

Patchwork: West Potsdam Area News

BY MARY ANN MILLER
I think everyone can agree that we have had our share of cold weather. For awhile I thought my thermometer had broken as the mercury couldn't get above zero. At night the house would crack and groan and make the wierdest sounds as the cold got colder. And the many firemen who battled the barn fire on the South Canton Road have finally thawed out some.

I spoke with David Wright, of the West Potsdam Fire Department on Thursday. The men are still drying out gloves. Guess they used every pair they had. Cleanup after the fire was long and cold. Thawing all the frozen hoses and equipment makes the station look Dennis the Menace str' x. Anyplace that can hang something is draped with frozen coats, gloves, boots and other goodies. West Potsdam checked out of service Tuesday evening at 9:55 p.m. and didn't check back in until 9:07 a.m. the next day. And then the cleanup continued. The department sent 25 men to that fire, and they were cold!

This week Matt Stone gave me a call about the broom ball game Sunday evening at the Pine Street arena. He apologized about lack of details and will do his normal good job from now on. Last Sunday the men from West Potsdam played the men from the Canton Fire Department and won 3-0.

The firemen have room for more teams for their firemen-rescue squad bowling tournament to be held Jan. 25-26 at the bowling alleys in Waddington. It's Superbowl weekend but don't worry. The bowling lanes has a huge television set. Just give Dewey Pierce a call at 265-9092. Womens teams and auxiliary are also welcome.

Called Shirley Corbine at her home and was shocked. She was home! Honest folks, anyone who knows Shirley knows she is not easy to catch at home. Anyway, she has had her usual car troubles. Shirley's first name should be calamity. This time she was on her way to get her radiator hose fixed

Name Change For Heart Association

The Northern New York Heart Association, Inc. has become the New York Cardiovascular Association and intends to become an affiliate of the American Cardiovascular Association.

The officers and directors of the Northern New York Heart Association, Inc. have considered seriously their responsibilities and obligations to their contributors, while simultaneously being ever mindful of the original intent of the local founders of this organizations. The Chapter's officers and directors now conclude that it is their inalienable right and obligation to maintain and to raise funds in support of the local health and human service programs which were originated in this chapter area and continue to meet local needs. They have, therefore, arranged for their continuation under the name New York Cardiovascular Association.

The current programs which the Chapter asserts the sole right to sustain in this community will continue under the New York Cardiovascular-Association. They are as follows:

Heart Clinics were conceived by the local founders of the organization in the 1960s, long before the Chapter's affiliation in 1968 with the American Heart Association, New York State Affiliate, Inc. These clinics provide diagnostic and referral services free to the public afflicted with congenital or

and she had a flat tire. She was out in the cold changing the tire when Henry Bradley came along and gave her a hand. Shirley mentioned Irving and Beth Baxter are still healing from wounds suffered during an auto accident before Christmas. They go again this week to Watertown for more checkups.

Had a chat with Ardie Richardson. She and Dewey took Lori and Amy to Syracuse with them when they drove Mark to the airport. Mark flew back to Boston where he is a student at Boston University. It was the girls' first trip to the airport. Guess taking the kids to the airport to see planes coming and going can't be done anymore. The new regulations won't even allow you to see your passengers board the plane. You say your farewells in the center of the lobby. I recall as a child our Sunday treat was to go the airport and watch the planes coming in and going out. I even took our children to airports when they were young to do the same thing. That's all gone now.

Anyway, Mark is back at school and Ardie and Dewey and the girls spent the night at friends, Pat and Brad Ehlert. They also "hit two of the malls" as Ardie said. At one mall they featured sidewalk sales. At another they enjoyed a children's mall. And since last weekend was the nicest we've had all winter and even tried to give us a January thaw with temperatures in the high 40s, they bought ice cream cones. Baskin Robins ice cream. And Ardie said they had to get a number and wait in line to get it. How about that for the month of January?

People who have dogs have something in common. At Christmas time I was talking to Ardie on the phone. They had just brought their huge Christmas tree in and were debating how to make it fit. Ardie wanted some of the bottom cut off and Dewey wanted to cut off some of the top. The tree lay waiting for the big decision when I called. And as I was talking with

Ardie their beagle came into the room. Ardie yelled and it was too late. The dog "marked" the tree as his. And I laughed. It wasn't my dog. Tonight when I was talking with her she had just filled the dishwasher and was getting ready to run it when I called her. And this time she had to speak to the dog as he decided to clean off some plates

before the dishwasher did. And I laughed. I didn't tell her that my big dog stole and ate three big loaves of bread in four days, or about the three boxes of Twinkies he stole and ate, and the rest of the arm long list. Don't think I will tell her, I'll just laugh at her beagle.

Has everyone visited the new

meat shop the Potsdam area has. Jockem and Debbie Pahler have been open now for the past couple of weeks. I stopped out and was surprised at what has happened to Snell's TV. They are creating another small shopping center plus have added six new apartments above the place. The meat shops is located in the new addition to Snell's.

Thursday evening the regular meeting of the St. Lawrence County Fire Chief's Association was hosted by the Waddington Fire Department. The dinner meeting (roast beef) was held at the American Legion in Waddington. I was told briefly that the meeting was a very busy business meeting. Members from West Potsdam attending were Ric Miller, Spencer Blanchard (driver of the van), Ron

Richardson, Randy Merrick, Mike Trivilino, Bill Grant and Charlie Bates.

Ric and I took a quick trip to Heinsburg, Vt., to visit son Paul and his wife Nat in their new apartment last weekend. Each time we go we learn more about Vermont. It is a very pretty state and in many cases rather quaint. We stopped for a bite to eat in Malone as we returned home and I picked up a copy of the Franklin County Free Trader. I saw an ad for the Tamarack Inn in Duane that read, "OUR FAMOUS SALT PORK DINNER." SATURDAY JANUARY 11th. And the menu was salt pork, mashed potatoes, turnips, cole slaw and Johnny cake. There is no price given. I was impressed with that meal. It's the kind I grew up on.



RECEIVES GIFT — Leslie Cook, right, Potsdam Town Supervisor, accepts a \$2,500 check from Edward Wixted, Clarkson University treasurer. The money, an annual gift from Clarkson, will be used this summer by the town's recreation department for cultural enrichment field trips for Potsdam youth.

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