

Place, Butterfield Named Norfolk Bank Officers

NORFOLK — Directors of the First National Bank of Norfolk have announced the appointment of two key officers.

Thomas E. Place was appointed last week as president and chief executive officer of the Norfolk bank and Gary Butterfield was named senior vice president.

Both men are former St. Lawrence National Bank officers. Place had resigned from that bank several years ago. Butterfield resigned from his position as regional vice president of the SLN, Potsdam area last week.

The announcement was made in material released to the press late Monday.

Place had served 27 years with St. Lawrence National Bank, where he served as a member of the board of directors and executive vice president since 1972. More recently he has served as executive vice president at the North Fork Bank and Trust Co. in Mat-

tuck, N.Y. on Long Island. Place and his wife, Joan, have three children, Rick, who resides in Houston, Texas with his wife, Alleen; Cindy, a student at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse; and Randy, who is a Potsdam College student.

Mr. and Mrs. Place will reside in the Norfolk area.

Butterfield had been with the St. Lawrence National Bank for 18 years, where he served since September as a regional vice president.

His responsibilities at the time of his resignation included supervision of the Potsdam, Norwood, and Madrid offices of St. Lawrence National.

Butterfield and his wife, Susan C. Siedlecki, reside at R.D. 2, Potsdam. They have two children, Gary James, a student at Clarkson University, and Timothy, a Potsdam College student.



THOMAS E. PLACE



GARY BUTTERFIELD

McCormick Replaces Thomas On Pierrepont Town Board

BY BETTY B. NEWTON
PIERREPONT — Orin B. Thomas, the new St. Lawrence County clerk, resigned his position as councilman on the Pierrepont Town Board to assume his new duties.

The board appointed Hannawa Falls resident Dahl McCormick to complete the vacancy created by Thomas's resignation.

McCormick is a graduate of Canton High School and Canton ATC and has lived in the Town of Pierrepont for 25 years.

He served six months active duty during an eight-year enlistment in the Army Reserves. In 1959 he went to work at the Chevrolet plant in Massena, where he is still employed.

McCormick and his wife, Alta live on Grove Street in the hamlet of Hannawa Falls. They have four

sons. Supervisor William Ford said the board is pleased to see so many people were interested in the councilman position.

There were four people from district one and McCormick was the only one from district two.

The decision was not an easy one for the board to make. The general consensus of the board was to select someone from district two as

Flood Damage Totals Released

BY RON ROBERTSON
Unofficial damage estimates from flood and high water two weeks ago to personal and public property totals over \$65,000, according to a report released last week by St. Lawrence County Emergency Services Coordinator Patrick VerSchneider.

Meanwhile, a Niagara Mohawk representative said that flood waters did little to endanger the power company's projects along the Racquette River.

According to VerSchneider's report, damage to state and local roads and bridges in the county totaled some \$46,820, including \$10,000 in the Town of Potsdam, \$16,500 in the Town of Parishville, and \$5,000 in the Town of Colton.

Anthony Andre, Niagara Mohawk district manager, said the power company didn't experience much difficulty from the high waters.

Andre said NiMo's reservoirs — particularly the one above the Carry Falls dam — were kept low in anticipation of high waters in the spring.

In Parishville, according to VerSchneider's report, Supervisor Eugene Groebler reported \$6,500 of gravel, labor, and machinery and \$10,000 of culvert pipe to repair damage to the Cook, Perkins, Lenny, Coble, East Hill, and Sylvan Falls roads in that township.



READING PARTNERS — Reading specialist Mary VanLeuven, left, gets some help from Story Bear in explaining Parishville-Hopkinton Central School's Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) program in a recent assembly program for first through fourth graders. The program, in its second year, involves students and parents reading together for 15 minutes for each of four days a week. The program will run for three weeks. (Ron Robertson photo).

