

HIGHWAYS: DOT Workers Learn Winter Skills

The average annual snowfall in some areas of New York State is 300 inches, 450 inches in an "overdose" year. But effective, safe removal of snow and ice from busy highways presents a challenge to highway maintenance people in every part of the state, not just the snowbelt.

To help them sharpen their skills in the use of sophisticated snow removal equipment and safety procedures, the New York State Department of Transportation conducts an annual snow fighting school in Adams, N.Y., for selected maintenance personnel. Participants are expected to train their colleagues upon returning to their regions. The snow school, originated by New York State, is just one of the many activities planned and coordinated by the DOT's training staff.

The mission of the training staff is to help DOT employees attain, sustain and broaden their considerable technical know-how and skills, and to share them with fellow workers. Considerable staff time is spent identifying training needs and searching out available human resources to structure and conduct the training. DOT education specialists coordinate "State of the Art" course work provided

by the Federal Highway Administration through its educational arm, the National Highway Institute. Many of the courses offered are highly technical, covering such topics as techniques for heavy traffic access management for streets and highways and traffic signal optimization through computer use.

Working with DOT experts, the training personnel help design and make available training opportunities like the annual snow fighting school, highway paving school and the new water safety aid rescue course that was held recently. DOT highway maintenance employees who must be certified to handle herbicides and pesticides can get help from the training staff in preparing for the certification examinations.

In non-technical areas, a variety of training opportunities are made available to improve the managerial, communication and other skills of program administrators and supervisors.

Civil engineers, rail specialists and transportation administrators from many foreign countries frequently visit New York DOT to observe, discuss and learn. The training staff helps them use their time efficiently

by putting them in touch with appropriate DOT experts helping them schedule their itinerary. Sometimes the hospitality extended is unusual like finding someone in the department who can speak Polish to translate for a non-English speaking visitor or providing bed and board for an African national whose visit here is extended because of political unrest back home, or lending money to a foreign visitor caught financially short.

A principal reason DOT employees have been able to maintain high standards of service to the public in spite of declining numbers and resources is that they constantly hone their skills and are quick to adopt new and better ways to accomplish their work. And a share of the credit belongs to the department education specialists who facilitate and encourage employee training.

Public Record

Tracy J. Karekos, 22, Newark, N.Y., was charged Sunday with a red light violation.

Veronica Richard, 17, Westmore, Quebec, was charged Sunday with petit larceny.

Rosanne Buettel, 37, Westmore, Quebec, was charged Sunday with petit larceny.

Robert J. Sickles, 19, Hannawa Falls, was charged Saturday with first degree assault.

Thomas F. Young, 18, Route 4, Potsdam, was charged Saturday with petit larceny and possession of marijuana.

Michael C. Currier, 18, 4 Market St., was charged Saturday with disorderly conduct.

George E. Gillette, 51, Keeseville, N.Y., was charged Friday with passing a bad check.

Mason H. Smith, 22, 91 Pierrepont Ave., was charged Wednesday with speeding and a red light violation.

William G. McGregor, 20, Route 1, Norwood, was charged Wednesday with no inspection, unregistered motor vehicle, mutilated driver's license and bald tires.

Elizabeth A. Lyman, 37, Potsdam, was charged Wednesday with permitting illegal use of place.

Larry Rheume, 17, 17 Pine St., was charged Wednesday with criminal mischief and criminal possession of stolen property.

Clinics Planned

The Saint Lawrence County Public Health Nursing Service has scheduled adult health screening clinics at the following locations:

- Norwood Library; Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Winthrop Municipal Building; Dec. 3, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- Parishville Town Hall; Dec. 6, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Colton Health Center; Dec. 6, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Dec. 20, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Persons 21 years of age and over may attend this free clinic. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome and will be seen as time permits. For further information, call Gouverneur 287-0920, Colton 262-2610, Parishville 265-6180, Winthrop 389-2071, Norwood 353-6692.

