

## Patchwork: West Potsdam Area News

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If we all had to stand and say "thank you" for something, but we'd all say thank you for the unusually long nice fall weather we've shared. It has given us the opportunity to get out and get jobs completed that we started in the spring and summer. This weather even now gives us days with temperatures sometimes up to 60 degrees and you can work outdoors all day. The hunters have it pretty good in the woods although I've heard several wish for colder weather and snow. Guess the snow makes for easier tracking. Haven't heard any more stories of our local bear. The last report I heard was that someone had seen four bears in a meadow nearby.

I've been asked who moved into the house next to Kay Thompson and "almost" across from Jack Ward. Well, I stopped by and introduced myself. I met Richard and Margaret

### County Budget Shows 29 Staff Cuts

CANTON — St. Lawrence County's 1983 budget shows a total staff cut of 29 positions from last year's budget, County Budget Officer F. Gerard Reagen said recently.

A total of 29 salaried positions have been eliminated that were included in 1982, Reagen said in the second part of his budget message, released last Wednesday.

"These decreases are the result of state and Federal funded programs being discontinued, vacant positions not being refilled," and a cut back in positions from "budget restraints."

Reagen urged the legislature to continue its current hiring freeze which requires the approval of the legislative committee and the Finance Committee before vacant positions from resignation or retirement can be refilled.

The policy "requires" department heads to justify filling the positions," Reagen said. "The policy has effected cost savings to the county and its continuance is recommended."

Reagen pointed out in his message to the legislature that federal aid cut-backs, and state and federal mandated services continue to place burdens on the county.

"This is especially true of the Title XX categories of the Social Services Department," Reagen said. The legislature's Social Services Committee made cuts in the department's budget to conform to budget requests.

But despite those cuts, Reagen said, the Social Services Department local costs still amount to \$7,385,299 plus \$956,614.

Fringe benefits total \$8,341,913 or 75.5 percent of the total county cost for the budget.

Those costs would have been even higher, Reagen said, if the state government had not appropriated \$1.289 million through the Human Services Overburden Aid program.

"We are grateful to the state legislature for voting for this one-time aid bill and hope that similar aid will be forthcoming in future years," Reagen said.

"This aid could possibly lead to the total takeover of the Medicaid program by the state in the future," he said.

**No Indebtedness**  
Reagen pointed out that again this year, St. Lawrence County has no indebtedness at the present time.

But Reagen warned that upgrading obsolete highway equipment and road

### Clarkson Promotes 17

Clarkson College recently announced the promotion of 17 of its faculty.

Those promoted are from the following departments: chemical engineering: Shanker Subramanian, Thomas Ward, associate professor to professor; and Peter Sukaneck, assistant professor to associate professor; civil and environmental engineering: James Edzwald, associate professor to professor; and Thomas Young, assistant professor to associate professor; electrical and computer engineering: Stephen Crist, assistant professor to associate professor; liberal studies: Frances Bailey, visiting instructor to instructor; and Lewis Hinchman, part-time assistant professor to assistant professor.

Also, mathematics and computer science: Robin Lock, instructor to assistant professor mechanical and industrial engineering: M. Sathyamoorthy, assistant professor to associate professor; and Mohsen Shahinpoor, associate professor to professor; school of management: Thomas Ayres, Donald Dutkowsky and James Breece, instructor to assistant professor; Michael Bommer and Frederick Menz, associate professor to professor; technical communications: Faye Serio, part-time instructor to part-time assistant professor.

Shank and their son, John. It seems they have lived there before. Their daughter and husband own the home but live out of the state.

Richard and Margaret and John have been traveling the country and working. They went from Texas across to Florida and were doing fine until Margaret developed pneumonia once too often. Her lung collapsed and she developed emphysema. Margaret seems to respond to treatment well in this area and since they also like the area, they plan to stay. John is now looking for work.

Betty Grant said she has heard from her parents, Ray and Liz Cutler, who are now at their winter home in Orange City, Fla. Liz writes of a successful trip and nice warm weather.

Had to call Jeany Wright and was surprised to have her daughter answer the phone. Kristie will be two years old Nov. 23.

improvements "may necessitate a change in this policy."

"At least," Reagen urged, the county should consider leasing highway equipment in 1983 to put more equipment for the use of the department at the current level of funding.

