

Debate In Canton Will Center On Redistribution Of Hydro Power

CANTON — The League of Women Voters of St. Lawrence County has invited the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) and the Municipal Electric Utility Companies (MEUC) to debate PASNY's proposed plan for the reallocation of hydroelectric power to equalize hydropower throughout the state.

The debate will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Canton Presbyterian Church's meeting hall.

Gary O. Knapp, a consultant from Daverman Associates, will be speaking for MEUC. Vincent Tobin, a senior attorney with the Power Authority, will be speaking for PASNY. Chuck Kelly, general manager of Park Newspapers of St. Lawrence, Inc., will be the moderator.

In July, PASNY announced its proposal for the reallocation of the hydroelectric power coming from Niagara Mohawk and St. Lawrence Seaway generation plants. Existing contracts for power with private investor-owned utilities will expire in

1985 or 1990.

PASNY favors redistributing this state-owned power in a more equitable manner. The plan would credit each consumer in the state with the same amount of kilowatt hours (about 38 kwh).

As it stands under the present system a municipal system customer in Plattsburgh pays \$11.21 for 700 kilowatt hours of electricity while a customer in Syracuse pays \$35.73 for the same amount purchased from NIMo.

However, there are many problems with and disputes against the plan. The municipals maintain that the PASNY proposal will benefit private, profit-making utilities whereas municipal power systems are not allowed to make profits on the sale of hydropower.

According to "APPA," a national trade organization, the PASNY plan, if adopted in New York State, would set a precedent for radical change in the nation's power policies.



ANNA SMITH

People

MRS. SMITH TURNS 90

Mrs. Anna Smith, widow of Gurley Smith of Hewittville, celebrated her 90th birthday Nov. 8, with a party given by her granddaughter, Katie Ashley of Norfolk. Those who attended the party were her son and daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She received many gifts, money and also a lovely card from President Reagan.

IS RESIDENT ADVISOR

John P. Harris, a junior, is a resident advisor for Monroe Hall at the State University College at Geneseo.

Harris is the son of George and Mary Harris, and resides at 9 Rogers Dr., Norfolk. He is a 1979 graduate of Norwood-Norfolk Central.

The resident advisors in Geneseo's 14 residence halls are semi-professional members of the college staff, working with the residence hall director to develop an atmosphere in the hall for each student to reach his/her full personal and academic potential.

NAMED MANAGER

Jon Harrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harrington of West Potsdam has been appointed marketing manager for IBM in Los Angeles. For the past two years he has been a communications specialist working on new IBM products and training salesmen in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, the former Patricia Bromling, will move to their new location about Dec. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Faucher, Madrid, are the proud parents of a daughter, Emily Rose, born Nov. 6 in A. Barton Hepburn Hospital, Ogdensburg. Emily Rose weighed at 7 pounds, 7 ounces and is the Faucher's fourth child. The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Hedlund, Madrid, and Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Saucher of Canton. Ms. Faucher operates the Stillwater Sharpening Service with his father-in-law, Gustave Hedlund.

Amnesty International Meeting On Nov. 18

The Potsdam members of Amnesty International will hold a meeting at the Potsdam College Student Union, room 210, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. Members of the non-college and college communities are invited.

The worldwide organization is devoted to obtaining release of prisoners who suffer solely for political disagreement with their governments. Amnesty International maintains staffs of researchers establishing the validity of reported cases.

Amnesty International groups meet to write letters about specific prisoners in countries other than their own. It is estimated that local groups, like the Potsdam group, are effective in about 50 percent of the cases. Amnesty International focuses on the individual prisoner only; it disregards the political structure of his country and his own political views; its standards of judgement are taken from human rights documents agreed to by members of the U.N.

The local group will meet one evening a month from 7 to 8 or 9 p.m. in alternate State and Clarkson places.

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