

Patchwork: West Potsdam Area News

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Today is Jan. 17 and we still have no snow. It has been a most unusual winter so far. Today, my fire scanner reported a grass fire in Canton and later in the day a grass fire in Madrid. Grass fires in January? Just goes to show one never knows...

I checked recently and Harold Adams is still in the Potsdam Hospital and now undergoing therapy for his speech.

Sheila Freidel has returned from

Crouse-Ingov Hospital in Syracuse where she underwent surgery on her thyroid. She is recovering just fine and sports a well-healing scar held together with what is called "stripes." Most interesting, and we all wonder how they will take them off.

Husband Bruce took a week off from work to care for Sheila. He and his parents Kenneth and Dorothy were in Syracuse visiting Sheila.

Lisa Sheehan has also returned home from the hospital. Lisa was in the Potsdam Hospital recovering from an

asthma attack.

Fires. The terrible things make headlines. A recent fire at the mobile home of Wayne and Rose Phillips and their four children has left the family homeless. They are now staying with Steve and Shirley Bowen and are in desperate need of a place of their own. Naturally, the family needs household goods and all the many things one needs to make a house function. There is a jar on the counter at the School House Market for anyone who would like to donate something for the family. Wayne

is John Sheehan's hired man. Rose said they would like to find a place in the area if possible. She also mentioned they are expecting another child in May, so if anyone has baby clothing, that also will be needed. Let's have Santa Claus come in January for this family.

Our sympathies go to Marilyn Layaw and family. Her sister Lois Anthony of Sheffield, Pa. passed away Sunday.

I received a note from Earl Pattison and as usual he has more interesting facts to share. This time he gathered the

following information from Kimball's Business Directory-St. Lawrence County 1888-90. Earl borrowed the book from Mrs. Robert Foster of Route 3, Potsdam. Her parents, Charles and Rhoda Fobes, owned the Vaughn Mathie farm from 1904-1950.

"West Potsdam, a hamlet and post office in the Town of Potsdam. Caldwell, J.W. was a blacksmith, Evans, Charles was a veterinary surgeon, Evans, Truman, was a veterinary surgeon, Grant, Louis, was a boot and shoe maker, Lewis, W.H. was the justice of the peace, Owen, L.L. was a wagon and

boat builder, Orr, John had a blacksmith and wagon shop, Simmons, P. was postmaster and general stock, and Wires, C.J. had a machine shop and cider mill."

Times have changed since then. There is no post office and no justice of the peace. But we do have a county legislature member, Rosemary Sanford, Richardson's Furniture Repair and Refinishing, the Schoolhouse Market, Grant's Farm Supply, Bailey's Greenhouse, Powell's Garage, Evansdale egg factory owned by Paul and Roberta Evans, and Hawkwind Kennels. If I left anything out, let me know.

The monthly meeting of the St. Lawrence County Fire Chief's Association was held at the Mill View in Madrid with the Madrid Fire Department acting as hosts. The main subject was how to deal with radioactive substances such as nuclear wastes transportation problems. Attending the meeting from West Potsdam were Bill Grant, Ric Miller, Paul Bonno, Weldon Lumley, Roland Berger, Charlie Bates, Del Tyler, Spencer Blanchard, and Del Tyler.

Ron Richardson did the inventory of the store last weekend and Ardie took the children and drove to Syracuse. She visited Ron's sister, Pat and husband Brad Ehler and family. The family had an auto accident a month ago and have been with no car and so Ardie did lots of shopping and got a chance to shop the many malls there.

Heard that Ron has rabbit meat for his freezer. Charlie and David Lumley went hunting while home on leave and came back with rabbit for both Lumleys and Richardsons. Charlie has since returned to his base in England and David to his base in Georgia.

Anyone using Campbells, Swanson, V-8, or Franco American products can save the labels. In this area Ardie Richardson is collecting them for the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. They are sending the labels to the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich. The labels will be used to help purchase needed equipment for the school.

Anyone seen Jack Ward's face lately? He has a wound on the cheekbone area of his face. Jack was lucky, he had a bout with an angry ram when trying to care for a newborn lamb. The ram didn't think Jack belonged where he was and set out to do something about it. It was lucky for Jack that he had concluded the work on the lamb as the ram was very serious about his job. Jack has at least four new lambs born recently. Not being a lamb eater, I must notice if stores sell mutton. I don't think so, just lamb.

John Sheehan has news. He has more puppies to give away.

Rosemary Sanford has been busy with her new legislature chores. She is a member of the Health Committee, the Personnel Committee, Social Services Committee and the Insurance Committee. Sounds interesting.

A meeting of the cookbook committee for the ladies auxiliary was held Tuesday evening at Rosemary Sanford's home. Betty Grant, Marjorie Freidel, Rosemary and I have started to get the book in order. Anyone wishing to include recipes still has time to get them to us.

Speaking of recipes, I picked up a copy of Ridge Recipes and the new cookbook compiled by The Mothers and Daughters of the Dailey Ridge Presbyterian Church, in Kinney's recently. It is a nice cookbook.

Donald Colbert, Sr. has included a recipe that is a riot. It's called Bean Soup for 3,000 and calls for 600 pounds Great Northern beans, 375 pounds of ham, 350 pounds of beef, five bushels green peppers, 60 bunches of celery, 250 pounds onions, 48 (No. 10) cans tomatoes, two pounds garlic, and 17 pounds salt. You find a cauldron large enough to hold soup. Simmer for several hours. I'd love to be invited to join Donald when he next prepares this great sounding bean soup.

Jennifer Sanford celebrated her 11th birthday Wednesday. Her party however will take place over the weekend.

