

County's Hands Tied When Medicaid Patients Refused

BY CHERI McLEAN
CANTON — When it comes to the turning away of Medicaid patients by area physicians, St. Lawrence County's hands are tied, according to county Social Services Committee Chairman Lloyd Moore and Potsdam Legislator Betty Bradley, who is a member of that committee.

The problem has become the focus of attention in Massena, where physicians at the Doctor's Clinic, 173 E. Orvis St., Massena, have sent out notices to several Medicaid patients saying

that within 30 days they can no longer receive medical services at the clinic.

A telephone survey of 12 Potsdam area physicians on Monday revealed the following: nine physicians are accepting Medicaid patients; one is not. One is treating current Medicaid patients but is accepting no new Medicaid patients and one is accepting no new patients at all.

Apparently, some doctors find problems with paperwork involved with

Medicaid patients — and problems with the pay associated with those clients.

A Massena physician has said that the paperwork involved with Medicaid patients is extensive. The physician, who asked not to be named, gave an example of how each treatment or test given on a Medicaid patient must be itemized. "What incentive is there for doctors to do this when the pay is low and there is so much paperwork?" the physician asked.

However, a Medicaid spokesman in Albany has said the paperwork burden should be easier than it was five years ago.

The Massena physician further commented that increasing the rate would be an incentive for doctors to keep Medicaid patients. He compared the \$7.20 per call allowed under Medicaid to \$18-\$20 that most physicians charge for an office call.

Mrs. Bradley agreed that an incentive would be to raise the rate and cut the paperwork involved. However, Moore said that an increase was proposed in the state budget for Medicaid and it was vetoed.

What Can County Do?
When asked what the county could do to alleviate the situation, Mrs. Bradley and Moore both said the county could draft a resolution to the state legislature asking them to review the matter.

Any action, Moore said, would depend upon whether the problem was statewide or just in St. Lawrence County.

However, Mrs. Bradley and Moore both said the matter will be brought up at the next Social Services Committee meeting. The problem was only recognized about a week ago, Moore said.

Max The Dog Shows What He Learned

CANTON — It's tough for a new recruit in the Sheriff's Department. Everybody watches for a new recruit's mistakes, especially when you're a little different from the other guys.

That was Max's problem, deputies said. Max didn't have much to say. He stuck with his partner, Scott Sutherland, most of the time. And for the past several weeks, since he joined the department, he's been at a special training school.

"If anybody had any doubts about him, I think he showed them last weekend," one deputy said Monday morning of the Sheriff's Department's newest addition.

St. Lawrence County Sheriff's deputies were talking about Max, the department's newly trained police dog. Max was home this weekend from his training school in Rochester, when he had his first opportunity to show what he had learned.

First Assignment
Deputies say Max and his partner, Deputy Sutherland, tracked down a man who had escaped from police early Saturday morning and fled into a heavily wooded area.

Dale G. Chapin, 19, Norfolk, was stopped by deputies for speeding and driving while intoxicated. But he

escaped from the car and hid in the woods.

Sutherland and Max joined the search. The dog found Chapin atop a tree in the woods near Seaway Area Tech on Rt. 56 near Norwood at 4:40 a.m.

Chapin was also charged with escape and resisting arrest.

Max has been in Rochester with Sutherland undergoing training. He has finished his regular training, but is now receiving specialized training.

"He did just fine," deputies said of Max's first opportunity to show what he could do.

"I don't think the deputies had thought too much about this before," one deputy said. "But I think Max has got their attention now."

"When this kid took off Friday, if we had not had the dog, we couldn't have even started looking for him until daylight the next day," the deputy said. "But the dog went in and found him in an hour."

"Now that would have taken four or five guys three or four hours to do," he said. "This could save the department an awful lot of overtime."

"You can't place a monetary value on a dog like that," he said. "He's going to come in mighty handy."

'Red' Curtis To Lead Antique Auto Club

POTSDAM — Milford "Red" Curtis, Potsdam, was elected to his second term as president of the St. Lawrence-Adirondack Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America at the fall banquet and business meeting in Canton on Nov. 6.

Other re-elected officers of the club are vice president Jim Tyler, Norwood; secretary Glenn Seymour, Potsdam; and treasurer Alton Watson, Madrid. Also serving a second term are trustees David Fields, Norwood; Frank Thomas, Colton; and Howard Scrivens, Metcalfe, Ontario.

