

# St. Lawrence River Shoreline Discussed From Both Sides Of The Border

The St. Lawrence river: a natural boundary and a natural link for the United States and Canada.

Yet these two nations have had very different experiences with shoreline management, according to international experts who spoke at the St. Lawrence River Shoreline Management International Perspectives conference at State University College of Arts and Science, Potsdam on Nov. 5.

"The policies of Ontario province and New York State are divergent," said Doug McDonald, member of the geography department at Potsdam

College. "Ontario, for example, is in its infancy with regards to wetlands management while New York has a strong tradition of protection."

McDonald cited legislation in New York that allocated 15 million dollars to the state to acquire wetlands along the St. Lawrence. As state property, these areas may be preserved.

"New York State legislation also requires citizens to obtain a permit from the Department of Environmental Conservation in order to make any modifications to wetlands areas," McDonald said.

The province of Ontario now

recognizes the wetlands of the St. Lawrence as important ecological systems.

"But, thus far, the government has issued only a discussion paper and has announced no formal policy about wetlands management," McDonald said.

The government of New York State and Ontario have different measurement criteria and definitions of the wetlands. While the differences pose no direct conflict, they do highlight potential problems that scientists and government officials may confront with future policy decisions.

**Working Together**  
Is it possible for two nations with common boundaries but singular traditions to work together?

"Both nations should encourage the use of the shoreline," said Sandra Lawn, mayor of Prescott, Ont. "People seem to be inspired to take better care of this area when they use it frequently."

Under Lawn's direction, the city of Prescott has dramatically improved its shoreline. Community support, government grants and zoning changes have contributed to Prescott's proud waterfront.

Other guest speakers at the conference, which was sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Potsdam College's Office of Graduate and Lifelong Learning included James Auld, chairman, St. Lawrence Parks Commission (the Canadian equivalent of the Thousand Islands Parks Commission); Doug Hagen, supervisor, wildlife program development, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources; Eric Fried, principal biologist, Department of Environmental Conservation.

Also, S. P. Barney Panting, general

manager, Survey Services Survey and Mapping Branch, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources; John Wilson, regional director of environmental conservation, David Ware, St. Lawrence Islands National Park.

And, Charles Elliott, regional director, Thousand Islands Park Commission; Tom Catter, coastal management specialist, St. Lawrence-Eastern Ontario Commission; and Bill Marshall, freelance geologist from West Stockholm.

Some 125 scientists and government officials attended the conference.

# Rained Out: Farmer Fights The Weather

**BY PAM SHOEN**  
As the young farmer awoke, he didn't hear that familiar sound that has ruined his chances for getting his crops in: rain.

"I don't know why I worry about the weather," thought the young farmer, "I can't get the rest of the corn anyway."

He is Steve Shoen, who runs the farm on Route 68 owned by Everett Barker of Lisbon.

Some corn was saved despite the weather, according to Steve. They were able to get a 14-by-58 silo filled with the help of neighbor, Jerry LaJoy, but had eight acres left to get out of 35.

"I hired Jerry to chop it, he filled the rest of the silo, and kept chopping until he couldn't get anymore," said Steve.

**'No Bottom In The Land'**  
The reason Steve couldn't get the corn is because of what farmers call "no bottom in the land."

When corn is harvested, there is usually mud on top and the tractor will sink 6-8 inches. But with so much rain lately, the tractor goes down deeper, hitting sand and then bottom.

"The reason Jerry could do this with his tractor," explained Steve, "is because he has a 120 horse Allis-Chalmers, with rice tires, these are big knobby tires that give more traction, and a two row chopper."

"With a two row chopper, you are not going in the same ruts all the time," says Steve. "If we would have

had that in the first place, we would have gotten all our corn."

Steve tried two other ways of getting the corn before resorting to his neighbor. He tried to get it himself, but got stuck, then they tried two tractors and a 3-point hitch chopper. They were able to get half before getting stuck.

With the silo full, Steve was going to chop the corn as he needed it to feed his 36 head of cattle, but with the field muddy and tractors incapable of getting to the corn without getting stuck, the corn will now wait until the ground freezes.

