

Massena Central Took 'Giant Steps' In Education

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MASSENA — Massena Central School District took some "giant steps" in educational programming during 1979, and expects to take more in 1980.

The emphasis during the past year was two-pronged: a renewed stress on the development of basic skills in Massena students, and a concerted effort to offer new programs to meet the

variety of educational needs present in any district the size of Massena. With New York State's new requirements that students demonstrate competency in reading, math and writing before they can graduate, the school district has concentrated on those three areas. The past year saw the adoption of new minimum standards for promotion from kindergarten into first grade, second into third grade, and fifth into sixth grade. These standards are

imposed in the areas of language, reading, writing and math. In addition, seventh graders and eighth graders must pass all four basic subjects which they take in order to advance into the next grade.

The district has written, adopted and put into effect a new policy of concentration on the development of writing skills in grades K-12. Even gym teachers now require written assignments!

An all-day kindergarten program has been instituted for students who are ready for school age-wise but who have experienced delays in language development. Better students in grades 9-12 tutor others who have difficulty in their courses, in a new program called "Project Keep-Up".

The district also returned to an "old fashioned" way of emphasizing one of

the basic skills: a district-wide spelling bee for fourth, fifth and sixth graders was instituted in 1979, and will be continued in 1980 and beyond.

A variety of new course offerings were developed and instituted last year, to meet special needs of the students in the district.

A unit of instruction in Life Education is being instituted in grades 4-6, to assist students to know themselves as sexual beings and to stress that such knowledge should be used in a responsible manner. The same 4-6 graders will also undergo a new program designed to make them aware of the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol on their minds and bodies.

Concerted efforts have continued during 1979 to provide suitable programs for the 74 handicapped students in the district. New courses

have been designed and offered at the high school; general chemistry, general physics trade math, writing, study skills, photography.

A concerted effort has continued during 1979 to identify students at the elementary level who are gifted and talented and who would benefit from additional offerings.

The prospects for 1980 and beyond are that the district will continue its emphasis on finding suitable programs for

the gifted and talented, and will continue to stress basic skills. New courses will be written and adopted, when the need for them is shown.

Also in the 1980 and beyond, the district will face the challenge imposed by the Board of Regents' new mandate that junior high schools and senior high schools be re-accredited every five years. The district is already studying the criteria for approval, and planning changes which may be required.

PASNY Says Line Saved \$ Millions

NEW YORK — According to New York State Power Authority Chairman John S. Dyson the state already has saved more than \$60 million gallons of foreign oil through the Power Authority's purchase of hydroelectric power from Quebec. Savings to New York electricity consumers have totaled nearly \$50 million.

Dyson's announcement came on the first anniversary of full energization of the 765-kilovolt (kv) transmission line built by the Power Authority to carry the hydroelectric power from Canada.

"The past year has dramatically confirmed the vital role of the Quebec imports in helping New York State to break the stranglehold of the OPEC cartel," Chairman Dyson said. "With OPEC prices continuing to soar and the reliability of the oil supply becoming ever more questionable, the Canadian energy is even more essential to us than it was a year ago."

The Power Authority has imported more than eight billion kilowatt hours of electricity since the line began partial operation, thereby replacing more than 500 million gallons of oil that otherwise would have been required for electricity production in New York State. These figures have been achieved even though only relatively limited imports were possible in the period before the full line was energized.

A 20-year contract with Hydro Quebec, the province's utility, provides for the Power Authority to receive 800,000 kilowatts (kw) of firm power from April through October of each year, the period of New York State's greatest demand for electricity.

In addition to the firm power, which is available during the seven "warm-weather months," the Power Authority purchases substantial amounts of interruptible energy from Hydro Quebec at various times of the year.

The Power Authority allocates 780,000 kw of the firm power to the Consolidated Edison Co. and 20,000 kw to the Rochester Gas and Electric Corp. for resale to their customers. Both utilities experience their greatest demand for electricity in the summer period.

Savings from use of the interruptible energy have flowed to consumers throughout the state through sale of the electricity to each of the state's seven major private utilities.

Imports of energy via the 765-kv line began on Aug. 29, 1978 when a 21-mile portion of the line from the Quebec border near Fort Covington to a substation at Massena began operation. The remaining 134 miles of the line, from Massena to a substation at Marcy, near Utica, was energized Dec. 22, 1978.

The Power Authority chairman noted that an increase in imports of hydroelectric power from Quebec is part of a 10-point program recently announced by Gov. Hugh L. Carey to cut New York State's dependence on foreign oil in half in the next decade.

"The Power Authority has begun discussions with Quebec officials to arrange for substantially increased imports in the years ahead," Dyson said. "We also are talking to representatives of Ontario, Labrador and Newfoundland about prospects for obtaining hydro power from these provinces."

Dyson has proposed that some of the new transmission facilities that will be needed to carry the additional Canadian power be constructed in Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut. These states could share in the Quebec energy, which would be carried into New York State.

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Boyce Datsun Adds New Line

MASSENA — Two all-new 200-SX models, a "new look" mini-pickup line and a more fuel efficient 2.0-liter engine highlight Datsun's 1980 lineup.

In all, 27 models of Datsun cars and trucks for 1980 are now available at John R. Boyce & Sons, Inc. in Massena.

The 200-SX is totally redesigned and for the first time offers both 2-door hardtop and hatchback configuration. Its new NAPS-Z (Nissan Anti-Pollution System) fuel-injected engine improves mileage up to 33 percent over its predecessor.

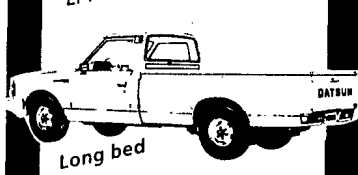
A 4-door hatchback model has been added to the 510 line, which utilizes a carbureted version of the new NAPS-Z engine, for 1980. The five-speed 510 earned EPA ratings of 31 mpg city and 43 mpg highway -- nearly a 25 percent improvement over the 1979 Datsun 510.

Datsun's pickup truck series has also been completely restyled, giving it a cleaner, crisper appearance. New standard and optional equipment is offered with bright, fresh interiors added for 1980, including a unique GL 2+2 package for the King Cab.

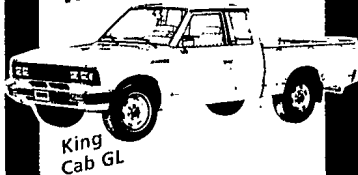
The 210, 310, 810 and 280-ZX have been continued for 1980 with minor refinements. The new 280-ZX features a T-Top option while the 310 is now available with an optional sunroof.

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