

Patchwork: West Potsdam Area News

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Winter is here. The house cracks and groans with cold. I recorded a minus 29 degrees Wednesday morning at 6:55 a.m. as the coldest this season. Others had similar temperatures but the media never mentions temperatures that low.

Most folks are staying home to keep the fires going or as Mildred Pierce said when I called, "Not much going on, just keeping warm" seems to sum it up well. And frankly I rather like it that way. It's like a vacation. No grass to mow, no garden to do, catch a good cold and you don't have to go anyplace.

I realize many don't think this way, but I do and I enjoy reading a whole book and digging out last April's copies of Smithsonian and National Geographic and Playboy, taking the mail jackets off and do nothing but read. I just discovered Playboy had an entire section on the summer Olympics and a guide for every event. Too late, but I'll

know what body moves to watch for the next time I watch a pole vaulter.

And I also have tons of new seed catalogs. They started arriving just after Christmas, the earliest I ever recall. For me that is too early. I just piled them and shall wait another month. Around the end of February and early March is about the right time to think spring, not after Christmas.

This is also the time of year I slow down and reflect on many a subject. The world wide weather changes and starving I can't do much about. I did send for a copy of the Grace report. I did question Potsdam's downtown parking problem long before the plans for a new motel. I actually asked business persons their thoughts. I heard that now the mayor is concerned. I did and still protest the seat belt law. And I still wonder how to get rid of the fleas my dogs don't enjoy. So far those are more things I can't do something about.

But, the days are getting longer

and next week I shall do as Margaret Pierce has already done. She got her three year old list of things to get done out and started work on it. She and Lee have been painting the living room and everything else that needed it. Also by the way, Lee has completed the cabinet he made for the record player the firemen bought the auxiliary for the hall. And speaking of Margaret...

Ruth Weaver and I have both noticed that we don't have the number of birds in our feeder that we did last year and wondered where they are. Margaret and Lee have them. They must have. They are filling feeders twice and more every day. Juncos, purple finches, grosbeaks you name it and they are all at the Pierces feeders.

Jennifer Sanford did something she shall never do again. She celebrated her 16th birthday on Jan. 16. I spoke with her mother, Rosemary, and it appears the

cleanup following the chimney fire is going along well. All is not "back to normal" but it's getting there.

Heard some good news. Bert Norton has returned from the hospital in Chambersburg, Pa. Bert had had serious trouble with her back over the past year. She and her husband "Chick" have two grown daughters, both married and with families and both living in the Chambersburg area. Lucky for Bert one married a doctor. So when Bert's back became intolerable to live with where else to go but go "see the kids?" The day after Christmas Bert was operated on.

Seems the tests she underwent showed one disc destroyed and crumbling and severed nerves. Three weeks later she is home and on mending list. She sounds better then ever and just can't wait to get back to her real life. She mentioned she'd heard from Margaret LaBarge who used to live next door to the Nortons and now lives in town. She said Margaret was going to Ireland. You bet, got right back on the phone and called Margaret.

Yes, Margaret and Jean Cronell are going to Ireland and London for a nine day tour in April. And she is most excited. I really can't blame her. They will fly from Ogdensburg to Boston and then for the big jump. Margaret has never flown before and is really excited about it. She has been reading up on the countries and making lists. Do hotel, if you want to stay in one and go and see the sights. Margaret will find all the goodies out and when she returns we'll all know.

West Potsdam Fire Department athletic teams had a good week. The broomball team has a hero. Goalie David Weaver had himself a shutout Sunday evening when the team played Canton with a score of 3-0. Goals were covered by David Lumley, Mike Chapin and Pat O'Neil.

Talked with Dewey Pierce about the bowling teams. He'd like to remain bowlers that West Potsdam will be holding a tournament in Waddington on Jan. 26-27. Dewey has forms for anyone interested. The phone number is 265-9092. He had the word on the Hopkinton-Fort Jackson tournament held two Sundays ago in Potsdam. Team number one with bowlers Bill Grant, Ric Miller, Dewey Pierce, Mike Trivillino and Harold Wilson took second place out of 35 teams and won \$150 for the recreation fund. The ladies team took third place with bowlers Betty Grant, Linda Perry, Peggy Merrick, Lyn Pearson, and Debbie Roy.

In last week's Norwood tournament the mens team took first place winning \$250 for the recreation fund. The ladies did not enter. The men had another team with Bill Paige, E.J. and Henry Bradley, Greg Blanchard and Randy Merrick who didn't place but had a fun time.