"Once the ground freezes," explains Steve, "we will hire a neighbor to come pick it. The corn will be ground and mixed to feed the young cattle."

For the other cattle that are milked, the silage will last the winter, if used widely and sparingly.

To avoid a similar situation in the future, Shoen plans to complete the installation on tile drains at the farm. In 1974, there were 30 acres tiled. This year he plans to have 20 more completed.

He explained tile drainage:

"There is a laser transit to survey the field, the laser is about 10-12 feet in the air, it shoots out beams," explains Steve. "There is a receiver on the bulldozer and a tile plow on back, when the receiver gets the laser, it adjusts to the depth the tile has to be in the ground."

"The tile is a 4-inch corrugated plastic pipe that lets the water in and drains it into wasteland or swamp. The length of time it takes depends on how many acres they have to do," adds Steve.

To have a field tile-drained costs a farmer 70 cents a foot for tile and labor, and whatever else involved. The government used to help pay half, but now the total is paid by the farmers.

"If we would have had this done in the spring, we wouldn't have had this problem now," added Steve.

The drainage was federally-funded until 1978. Recently there have been efforts in Washington to try and get it approved again. The results won't be known until the end of December.

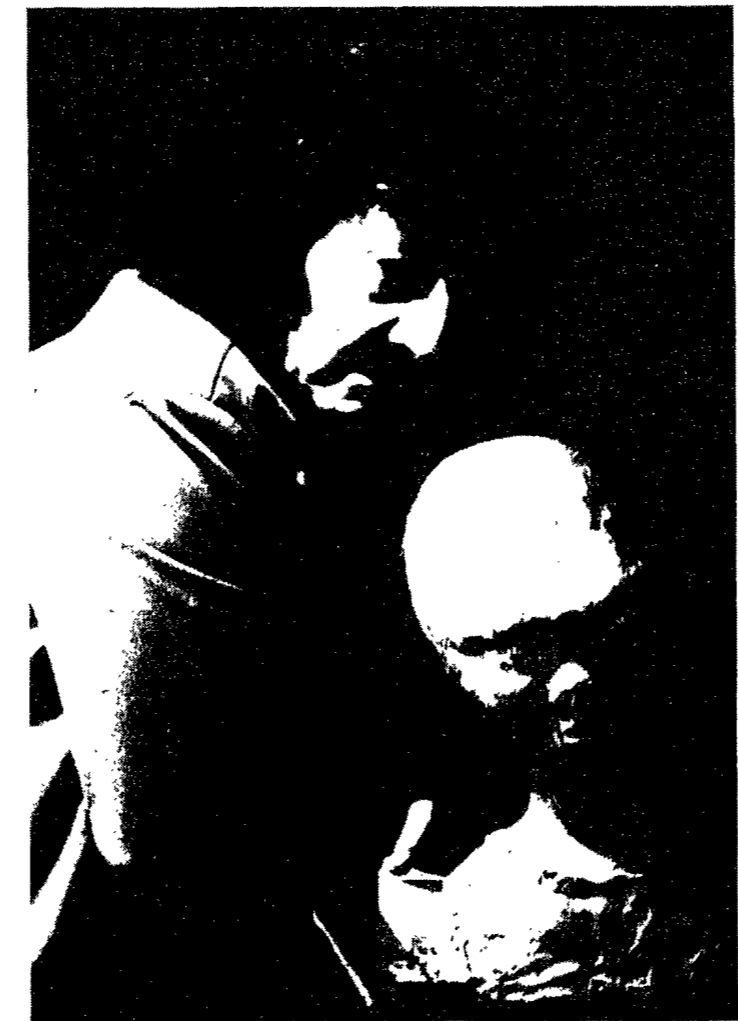
**Disasters**  
If a disaster should strike the farmer's corn and he suffers a 40 percent loss, then he is covered by a low field fund. But, according to Anne Prouty, of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, this is the last year it will be federally-funded.

"Now the farmers will have to buy an insurance called Federal Crop Insurance for 1982," said Prouty.

This has been a bad year for all farmers. The rain has caused them to lose quite a bit of their crops or just make it harder for some of them to get at them. Farmers can only hope to make it up next year and pray for drier weather.

