

editorials & commentary

Get On The Stick

The impression we got from the hearing last week on firewood sales was fairly straightforward: the proposed change in the regulations aren't really needed in this part of the state.

It was fairly evident from a number of things, especially from comments made by John Bartfai, the man who has proposed the regulations. He admitted that the proposed rules are not really needed in this part of the state, in fact, he said that there has not been a complaint from this county in the last 12 years.

It seems to all boil down to the fact that the regulations are needed to protect some unin-

formed wood consumers in other parts of the state.

Apparently, some of them do not know how big a cord of wood is, and so they have been buying what we in the North Country call face cords.

Seems like it would be a whole lot easier just to educate the consumer instead of passing new regulations.

So, with that goal in mind, we print herewith for all to see: a cord of wood measures four feet by four feet by eight feet. If you buy any less than that, you're not getting a full cord.

There, we've said it. Now, c'mon you guys in Albany, let's cool it.

'Talking Turkey' Calls Wild Gobblers

BY PAUL M. KELSEY
New York State
Division Of
Fish and Wildlife

Opening of the spring turkey season on May 7 may seem a long way off at this

moment, but it is less than 10 weeks away, and that time can fly. It is not any too soon for the inexperienced turkey hunter to get started with his preparations if he wants to stand a chance of coming home with a gobbler.

NYSERDA To Sponsor Conference On Hydropower

ALBANY—In order to speed adoption of small hydropower as a major alternate energy source, James L. Larocca, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) chairman, has announced a conference on hydropower opportunities for April 26.

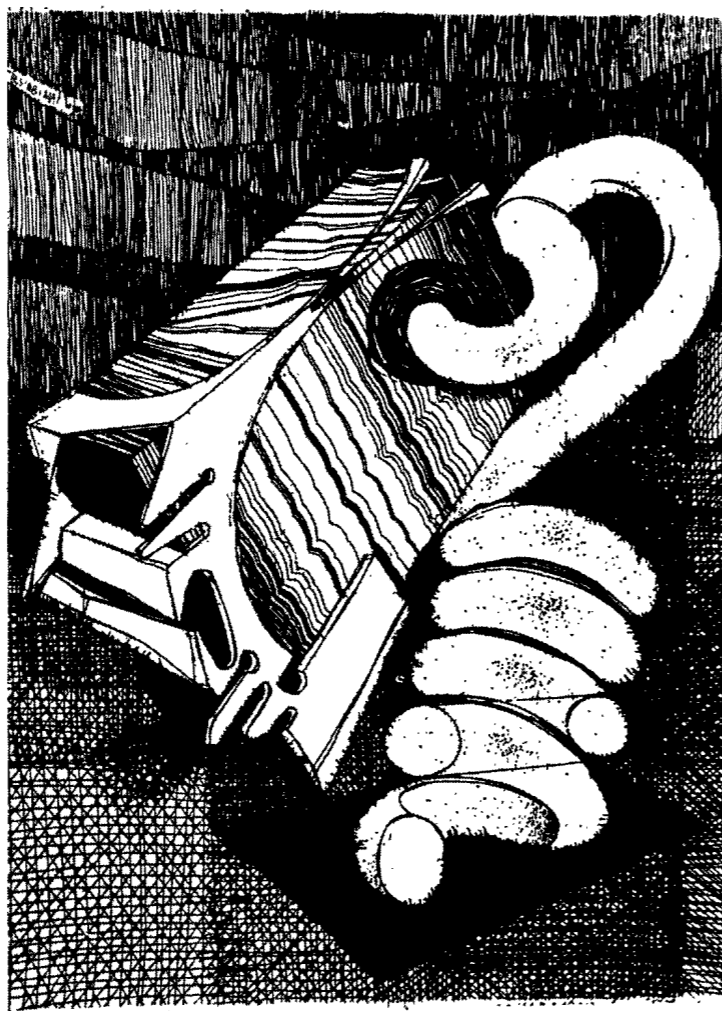
"Our hope is that all the sites with potential for hydropower generation will be developed. This will give a broader mix to our state's energy sources, reducing our reliance on oil and other nonrenewable resources," Larocca said.