The club discussed plans for their 30th charter anniversary which will be celebrated in Alexandria Bay on June 17-19. The club, founded in 1953 in Ogdensburg, was the 19th region

chartered by the national AACA organization. Currently there are nearly 400 regions and chapters in the U.S. and Canada. Membership in the local region includes Franklin, St. Lawrence, and Jefferson counties and the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Following the business meeting members Jack Allen, Watertown, and Frank Thomas, Colton, presented two slide shows reviewing the club's 1982 season including the Fort Drum Auto Show, the Potsdam Car Show, the Waterfun Village Tour and the Rhinebeck Aredrome tour and slides of the 1982 Hershey National meet.

Interested persons are invited to contact any of the officers or members to find out more about the club and its activities.

Pizza Huts, United Way Join Forces To Raise Funds

Pizza Huts in Ogdensburg, Potsdam, Canton, and Massena will join forces with the United Way of St. Lawrence and North Franklin Counties to assist the United Way in their work for 22 agencies.

It was announced by Rob Rodier, area general manager, that this would be an ongoing function of the Pizza Huts in cooperation with the United Way.

Rodier said "This will give us an excellent opportunity to better serve the communities that we have stores located in on a year round basis, and we know that we will be assisting agencies where the money is needed because of the expertise of the United Way in delivering funds to their member agencies. Your home town Pizza Huts are glad to be part of the

United Way." In making the announcement, the Pizza Hut and the United Way said that many promotions will be held during the year that will benefit in one way or another each of the agencies of the United Way and will add to the possibilities of continued advertising for the United Way throughout the year.

Executive Director of the United Way Don Ballou said that he is pleased with the arrangements that have been made and looks forward to a profitable association over the years. "This is the kind of vehicle that we have been looking for to promote the United Way year round and at the same time, gain some benefits for our agencies," Ballou said.

Elks Donate \$1,500 In Trooper's Memory

The Potsdam Elks Lodge No. 2074 recently donated \$1,500 to the cause of youth as part of their continuing program to assist the community in guiding youth, tomorrow's leaders.

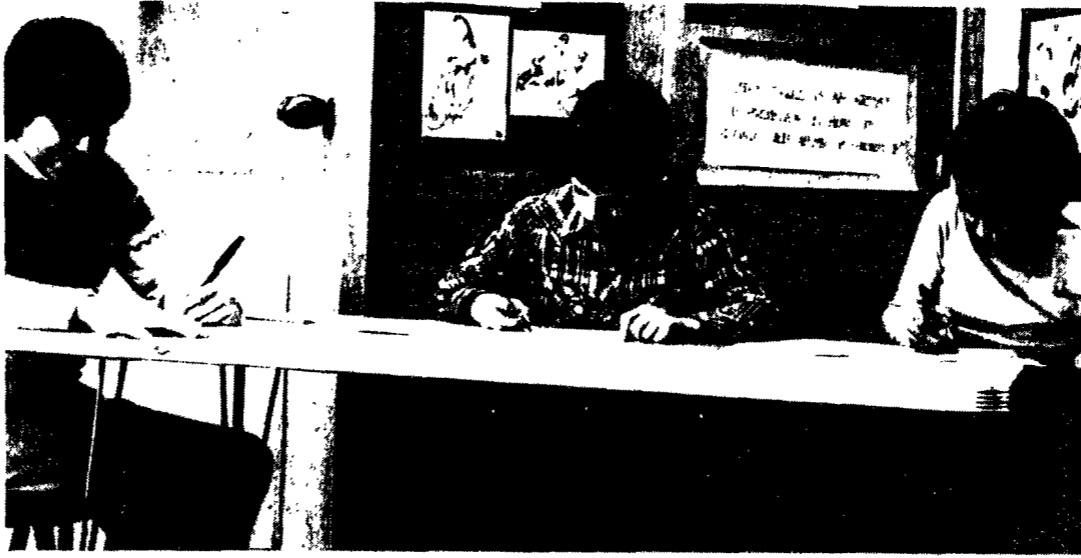
The money was donated in memory of State Trooper Thomas Fryme who was active in junior hockey and football. He was a member and past treasurer of Potsdam Elks Lodge and dedicated to helping the youth of the community.

