

## Sunday Rock North 'n' South: Colton And South Colton News

BY DOROTHY AYERS

An Eastern Star service for Louise Collins was conducted Tuesday night by officers of Adirondack Chapter 99, O.E.S. of which Mrs. Collins was a long term member and Past Matron.

Mrs. Collins was a lady in the true sense of the word and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Colton-Pierrepont Winners  
Mr. Norman Whyte, high school principal, announces that C.P. Central School has three New York State Regents Scholarship winners and one alternate. Regents Scholarship winners were announced by the New York State Education Department this week. Regents Scholarship winners were Jeffrey Ford, JoAnn Sheeran and John Sheeran. The alternate was Morris Hawley. These scholarship awards are effective as of the 1979-80 academic year.

Each Regents College Scholarship entitles the recipient to an award of \$250 a year for up to 5 years of study at an approved program in New York State. Approved programs generally include

college-level programs, hospital school programs, and 2-year program in private business schools. They may also receive a tuition assistance award which may entitle them to \$1,800 per year over and above their Regents Scholarship.

The community can be proud of youngsters like these.  
**Supplemental Security Income**  
At a recent meeting of the Advisory Board of which your reporter is a member, Mr. George Donovan of the CDP office brought up the fact that too few people know they are entitled to Supplemental Security Income benefits. Maybe the following will help:

What is "Supplement Security Income?"  
SSI is a program through which the federal government guarantees a minimum monthly income to every person who is over 65, or disabled, or blind and meets a few simple requirements.

How much will SSI pay me?  
That depends on how much income you already have. Currently, a person with no income would receive at least

\$157.80. Some states supplement these SSI payments. Not all income is counted in figuring the SSI payment or the state supplement.

Where do you go to apply for SSI?  
Go to your nearest Social Security office. If you are physically unable to travel, call and a representative will come to your home.

What's the difference between Social Security and SSI?  
Social Security payments are based on how long you worked and how much you earned. SSI is based on how much income you have now. Social Security payments come out of a special fund set aside for those payments. SSI payments do not. They come from the general revenues of the government.

Can I receive Social Security and SSI?  
Absolutely. In fact, when counting your income under SSI, the first \$20 of your Social Security payment is ignored. However, you must file a separate application for SSI. An application for Social Security is not an application for SSI.

Can I work and still get SSI?  
Yes. The SSI program encourages you to work by ignoring more than half of what you earn in figuring your SSI payment.

Do I have to sell my home, my car and everything I own to get these SSI payments?  
Definitely not. Beginning in October, 1976, your home, no matter how much it is worth, is ignored in determining if you qualify for SSI. You may own other things worth up to \$1,500 or \$2,250 for a married couple, and qualify for SSI. Also some of the things you own will not count toward the \$1,500 or \$2,250 limit. If my request for SSI is rejected, what can I do?

First, make sure that you have signed and turned in a written application to the Social Security office. If you have, and your application is denied, you have the right to appeal the denial. Social Security Administration employees are

required by law to tell you how to apply and to assist you in doing it.  
I live in a retirement home owned by my church. Does this mean I will get less SSI payments?

Probably not. Your SSI payment would only be reduced if your church has specifically agreed in writing to provide you with full care all your life regardless of whether you pay for your care or not.

How can I get answers to other questions about SSI?  
The Social Security Administration is required by law to help you with any problems dealing with SSI. Many community organizations and legal aid offices can also help you.

The above questions and answers were prepared by the Staff of the National Senior Citizens Law Center and we hope they will be of help.  
Coming Up  
Senior Racquetters will meet on

March 6 at 1:30 p.m. in Hepburn Library for the regular business meeting. Everyone welcome.

United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday March 7 at 10 a.m. in South Colton Community Center, with a housewares sale at 10:30, open to the public. This is the housewares party-sale that Mary H. Fisher holds every March for the church and we'd love to see you all there that day. See you there.

Public Health Nurse 379-2213. Nursing care to the home bound.  
St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, 393-3000. Residential and out-patient psychiatric care.  
Well Child Clinic 265-7400. Free physical and child development screening.

Sunday School will resume at South Colton Community Church at 10 a.m. on March 4.

## Towncrier: Madrid Area News

BY LULA CLARK

Approximately 500 persons attended the open house at the Grasse River Housing Corp. on Sunday. Refreshments were served by the ladies of St. John the Baptist and United Church, Madrid. Each of the eight apartments is equipped with refrigerator and stove, a washer and dryer set.

The kitchens are well equipped with adequate cupboard space, floors are covered with linoleum of various colors. Stairs lead to the second floor.

One unit for the handicapped is located on the first floor. The cupboards are at a low level, doorways are larger, making it more convenient for wheelchairs. Following final inspection of the building, the eight units are expected to be available for occupancy by March 1.

Card Party  
Seaway Valley Senior Citizens will sponsor a public card party in Wadlington Library Hall at 8 p.m. March 3. Refreshments and prizes will be available.

Frozen Pipes  
Cold and more cold is the situation in Madrid, frozen pipes and more frozen pipes all around town. Homes where pipes never were frozen prior to this winter are becoming frozen.

Superintendent William Koch is busy at the Madrid Water District building, which is working far overtime pumping. He also assists Rodney Rookney, who has equipment to thaw out the frozen pipes.

Birthday  
Dale Jenner observed his 47th birthday on Feb. 21. His mother, Winnie Jenner and his family enjoyed a turkey dinner prepared by his wife, Gerry. Congratulations Dale.