He urged potential developers of hydropower sites to attend, and manufacturers of small hydroelectric equipment to display their equipment and provide information on their

research and processes. Through lectures and panel discussions, the program will provide basic background on hydropower opportunities in the state, a detailed analysis of federal and state licensing requirements and information on financial help available to site developers.

NYSERDA currently is funding demonstration projects at 10 sites having existing dams with generating facilities that are dormant.

Additional information on the conference is available from NYSERDA, Rockefeller Plaza, Albany, 12223. Attention: Hydro-power Conference. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch and one copy of the proceedings.



STILL MISSING — A black and white etching by Valeriano Trubbiani, part of the art collection of SUNY Potsdam, is reported still missing by Art Curator Roland Gibson. The etching is valued at \$100 and a reward of \$100 has been offered for information leading to its return. Persons with information are asked to call the art department at 268-5040 or campus security at 285-2885. The etching was removed from its frame and taken from the Crumb Library late last week.

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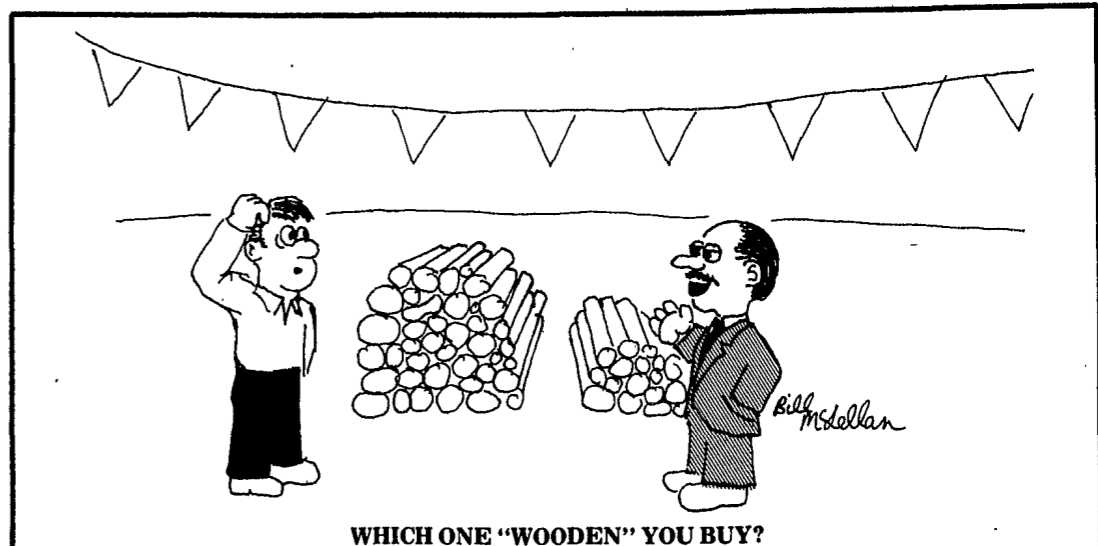
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Smile And Say Thanks

To the Editor: I feel that it is the time of year when we should look back and see where our sons and daughters have been all winter. Out of your hair and at the arena. Who has been supervising them?

Our coaches have given this long winter season to see that your child has had supervised recreation—even though you may have had to miss the game or practice for employment, personal commitments, or social events. Your coaches do not collect a salary for their devoted time. They do cancel personal commitments and on occasion lose time from their work to benefit your child.

Your coach also sees to it that your child makes it to all games—he too needs gas for his car, has worked all day and has household tasks to tend to, but he does that after he spends time with your hockey player. Remember all those games during the holidays that you wanted to make it but just couldn't, and when it was below zero and your car wouldn't start?

Okay, coaches are not Christ, but in our opinion they are saints, and even saints can make mistakes. When we, as parents, have made mistakes in raising our children, have we gotten on the phone and done a degrading job on ourselves? No, we hope the child learned and was tolerant of us, we still wanted their love and respect.