There will be immunization clinics for pre-school children at the following locations. Triple vaccine (diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough), Sabin oral polio vaccine, measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine will be given. Bring records of your child's previous immunizations with you. Children must be two months of age.

- Colton Health Center; Dec. 6, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Norwood Municipal Building; Dec. 8, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Winthrop Municipal Building; Dec. 17, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Parishville Town Hall; Dec. 20, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Potsdam College VanHousen Hall; Dec. 21, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

The N.Y.S. Department of Health now mandates that a parent or legal guardian accompany the child and sign for each immunization received.

JUNIOR HIGH HONOR ROLL: Michael Snell, June Wilson, Diane Sochia, Kenneth Planty, Roberta Conklin, Michael Toforte, Alex Fullerton, Susan Caring, Vicky Guiney, Sheryl Barney, Chris Richards, Phillip Meashaw, Marcie Phippen, Jamie Adams, Karen Sullivan, Debra McCarthy, Dawn Nickles, Jennifer Garver, Kathy Thomas, Peggy Randall, Lisa Williams and Katherine Miller.

Arkansas Firm Of Newspapers Acquired

BLYTHEVILLE, Ark. — Park Newspapers, Inc., Itasca, N.Y., has purchased the Courier News Co., publisher of the Blytheville Courier News, Osceola Times, Missco Shoppers Guide and Mail Call shopper.

The sale of the firm to Roy H. Park, President of Park Newspapers, was announced last week by Frank Leahy, representing the Journal Publishing Co. of Stevens Point, Wis., principal owner of the Courier News, and Harry Haines, the newspapers' editor and publisher.

The Courier News is a daily evening newspaper with a circulation of 11,500 and the companion, Mail Call Shopper, has a circulation of 14,000.

The Osceola Times is a weekly paper with circulation of 3,300 and the free Missco Shoppers Guide has a circulation of 3,200.



THE BIRCHES — Less than two months after it was gutted by fire, The Birches in Hannawa Falls has been rebuilt. Patrons of The Birches donated their time to the project. (Jared Thayer photo)

THE ENVIRONMENT: Hearings Set On Sludge Impact

Public hearings will be held in early December on a draft generic environmental impact statement (GEIS) concerning landspreading of sewage treatment plant sludge upon prime farmland in New York State.

In May 1981, the State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) adopted regulations allowing landspreading of selected sludges on farmland under carefully controlled

conditions. However, the State Department of Agriculture and Markets voiced objections to these regulations and DEC agreed to a two-year moratorium prohibiting landspreading of sewage treatment plant sludge on the best agricultural soils, while it reviewed the reservations expressed by Agriculture and Markets.

Participants in the hearings will meet in small discussion groups to

review issues addressed in the GEIS; comments from the small groups will then be read into the formal hearing record. Individual testimony will also be recorded after the workshop sessions; formal written comments may be submitted to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, Bureau of Hearings, Room 619, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, 12233-0001, until Dec. 20, 1982.

Copies of the executive summary of the draft GEIS are available from Norman H. Nosenchuck, P.E., Director, Division of Solid Waste, Room 209, DEC, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, 12233-0001, telephone 518 457-6603.

In this area, a hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Watertown State Office Building, 317 Washington St., Watertown.

Those In Subsidized Housing Won't Get Heating Assistance

CANTON — A change in New York State's regulations will prevent elderly residents and others living in subsidized housing from being eligible for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) grants.

St. Lawrence County Social Services Commissioner Donald Kitchin said state officials have changed the rules on the program to cut off residents who are living in low cost public housing from also receiving special HEAP grant funds to help pay their heating costs.

"I think that's a good change," said Potsdam Legislator Betty Bradley, a member of the county's Social Services Committee. "It caused us a lot of problems last year."

The residents living in subsidized public housing also have low incomes, but they are already receiving assistance through lower rental prices, she said.

