



YUGOSLAVIAN LESSON — Dr. Egon Matijevic, of Clarkson College's Chemistry Department, left, points to a map of Yugoslavia as Dr. Joseph Kratochvil, also of Clarkson's Chemistry Department, and Maja Vuckovic, American Field Service exchange student at Potsdam

High School, look on. The three, all Yugoslavians, spoke to the Norwood Brass Firemen Sunday afternoon and fielded questions on their native country and what the band might expect to find in Sarajevo. (Betsy Baker photo)

'They'll Like You,' Matijevic Tells Band

BY BETSY BAKER
 "Just be yourself and they'll like you," Dr. Egon Matijevic told the Norwood Brass Firemen on Sunday. Dr. Matijevic and Dr. Joseph Kratochvil, both of Clarkson College's Chemistry Department, and Maja Vuckovic, an American Field Service foreign exchange student at Potsdam High School this year, spoke and answered questions on their native country — Yugoslavia — Sunday afternoon.

The Brass Firemen expect to travel to Sarajevo, Yugoslavia on Feb. 5, to perform at the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympics, there. Noting that Yugoslavia "is not a country that is in the limelight all the time," Dr. Matijevic said that the country differs from other Communist countries in the degree of freedom Yugoslavians have to travel and in the country's exposure to Western culture.

"The Communist economy does not work," Dr. Matijevic said, so Yugoslavia must export its work force to western European countries such as Germany. The country has a large work area — some several million people — in and out of the country on passports. People travel freely in and out of the country, he said; they are exposed to Western culture and ideas.

Since the end of World War II, Yugoslavia has been a Communist country, Dr. Matijevic said, but he added: "Don't ever expect everyone you meet there to be a Communist. Don't ever judge the people by their government."

Yugoslavian currency is deflated at present, according to Dr. Matijevic, and the exchange rate of the American dollar is "very good."

Band members have been advised to bring \$200 in American money with them, and Dr. Matijevic said that would be enough for gifts, souvenirs, and other items.

He urged band members to exchange their money at a bank or other authorized location.

"Don't do anything on the black market," he said, also urging band members not to "barter or take American items to Yugoslavia for sale."

"You are representing this country now, what you do there (Sarajevo) that's how they'll judge you," he said.

Fund Raising Efforts
 Meanwhile, efforts to raise the \$18,000 the band needs for travel expenses are continuing. As of Sunday, the band had more than \$10,700 in contributions, with other pledged donations still to be received. Some of the planned fundraisers include:

SQUARE DANCE — On Saturday, the 21st, the Norwood Squares will hold a benefit square dance from 8-10:30 p.m. in the Norwood Municipal Building. Callers Louis Sequin and Uncle Otis will welcome all dancers from beginners to professionals. Cost is \$4 per couple.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — On Sunday, the 22nd, Racket River Lodge F & AM 213 will hold a pancake breakfast, with proceeds to go to the Brass Firemen.

Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 4 Elm St. Tickets, which are available

from any Mason member or at the door, are \$2.75 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12. The public is cordially invited to attend.

BOTTLE COLLECTIONS — The fifth and sixth grades at Potsdam Central School have challenged each other to see who will make \$100 first by collecting bottles to return for deposit.

VALENTINE DANCE — Morristown's volunteer fire department and the Morristown Foundation will hold a Valentine's Day record hop on Feb. 11.

SNO-SKIPPERS — Sno-Skippers snowmobile club will hold an all-day fundraiser Feb. 25, with a full day of events at the Fish and Game Club in Colton. There will be a poker run, the Brass Firemen will play from 3-4 p.m. and two other bands will perform. There will be foods and legal beverages.

Gift Of Land Boosts Hospital Endowment

A gift of property appraised at approximately \$15,000 has been made to Canton-Potsdam Hospital by Jon Shattuck, a former administrator of the hospital.

Shattuck, who served as administrator from January 1973 to September 1975, is now vice president of the Illinois Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan in Chicago.

The property given is land in the Tupper Lake area. The hospital will

put the land up for sale and the proceeds will be added to the hospital's endowment.

In making the gift, Shattuck called his time in Potsdam "a very important time in my life." He expressed special appreciation to the board of directors he served under and chairman Loren Edwards, and said the gift is in tribute to them.

Hospital President C. Edward Stevens called the gift "a remarkable

vote of confidence in our community leadership. For someone who has moved on to look back and express support in such a tangible way gives all of us a little extra-boost."

Persons wishing to learn more about possible advantages of real estate donations may contact the hospital community relations office.

Townhouse Apartments Readied

Quality rental housing, often considered at a premium in Potsdam, will be getting a boost soon with the completion of four townhouse-style apartments on Depot Street and with the beginning of remodeling the upper two stories of 11-13 Market St. into four more townhouse apartments.

