Legislators Look For Ways To Slice Budget Pie

CANTON — St. Lawrence County Sheriff Keith Knowlton wants his two road patrol deputies put back into the budget.

Lloyd Moore, chairman of the county Social Services Committee, wants the department's attorney put back in. He also wants the proposed county law department scrapped.

DeKalb Legislator Stanley Morrill, who chairs the legislature's Agriculture Committee, wants $5,000 more for the county fair.

Donald Kitchin, commissioner of the Department of Social Services, would like to see his staff restored.

The county Civil Service Employees Association, which represents county employees, wants a pay increase.

Norwood Legislator Ernest LaBaff wants funds restored for the handicapped childrens' program run by the Social Services Department.

It's budget time.

Everybody wants something and legislators agree that the next three weeks will see some fierce in-—fighting as legislators, department heads and special interest groups jockey for their share of the taxpayers pie.

"Yes, budget time's tough," says Massena Legislator Nicholas Visckovich, who chairs the county's Finance Committee. "Everybody wants something, but nobody wants to pay the taxes for it. They say give us something, but don't charge us for it."

"There's not as much money as there used to be," Viskovich says. "We have to tighten our belts."

Tightening the county's belt, however, is a tougher proposition than it sounds.

The town highway supervisors and their town boards want the county to raise their payment per mile for snow removal from $1,000 a mile to $1,400 a mile. The legislature plans to stay at $1,000 a mile.

The county libararies want an increase in the donation the county makes. The legislators are saying no, so far.

Sheriff Knowlton also wants some additional cars for his department. Some of the patrol cars have over 100,000 miles on them, and maintenance costs are eating into his budget, he says.

Hanging Tough?

Oswegatchie Legislator Donald Livingston warned the legislators last Monday that they would have to stick to their promises to "hang tough" on the 1983 budget.

"We all said we were going to hang tough this year," he said at the board's meeting. But he questioned whether some members were weakening in their resolve.

The budget pie totals $46.4 million for 1983, according to a proposed budget released Monday night. About $9.5 million of that budget must be raised locally through the property tax levy.

But what legislators hear during the next three weeks is pleas for money from whoever wants it. The person who makes the plea asks why the county can not afford x-number of dollars out of a $46.4 million budget.

But Viskovich and other legislators say that any additional expenditures at this point will have to come from increases in the local property tax.

Already the budget is calling for an increase of 4.6 percent in the property tax, they say. New appropriations will raise the cost higher.

"I think it's a pretty good budget," Viskovich says. "We're asking for less than Jefferson and Lewis counties."

Computer 'Dig' Unlocks Guatemalan Secrets

One Potsdam College anthropology student discovered eight human skulls and nine flint sacrificial knives in the highlands of Guatemala.

Another found a rabbit bone, two maize kernals and a charcoal nodule.

But neither these two students, nor their 28 classmates enrolled in Anthropology 300, under the director of Dr. Steven J. Marqusee, have left Potsdam. Their archeological excavation has been done on a computer.

The entire excavation process, from searching for funding sources, development of research strategies, forming hypotheses of probable discoveries, identification of excavation sites, analysis of artifacts and reconstruction of a lost culture, is being done at Potsdam College's campus computer facilities.

Marqusee, assistant professor of anthropology, and Peter Brouwer, instructor in computer and information science, received a State University of New York Faculty Grant for the Improvement of Undergraduate Instruction last March.

The $5,000 award enabled the faculty colleagues, with assistance from Eileen Marqusee, who holds a B.A. in anthropology and who teaches part-time in Potsdam College's computer and information sciences department, to design this summer "A Simulated Archeological Project."

"Archeological excavation is not normally accessible to undergraduate students," said Marqusee. "The computer project allows students to carry on the complete process."

Using data based on Marqusee's archeological work in Guatemala, the faculty team programmed the excavation process on the computer. Students first applied to FOCAS, the fictitious foundation for Central American Studies, for funding. Each student's proposal had to meet criteria of project merit and feasibility, academic and professional qualifications and budget.

After funding was "received", students planned their excavation by making hypotheses about the culture that once existed in the Guatemalan highlands.

"We excavate in archeology to gain data in order to verify, modify or reject hypotheses," said Marqusee.

If a student suggests that the community under investigation had an agricultural economy, and after excavation, finds no artifacts related to farming, he or she may have to re-examine original hypotheses.

"We even have a program that does radiocarbon dating on organic artifacts excavated in the computer," said Marqusee. "A bone fragment found in a burial site can be mathematically analyzed for disintegration time."