Lalonde Named To SLN Post

LeRoy E. Hansen, president of the St. Lawrence National Bank, has announced the promotion of Joyce E. Lalonde, assistant vice president and assistant manager of the bank's Potsdam office, to branch manager of that office, effective immediately.

Mrs. Lalonde, daughter of Glen and Agnes Hall, Richville, was graduated from Hermon-Dekalb Central School and Ogdensburg Business School. Upon graduation she was employed as a stenographer in the St. Lawrence County Probation Office.

In 1964, she joined the staff of the St. Lawrence National Bank as a clerk in the loan department of the bank's Potsdam office and later served as secretary to the manager. She was named assistant cashier in 1973, appointed assistant manager of the Potsdam office in 1978 and advanced to assistant vice president in 1981.

Mrs. Lalonde has completed several courses of the American Institute of Banking and attended the New York State Bankers Consumer Credit School at West Point in 1978. Presently she is director and treasurer of the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce, member of the Potsdam Town and Country Club, member of the Potsdam Hospital

Guild, and has participated in numerous community organizations.

She resides in Hannawa Falls with her husband, Lawrence J., and daughter Michele, age 7. They have two sons: Sgt. Lance Lalonde, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Matthew, New Hampton, N.H. Prep School.



JOYCE E. LALONDE

Hospital Layoffs Announced

In response to what hospital officials call a "tight financial situation" locally and at hospitals in general, Canton-Potsdam Hospital has announced employee layoffs and other "budget-tightening measures."

In a press release issued late Monday, hospital officials said principal reason for the action is decreased in-patient census. A total of five full-time equivalent positions where the present employee has left or is planning to leave will not be refilled, officials said.

Also, five full-time positions will be changed to less than full time,

and approximately three full-time equivalents will be laid off.

Hospital President C. Edward Stevens said: "This will not reduce quality of care in any way." However, he noted, the moves may "result in slight delays or inconvenience for patients in dealing with the business office and other areas."

Other changes announced include an energy saving program, elimination of some equipment maintenance contracts, delay of a training program for supervisors, elimination of an information service comparing the hospital to other similar hospitals, delay of some optional purchases and reduced travel budget.

Also cited were "continued and increasing constraints by federal and state governments and private insurance carriers on reimbursements rates."

Hospital officials said all changes should be implemented by the end of January, and that further reductions are not expected in the near future.

In its May 1984 annual report the hospital noted an operating gain of \$172,349 for 1983, including a ten percent increase in revenues over 1982.

Public Record

John H. White, 21, North Lawrence, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated and failure to keep right.

David K. Benson, 29, Potsdam, was charged Saturday with harassment.

John P. Mulkerin, Jr., 23, Edison, N.J., was charged Friday with speeding.

Laurie A. Frank, 23, Potsdam, was charged Thursday with a red light violation.

Paul J. Jados, 26, Massena, was charged Wednesday with no inspection, uninsured and unregistered motor vehicle and with being an unlicensed operator.

Deborah A. Tallon, 32, Rt. 4, Potsdam, was charged Wednesday with uninspected and unregistered motor vehicle.

Donna T. Peterson, 35, Norwood, was charged last Tuesday with failure to turn as required.

Jerome R. Rodgers, 45, South Cairo, was charged last Monday with two red light violations.

Steven A. Lauber, 25, Brasher Falls, was charged Jan. 5 with violation of conditional license.

McKnight To Head School Board

PARISHVILLE — David McKnight was named president of the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School Board of Education at a regular meeting of the board Monday night.

According to Superintendent Peter Lisi, McKnight, who was serving as vice president and had previously served as president, will serve until the district reorganizational meeting in July. He was named to replace Robert Wickwire who resigned last month for job-related reasons.

Pat Daby was named vice president.

Also Monday night, new board member David Welch of West Stockholm was sworn in, Lisi said.

Lisi said the board heard a report from the Library Curriculum Committee presented by Diane Petrie, who serves as elementary principal and K-12 program coordinator.

Petrie outlined 28 suggestions for improvement of the school's libraries that were formulated by the library committee.

