

Mayor Lockwood: 1984 Holds Promise

BY RICHARD LOCKWOOD
MAYOR OF OGDENSBURG
 Once again, another year has passed and we in Ogdensburg are fortunate enough to be able to say it was a good one for us, and we can look forward to 1984 with the same hope and optimism with which we entered 1983. 1983 was our first full year as home to a correctional facility, and as we all expected, the only effects it had were positive. Many area people are employed there in good, substantial jobs, and we expect many more by the end of 1984, as local people who are elsewhere in the state correctional system transfer back home. The expansion now taking place at the prison is producing construction jobs and before year's end, more correctional positions will be available. I think our attitude of welcome and acceptance to the state Department of Corrections is now paying dividends. In conjunction with the prison expansion, some much-needed rehabilitative and renovational work is being done at our psychiatric center. That, along with the construction of a completely new adolescent facility on the center's grounds, makes it obvious that the state of New York anticipates a long future commitment in Ogdensburg. It also frees up another building with which we can negotiate some future alternate use with the state. 1983 saw success once again in the long battle to keep our paper mill up and running. Disappointment at Sococo's decision to close has once again been turned around, as the local task force, with the aid of the county

IDA and its director Edmund Russell, was successful in attracting and assisting a new operator. Although some obstacles still exist, it looks good for our much-beleaguered mill and hopeful, it will be in production before the end of 1984. If I didn't mention the opening of the CharlesTown Ogdensburg Factory Outlet Center in my discussion of positive happenings in 1983, I might be missing what may become a major factor in the growth of Ogdensburg in the coming years. A vital, thriving downtown can become a keystone to future development, not only in that area, but throughout the city. The expansion of the Hackett Hardware store and their obvious success in that new venture was also a bright spot in 1983. The faith of the Hackett family in Ogdensburg's future is much appreciated. **Plans For 1984** Although 1983 was truly an exciting year for us, 1984 and beyond promises to be even more so. Plans for the expansion of our water treatment plant continue, and before long, we will be seeing the actual construction work begin. This project will put Ogdensburg in an excellent position to promote growth. Plans also continue for the development of a hydropower facility on the Oswegatchie River. We await the approval for the project from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and when that happens, we will move ahead as quickly as possible either alone or in a joint project with the Niagara Mohawk Power Com-



FULL HOUSE — A full parking lot at the CharlesTown mall, and led to high hopes for its success. Ogdensburg Factory Outlet Center marked the opening of the new

Wadhams Hall Seminary-College Notes A Good Year

Wadhams Hall Seminary-College in Ogdensburg has experienced another year of positive growth. New trustees, faculty members and courses enhance the seminary-college; several people were honored for their achievements and years of service; gifts, grants and guest speakers helped to make 1983 a year of good memories. 1984 promises to be another good year. Enrollment is expected to rise into the 70's, the Fine Arts Program will be expanded with several new courses offered, a new funding director is hired, and the seminary-college will celebrate its 60th anniversary on September 8. One of the greatest needs, according to Fr. Donald Kramberg, Director of Development, will be the building of the endowment fund to provide a firm financial base for future growth. The 1983 spring semester began with 68 students, keeping the enrollment steady. Two new courses were

added: "Introduction to Art" and "Introduction to Computers" with their attendant instructors, Sr. Catherine Livers, S.P. and Mary Kay Mahoney. The fall 1983 semester began with 65 students and three additional faculty members: Sr. Christine Morkovsky, C.D.P. (professor of philosophy and chairperson of that teaching area), Sr. Joan Whittemore, C.S.J. (Director of Music and instructor in Latin), and Dr. Rosemary Barciauskas (instructor in French). Three new trustees joined the Board in October: Most Rev. Eugene P. LaRocque (Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall), Rev. Msgr. Peter R. Riani (Pastor of St. Agnes parish in Lake Placid and former President of Wadhams Hall), and Dr. Owen Brady (Dean of Liberal Studies at Clarkson College). Mrs. Eleanor Pearson (secretary to the president and acting registrar) and Mrs. Vivian Lalonde (secretary in the library) were honored in January for 25 years of service to Wadhams

Hall, and each received an engraved watch in appreciation for the time they have so faithfully spent. On March 18, St. Joseph's Day, Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Bailey and Rev. Msgr. Floyd J. Brown were honored for their 40 years of priestly service at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana; Fr. Joseph Mornig was guest homilist. Concluding 26 years of service on the Wadhams Hall Faculty, Father Richard S. Sturtz received special recognition and tokens of gratitude at a Mass and dinner in his honor on May 4; he subsequently accepted a position as Pastor of Holy Name parish in AuSable Forks. A first: Mr. D. Tom Sharrow (an alumnus, and head chef in the Wadhams Hall kitchen) was one of eight men ordained October 1 to the diaconate for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. On December 9 Mrs. Blanche "Ma" Easter, a previous cook for 38 years at