Why have the hockey players been upset by a misunderstanding on the team for days? Kids forget and forgive. I feel you should discuss this with the players and NOT THE PARENTS WHO GET ON THE PHONE AND DEGRADE OUR PROGRAM. When working with Scouts, church groups, schools and other volunteer programs, you meet many of the same parents, or other ungrateful ones, complaining. The sad part is that the youth are out for fun but have to be embarrassed for their parents' actions.

The parents ruin the fun for their child. Shouldn't we, as parents, be helping our children to "roll with the punches"? Most of our youth hold a candle to their coaches and they respect them for being their teacher and we as parents should learn from them. WE, TOO, SHOULD SUPPORT OUR JUNIOR HOCKEY PROGRAM.

I know your lives are much too busy to show your real appreciation to the volunteers of our hockey program but please—give a special thank you and a smile as you pass them on the street. This would make their day.

Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping to make Potsdam a better place for our youth.

Shirley Warden
The Mother of
Three Hockey Players

Taxi Owner Questions START Bus Service

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to St. Lawrence County Administrative Assistant William Collins recently. Copies were also sent to local news media.

Dear Mr. Collins: It has recently come to my attention that \$8,000 has been allocated for paid advertising in newspapers, radio and television to promote the county's "START" busing program. Since I own and operate a taxi service in the Canton area and am in competition with the "START" program, I would like you or the appropriate person in the county government to provide me with answers to the following questions:

Senf Asks Questions

To the Editor: Some questions for the administration: Trustee Candidates Mr. Chapelle and Mr. Claffey and Mayoral Candidate Mrs. Garner:

If the village is in "absolutely tremendous financial condition" then please share this good news with us by publishing a balance sheet and financial statement as of February 1979 of the village's finances.

What is the proposed balanced budget for the village for fiscal year 1980?

What are the village's contingency plans for funding programs currently using federal Anti-Recession and Revenue Sharing monies in the event these monies are no longer forthcoming?

If the village is in tremendous financial shape why are some accounts overdrawn?

Why doesn't the administration employ facts and figures in response to citizen inquiries on the financial condition of the village? (Can hot air and political rhetoric erode budget deficits?)

Why is the village advertising for a police commissioner position to be filled in June 1979 when we presently have a Chief of Police?

Why does the village need a politically-appointed commissioner instead of a civil service police chief?

Why hasn't there been any public discussion on this issue?

Why are we advertising for a village clerk position when we currently have a village administrator?

How does the village plan to pay the salary required for such a position?

Why hasn't there been any public discussion on this issue?

Why can't we bypass the Depot? Why aren't the Democratic trustee candidates engaging in a discussion of the issues, along with the mayor?

Are the Democratic trustee candidates in complete agreement with everything the mayor says and does? When will the village residents have an opportunity to express their views on the proposed hydro project?

Who will make the decision—the mayor or village residents—on whether the hydro project gets built?

Eleanor Senf

From Our Files

1910—Hannawa Falls—Everyone is delighted to have the butter factory opened again. Mr. C. Maxfield from Potsdam will operate the milk and George Holmes will make the butter at Potsdam.

1910—For sale—Ford model T touring car, completely equipped, \$950. Four cylinder, 22 H.P. wheel base 100 inches. Frank P. Mathews, Club Garage, agent for St. Lawrence County, West Potsdam.

1910—Miss Anna Kenyon was one of the successful contestants in the recent Republican contest and left Saturday on her Bermuda trip. She also won a diamond ring.

1910—April 27—Halley's comet was seen here with the naked eye for the first time Saturday morning about 3:45 a.m. by Prof. William Towle of Clarkson College.

1937—Miss Mary Hugley, this village and William Fiesinger, Syracuse, will be the reigning monarchs of the Clarkson-Normal School Ice Carnival.

1937—Cost to run Potsdam Hospital—\$73,065 for the year, operating deficit but \$4,208. Patients received during year, 1,612; average cost per patient per day, \$4.14; average number of patients per day, 45; newborn males, 72; newborn females, 93.

