

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

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Dems in control as county legislature holds first meeting of year. See stories this week.

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**BRASS REHEARSING** — The Norwood Brass Firemen held a rehearsal and photo session in the Norwood Municipal Building Monday, in preparation for their

February appearance at the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. At left, band director Bob Thorpe,

Potsdam, takes a few licks. At center, Floyd Callahan, Potsdam, and Andy Van Dwyne of Norwood duel it out as

Matt Vaska, Potsdam, looks on. At right Elmer James of Potsdam sounds his horn. (Betsy Baker photos)

## Officials Delay On Inspector

Town of Potsdam officials postponed action this afternoon (Tuesday) on the appointment of a town building inspector and code enforcement officer.

Meeting at 1 p.m. today for their re-organizational session, the town council voted to wait until its Jan. 10 meeting to name a building inspector.

Present building inspector Richard VanDeusen had come under fire several times in 1983 over permits granted to various individuals.

Town councilman William Pelotte, who made the motion to postpone naming a building inspector, is reportedly pushing for the appointment of Richard Cambridge, former Village of Potsdam department of Public Works chief, to the inspector's post.

## Campbell Will Not Return

William S. Campbell, Music Theater North's managing producer for four years, will not be returning this summer for the Potsdam-based repertory company's sixth season.

In a letter he sent to several area newspapers, Campbell said he resigned because "...when a Board loses faith in what you're doing and take hearsay as truth, then it's time to move on."

MTN officials said, however, that Campbell had asked to be placed on a \$3,000 retainer over the winter months, but could not guarantee that he would be available this coming summer.

**Summer 1984**

In 1984 MTN plans four shows: "They're Playing Our Song," by Neil Simon and Marvin Hamlisch; "She Loves Me;" "Damn Yankees" and "No, No, Nanette."

### Mrs. Bradley Chairs Finance

## Viskovich Names Committees

CANTON — St. Lawrence County Legislature Chairman Nicholas Viskovich announced the 1984-85 Legislature Committees this morning (Tuesday). They are as follows, with the committee chairman's name appearing first:

**Agriculture** - James Smith, Stanley Morrill, Jean LePage, Allen Dunham, Augustus Marscher.

**Audit** - Allen Dunham, Rosemary Sanford.

**Buildings and Grounds** - Orville Miller, James Smith, Donald Purvis, Peter Otto, Robert McNeil.

**Community Service** - Donald Smith, Jean LePage, Ernest LaBaff, Peter Otto, William Sheridan.

**Economic Development** - Ernest LaBaff, Ralph Greco, Allen Rische, Donald Livingston, Augustus Marscher.

**Finance** - Betty Bradley, Ralph Greco, Allen Rische, Charles Smith, Donald Livingston, Augustus Marscher, Robert Hayden.

**Health** - Augustus Marscher, Charles Smith, Jean LePage, James Smith, William Sheridan.

**Insurance and Purchasing** - Rosemary Sanford, Donald Smith, Allen Rische, Charles Smith, Robert Hayden.

**Legislative and Judicial** - Allen Rische, Betty Bradley, Donald Smith, Allen Dunham, Lloyd Moore.

**Personnel** - Donald Burns, Donald Purvis, Donald Smith, Rosemary Sanford, William Sheridan.

**Planning and Conservation** - Lloyd Moore, Donald Burns, Donald Purvis, Betty Bradley, Rosemary Sanford.

**Public Safety** - Stanley Morrill, Donald Burns, Orville Miller, Peter Otto, Donald Livingston.

**Social Services** - Robert Hayden, Ernest LaBaff, Jean LePage, Orville Miller, Allen Dunham.

**Transportation** - Ralph Greco, Stanley Morrill, Charles Smith, Lloyd Moore, Robert McNeil.

**Data Processing** - Robert McNeil, Donald Burns.

## John Krol Tapped For Administrator

CANTON — Ogdensburg's city planner and assistant city manager John Krol was tapped by the St. Lawrence County Legislature's Democratic caucus to serve as the county's top administrator, on Monday during a closed door session in Potsdam.

According to Massena legislator and new legislative chairman Nicholas Viskovich, it was then decided that Krol would be hired for a two year term, at \$32,000 a year as the legislature's administrative assistant.

Last month, the board had tentatively picked former Ogdensburg Mayor Joseph Denny for the position,

but on Saturday he contacted legislators, telling them he was turning the job down to take a more secure position with a real estate firm in North Carolina.

"He had the qualifications," Viskovich said. "He's done negotiations. He's worked with department heads. He has administrative experience. He has a pretty broad background."

After hearing the news, Viskovich called the Democrats together at the office of newly designated county attorney Stephen Easter to choose Denny's successor.