The programs, developed by Brouwer and Eileen Marqusee, included cost analyses of each step in the archeological process.

"We wanted the students to realize that excavation is an expensive process and should not be undertaken until preliminary research is completed," said Brouwer.

Marqusee and Brouwer hope to secure alternative funding next year to expand the interdisciplinary project.

Chamber Of Commerce Plans Dinner Meeting

The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce will hold its 1982 annual dinner meeting Nov. 30 at Fiacco's Restaurant. A buffet including hot turkey and dressing, baked ham, rigatoni, baked beans, hot potatoes, full salad bar, creme de menthe sundae and beverage will be provided. A cash bar starts at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7. A brief business meeting will be held at 8 for elections and presentation of awards. Special recognition will be given to noteworthy business personalities including the first annual "Citizen of the Year" award. Live music will also be provided.

Tickets cost $15 per couple, $8 per single and are available through any chamber official: Paul Mills, Carol Lee Blair, Lee Matott, Richard Durkin, Marie Breitenbach, Harold Hughes, Enid Ablowitz, Carl Bradley, Al Cunningham, Bill Hiles, Peggy Jensen, Jim LaBreck, Joyce LaLonde, Joe Ondek, Mary-Lynne Pfeiffer, Joe Romola, Bill Solomon, Joan Stanford and Cliff Westerling. Also, tickets may be purchased at the chamber office, 43 Market St.

Question, Answer Session Planned

CANTON — On Dec. 13, a representative will be at Canton ATC to answer questions which prospective students of the new Upper Division Nursing Program may have.

Mary Lou Wranesh, assistant professor of nursing at the College of Technology of Utica/Rome, will be at the Canton ATC campus from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 13.

It is necessary for individuals to have an appointment. Appointments may be made by calling 386-7102.

The new Upper Division Nursing Program is a part-time study program leading to the bachelor's in nursing after a four-year period. The program is offered under the new consortium, and is offered by Canton ATC in conjunction with the College of Technology at Utica/Rome. Faculty members in the program will include those of certain studies at Potsdam College.

The new program is designed specifically for registered nurses from state-approved associate degree or diploma nursing programs.

The program will begin in the spring semester of 1983.

WCKN-TV 8 Schedule

WCKN-TV 8 has announced the following schedule:

Nov. 15: 7 p.m., "The Doors in Concert" — The Doors perform some of their most popular songs in this musical special; 8 p.m., Modern Video Program — various short features; 9 p.m., Modern Video Program — various short features.

Nov. 16: 7 p.m., Newcenter 8 — live local news; 7:30, "The Doors in Concert;" 8:30, Niagara Mohawk Newscope.

Nov. 17: 7 p.m., Hockey — the Clarkson Golden Knights face off against the University of Vermont in a game taped at Vermont on Nov. 16.

Nov. 18: 7 p.m., Newcenter 8 — live local news; 7:30, "The Doors in Concert."

Nov. 19: 7 p.m., Modern Video Program — various short features; 8, Modern Video Program — various short features; 9, "The Doors in Concert."

Nov. 20: 7 p.m., hockey pre-game show; 7:30, Hockey — The Clarkson Golden Knights take on Colgate at Walker Arena. (Live)

Nov. 21: 1 p.m. — Hockey — replay of the Clarkson-Colgate game taped on Nov. 20.

Farm Tours Planned

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CANTON — Cooperative Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, and The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service have planned a tour to show innovative changes in agriculture around St. Lawrence County.

On Nov. 17 the tour will visit Roger Thompson, Chipman; Victor and Kent Cryderman, Madrid; and Robert and Steve McKnight, Chamberlain Corners.

Woman Is Released On Bail

A Hannawa Falls woman was released on $1,000 bail in Pierrepont Town Court in October after being charged with grand larceny. Madeleine Brown of Hannawa Falls had her case held over for future St. Lawrence County Court action.

In other Pierrepont Town Court action before Town Justice Michael Jackson:

Paul R. Coffey of Hermon was released on $500 bail and had his case transfered to Canton Town Court on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Thomas H. Bronson of Colton was fined $25 for speeding and $15 for driving an uninspected motor vehicle.

Lyle Charleson of Canton received two $10 fines for having an unlicensed dog.

Ira L. Curtis of Brasher Falls was fined $10 for driving an uninspected motor vehicle.

Richard Fitzpatrick of South Colton had charges of having no insurance dismissed.

Mildred Halprin of Malone was fined $25 for failure to keep right and had charges of driving with no insurance dismissed.

Anne M. Koval of Potsdam was fined $25 for speeding.