"There are other who need the help more," she said.

The HEAP program will provide an estimated \$1,750,000 to help low income residents heat their homes this winter, Kitchin said. The funds will be paid out to residents who are on public assistance, are elderly and have low incomes, or who are neither elderly or on public assistance, but have extremely low incomes.

Citizens Complained

The payments to people living in public assisted housing caused a "terrible problem" for public officials last year, Mrs. Bradley recalled. Citizens complained about the payments.

"Those people really appreciated the money," she said. "But they really didn't need it."

Local officials administering the program received criticism from citizens who complained about wasting funds, but officials said that they could not change the regulations which were written by state officials.

People

RECEIVES AWARD

FORT ANN, N.Y. — The Fort Ann Central School education committee has announced that the recipient of the 1982-1983 High School Chemistry Teacher award is Mial (Sonny) Pierce, chemistry teacher at Fort Ann Central School. The award will be presented at the annual education night meeting of that section. Pierce will be nominated for the Northeast Regional Award for Excellence in High School Chemistry Teaching.

Pierce has a B.S. in chemistry from Potsdam College and an AMT in chemistry and physics from Colby College and has studied at Albany and Vermont State Universities. He has taught at Fort Ann 18 years and has also been the chairman of the gifted and talented program.

Besides being active in extracurricular activities at Fort Ann, he has participated in several science workshops and NSF institutes.

Pierce lives with his wife Jo Anne, a teacher at Hudson Falls Elementary School, and their two children, Donald, a senior in high school, and Jennifer, a sixth grade student.

He is originally from Hannawa Falls, where his mother, Mrs. Romana Moulton still lives.



MIAL PIERCE

SON BORN

Word has been received that Gary and Carla Hartson Seaver have a son, Matthew Joseph, born at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Charleston, S. C. at 5:30 a.m. on Nov. 5, weighing 7 lb. 14 oz. and 21 in. long.

Grandparents are Bernard and Keitha Seaver of R. 1 Winthrop, and Carlton and Elizabeth Hartson of Parishville.

DR. PHELPS NAMED DIRECTOR

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Dr. Wayne H. Phelps has been named director of planning and educational research for the West Virginia Board of Regents, effective Nov. 1.

Dr. Phelps currently is institutional approval coordinator for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. A member of the Council staff since 1978, he developed policies and procedures for the evaluation of academic degree programs and six-year curricular plans of the 39 state-supported colleges and universities under the jurisdiction.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Phelps of Lake Worth, Fla., and former residents of Norwood. He graduated from Norwood-Norfolk Central School.

OUR ANIMAL SHELTER



Remember as you do your holiday shopping this year, kittens and puppies should definitely be off the surprise list. It is crucial to surprise a friend or loved one with such a new responsibility — cruel to your friend and cruel to the animal.

Pets are tremendous responsibilities. They need constant attention, love, exercise, training, a nourishing diet and medical care. All this means time and money. So please — do not impose the responsibility of a pet on anyone without their consent.

TIP: If you use flea collars on your pets be sure to make them too tight or too loose. You should be able to slip a finger between the pet's neck and collar. If too loose it can get caught in the mouth, over the chin and the animal can not get it free. Animals have died from this when no one was at home to cut the collar off. The collars usually are far too long so cut the excess off, do not leave a long piece hanging. Check the neck area often as some animals are sensitive to the collar. Flea powder is an alternative, but follow instructions carefully.

If you would like a new friend and are willing to be responsible pet owner call 265-3199 or visit the shelter on Madrid Ave. Mon.-Fri. 4 to 6 p.m. and Sat. 12 to 2 p.m.