Have a whole week of good days.

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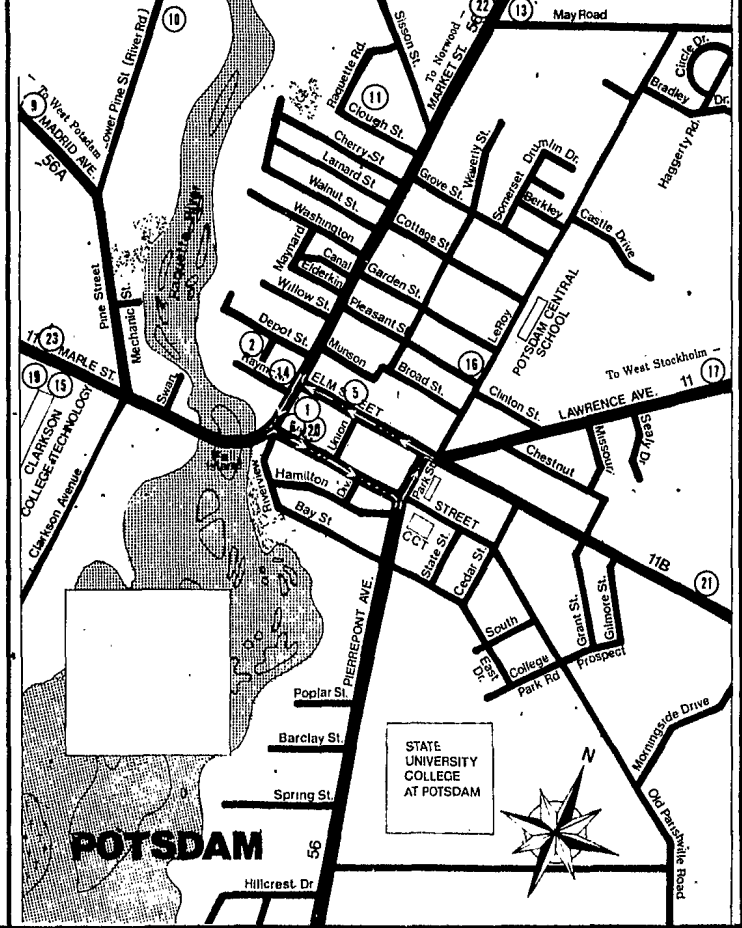
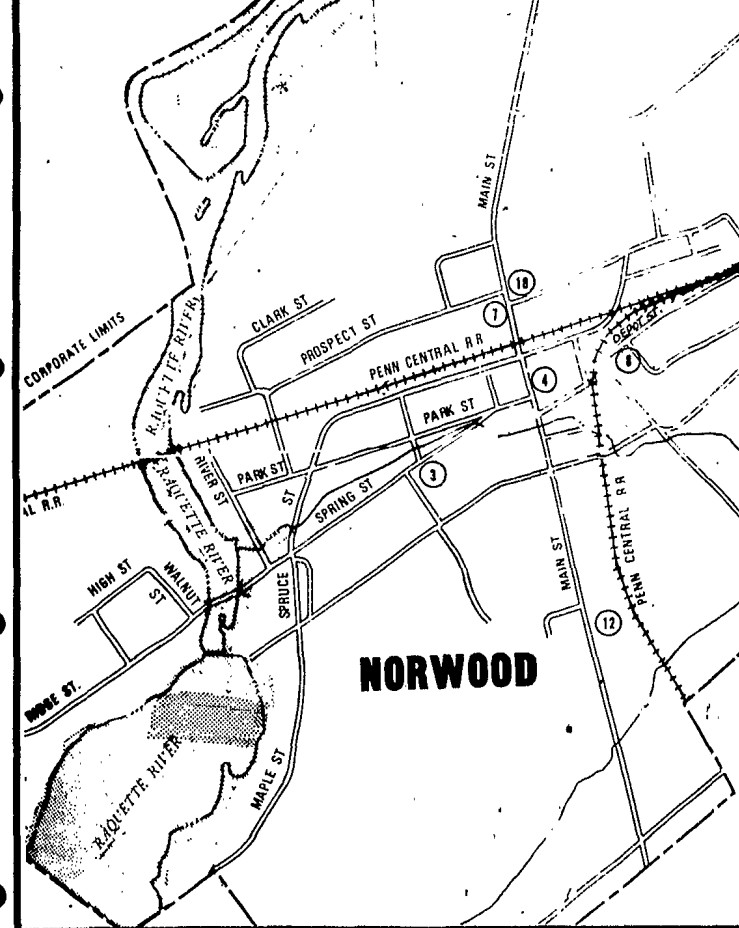
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Report Details Population Of North Counties

POTSDAM — The Black River-St. Lawrence Regional Planning Board has published a technical report on the estimated populations of the cities, towns, villages and counties of the Region comprised of Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties.

Minor civil division population estimates to the year 2005 were derived from population projections for counties made by the NYS Office for Economic Development in 1978.

The report is being distributed to the heads of all local governments, county planning boards, regional library systems and other federal, state, and local agencies. Persons interested in receiving the report or that part of the report which deals with their county should contact the Regional Planning Board in Potsdam.

Tri-Town Rescue Squad Issues Monthly Report

BRASHER FALLS — The Tri-Town Rescue Squad's report for the month of December 1979 is as follows:

Total calls, 26; traveled 872 miles; responded to five car accidents; oxygen used seven times.

The Tri-Town Volunteer Rescue Squad, located at Brasher Falls, comprising the Brasher, Winthrop and North Lawrence area is currently seeking members. Applications for details, call 389-3831 or contact any squad member.