Jean P. Lyth of South Colton was fined $50 for failure to comply, reduced from speeding.

Walter T. Maroun of Tupper Lake was fined $50 for failure to comply, reduced from speeding.

Michael R. Martin of Hannawa Falls had charges of driving with insufficient lights dismissed with proof of correction.

David W. Mayo of Oldsmar, Fla., had charges of driving with inadequate signal lights dismissed with proof of correction.

Kelly P. McCarthy of Raymondville was fined $25 for speeding.

Jerrold A. McIntosh of Hannawa Falls had charges of driving with no brake lights dismissed with proof of correction.

Jeffery E. Miller of Raymondville was fined $25 for speeding.

Terry J. Murray of West Stockholm was fined $50 for disorderly conduct, reduced from assault.

Jonathan A Parks of Peru was fined $25 for speeding.

Joey L. Robidoux of Potsdam was fined $10 for an unsafe tire.

Patricia M. Sharlow of Colton was fined $10 for driving an uninspected motor vehicle.

Douglas J. Sheehan of Victor was fined $20 for trespassing.

Dayl T. Smith of Newton Falls was fined $20 for having an unsafe tire and $15 for insufficient lights.

Carol G. Snell of Colton was fined $10 for driving an uninspected motor vehicle.

Raymond S. Sturm of Yorktown Heights was fined $25 for failure to comply, reduced from speeding.

Bruce J. Tarbox of Potsdam had charges of having no insurance dismissed with proof.

Franklin R. Vaisey of Colton was fined $10 for driving with a broken windshield and $10 for having an unsafe tire.

Lee J. Weitman was fined $50 for leaving the scene of an incident after a jury trial.

Mark A. Yateman of Massena was fined $20 for trespassing.

Man Jailed On Harrassment

Glenn Riley of 42 Bay St., Potsdam, was sentenced to five days in St. Lawrence County Jail for reduced charges of harassment, in Potsdam Village Court last week.

Riley had originally been charged with unlawful imprisonment and sexual abuse, but had those charges reduced to two counts of harassment, one of which was dismissed.

In other village court action last week:

Ronald Davis of Endwell, N.Y., was fined $250 for driving with ability impaired and $15 for speeding. Charges of allowing a person to cling to his vehicle and failure to turn were dismissed.

Scott Bell, 20, Liverpool, N.Y., was sentenced to one day in jail for disorderly conduct, reduced from charges of criminal possession of stolen property.

Michael Modine, 20, Mahopac, N.Y., was sentenced to one day in jail on charges of disorderly conduct, reduced from charges of criminal possession of stolen property.

Kevin Burke, 20, Wheatley Hts., N.Y., was sentenced to one day in jail on charges of disorderly conduct, reduced from criminal possession of stolen property.

Vincent Orlando, 21, Miller Place, N.Y., had charges of disorderly conduct conditionally dismissed.

Geoffrey Grisham, Canton, had charges of disorderly conduct conditionally dismissed.

Volkers Volentin, 22, 13 Waverly St., was fined $15 for open container violation.

Anthony Tavernia Sr., 32, Rensselaer Falls, was fined $25 for speeding.

Bruce Wilkins, 24, Brasher Falls, was fined $15 for speeding.

Paul Yatray, 16, Russell, N.Y., was sentenced to time already served on charges of trespassing

Educational Secretaries Plan Regular Meeting

The St. Lawrence County Association of Educational Secretaries will hold its November meeting at the Clearview Restaurant in Gouverneur on Nov. 18.

The Gouverneur educational secretaries, hostesses for the evening, have dinner planned for 7 p.m. followed by a demonstration in wreath making and plastic needlepoint. The business meeting will conclude the evening with the conference reports and plans for the NYSAES spring regional meeting highlighting the agenda.

All educational office personnel are invited. New personnel are welcome. Participants are asked to bring a wrapped Christmas tree ornament to exchange. The ways and means table will feature holiday craft items along with the imprinted coffee mugs and key holders.

Reservations must be made with Joyce Boutilier at Gouverneur Central School.

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Leo Woodruff

POTSDAM — Funeral services for Leo Arthur Woodruff, 23, of 16 Lee Valley Trailer Court, Rome, N.Y. and formerly of Potsdam, were held Saturday (Nov. 13, 1982) at 11 a.m. at the Garner Funeral Home in Potsdam, with a military chaplain officiating. Burial was in Garfield Cemetery in Potsdam.

Mr. Woodruff died Monday (Nov. 8, 1982) in an automobile accident in Rome, N.Y.