School Menus

- MADRID-WADDINGTON**
 - Wednesday — Hamburger and Roll, Buttered Peas, Choice of Fruit, Milk.
 - Thursday — Two Tacos, Meat Filling, shredded Lettuce, Chopped Tomatoes, Cheddar Cheese, Bread and Butter, Chocolate Pudding and Topping, Milk, Corn.
 - Friday — Tomato Juice, Macaroni and Cheese, Tuna Salad Sandwich, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.
 - Saturday — Roast Pork and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Bread and Butter, Applesauce, Milk.
 - Sunday — Vegetable Soup and Crackers, Mini Turkey Sub, Fresh Fruit, Milk.
- ST. LAWRENCE CENTRAL**
 - Wednesday — Juice, Hamburger in Bun, Sliced Cheese, Onions, French Fries with Catsup, Apple Sauce Raisin Cake, Milk — whole or skim.
 - Thursday — Spaghetti Casserole, Grated Cheese, Buttered Peas, Peanut Butter, Italian Bread and Butter, Peaches, Milk — whole or skim.
 - Friday — Juice, Hot Roast Turkey Sandwich with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cinnamon Coffee Cake, Milk — whole or skim.
 - Saturday — Pizza with Cheese, Buttered Green Beans, Toss Salad with Dressing, Elem., Cinnamon Biscuits with Butter, Applesauce, Milk — whole or skim.
 - Sunday — Juice, Hamburg Pattie in Bun, Sliced Cheese, Onions, French Fries with Catsup, Chocolate Fudge Pudding, Milk — whole or skim.
- LAWRENCE AVENUE**
 - Wednesday — Hot Dog-Roll, Veg. Beans, Fruit, Milk.
 - Thursday — Hamburg Gravy-Potato, Carrot Sticks, Bread and Butter, Ice Cream, Milk.
 - Friday — Fishburger-Bun, Corn, Celery Sticks, Corn Flakes, Beer, Milk.
 - Saturday — Homemade Veg. Soup, Sallines, Peanut Butter-Jelly Sand., Fruit, Milk.
 - Sunday — Goulash, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Milk.
- NORWOOD-NORFOLK CENTRAL**
 - Wednesday — Extra Thick and Zesty Tomato Macaroni Soup, Golden Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Hamburger on Roll, Hot Buttered Peas, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Cold Milk.
 - Thursday — Italian Baked Lasagna with Extra Cheese or Hot Dog on Roll, Tossed Crisp Green Beans with Zesty Dressing, Fresh Bread and Butter, Assorted Chilled Fruit, Milk.
 - Friday — Baked Breading Fish Steak with Golden and Tartar Sauce on Bun or Hot Dog on Roll, Golden Potato Stix, Buttered Diced Carrots, Blushing Pears, Fresh Cold Milk.
 - Saturday — Old World Pizza with Cheese and Pepperoni or Hot Dog on Roll, Extra Cheese Slices, Hot Buttered Peas, Fresh Bread and Butter, Saucy Apples with Cinnamon Sugar, Farm Fresh Milk.
 - Sunday — American Style Baked Beef and Macaroni Goulash, Cheddar Cheese Chunks or Hamburger on Roll, Tossed Garden Greens with Savory Dressing, Corn Bread and Butter, Chilled Fruit Cup, Farm Fresh Milk.
- NORWOOD-NORFOLK ELEMENTARIES ONLY**
 - Wednesday — Chilled Fruit Cup, Assorted Cold Cereal, Hot Buttered Toast with Jelly, Fresh Cold Milk.
 - Thursday — Chilled Fruit Cup, Hot Buttered Pancakes with Syrup, Fresh Cold Milk.
 - Friday — Chilled Fruit Cup, Assorted Cold Cereal, Hot Buttered Toast with Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, Fresh Cold Milk.
 - Saturday — Chilled Fruit Cup, Bakery Fresh Jelly Doughnut, Farm Fresh Milk.
 - Sunday — Chilled Fruit Cup, Assorted Cold Cereal, Hot Buttered Toast with Peanut Butter, Farm Fresh Milk.
- A.A. KINGSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**
 - Wednesday — Hot Pork Sandwich, Buttered Carrots, Fruit, Jelly with Topping, Milk.
 - Thursday — Beef Barley Veg. Soup with Crackers, Cheddar-Roll, Fruit, Milk.
 - Friday — Pizzaburger, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Ice Cream, Milk.
- CAMPUS LEARNING CENTRE**
 - Wednesday — Beef Barley, Ft. Long Hot Dogs, Buttered Noodles, Corn, Milk, Dessert, Fruit.
 - Thursday — Potato Chowder, Fish Sticks, Onion Rings, Beets, Milk, Dessert, Fruit.
 - Friday — Soup Delour, Cheese, Tomato and Beef Casserole, Salad, Milk, Dessert, Fruit.
 - Saturday — Pea Soup, Turkey Sub, Salad, Wax Beans, Milk, Dessert, Fruit.
 - Sunday — Cream of Celery, Tacos, French Fries, Corn, Milk, Dessert, Fruit.