Wadhams Hall, celebrated her 80th birthday with "her boys." Jonas Barciauskas, Head Librarian, became Doctor Barciauskas on December 15 as he successfully defended his dissertation on Meister Eckhart. Several speakers enriched intellectual life at Wadhams Hall. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Francoeur of Magill University conducted a Weekend of Reflection February 19-20 on the topic "Jesus Leads Us to Growth." Special guests for the Weekend of Reflection were the students at Aquinas House of Studies in Syracuse, along with Fr. Fred Daley, Syracuse Vocational Director. On April 14 Fr. Edward Synan of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies in Toronto delivered the annual Wadhams Hall Aquinas Lecture: "Aquinas on Finite Evils and the Infinite Good." The second Peter R. Riani Theological Lecture was presented October 9 by Dr. Ewert Cousins of Fordham University who spoke on "The Future of Theology."

Other special events include the following: April 25-26 eight students and three faculty members undertook a social justice field trip to Washington where they met with various members of Congress. Twenty students graduated in exercises May 14; Dr. William Kraft of Carlow College in Pennsylvania gave the commencement address. The Pastoral Institute in August drew over 90 people to hear Fr. Edward Braxton of Chicago speak on "The Wisdom Community: Pastoral Ministry and the Shape of the Church to come." Also in August the Wadhams Hall Faculty enjoyed a development workshop using the Meyers-Briggs Personality Inventory, and found its results and insights fascinating for understanding and appreciating different approaches to life. The seminary-college hosted the Ogdensburg Diocesan Religious Education Congress September 17 with over 700 people in attendance at the various workshops. On December

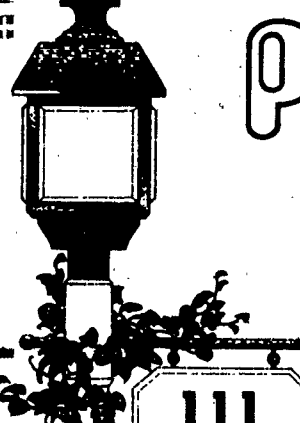
11 some 300 people attended a Christmas "Concert of Carols" presented in the Seminary Chapel by students of the Wadhams Hall Schola and an Ogdensburg area Chorale under the direction of Sr. Joan Whittemore. Marvelous news was the award of \$45,500 from the National Endowment for the Humanities in order to establish a Fine Arts Program. Richard Brusso, the newly hired director of funding, will be researching and obtaining sources of additional income to support the programs of Wadhams Hall through grant proposals to corporations and other special appeals. This, together with the continued support of Alumni, Knights of Columbus, the Ogdensburg Bishop's Fund, Catholic Daughters, Daughters of Isabella, affiliated dioceses, Trustees, and personal friends and benefactors speaks well of a firm commitment to sound education for priestly candidates.

Flack Tours Bases Its New Venture On Co. Experience

BY TERRY FISCHER
 Flack Tours originated as a result of the well known community based company, Lyle H. Flack Bus Lines which has served the North Country school bus needs for many years. Although it is a relatively new venture, Flack Tours has made tremendous progress during its first three years. Four buses leaving in a two week period for Nashville, Tenn. last fall is just one of the company's past highlights. These trips were enjoyed not only by local residents but also by some as far as Malone and Pulaaki. Perhaps the most noteworthy accomplishment was its serving the North Country during the recent Greyhound strike. This not only enabled college students to be home for


both Thanksgiving and Christmas, but also provided the means for their return to campus. A special program for senior citizens has also been initiated at Flack Tours which has been instrumental in "getting shut-ins out." One individual taking advantage of this program noted that they had never had the opportunity to cross the 1,000 Island Bridge before being taken over it in a Flack tour bus. This company was selected by area dairy farmers for their recent trip to Washington, D.C. The St. Lawrence County legislators used Flack Tours for the trip to the New England states to view waste disposal operators. At this time, seven local high schools have already scheduled senior class trips which include travel to such places as Williamsburg,

Washington, D.C., Florida, and three major Canadian cities. A new staff member was added during the past year, Millie Thompson, who assists with reservations, charters, and tours. A computer has also been purchased and there is hope of an additional coach being added during the current year. The computer will enable the company to send regular mailings of future tours to its growing list of customers. Flack Tours is very proud of the product they handle and they are increasingly becoming well known for meticulously clean coaches. Due to extended time and effort in keeping the coaches in top notch mechanical condition, the breakdown time at Flack Tours is nearly nonexistent.



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