Equal amounts of \$250 each were donated to Potsdam Junior Football and Potsdam Junior Hockey. A donation of \$500 was forwarded to the New York State Police Benevolent Association to be administered in \$50 increments for ten years, to aid their police summer camp program. The remaining \$500 was turned over to the Elks Lodge youth activities committee which sponsors such activities as the local "Hoop Shoot" competition, junior golf tournament and testimonial dinners for the areas outstanding young athletes.

Parent Advisory Group Meets

NORWOOD — The Parent Advisory Council for the Norwood-Norfolk Chapter 1 (former Title I) PSEN programs will meet at 7:30 Nov. 22 in the junior-senior high school library. Personnel from the reading, writing, and math programs will explain the purposes of Chapter 1 and describe the materials used for instruction. Computers will be available to demonstrate the use of computer assisted instruction.

Parents of Chapter 1 students and other interested individuals are encouraged to attend.



ARTISTS AT WORK — The students shown above are members of Andrea Cooper's fifth grade art class. They are putting finishing touches on drawings that will be displayed in the St. Lawrence National Bank during National Education Week from Nov. 15-19. Shown from left are: Georgia Coyle, Sean Agnew, and Sam Aidun.

New Catalog Details College's Art Works

The "museum without walls" Potsdam College has been documented and catalogued.

Comprised of more than 800 modern art objects in all media and displayed throughout the campus, the art collection at Potsdam College is the subject of a new art catalog, published by the art department and edited by Dr. John C. Riordan, professor of art.

"The collection, consisting of 450 works in the Potsdam College Collection, 350 pieces in the Roland Gibson Collection and 39 paintings in the Annie Lenney Collection, reflects a broad diversity of modern art," said Riordan. "We believe it provides an educational resource of continuing benefit to faculty and students as well as to the North Country community."

The catalog is a result of several years' planning and preparation. Riordan selected some 60 works of art to be photographed for inclusion in the catalog, with the intention of capturing the range of subject matter, style and media in the three collections.

Each piece in the collection was researched to verify date, artist credit, media and source of acquisition and the result is the first comprehensive catalog of the Potsdam College collection.

"And we believe that this catalog is the first of its kind in State University of New York," said Riordan.

Most four-year colleges in the SUNY system boast art collections, but, Riordan indicated none have been able to document and publish a single unified catalog of the artworks.

The Potsdam collection has been formed, for the most part, over the past 30 years and represents a fusion

The catalog project was made possible through funds donated by alumni and friends to the Potsdam College Annual Fund. Proceeds from the sale of the catalog, \$8 to students, faculty, and staff, alumni and members of "Friends of Brainerd," and \$10 to the general community, will be used to maintain and restore the works of the collection.

To purchase a catalog, contact the art department, Potsdam College, Potsdam, 13676, 267-2251.

In The Service

JOINS ARMY

Danny R. Anzaldua, son of Mrs. Helen R. Upell, Rt. 2, Norfolk, has joined the U.S. Army under the delayed entry program.

Anzaldua, who is currently a senior at St. Regis Central School, will report for Army basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. on July 21. He then will proceed to Fort Gordon, Ga. for advanced training as a telecommunications center operator.

Information on the Army can be obtained from the Potsdam Army Recruiting Station, 20 Elm St., Potsdam, telephone, 265-6270.

OPENING
THURSDAY NOV. 18th at 11:30
for LUNCH

County Legion Group Meets

MASSENA — County Commander William Belle has announced that the November meeting of the American Legion St. Lawrence County Organization will be held on Nov. 18 at Ogdensburg Post 69.

Post Commander LeRoy LaDue said that the post auxiliary will serve a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held after the dinner.

Commander Belle stated that he would like to have the names of all of those planning to attend the mid-winter conference at this meeting so that housing chairman Dave Shampline has enough time to make reservations. The conference is scheduled for Jan. 29 and 30 in Albany at the Americana Hotel.

In The Service

FINISHES TRAINING

Pvt. Edward S. Thompson, son of Claude B. and ValJean Thompson of Route 1, Colton, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

He is a 1980 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, West Springfield, Va.

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In the past, individuals who lost a tooth were advised to wrap the tooth in a moist tissue and proceed to the dentist. However, recent research has shown that placing the tooth in milk and proceeding to the dentist immediately increases the chances of successful reimplantation.

Remember, immersing an avulsed tooth in milk and visiting the dentist could mean the difference between losing and saving the tooth.

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