Taxpayers Could Save If County Picked Up Low Income Heating Costs

BY JIM REAGAN

CANTON — Taxpayers could be saved between \$150,000 to \$300,000 in what they are paying to help heat the homes of low income people if St. Lawrence County spent about \$43,750 to help the residents cut their heating bills.

St. Lawrence County Housing Council Executive Director David Van Epps said county officials should consider making the homes of low income people more energy efficient since welfare programs and other programs are already paying for heating the homes.

A draft proposal the non-profit housing council is presenting to the county legislature's Social Services Committee said county reports show public assistance and home relief programs alone cost the county about \$2.3 million to heat the homes of poor people in 1982.

- About \$788,000 of that cost came directly out of the pockets of county taxpayers, St. Lawrence County Human Resources Planner Bruce Thomas said. That does not include the \$1.1 million Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) which provides additional money for public assistance families, elderly residents and low income residents.

The county government could cut its costs by about \$50,000 to \$100,000, Van Epps said.

Various Programs

In St. Lawrence County, various local governments and other agencies are administering a host of government programs all aimed at keeping those on limited incomes warm, reports show.

Those programs include public assistance, home relief, HEAP, weatherization, the federal Community Development Block Grant, other Social Services programs, the Office for the Aging, and the county Community Development Program as well as the Housing Council.

But Van Epps said discussions with county officials shows no one has a way to determine what residents need on a uniform basis, nor have any agencies made an effort to help residents conserve energy and save taxpayers money.

The Housing Council wants the county to use a portion of its HEAP administration funds to help pay a portion of the cost of a program to reduce the amount of energy the households receiving assistance are currently using.

If residents needed less energy, costs would be reduced, cutting the amount of money the state, federal and local taxpayers must pay.

Form Suggested

Van Epps recommended the county use a one-page assessment sheet

Computers And Preschoolers Will Be Discussed At Meeting

Teachers and other professionals involved with young children are invited to attend the next meeting of SLEET (St. Lawrence Early Education Today), the local chapter of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Richard Frost, assistant professor of the School of Graduate, Professional and Lifelong Learning at Potsdam College, will speak to the group on "Computers and the Preschooler" and demonstrate a computer lesson for young children. The meeting will take place at the Presbyterian Center in Potsdam, corner of Lawrence Avenue and Elm Street. Refreshments will be served and new members are welcome.

For residents who need their homes weatherized more extensively, the Housing Council would contact them and refer them to the other weatherization programs, assist with financing, and also help with energy audits.

For residents receiving Social Services Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) or Home Relief Assistance, the Housing Council would perform an inspection of the dwelling to determine heating requirements, find ways to cut heating costs, gauge conservations measures possible, and determine how much energy the residence needs.

That service would be provided at a cost of about \$35 per unit by the Housing Council.

Finally, the Housing Council would provide energy audits at a cost of \$65 per house to estimate the capital costs to make residence energy cost effective, interview the owner about financing and whether the investment is worthwhile.