Clarkson Audience Skeptical

# Betty Hill Recalls 'Close Encounter'



**ALIEN ENCOUNTER** — Betty Hill gazes upon a replica of an "alien" while recalling her close encounter episode during a recent visit to Clarkson College.

"When I first saw the UFO flying along, I felt amazement, but at the moment of capture it was pure terror."

Betty Hill, a middle aged, retired social worker from New Hampshire, still remembers her "close encounter" with alien beings with wonder and trepidation. The incident took place 20 years ago and received wide attention.

According to Mrs. Hill, it was September 1961 when she and her late husband, Barney, were returning from a Canadian vacation on a secluded New Hampshire highway. Suddenly they noticed a glowing spherical object in the night sky. The craft landed in a wooded area and the Hills went to investigate. They were captured, taken aboard the vessel, extensively examined and later released.

She recounted her story to a skeptical student audience during a recent appearance at Clarkson College. "Unfortunately there are a lot of misconceptions, myths and false information about UFOs," Hill said as she showed an extensive slide collection of alien crafts which she claims frequently fly over various portions of New Hampshire. Since the incident Mrs. Hill watches the skies hoping for another close encounter with the aliens.

# County Budget Will Be Voted On Nov. 30

CANTON — Only nine persons commented on St. Lawrence County's proposed 1982 budget during the county legislature's public hearing last week on the tentative \$43.1 million spending plan. The budget carries an estimated \$5.98 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation tax increase.

The legislators will meet in special session on Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. to adopt the budget for next year.

Despite a standing room only crowd in the legislative chambers, the legislators heard from only nine citizens, six of whom spoke in support of a recommended 10 percent increase in aid to libraries.

The legislature's Finance Committee is recommending that libraries in the county receive a total appropriation of \$80,000 in 1982, which is up \$7,000 from the 1981 budget of \$72,794.

The library supporters apparently wanted to insure that the modest 10 percent increase was left intact by the legislature, during its budget deliberation.

Kathy Cassel, director of the Potsdam Public Library, told the legislators that "last year the libraries did not request an increase because of the hard economic times, but this year we appreciate the increase that we do have."



# Born Becomes V-P At CASA

POTSDAM — W. Michael Born of Norwood has been named vice president for Development at CASA — The St. Louis (Mo.) Conservatory and Schools for the Arts, according to Stephen Jay, president of CASA.

In his new position, Born is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating resource development efforts at CASA. Prior to accepting his new assignment, Born was vice president for College Advancement at the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Arts and Science, Potsdam.

From 1975-79, Born served as vice president for Management and Career Development Programs at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in Washington, D.C.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., he holds a bachelor's degree in Public Relations from Boston University, and master's and doctorate degrees in Higher Education Administration from Michigan State University, Lansing. His professional experience includes public relations responsibilities at Michigan State, Norwich (Vt.) University and Wheaton (Mass.) College. He is a former reporter for The Christian Science Monitor.

CASA, headquartered at 560 Trinity Ave., University City, is a non-profit educational and performing arts institution encompassing a collegiate division, the St. Louis Conservatory of Music, and five Schools for the Arts, where people of all ages study music, art, dance and theater. Locations include CASA University City, Webster Groves, West County, Midtown and Shaw Schools for the Arts.

# State Comptroller Regan Addressing County Chamber

CANTON — New York State Comptroller Edward V. Regan will be the featured speaker at the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce's Dec. 7 luncheon meeting.

Regan, who is considering making a gubernatorial bid next year, is expected to discuss several financial issues with county chamber members, including municipal bonding, the effects of property revaluation and alternative sources of school financing.

The chamber's luncheon meeting is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. at the Best Western-University Inn. Reservations must be made with the county Chamber of Commerce by Dec. 1.