## Legislators Split On Dems' Proposals

BY JIM REAGAN

CANTON — Despite the urging of new St. Lawrence County Legislature Chairman Nicholas Viskovich for Republicans and Democrats to work together, the county's new board split down party lines repeatedly today (Tuesday) as GOP legislators fought the appointment of new administrator John Krol and other Democratic proposals.

Viskovich, who as expected, was elected chairman today over former chairman Augustus Marscher, a Republican, on a 13 to nine vote, along party lines.

The first organizational meeting, held this morning after members of both party were sworn in featured a speech from Viskovich urging members of both parties to work together, assuring them that both new administrative assistant Krol and new county attorney Stephen Easter would be working for both parties in the county's interest.

"You will all receive the same treatment from me," Viskovich said, but warned that "I plan to remain low key, but I can lose my cool if have to."

A proposal to allow newly elected District Attorney Charles Gardner to reorganize his office by creating a chief part-time D.A. and two assistant D.A.s to replace the previous full time assistant, and two part-time assistants drew stiff opposition from the GOP minority.

Newly sworn in legislator Robert McNeil (R-Lisbon) urged the legislators to hold up on Gardner's request for a change in his budget until after the legislators had a chance to examine it, and it had gone before the board's legislative and judicial committees.

### Village Board Meets

The Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees will meet tonight (Tuesday) at 7:30 p.m. The board's regular meeting, postponed from Monday, was rescheduled for tonight because of the New Year's holiday.

No agenda was available at presstime, but the village administrator's office indicated that the agenda would probably contain few items.

A public hearing on the possible sale of Urban Renewal parcel 13 to Lawrence E. Smith will be heard by the board at 7:15 p.m. in the Civic Center board room, just prior to the meeting.

McNeil said that as a new legislator, he and other new members should have a chance to hear why Gardner is making changes, and how the new assistants will work.

But Ogdensburg legislator Allen Rische urged the board to accept the changes, saying the new D.A. should be allowed to reorganize his office.

McNeil said he did not want to "see our new D.A. off to a bad start," but he said he questioned rushing a change through the board.

"I don't want to hinder him," said Marscher. "But I understand he wants another position" that will be presented later. I know you may have talked to members of your (Democratic) caucus, but we have new legislators" who need to be informed on the proposals.

Livingston said he did not want to "hobble" the new D.A. but he questioned why the board could not wait until its next meeting Jan. 16 to allow the D.A. to appear before the committee.

"I find it very amusing," responded Democrat Ralph Greco of Star Lake "to watch the in-group out-group mentality."

"It doesn't change the jobs," Greco said.

Democrat Ernest LaBaff of Norwood urged the board to adopt Gardner's changes, saying the new D.A. received

a mandate from the people change how the office operates.

"It's ridiculous," LaBaff said, calling the objections a "tactic" by Republicans because of the change in the "high command."

The board voted to approve the changes with Republican Robert Hayden of Gouverneur and Republican Lloyd Moore of Clare deserting the GOP to make the vote 14 to eight on a party split.

**Legal Services Contract**

A patronage proposal by the Democratic legislators to give an \$11,000 legal services contract for the Social Services Department to the Democratic law firm of Lekki and Crowe of Canton by taking it away from the Republican firm of Ingram, Ingram and Capello of Potsdam drew sharp opposition by the GOP.

McNeil led the GOP opposition to the change, saying he "suspected" that change was authored in a Democratic caucus.

"This should come from a committee and not the majority caucus," McNeil said.

But Viskovich said the Canton firm had offered to perform the service at the same rate as the Ingram firm.

"There is a backlog of 160 cases," Viskovich said. "We thought we should take some immediate action. We should try to move some of these cases out."

## Man Hospitalized After Fall

MADRID — A young Madrid man was listed in fair condition this morning (Tuesday) at A. Barton Hepburn Hospital in Ogdensburg, where he was taken after he fell into a silo Saturday afternoon.

St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies said Mark Chambers, 22, had climbed the outside of the silo on the John Moulton farm, Madrid-Bucks Bridge Road on Saturday afternoon, to do some work on the top.

He fell into the inside of the silo, deputies said, and volunteers from the Madrid Rescue Squad and the Potsdam Fire Department worked for about two-and-a-half hours to get Chambers out.

Observers at the scene said Chambers fell some 60 ft. into the 65 ft. silo, landing on an unloader. His calls

for help were reportedly heard by the Moultons who summoned aid.

Madrid Rescue Squad responded, as well as Potsdam volunteer firemen with Potsdam's 85 ft. aerial ladder truck. Madrid fire volunteers had a truck and men at the scene, observers said.