Surviving are his father, Arthur of Rochester; his mother, Leona of Potsdam; a sister, Mrs. Michael (Wendy) Caringi of Rome, N.Y.; two brothers, Robert, stationed with the U.S. Army in Korea and Bruce of Rome; a step-father, William Brown of Potsdam; and a step-sister, Carole Brown of Rome.

Mr. Woodruff was born June 26, 1959 in Potsdam, the son of Arthur and Leona Leggue Woodruff. He graduated from Potsdam High School in 1976, enlisting in the U.S. Navy the same year. He was discharged from that service in 1980.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1982. He was a sergeant with the Air Force, stationed at the Griffith Air Force Base in Rome.

Beatrice Brooks

Funeral services for Beatrice Margaret Brooks, 72, of Mayfield Apartments, Potsdam, were held today (Nov. 16, 1982) at 3 p.m. at the Garner Funeral Home in Potsdam, the Rev. Keith Conover officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Miss Brooks was pronounced dead Saturday morning (Nov. 13, 1982) at the Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

There are no surviving relatives.

Miss Brooks was born March 24, 1910 in Ogdensburg, the daughter of William and Jennie Hall Brooks. She graduated from Ogdensburg Free Academy in 1928 and the St. Lawrence State Hospital School of Nursing in 1931.

She worked as a registered nurse in New York City before moving to Potsdam where she was employed as a private and general duty nurse at the Potsdam Hospital.

Miss Brooks was a member of the Potsdam First Presbyterian Church and the Retired Nurses' Association.

Donations may be made to the Canton-Potsdam Hospital Improvement Fund.

Joyce Howe's

LAKE WORTH, Fla. — Memorial services for Mrs. Joyce Russell Howe's, 51, of Lake Worth and formerly of Knapps Station, were held Nov. 6, 1982 in Lake Worth. Burial, followimng creamation, was also in Lake Worth.

Mrs. Howe's died on Nov. 2, 1982 at the John Kennedy Hospital in Atlantis, Fla., following a two-year illness.

Surviving Mrs. Howe's are: her mother and step-father, Hollis (Buster) and Bertha Green of Knapps Station; two sisters, Mrs. Charles (Geraldine) LaBar of Rt. 3, Potsdam and Mrs. Ernest (Joan) Grant of Syracuse; two half sisters, Mrs. Eleanor Tomm and Mrs. Eva Italiano, both of Syracuse, and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Howe's is predeceased by a half-brother, Girard Russell of Buffalo, who died in 1977.

Mrs. Howe's was born in Knapps Station on July 26, 1931, the daughter of Bertha Murray and the late Elmer Russell. She attended Norwood High School and was united in marriage to Tom Howe's of Syracuse in 1971. Mr. Howe's died in Florida in 1977.

Mrs. Howe's had resided in Florida since 1957.

Elizabeth Ober

MADRID — Funeral services for Elizabeth Ober, 65, of Sykesville, Md. and formerly of Madrid, will be held Friday (Nov. 19, 1982) at 10 a.m. at the Fay G. Mann Funeral Home in Madrid, the Rev. Betsye Mowry officiating. Burial will be in the Madrid Cemetery.

Calling hours will be Thursday afternoon and evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Ober died Monday morning (Nov. 15, 1982) at the Baltimore County General Hospital in Randallstown, Md. She had been in ill health for the past few years.

Surviving are two sons, Lloyd of Burlington, Vt., and Robert of Warner Robins, Ga.; two daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Wood of Sykesville, Md., with whom Mrs. Ober resided, and Mrs. Linda Farrell of Westminster, Md.; a brother, Rolland Crump of Pilot Rock, Ore.; three sisters, Mrs. Mildred Webb of Syracuse, Mrs. Edison (Pearl) Richards of Potsdam, and Mrs. Altha Streeter of Gouverneur; 10 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Mrs. Ober was born Dec. 15, 1916 in Potsdam, the daughter ot Anthony and Clara Johnson Crump.

She married Orson Ober on Feb. 14, 1935 at the Congregational Parsonage in Hopkinton, the Rev. Malott officiating.

Mr. Ober died in May of 1972.

Mrs. Ober lived in the Madrid area for most of her life and worked as a dietician at the Canton-Potsdam Hospital for 12 years until her retirement in 1977. She then moved to Sykesville, Md. with her daughter, Phyllis Wood.

Mrs. Ober was a member of the Madrid Grange, a past member of the Seaway Valley Senior Citizens; a member of the Madrid Methodist Church and the Bucks Bridge Booster Club.

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