# Neighborhood Center Notes Activities

Betty Rush, director, reports Potsdam, Colton and Norwood Neighborhood Center activities for September and October:

Outreach by Norene Randall, Helen Richardson and Evelene Curran totaled 25 new contacts involving 81 people and 226 follow-ups involving 680 people. One hundred fifty-three people visited the Potsdam and Colton Centers for services, 131 referrals were made to Office for Aging, public health nurse, Circle Adolescent Pregnancy Program, two fraternities, senior opportunities and services discount cards, Food Stamps, Department of Social Services, emergency food, Weatherization, CORC Store, nutrition class, health screening clinic, W.I.C., school nurse, North County Legal Services, Section 8 Housing, external high school degree program, Social Security, St. Lawrence Gas, Medical, CETA, Planned Parenthood, Tutorial Outreach Program, sheriff, local volunteer, Department of Social Services Volunteer Transportation, Home Energy Assistance Program Hot Line.

Meetings held — Potsdam, Colton and Norwood Neighborhood Center Advisory Boards; Colton Nutrition

Class with Cooperative Extension (country good mincemeat); Christmas meeting; Special Friends; Inter-Agency with Joanne Clemmo, St. Lawrence County Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services and Jim Forrest, Office for Aging. Meetings attended by staff include C.D.P. Board, Circle Adolescent Pregnancy Community Advisory Council, Advocacy Training Workshop, Literacy Volunteers of St. Lawrence County — Board of Directors.

Children's winter clothing in good condition is needed for the Potsdam Christmas program. If you have jackets, boots, mittens, scarves, hats, or other warm children's or baby wear, please call 265-3920 for pick-up, or bring to the Neighborhood Center, 35 Market St.

R.O.T.C. toy drive was held Nov. 7. If you were missed and have toys to donate to the Christmas program, please call R.O.T.C., 265-2180, for pick-up, or drop them off at the Newman Center. Toys are now being renovated at the Newman Center for Santa's Workshop by members of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity.

Potsdam Neighborhood Center is a component of St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc.

# Rabies Outbreak Prompts Meeting

CANTON — The recent outbreak of rabies in St. Lawrence County has prompted local and state officials to schedule an informational meeting to review procedures for the control of the highly contagious disease.

The meeting, according to Hans Paller, district director of the state Department of Health, will be held on Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. in the classroom lab building on the Canton ATC campus.

There have been 41 positive cases of rabies confirmed in animals in the county this year, according to Paller, while 52 persons have undergone or are currently undergoing post-exposure treatment.

In the most recent case, 29 persons began treatment the final week of October, according to Paller, as a result of exposure to a cow and two domestic dogs.

Paller said that, due to the large population of foxes and skunks in the county this year, the rabies outbreak is expected to continue to spread.

**Handling Animals**  
The procedure for the submittal of specimens, according to Paller, coupled with the treatment available for

human exposure, is very important.

For those reasons, Joseph Barry, area director of the Syracuse office of the state Department of Health, has scheduled the informational meeting to review existing procedures for the control of the potentially fatal disease.

Speakers for the meeting will consist of Dr. Dale Morse, assistant director of the state Health Department's Bureau of Disease Control; Dr. Melvin Abelseth, director of Veterinary Science Lab, Division of Labs and Research, state Health Department; and William Serafin, director of the county Office of Community Health Services.

In addition, according to Paller, there will be written material available for review at the meeting, including the latest recommendations of the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee on rabies prevention, a 1981 summary of animal rabies vaccines, and various state laws concerning rabies.

**Costly Expenditure**  
Thus far, county townships have spent nearly \$20,000 in order to provide sufficient rabies vaccine to persons exposed to the disease. That expenditure has placed a financial drain on some municipalities.

Augustus Marscher, who chairs the county legislature's Health Committee, said there appears to be a chance that the cost of the rabies vaccine will be 100 percent reimbursable by the state.

Marscher said that Senators Ronald Stafford and H. Douglas Barclay are currently looking into that possibility.

# NEWSBRIEF

The examination of hunter-killed deer by D.E.C.'s Bureau of Wildlife personnel at deer check stations is the main source of biological information that is used to monitor New York state's deer herd. The information that is gathered is the age class and antler development. Most of the locally harvested deer do not go through the deer check stations. Therefore, any deer hunter who would like to have his deer checked (for age and antler development), please call Dave Hamelin, Wildlife Technician, at the D.E.C. office in Canton, 386-4546, during normal business hours.