The Depot Street building, located between Scanlon's Auto Parts and Morgan's restaurant, is being renovated into four townhouse apartments at a cost of at least \$100,000, according to building owner Larry Scanlon.

Some of the funding, according to Community Development Director Robert Juravich, has come from federal Housing and Urban Development low-interest loans provided through the local CD office.

Four other townhouse apartments, Juravich said, are planned for the top two floors of the former Calipari building at 11-13 Market St. that is now owned by Jeff Carbino of Massena.

Carbino, Juravich said, has submitted plans that call for the construction of townhouse apartments in the upper portion of the building that was razed in a 1980 fire.

The Scanlon building, Juravich said, was owned early in the 20th century by the company that later became Niagara Mohawk.

After the power company moved, he

said, it was sold to the Oval Dish Company of Tupper Lake, a firm which set up a manufacturing plant for wooden utensils and dishes.

The building was later occupied by BOCES before that educational institution moved to Seaway Area Tech on the Potsdam-Norwood Road.

The top two floors of the building, Scanlon said, were left "basically open" when BOCES moved. Both floors were gutted when renovations for the apartments began, he said.

Scanlon said he hopes that the construction is completed by late January or early February. The building will feature two two-bedroom apartments and two one-bedroom dwellings, he said.

The apartments should rent for about \$270 for the single-bedrooms and around \$300 for the doubles, Scanlon said. Each of the singles offers a spiral staircase between the two floors.

Also featured is a small laundry room on the first floor of the building. A definite plus for the future residents, Scanlon said, will be the availability of off-street parking in the lot used by his auto parts store.

Several village officials have recently expressed concern over the availability of parking in the downtown area both for residents and for those who shop and work there.

Elks Note Success

Potsdam Elks Lodge wishes to thank everyone who donated deer hides to their veterans program recently. Twenty-eight hides have been shipped to Gloversville for tanning. They will be distributed to veterans hospitals in New York State for use in therapy programs.

This year's total is two and one half times higher than last year's total. We are deeply grateful for all those who participated. With such success, we will definitely continue the program next year," Elks officials said.

TV Shopping Successful
 The production of "Shopping North Country Style" sponsored by Potadum Elks Lodge 2074 during the Christmas Holidays was a big success, Elks officials said. A total of \$2,573 was raised for Charity by the Potadum Elks.

"Potsdam Elks Lodge wishes to thank all of the merchants who participated in this production, and hope that these merchants along with many more will make plans to participate in next year's show," officials said.

Any merchant who didn't participate this year and wishes to next year may contact Tom Fayette at 265-5988.

ASCS Committee Delegates Chosen

CANTON — Results of the Dec. 5 election of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) community committee persons for 1984 were announced recently by Anne Prouty, county executive director.

Mrs. Prouty also announced the county ASCS convention held Dec. 15 in Canton elected by ballot Conrad Cook of Parishville to fill the vacancy on the county ASCS committee.

Convention delegates also elected Bill Maloy of Rossie as county committee chairperson, Paul Evans of Slab City as vice chairperson, Cook as regular member, Ron Burns as first alternate, and James Downs as second alternate.

ASCS county and community committees are in charge of local administration of such national farm programs as the forestry incentive program, agricultural conservation program, payment-in-kind program, dairy refund program, milk diversion program, facility and commodity loan programs, and the acreage division program.

A list of local residents elected to the ASCS community committee follows.

Selected from the Pierrepoint, Colton, Russell, Clare, Clifton, and Piercefield area were Courtland Ostrander, Lawrence Lapoint, and Richard Briggs.

From Potsdam, Alan Reasoner, Walter Cook, and Jack Ward were elected.

Peter Reiter, Lawrence Wagstaff, and David McKnight were chosen from the Parishville, Hopkinton, and Stockholm area.

Timothy Shoen, William B. Carkner, and John Hobkirk were elected to represent the Madrid, Waddington, Norfolk, and Louisville region.

The Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service is a division of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Cancer Teaching Day Set

OGDENSBURG — The St. Lawrence County Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a teaching day at 1 p.m., Jan. 26 in Hepburn Auditorium here, under the auspices of its professional education committee.

Formal Retreat Ceremonies Planned

"The American flag stands as a sentinel in the struggle for world peace. Today — for countless millions, Americans and non-Americans alike, it represents the triumph and strength of an idea, a democratic idea in which man's natural idealism and yearning for liberty have found their most fruitful and permanent expression," Air Force Reserve Officers at Clarkson College said last week.

The United States Air Force Reserve Officer, Training Corps at Clarkson College announces it will be conducting formal retreat ceremonies during Spring 1984 semester. These ceremonies are an important component of the drill and ceremonies program of Air Force ROTC and teach proper respect for the flag.