Retirement  
Inez Besaw, Massena, retired following 40 years as nurse, not 20 as was previously reported. She had worked the past 20 years in Massena Hospital. Her sister, Elitha Hittle and Ann Lindley attended a retirement party in their sister's honor with 99 friends and relatives.



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## Personal Touch: Hannawa Falls Area News

BY AMELIA A. WEEMS

Our community is saddened by the loss of our dear friend, and neighbor Mrs. E. Louise Collins, 83, who died Feb. 18. At Potsdam Hospital. She was a member of The Retired Teachers' Association, member of the U.M.W., Member of the D.A.R., a dedicated member of The Adirondack Chapter, O.E.S., was formerly Hannawa Falls correspondent for the Courier and Freeman, and a lifetime resident of Hannawa Falls. We are really going to miss her. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Collins Family and their loved ones.

Received word from Hilda Cayey that Mrs. Al (Betty) Bogart of California had a heart attack, her condition is stabilized; she would love to hear from old friends back home. Her address is: 326 Sierra Vista Drive, Rancho Cordova,

Calif., zip code 95670.

Mrs. Grayce Collins was taken to Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Feb. 19.

Mrs. Veronica Ward is in A. Barton Hepburn Hospital, Ogdensburg. She was admitted Feb. 22. It would be nice to hear from a friend or two.

Little Christopher Weems has a very bad cold and an ear infection. Patricia Renee Newton has a touch of the flu and an ear infection, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Butterfield went to Syracuse to take little Jill down to see her doctor and from there to Adams Center, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry.

Travel South

Mr. and Mrs. George Theobald left Feb. 20 for a three week vacation to Boynton Beach, Fla., 1313 Trail South.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bullock left Feb. 17 for a three week vacation, to Orman Beach, Fla.

Miss Kaye Connelly few from Syracuse to Hawaii, Feb. 2 for a two week vacation; she came back Feb. 20th. She is a secretary for Clarkson College R.O.T.C.

Congratulations to go Brad James who won the M.V.P. award at Kingston, Ont., over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burch of Hannawa Falls are the proud parents of a 6 pound and 8 ounce baby girl, Melissa Rose; born Feb. 10.

## Needlework At The Museums

CANTON-The Silas Wright House and Museum will be the site for an exhibition of contemporary needlework, March 11 through April 30. The exhibition is sponsored by the St. Lawrence County Historical Association.

Featured will be examples of needlework done since 1800. Crewel, embroidery, weaving and needlepoint are just a few of the many techniques of needlework that will be on display. Artisans from Canton, Potsdam, DeKalb Junction, Fine, Waddington, Heuvelton, Rensselaer Falls and other local communities will be showing their work.

Persons who are interested in showing their needlework but who have not arranged to be included in the exhibition are urged to contact the Silas Wright House and Museum at 386-2780 for information about taking part.

The Potsdam Public Museum will host "Vanishing Needle Art" at the same time, as part of the two museums' ongoing effort to coordinate activities. On March 14 at 7:30 p.m., the Clarissa

Wright Auxiliary will host a card party at the Silas Wright House and Museum, in conjunction with the needlework exhibition. An evening of cards and refreshments is planned, with guests' two-dollar donations going toward drapery material for the second floor of the Silas Wright House. Reservations may be made by calling 386-2780. The museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Party Line

BY DAWN VICK

A new class in square dancing will be started Thursday, March 1, at the Norwood Elementary School. Put on by the "U" Wanna Sq, March 1 is a free night and open house dance for anyone who desires to learn square dancing. The hours are 7 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be furnished. The club was formed last summer as an easy level club for those who didn't want to maintain the high level set of most square dance clubs today. Louie Seguin is the caller and instructor. It should be a fun night for all. Call Norma Cramer 353-7331 for more information.

Bob Harper is in class to take training as an assistant diver. He will also be a licensed scuba diving instructor and assist on the scuba diving classes when he completes the course.

## Youth Commission Plans Open House

NORWOOD-The Norwood Youth Commission will sponsor an open house from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 4 in the Norwood recreational building, to give the public an opportunity to view the facilities and discuss the recreational program. Those who wish may bring skates for skating.

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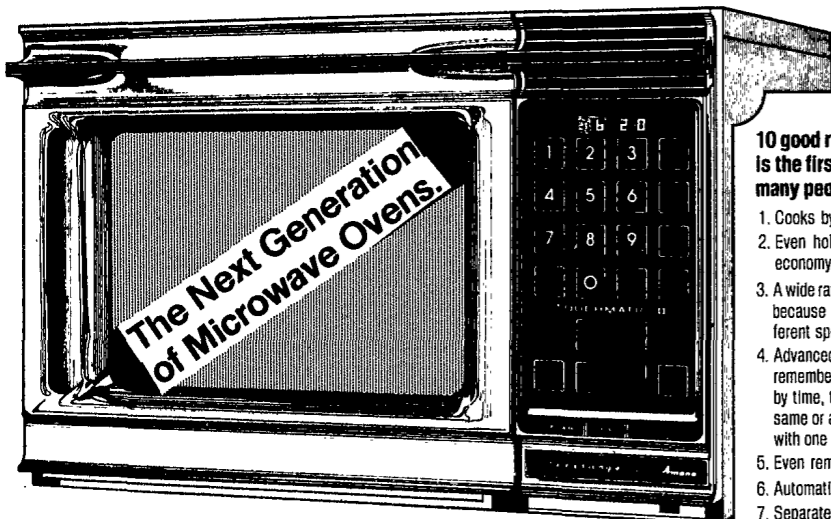
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