Rescuers were lowered into the silo from the bucket of the ladder truck, observers said, with air tanks and lights, and a stretcher sled was lowered into the silo to carry Chambers out.

**Praises Rescuers**

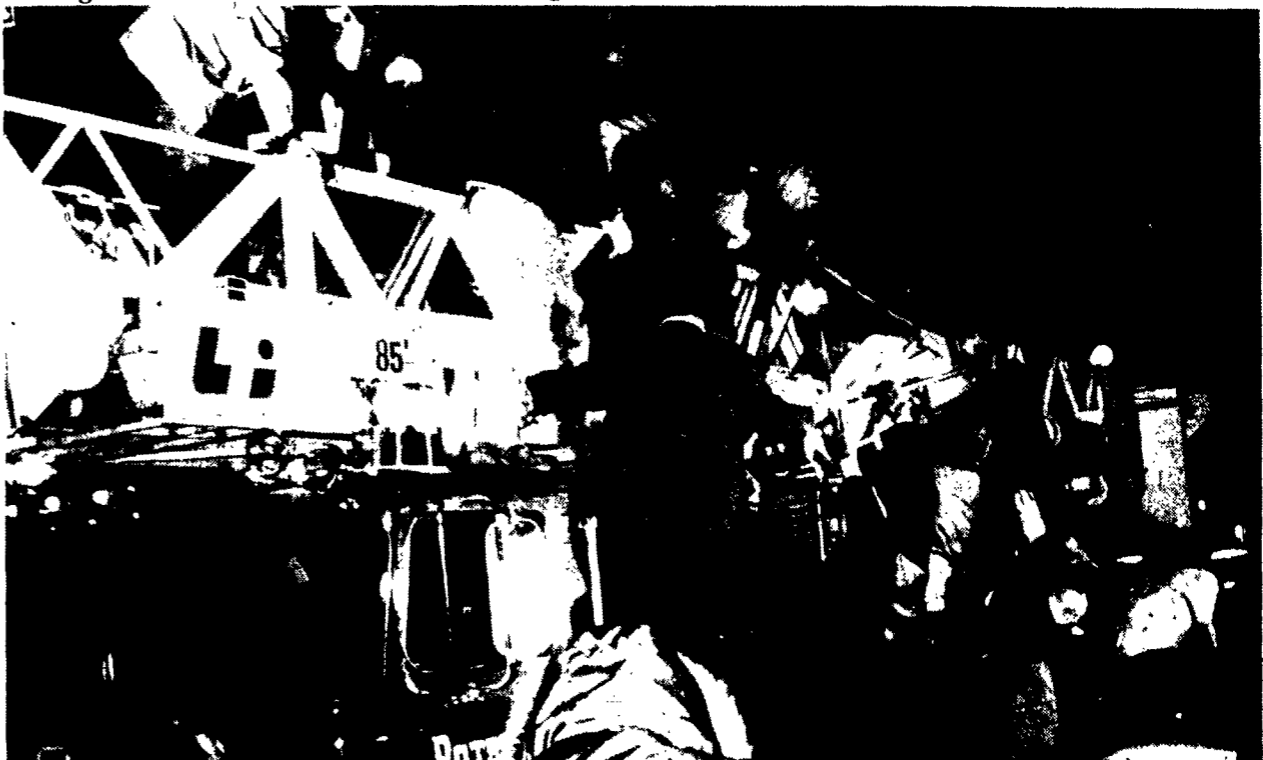
Sheriff Keith Knowlton praised the two groups for doing "an excellent job getting him from the silo."

Chambers was taken by Madrid Rescue Squad to the hospital with a broken leg, broken arm and possible internal injuries.



**FIRST BABY** — Young Lindsay Anne Trudeau seems unimpressed by the fact that she was the first baby born in 1984 in Canton-Potsdam Hospital. Lindsay Anne, daughter of Cathy Trudeau of Tupper Lake, was born at

5:34 p.m., Jan. 1, 1984, and weighed in at 7 lbs., 12 1/2 oz. She was 19 inches long at birth. Shown with Lindsay and her mother are, from left, obstetrician Dr. John Baker and pediatrician Dr. Robert Bokot. (Betsy Baker photo)



**MAN RESCUED** — Mark Chambers, 22, Madrid, was rescued Saturday afternoon after he fell into a silo on the John Moulton farm, Madrid-Bucks Bridge Road. Madrid Rescue Squad and the aerial ladder fire truck from

Potsdam's volunteer fire department answered the call. Volunteers worked for more than two and one half hours to get Chambers out of the silo. (Mary Ann Miller photo)