the purchase of Larger, 30 passenger Short airplanes will reverse the trend. The number of passengers will increase dramatically if improved equipment is made available.

"Air North knows the area and has a very good safety record. A subsidy may indeed be only temporary if it becomes possible for more people to use improved service in increased comfort.

"In addition, to Watertown, Massena and Ogdensburg, please do not ignore the needs of the citizens of such communities as Potsdam and Canton with a combined population considerably larger than either Massena or Ogdensburg. We need air service, too, and because of the thriving colleges in these communities, it can be shown that a large percentage of current passengers originate from and have an intended destination of Potsdam and Canton.

"As you probably know, transportation by auto is particularly difficult and hazardous in this area especially during the long winter months. We have no passenger train service. Helping Air North to provide better service is a critical need."