# Historian, Writer, Librarian, Susan Lyman Plans To Retire

**BY PAM SHOEN**  
NORWOOD — In the comfortable, warm surroundings of her home, Sue Lyman spoke about her 18 years as a librarian at the Norwood library, a position she will leave at the end of the month.

As assistant librarian from Feb. 1, 1963 to May 1, 1978 and head librarian from May 1, 1978 until she retires on Nov. 30, Mrs. Lyman has seen many changes throughout the library.

Mrs. Lyman, an historian and former writer for the Courier and Freeman, plans to continue writing and her involvement with history. She is historian for the Village of Norwood and the Town of Potsdam.

Of the library, she said, "The library's growth has been in traditional services, especially the reference services." The inter-library loan increased many times over, and people are able to acquire material through North Country Library System and the three R's: the regional, reference, and resource council.

"This," explains Mrs. Lyman, "helps us to get the information that people need. We receive information from all college libraries and they give the material to us and we pass it on to the person needing it."

According to Mrs. Lyman, they began 10-15 years ago a record, stereo, and cassette loan of classical music, children's tunes and songs that young people enjoy.

The North Country Library System (NCLS) has on a revolving loan framed art prints, work of masters as well as current artists.

"We had paperbacks presented as a try-and-see when they first came out ten years ago," said Mrs. Lyman. "I was skeptical about it, but they have lasted a long time and are very popular."

**Non-Traditional Services**  
The library has stressed the non-traditional services, such as: sewing classes, soft toy making, crocheting, continental knitting and liquid embroidery. There have been exhibitions of local artists, photographers, and crafts.

Throughout the years Mrs. Lyman has been involved in other events besides the library. Three years ago she got the St. Lawrence County Public Health Adult Screening Clinic to hold a free clinic in the library once a month.

"This is one of the first things I did," said Mrs. Lyman. "All you have to be is 21 years old and can walk in. I got it so senior citizens could get their flu shots, and there were some pretty serious cases found."

**Journalism Honors**  
In 1968, Mrs. Lyman received a top award from the New York Press Association for her weekly articles written for the Courier and Freeman. "I wrote one full page (weekly) on the Norwood news, I attended all that I wrote about, plus worked full-time," said Mrs. Lyman.

From 1960 to 1980 Mrs. Lyman was co-chairman of the Norwood Historical Association and a co-founder. The second floor of the library was donated to this association as a local historical museum. Each year this group would prepare a float for the July 4 Firemen's Field Day.

After her retirement, Mrs. Lyman plans to take the books she has written and rewrite them to a fourth grade level, she will talk to classes, and do some volunteer work once the snow is gone.

For her retirement, Mrs. Lyman doesn't want to have a grand exit. "I'm not much of being a guest of honor," laughs Mrs. Lyman, "I would like to quietly fade into the background."

Mrs. Lyman enjoyed reading and writing about history. She has written and had published two of her books on grants by the New York State Council of the Arts: "Rails Into Racquetville" and "The Story of Norwood, N.Y.: A Century of Progress 1872-1972."

"History is a contagious disease," explains Mrs. Lyman, "it gets stronger and stronger as it goes along."

Mrs. Lyman will continue to talk to classes and people about history. "I enjoy sharing enthusiasm with others and that is my main thrust for awhile," she said.



SUSAN LYMAN

# NEWSBRIEF

The second meeting of the Norwood-Norfolk Central School Title I/PSN Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will be held on Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School Title I/PSN room.

Title I/PSN staff will explain the use of microcomputers in the reading and math programs.



JUDY C. CHITTENDEN

# Judy Chittenden Joins Staff Of Associated Colleges

Judy C. Chittenden has been appointed to the position of Staff Assistant of the Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley.

She succeeds Kathleen L. Sukanek, who accepted the position of acting director of Sponsored Research at State University College of Arts and Science, Potsdam.

Ms. Chittenden's position is funded under a two-year grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to the Associated Colleges for the purpose of the further development of joint curricular efforts among the member colleges and for support of joint faculty appointments.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a major in English and a minor in sociology, Ms. Chittenden also holds an M.S. in college student personnel from Indiana University, Bloomington, and is a candidate for a doctorate in higher education administration and a masters in information studies.