



**NEW BUILDING** — Aerial view of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center's new \$14,000,000 building. Construction is scheduled to be done and the facility opened by mid-summer this year.

## Psychiatric Center Awaits Opening

The St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center remains the major employer in the Ogdensburg area, according to Everett Stephens, deputy director for administration, with a payroll of over a million dollars a month.

There are currently more than 1,000 employees, of which about 130 work and live in the surrounding communities.

There continues to be a decline in inpatient population and staffing within the hospital, Stephens added, and an increasing emphasis on community services.

New community support programs have been initiated during this past year which have improved the quality of preventive and aftercare mental health services. In cooperation with county mental health services, we have been able to provide more individualized treatment through day care programs, competency and coping skills training, clinics, family care and case management services. This trend is expected to continue as the psychiatric center reached out into the community to serve those in need.

The delivery of mental health services has changed markedly in recent years, said Stephens, not only in New York, but throughout the whole nation as well.

The North Country, he added, is "well on the way to making these changes. This has been possible because of the

quality of mental health employees and the community support that has been received. With this kind of support, and cooperation," Stephens said, "the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center should continue its significant positive economic impact, and in conjunction with the county mental health services, continue as a progressive mental health service organization in the North Country."

**Building Project**  
Resident Engineer James Duffy noted that work on the new 304-bed treatment center is on schedule, according to its new June 30 completion date.

A program change directed from Albany changed the function of the second floor to a skilled nursing facility for the elderly, necessitating a \$500,000 change order; it also moved completion date from Feb. 28 to June 30, Duffy said.

The quality of the work, Duffy added, has been "very good."

There are six "living units" in the new building, four of which have 20 bedrooms each and two of which have 25. About half of them are nearly complete, Duffy said, and all are scheduled to be finished by mid-March.

The program, administrative, clinic and service areas, are also scheduled to be completed by mid-May, he said, while the skilled nursing facility will be done June 15, if work continues on schedule.

The exterior work, Duffy said, is about 98 percent complete.

## City Optimistic As 80s Begin

BY GERALD JOHNSON  
City Manager

As we begin the New Year there is a sense of optimism that prevails in the city. We are coming off a year which saw the city rebound from such seemingly irreversible tragedies as the closing of Diamond International and the Aiello Dairy.

During 1979, the Diamond Plant was sold to St. Lawrence Pulp and Paper Company, due in large measure to the efforts of the Diamond Task Force headed by Chuck Kelly.

Some \$2 million in private investment is being made in the plant, and by March of 1980 the plant will be providing 75 new jobs.

Likewise, the Aiello Dairy will re-open this spring under the Universal Foods banner, providing another 35 new jobs. The Mite! Corporation has committed to the lease purchase of a factory addition that will bring their employment from 90 to over 200 in 1980. Other expansion plans have been announced by the National Railway Utilization Corporation and Newell Manufacturing.

**New Firms In '79**  
The year 1979 also saw such new firms as Tech V and Harris Technology come to our city. In all, over 275 jobs were added to our community during the past year.

Employment prospects have 1980 looking even brighter. The Bridge and Port Authority's Light Industrial Park has become a favored site for rapidly growing Canadian electronics firms.

The Authority's Heavy Industrial Park, developed with city assistance in 1979, will attract industries in the 1980s

that will stabilize the city's economic base for a generation to come.

We are all looking forward to the possibility of St. Joe constructing a new zinc refinery in the industrial park, but regardless of their decision, if we look good enough for St. Joe to seriously consider locating here, we will look equally good to scores of other firms.

**Greenbelt Underway**

The year 1979 also saw the development of the Greenbelt Park and Marina along the St. Lawrence River, the initial stages of a housing development at Beaver Brook, and a renewed interest by private developers in the purchase and re-birth of the Ogdensburg Mall.

We have proven to be an extremely resilient community; a community that will not accept failure as an alternative in any situation. It takes a strong people to make good things happen in the face of almost overwhelming odds, and Ogdensburg has shown that it has those kind of people.

We now look forward to the future and continued growth with an air of confidence. We were down and we have begun the long fight back with a determination which grows with each passing day. More and more people join the ranks of citizens saying we have what it takes, now let's go out and get it done.

If we can continue to ride that kind of

wave, there is no reason why Ogdensburg can't become a community of controlled growth; a community that provides an outstanding quality of life for its citizens.

## Restaurant With 'Twist'

**BROCKVILLE** — The Oliver Twist restaurant is a newly constructed restaurant in downtown Brockville.

It is located at 59 King St. West, next door to Dave Jones Sport Shop. The restaurant is owned by Collin Sturla and Clyde Solomon, both of Brockville. The restaurant is being managed by Ian Haynes.

At one time, Haynes owned and managed his own English pub in England. The Oliver Twist Restaurant is styled after the old English pubs, and Oliver's kitchen features both old English style and North American cooking.

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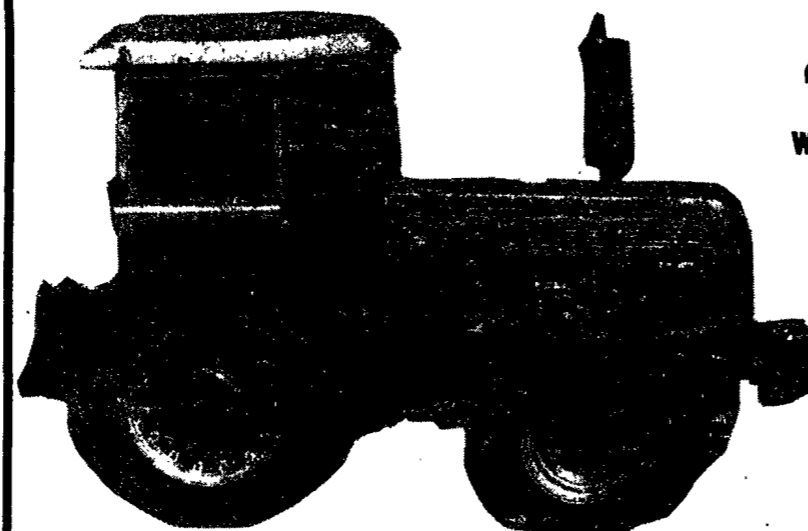
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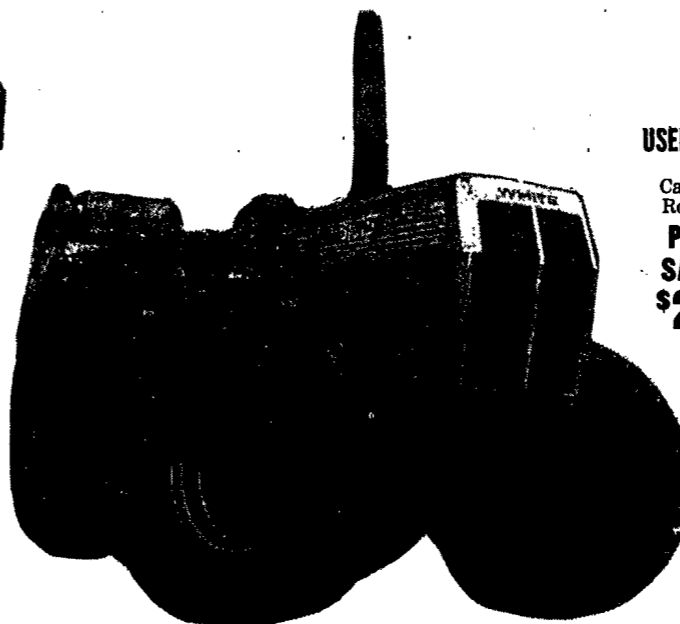
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