The board reportedly voted to go to bid to purchase \$15,000 worth of books to update the school's library selections.

As part of its window replacement project, the board voted to purchase drapes and hardware for 73 window openings in the school.

Successful bidder for the drapes, Lisi said, was Frank's Decorator Corner of Ogdensburg.

In other matters the board accepted the resignation of math teacher Lance Evans.

Appointed to vacant positions were Lynne Sloane, who will teach fifth grade; Mary Lape, social studies and English; Denise Murray, math; and Glen Clark, outdoor education.

Collins Resigns Paper Mill Post

CANTON — William C. Collins confirmed on Monday he has resigned his position as manager of Potsdam Paper Mills, a division of the Little Rapids Corp., effective last Friday.

Neither Collins, when contacted at home, nor mill officials would discuss the reasons for the resignation when contacted Monday.

Collins joined the Potsdam Paper Corp. as manager in September 1981.

He remained with the mill when it was taken over by Little Rapids Corp. in July 1984.

Hair Salon Opens

Henri's Hair Handlers, a new Potsdam hair salon, held a grand opening Jan. 14 at its 17 Maple St. location.

Owner Hank Ford said the opening represents a move from the business's former Hannawa Falls shop.

"Henri's will offer everything from the old-fashioned brushcut to the latest styles," Ford said.

Stylists at the shop with experience ranging from six months to 25 years will offer complete family hair care, he said.

Ford and his wife, Diane, residents of Hannawa Falls, also own the Town and Country hair shop in Canton.



YOUNG FAN — Young Brian Kerr gets a check from the Potsdam College Bears' win over Brockport Saturday afternoon in the Macey gym. (Betty Baker photo)

Sno-Skippers Plan Benefit

SOUTH COLTON — The Sno-Skippers Club, Inc. of South Colton will sponsor a fund raiser Jan. 26 at the Racquette River Valley Fish and Game Club, Cold Brook Drive, South Colton.

There will be a poker run for sleds and ATVs, with registration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a \$1.50 donation and prizes will be given for first, second and third places.

Also featured will be games, drawings, food and legal beverages in the club house; live country music from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. for a \$1.50 donation. A door prize will be drawn.

All proceeds will go to the Mary Ellen Glasgow Fund.

If anyone wishes to donate money or items for the drawings, they may contact Dorothy Ames, 386-4886 or Freda Whitman, 262-2927 for pickups.



NEW HAIR SALON — Ceremonies were held recently to honor the opening of Henri's Hair Handlers at 17 Maple St., Potsdam. The shop, which opened Jan. 14, is owned by Hank Ford. From left are Assemblyman

John G.A. O'Neil, Potsdam Mayor Paul Claffey, Ford, Lisa Smith, Diane Ford, Holly Boyer, and Cindy Fisher. (Ron Robertson photo)

Mayor's Role Eyed Locally

In discussions last week on possible changes in the municipal power structure, Potsdam village officials discussed briefly the role of the mayor and administrator in the governmental hierarchy.

Trustees toyed briefly with the idea of creating a strong mayor's position to which all department heads would report. Currently, the village administrator handles the day-to-day operation.

According to Donald Walsh, general counsel for the New York State Conference of Mayors and Other Municipal Officials, "most villages don't have what we call a strong mayor."

When comparing "weak mayor" and "strong mayor" governments, Walsh said, one usually refers to city governments, not village municipalities.

Strong mayors, he said, usually have veto power over the legislative council.

"I don't know of any village that has that," he said.

In most villages, Walsh said, the mayor is a trustee who presides over board meetings, signs contracts, and is the official village representative.

The role of a manager or administrator, Walsh said, varies from village to village.

In the older-style village governments, he said, the manager would make all administrative decisions including appointments and hirings and firings.

The power of village administrators, he said, is a matter of local choice.

Most villages, he said, retain the hiring, firing, and appointment powers in the mayor or board of trustees.