1937—Feb. 10—Milk bottle is half century old. Milk bottle and paper cap invented here by H.D. Thatcher.

1937—Leo Whipple raises his own beef. West Stockholm man says his cost is five and one half cents per pound.

1936—Clarkson College hockey team, after defeating Harvard University in the first game of a series of three at Lake Placid last week by a score of 2-1 and losing the second by a score of 5-1, came back in the third game to tie the Bean Eaters 4-4.

1936—Outing Club cabin is completed—The club has a membership

of over 200 and the people are appreciative of the great work done by the young people toward making the cabin on Sugar Island a pleasant place to enjoy winter sports.

1936—Diner—"Walter, this steak tastes just like an old boot smeared with onions." "But sir, what strange meals you have had."

1936—Jan. 23—Oyster supper Thursday at the home of Mrs. Herbert Graham, 121 Market St., benefit the Ladies Aid Society of Hannawa Falls. Public invited. Adults 25 cents, children 15 cents.

1936—R.O.T.C. unit at Clarkson College. The War Department has authorized a new unit for Potsdam.

1936—Nicholville—Little Mary Jane Donovan has been ill with a cold this past week.

1936—Sept. 18—Store destroyed in West Potsdam fire. Blaze started in rear of store owned by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Blanchard.

1936—Courier has column "Best on Wax" by Con Elliott.

100 years ago—About this time, spelling schools were popular, many neighboring districts joining the contests. The "Mud Streetcars," headed by Thode Brown, driving a four horse team with many strings of bells always drove up with a flourish and blowing of horns, the Browns, the Barbers, the Haywoods and the Olivers making up the load. Also came the pretty Austin girls with their escorts from the Hopkinton Road, and a contingent of girls from District 33, with their curls and decks out in their best finery, coming to capture our swains, one in particular who still lives in the district.

From a diary given by Mrs. Charles Post giving the early history of the Fay school on the old Parishville Road. District 33 school was located at the junction of the Colton and Parishville Roads south of Potsdam.

Compiled by Earl Pattison

Chamber Of Commerce Elects Directors

CANTON — The following St. Lawrence County residents have been elected directors on a slate presented by Nominating Committee Chairman, Thurlow O. Cannon, to the board of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce:

Arlene W. Correll, CRS, Arlene W. Correll Realty Corporation, Potsdam; Don E. Huddleston, Cooperative Extension Agent, Retired, Canton; Richard C. McCarthy, C.M., Director of Administration, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Massena; and John A. Ward, owner, Ward's Hotel, Brasher Falls.

According to Chamber President, Dr. Harold K. Hughes, the new directors have long been active in providing valuable input and volunteer time to assist the efforts of the county chamber as well as to stimulate the economy of the North County.

Of special interest to those present at the meeting was an announcement by Hughes that the Chamber, in its continuing efforts to provide whatever services feasible by the county, during the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics, will meet in Lake Placid with officials from the various Olympic committees.

I believe the "little people" of the county can help solve the transportation problem much easier than the bureaucrats. The federal government tells us over and over, there is a critical fuel shortage, car pool, drive only when necessary, possibility of rationing and service stations being closed on weekends. Every day hundreds of people are driving across this country to all points to go to work and otherwise conduct their affairs. I'm sure that most of us would willingly take our neighbors to their destination if we knew of their needs. I would suggest that those willing to take rides, make available their names, telephone numbers and other pertinent information to the needy through posting in convenient places such as post offices, community centers, or public assistance offices. In this way people who want to help can, on a one-to-one basis. In the event of emergency or otherwise justifiable need for transportation, the person or persons could then use the existing private transportation system and be reimbursed by a public assistance arrangement for that purpose. This would be a great deal smaller in cost to the taxpayer.

That's why social welfare is all about: "Neighbor helping neighbor in time of need."

I would be glad to do what I can to help organize and support such a program at no cost, if the people of St. Lawrence County so desire.

Sincerely,
Arthur S. King
Owner and Operator
Canton Taxi and
Transportation Service

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