The retreat ceremonies will take place in front of Snell Hall, across from the Potsdam Public Library, at 5 p.m. on Fridays. "Due to the nature of these proceedings, it is important that if you are in the area, the appropriate response to the ceremony is:

Pedestrians - upon hearing the national anthem, stop, face the flag, and place your hand over your heart until the music ends;
Motorists - upon hearing the national anthem, pull over and wait quietly until the music ends," ROTC Officers said.

Below is a schedule for retreat with alternate dates listed in case of inclement weather:
DATE
 Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 24, March 9, March 23 and April 13.
ALTERNATE DATE
 Jan. 27, Feb. 10, March 2, March 6, March 30 and April 20.

Comments Sought On Curfew Changes

A proposed change in the Village of Potsdam's curfew law will be the subject of a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. on Jan. 23 in the Civic Center board room.

At the village board meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. immediately following the public hearing, the trustees are expected to consider a resolution that would change the curfew from 11:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The proposed change was the result of requests from local residents — primarily those who are members of the Potsdam Chemical People Task Force — who raised concerns over the availability of drugs and alcohol to the village's youth.

The 10 p.m. curfew, proponents have argued, would help to cut down drug and alcohol abuse among teens by forcing them to be home at an earlier hour.

The curfew would affect only youths 16 years of age and younger. If the proposed change is approved by the village board, the curfew hours would be from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. every day.

The curfew does not affect teens who are going to or from work, or to or from a recognized form of entertainment, such as a school athletic event or dance.

Uphold Sign Ordinance: Planners

The Village of Potsdam Planning Board has recommended that the overhanging sign ordinance be enforced as it was originally written.

At least two members of the village board of trustees have expressed interest in seeing the ordinance modified to include a "grandfather clause."

At its regular meeting last Tuesday, the planning board decided to send a letter to the village board, suggesting that the trustees enforce the five-year-old law.

Planning board chairman Al Rothermel said last week that it would be "counterproductive to less than uphold the ordinance."

"If they (the village trustees) are not going to enforce it," he said, "that's the end of the program" of improving the appearance of downtown Potsdam by removing overhanging signs.

To repeal or modify the ordinance, Rothermel said, would be "less than fair and equitable to those merchants and businesses who have removed their overhanging signs and adhered to the ordinance."

Sign Discussion
 Mayor Joseph Calipari and Trustee Charles Turcotte, at the village board's Jan. 3 meeting, both suggested that the ordinance be modified to allow those businesses currently with overhanging signs to retain them until the establishments are sold.

Although the board of trustees took no official action, the matter was discussed briefly after the trustees were notified by the planning board that the one-year moratorium on the sign ordinance had expired.

The next meeting of the village board is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 23 at the Potsdam Civic Center.

Several downtown businesses, according to building inspector Herbert Crump, have already removed their signs. Others, he said, have recently repaired overhanging signs that are in

violation of the ordinance. Through the misunderstanding of recent media reports, Crump said, some businessmen have mistakenly thought that the ordinance had been repealed.

The planning board, in its recommendation to the trustees, urged that the ordinance be upheld and enforced. The law was originally drafted, board members said, to improve the appearance and safety of the downtown area.

Village To Decide Employee's Fate

The fate of a village employee hangs in the balance pending next week's Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees meeting, according to Mayor Joseph Calipari.

The employee, who works for the Village Department of Public Works, was accused of possessing a chainsaw belonging to the village, according to Calipari. The employee was the subject of an administrative hearing in December.

The hearing officer, Calipari said, recommended that the village re-hire the employee with a reprimand for his alleged misconduct.

The village board, he said, has yet to render a final decision in the case.

The matter, Calipari said, was discussed in executive session by four out of five trustees at a special meeting last week, but it was decided that no decision on the matter should be reached until there is a full board present.

Calipari said the matter is expected to be discussed at the Jan. 23 meeting of the board.

The board, Calipari said, will decide whether to accept or reject the hearing officer's recommendation.



FROSTY MORNING — Chilly temperatures have caused considerable frost build-up on Potsdam trees, particularly in the early morning hours. Above, a tree in front of the Deli Cafe on Market Street sports its all-white covering. (Ron Robertson photo)



NEW COMPUTER — Potsdam village administrator's secretary Margaret Robinson begins to use the new word processor recently purchased by the village for some \$3,000 from Ruedell Business Machines. Mrs. Robinson is scheduled to travel to Ruedell's Black River office to be trained to operate the computerized device. (Ron Robertson photo)



TOWNHOUSE DECOR — A spiral staircase adorns each of two out of four townhouse-style apartments currently under construction at the Depot Street building owned by Larry Scanlon and located directly behind Morgan's restaurant. The building will feature two one-bedroom apartments and two two-bedroom dwellings. (Ron Robertson photo)