Had a grand chat with David Weaver who claims the newest car in the area is a light up car. It has a pickup truck and not counting headlights, fog lights, brake lights, signal lights and the fire light he has 32 other lights on his

truck. Runs them all off the same battery and two switches. He even has lights across his rollbar.

As I returned from town today (Thursday) on the Bucks Bridge Road near Flat Rock Road and that pretty little bridge, a tow truck was pulling a red car from the bushes (or someplace by the bridge) a state trooper was on the scene and all seemed in order. I saw Shirley Corbine's car there and decided there was nothing I could do and went home to call her for details. I tried her three times. Twice before dinner and once after dinner. Each time I got a Leonard Bush who lives on Pine Street. I didn't know the man but I feel like I do now.

The last time I called Shirley and reached Leonard (who by the way didn't know me or Shirley) we decided to see who Leonard would reach if he called Shirley. He tried and got nothing but a dull ring.

By the way, that road was a bad one for folks today. There were also two vehicles in the ditch near Leo Grant's.

The regular bimonthly meeting of the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association was held at the Norwood Municipal Center Thursday evening with the Norwood Fire Department as hosts. A roast beef dinner was served with the business meeting following. Attending from this area were Spencer Blanchard, David Wright, Ed Miller, Bill Grant, Harold Wilson, Mike Trivillino, Tom Logan, Charlie Bates, and Dick Grant. The driver of the bus was Spencer Blanchard.

Sunday Rock North 'n' South: Colton And South Colton News

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Kathryn Jordan and to the family of John Bruce

our aches and pains and zero temperature. Tom Hill, Francestown, N.H., won first prize in the "Old Almanac's" "Tall Tales" contest with the following

it. Zeke's oaths got to be infamous, so when folks got their danders up, they'd stop in and have him supply the high-quality abusive language they were after. One spring Zeke planted blueberry bushes in his meadow. A year later in west a creek had progressed and found but some neavers had built a dam that put a pond over the new planting. Well! He let out a whoop that turned three flocks of migrating birds back south again. The language wasn't blue; it was positively purple. The beavers came out, took the dam apart, and moved it two miles upstream. Zeke kept railing. The maple trees started pouring sap out into buckets, and when that didn't help, they pumped out performed maple sugar candies in the shapes of heroes from Vermont history. The beavers took apart the second dam, and cut and stacked two cords of firewood. It seemed like nothing would stop Zeke, but eventually he left off, though he claimed he still had plenty of new and interesting things to say. Even those bushes were mightily impressed. The next summer all Zeke had to do was hold a basket under a bush and sneer, and the blueberries would jump right in.

Beginners

MEGAN MARIE MERRY was born Jan. 4, 1985 to Philip John and Vicki Lin Rose Merry, 42 Riverside Dr., Canton.

DANA STEPHEN PASK was born Jan. 6, 1985 to Stephen Harry and Sue Marie Collins Pask, Star Route, Potsdam.

BEATRICE JOAN SANFORD was born Jan. 8, 1985 to John Clinton and Joyce Beth Wallace Sanford, 4 Poplar St., Potsdam.

SARAH JANE HAYWOOD was

born Jan. 9, 1985 to Richard James and Rebecca Jean Hubbard Jacoby, Route 4, Potsdam.

JACOB JOHN DEMO was born Jan. 10, 1985 to Jeffrey John and Katherine Lou Root Demo, W. Parishville Rd., Potsdam.

EMILY MEGAN KIP was born Jan. 10, 1985 to Timothy Wayne and Diana Child Kindred Kipp, Meadow East, Potsdam.

JACOB LEVI PEARSON was born Jan. 10, 1985 to Timothy James and Laurie Ann Oakes Pearson, 32 High St., Norfolk.

GUY JAMES TYLER was born Jan. 11, 1985 to Guy James, II and Sandra Jean O'Leary Tyler, 18 Hepburn St., Norfolk.

Debra Drive Seniors

Arlene Crump is a patient at Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, Vt., where she underwent surgery Jan. 14. Cards would be appreciated.

Evelyn Planty is a patient in Canton-Potsdam Hospital, room 104. Violet Ellis is also in the hospital.

Our deepest sympathies go to Kit Roach on the death of her son-in-law on Long Island.

Our card party is at 7 p.m. Jan. 26.

Penny bingo will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 27.

January birthdays include Bernice Houghtaling, Virginia Marks, John Aber, and Ruby Chambers.

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