

## Troopers Injured

# Chase Ends When Auto Rams State Police Car

A high speed chase from Norwood through Potsdam ended Wednesday night in a collision with a state police car and an ensuing chain of events that left two state troopers hospitalized along with the 16-year-old suspect who was leading the chase.

Listed in satisfactory condition in the Canton-Potsdam hospital on Thursday morning were troopers Thomas J. Askey and Bruce A. Greenwood.

Also hospitalized was 16-year-old Steven W. Trimm, Winthrop, who was driving a 1973 station wagon that was reported stolen from Massena, and who was being chased originally for the suspected theft of gasoline from a Norwood gas station.

Trooper Askey reportedly received a fractured kneecap, neck injuries, abrasions to the pelvis and right elbow, and a cut to the right hand. Trooper Greenwood was reportedly suffering from a neck injury, bruised left ankle, and a cut to the right hand, state police reported.

Trimm was reported to have a broken collarbone, possible injuries to his neck, possible internal injuries, and abrasions and contusions of the face.

The chase, which began at the Hallmart gas station in Norwood and ended in a field off Route 11 on the Canton-Potsdam Road, involved not only the state police and the suspect's vehicles, but a Potsdam Village Police patrol car, a private automobile driven by an off-duty Potsdam policeman, and

the Norwood Village Police car.

Along the way, the suspect's vehicle struck a car and sideswiped a tractor-trailer rig, state police reported.

State police and village police reports indicate that this is how the case unfolded:

About 11 p.m. Wednesday, Potsdam police received a call for assistance from Joseph Ramie, the Norwood policeman. Ramie reportedly told them that he was chasing a car that had pulled away from the pumps at the Hallmart store without paying.

During the chase from Norwood, the suspect's car reportedly struck an auto owned by Frederick A. Baker, Massena. That collision occurred near the Suburban Gardener store.

On the way through Potsdam, the

suspect's car reportedly sideswiped a tractor-trailer rig on the Maple Street bridge. Village police said that the rig is owned by a Massena firm.

As the car headed west out of Potsdam toward Canton, it was followed by a Potsdam police cruiser, and the private automobile of off-duty Potsdam policeman Dale Socia who had stopped to pick up Patrolman Gerald Thomas who was on foot beat at the time, and finally by Ramie in the Norwood cruiser.

Ahead of the procession, already heading west on Route 11, was the state police car. The troopers had been alerted to the chase and had reportedly slowed to wait for the others to catch up.

When the suspect's car advanced on the trooper car, it tried to pass, according to state police. Instead, it rammed into the rear of the patrol car and both vehicles came to a stop in the roadway, near the intersection with the Eben Road. The bumpers of the cars were locked together, according to one report.

At that point, troopers said, both Askey and Greenwood jumped from their car and ran around to the suspect's car. Trooper Askey reportedly opened the driver's door and tried to pull him from the auto. At that point, the youthful driver put the car in reverse and the car broke free; the door struck Trooper Askey, knocked him to the ground, and passed over him.

The car kept backing up and ended up about 150 feet off the road in a field, according to troopers. The operator ran from the car and was chased by Trooper Askey, who had suffered a broken kneecap, and members of the Potsdam Police Department who had arrived on the scene.

It turned out that there were two 15-year-old females in the car. Police have described them as runaways. One of the girls was subdued by Trooper Greenwood, and the other was stopped by Norwood Patrolman Ramie and another Potsdam officer, troopers reported.

The two 15-year-olds have been turned over to their parents, troopers said. Troopers also said that the station wagon allegedly driven by Trimm was owned by Red McLean Trucking of Massena.

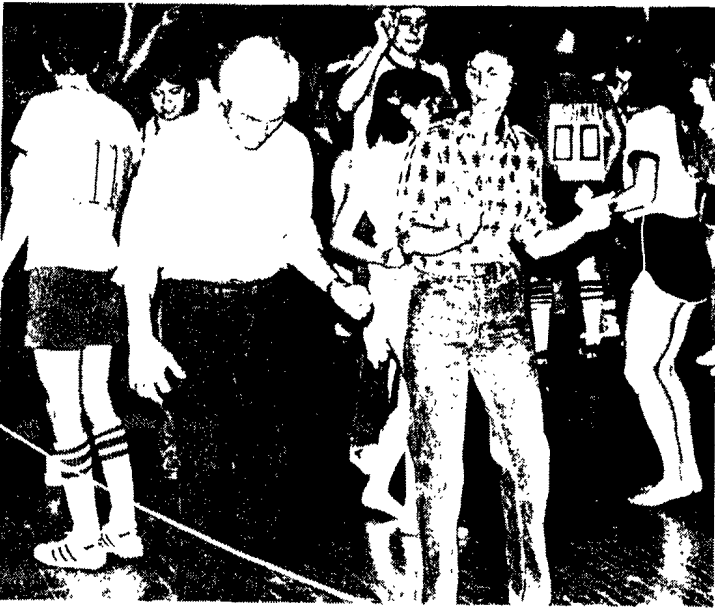


**NORWOOD FLOODING**—Water has risen to form a deep pool in the yard of the Shepard family mobile home in Norwood. This photograph, taken Monday, shows the pool of water. Last year, Shepard complained to the Norwood Village Board when the highway department raised the level of the road. He said the road would act as a dike to keep water from draining from his yard into a nearby creek. Village officials said that a culvert beneath the road would alleviate the problem, but on Monday the culvert was blocked with ice. (Betsy Baker photo)



**CELEBRITY SPOT**—Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Conroe share a light moment with Potsdam Mayor Ruth Garner and Prometheus fraternity member Bill Hart during the

celebrity segment of the fraternity's annual dance marathon last weekend. The 52-hour event netted over \$5,000 for local charities. (Pete Baker photo)



**DANCIN' THE NIGHT AWAY**—Dancers gyrate in the final hours of the seventh annual dance marathon held at Potsdam State College over the weekend. In foreground are Potsdam State President James Young and his wife Jackie. This year the Friday-through-Sunday event raised over \$5,000, which will go to charitable causes in the Potsdam community. (Pete Baker photo)

## Crane School Will Be In On Olympics

The noted Crane School of Music at the State University College at Potsdam has been selected to participate in the 1980 Winter Olympic ceremonies at Lake Placid.

That word came Thursday from the office of college relations at SUOP. An official announcement of the Crane School's involvement in the ceremonies will be made at a press conference scheduled for 11:30 a.m. March 7. Further details are to be announced at that time.

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The store is located at 11 Maple Street in the former Rodger Radio store.

Owners Jeff and Rose Carbino say that the store is an expansion of A Rainbow Co., which they have operated in Massena for three years.

According to Carbino, two or three persons will be employed in the new shop.

Carbino said that the owners will intend to provide fashionable clothing for the young people in this area, "compatible with our lifestyles for a moderate price."

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## Prescotts Photograph Himalayas, Everest

Dr. and Mrs. Edward S. (Doris) Prescott, 16 Elm St., Potsdam have returned home after a month's trip on an AARP and NRTA tour of three countries: India, Nepal, and Ceylon. They flew from Montreal, Canada.

The outstanding adventure of their trip was a flight along the Himalayan mountain range, a mountain system containing the highest peaks in the world, in south central Asia.

Dr. Prescott photographed Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world, from the cockpit in the plane at an elevation of 20,000 feet. That day the weather was perfect, sunny, and just beautiful for photography.

They also took several pictures of the tropical regions in Ceylon and of pea plantations, spice gardens and many flowers and trees, mostly in Ceylon. Mrs. Prescott is interested in flowers.

Dr. Prescott is an osteopathic physician in Potsdam.

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