Ardie Richardson said she had no news. She has been canning chicken, 28 quarts so far and hasn't had time to do any fun things.

Had to go to Bucks Bridge to Kingston's stand for apples. In making that trip I discovered that the stand still has some apples, potatoes, pumpkins and squash. When the supply is gone the stand will close.

Also, the little church in Bucks Bridge is still active. They have a wood stove now for heat and are planning a covered dish turkey dinner for Nov. 21. There will be a program and a service that same day.

As for the Kingstons, Don and Marilyn will have an early Thanksgiving so Aunt Ida can join the family and also Marion and Lloyd, Eileen and Paul Kingston. They will have their dinner on the 14th. Don and Marilyn bought a van and expect to really enjoy it camping and in other ways. It seems with a van one can do almost anything. The Kingston children, Kathy, who will be two in May and Derek, who will be one Dec. 15 are busy helping with the stand and decorating Thanksgiving cookies.

Scarlet fever — haven't heard of it in a long time. It seems Susan Creighton had it and is now fully recovered. Joretta and I were "remembering back" when scarlet fever was treated in a very serious

way. We both recall the huge white quarantine signs posted on our homes when we had it. Not only that but everything, sheets and all, had to be boiled plus all cut-outs and coloring books and other goodies used while ill had to be burned. The doctor came every day and would open his big bag and give little pink, blue and white pills. It was like the whole house were in jail as no one could come in or go out. Times have changed and for the better in this case.

Sarah Bates had a call from husband Charlie Tuesday evening. Charlie, Ron Richardson, Otis Blanchard and Bill Dunlap are in the Aspen, Colo. area hunting. Charlie got himself an elk and at the time the party had an elk and a cow. They are moving from hunting area to hunting area on this trip and will remain there for another week.

The auxiliary held a workbee Wednesday evening at the hall to prepare for an upcoming banquet.

The firemen had a burning drill Thursday evening. They burned a house owned by John Greenwood on State Street near Bucks Bridge.

Had to call Shirley Lumley to see if she knew when Ret Burdick left for Deland, Fla., as her sister, Barbara Burdick wasn't home. Shirley laughed

and said: "I know. She has been here helping me wallpaper the kitchen and just left."

Ret left for Deland in the middle of October and is doing just fine. As for what Claude and Barbara have been doing lately — a few weekends ago they and Paul and Roberta Evans at-

tended the annual Agway meeting in Syracuse.

Happy Anniversary to Stretch and Mary Berger Nov. 12. And happy birthday to Ric Miller on Nov. 15. And on the same day a happy birthday to Nancy Kear, Sr.

### Bishop's Fund At 93% Of Goal

Bishop Brzana has announced the 1982 Bishop's Fund Appeal has reached 93 percent of its goal.

He further commented that with the additional returns that are expected the 1982 Bishop's Fund will reach its goal at \$561,000.

The breakdown by deanery is as follows: Adirondack — \$46,096.95; Clinton — \$127,375.12; Essex — \$19,133.34; Franklin — \$58,115.71; Hamilton Herkimer — \$10,380.34; Jefferson — \$87,055.80; Lewis — \$27,103.17; St. Lawrence \$143,927.67; and special — \$4,707.50. Total cash and pledges to date — \$523,895.60.

Concerning the matching gift program, Father Service reported that Mater Dei College and Wadhams Hall Seminary College are very appreciative of the donations that were given to them by the diocese and individuals and the response of the company portion.

The list of the matching gift com-

panies in the diocese that participate are as follows: Alcoa Foundation, Allendale Mutual Insurance Co., American Home Products, Corning Glass Works, Gannett Newspaper Foundation, Harris Foundation, IBM Corporation, N.L. Industries, International Paper Company, Kidder, Peabody & Co., Metropolitan Life, New York Telephone, Scott & Fetzer Foundation, Key Bank Northern, Bankers Trust of N.Y. Corp., Reynolds Metals, Mutual of Omaha, Prudential, Chase Manhattan Bank, Amoco, Xerox Foundation, Collins & Aikman Corp., Tandy Corporation/Radio Shack, and Consolidated Foods Foundation/Eletrolux/Fuller Brush.

Father Service further asked that the parishes please finalize their reports for the 1982 campaign. He also expressed his thanks to the pastors and people of the diocese for their generosity.

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