

Norwood Highlights

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The Norwood Boy Scout Troop sponsored by the Norwood Kiwanis, attended the Norwood Kiwanis meeting on Monday evening as a troop. Slides of Camp Portaferry and other 1985 activities were viewed.

Ten of the Scouts attended the Klondike Derby on Saturday held at Higley State Park, and scored very well in two events, lashing and map and compass.

Work continues for those earning merit badges. At the present time Sully Felix is working with Scouts earning their "Handicapped Awareness" merit badge; Phyllis McDonald, "Stamp Collecting;" Linda Bretsch, "Reading;" and Joan Upham, "Archery."

The annual Boy Scout Banquet will be held on Feb. 5 for Norwood Boy Scout Troop 40 at the Norwood Municipal Building.

Former scoutmasters of the troop will be highlighted that evening. If any former scoutmaster has not yet been contacted, please call Ron Bretsch at 353-2735 or Patricia Gilbert at 353-2369. Troop leaders have tried to contact all former leaders but may have missed someone.

One of the Scouts will be recognized for a significant accomplishment during the evening, which will also include a covered dish dinner and Court of Honor.

The United Methodist Men will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 29 at the church.

bread for \$1.25 a loaf.

Diane Tebo of Prospect St., Norwood, was inducted by pledge into Catholic Daughters Court 715 at the Jan. 7 meeting.

The Catholic Daughters Court 715 of Norwood invites all ladies to join them in a celebration of life at a baby shower given in support of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities can use baby clothing, other infant care items or cash donations for foster care services during transition of infants or adoptive homes and helping out poor households.

Please support this worthwhile service and attend the shower from 3 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 2 in the St. Andrew's Church hall.

For more information, please call Phyllis at 353-2893 or Trish at 353-2516.

Election inspectors appointed at the village board meeting held Monday evening were Marge Bowhall, Diane Tebo, Helen Deugaw, and Louise Pierce.

Grievance Day was set for Feb. 18 from 3 until 7 p.m. at the Norwood Municipal Building.

Norwood will host motor boat races this summer during July or August on the Norwood Pond.

Chamber Compiles Scholarship List

CANTON — The Education Committee of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce is compiling a listing of all scholarships available to St. Lawrence County students. Upon completion this listing will be available to the public.

All organizations, clubs, associations and businesses who award scholarships are asked to contact the County Chamber. If a group awards scholarships on a local, county, regional or state basis, its input is desired.

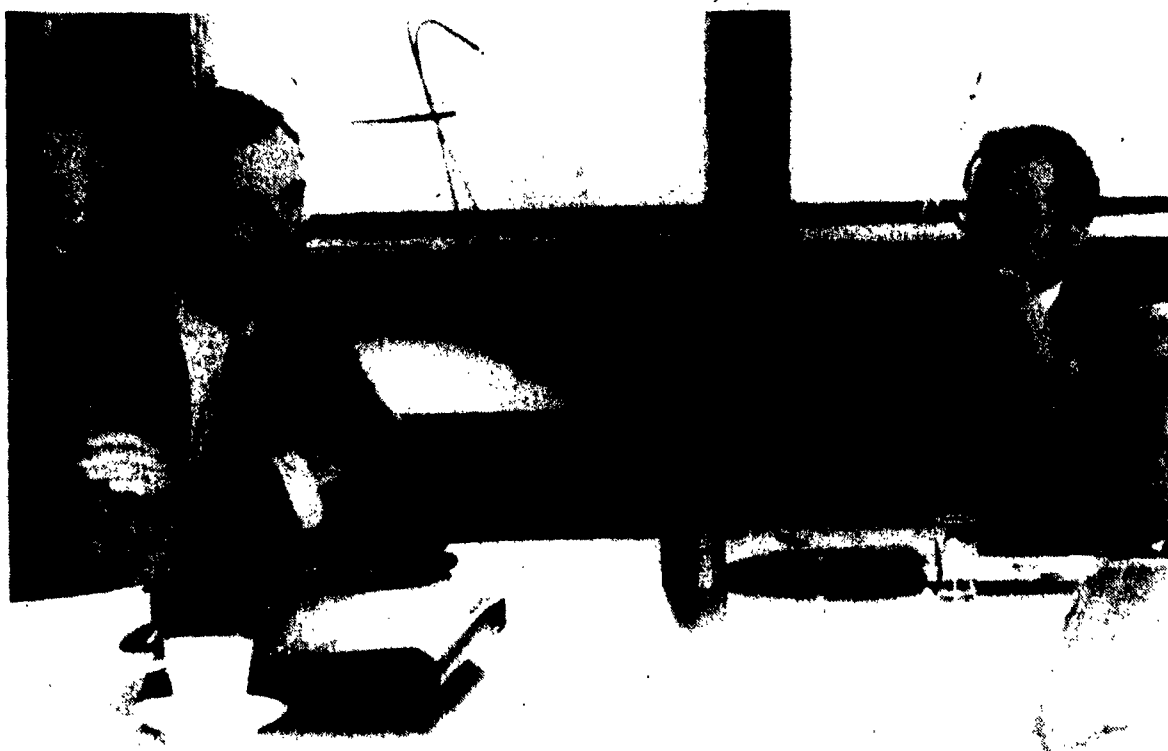
Send information to the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Inc., Drawer A, Canton, 13617 or call 386-4000.

NEWSBRIEF

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Personnel Office announces that a Civil Service examination for Superintendent of Grounds and Transportation No. 63-571 will be held on March 15.

The duties of this position include: responsible charge of the cleaning and maintenance activities of buildings and the transportation system of a school district of moderate size; does related work as required.

For further information and applications, contact the St. Lawrence County Personnel Office, County Courthouse, Canton, N.Y. 13617, (telephone — 379-2228) prior to the filing deadline of Feb. 12.



TRIANGLE PROPOSAL — R. Thomas Williamson, left, vice president for external affairs at Clarkson University, pitches a proposal to create a three-cornered partnership among proposed developments at Potsdam, Lake Placid and Plattsburgh to the North Country Regional Economic Development Council on Jan. 24. At right is council Chairman Curran Wade of Gouverneur. (Ron Robertson photo)

High-Tech 'Triangle' Proposed Here

BY RON ROBERTSON
Clarkson University's vice president for external affairs, R. Thomas Williamson, sold the North Country Regional Economic Development Council on supporting the development of regional research centers to spark high-technology industry in the North Country.

Williamson, addressing the council at Potsdam College on Jan. 24 during its first meeting of 1988, outlined his ideas for creating a research "triangle" among planned and existing developments in Potsdam, Lake Placid and Plattsburgh.

The development council agreed to support The North Country Economic Development Partnership Williamson proposed.

Williamson noted following his address that he was not asking for financial support, but to be included in the group's overall development plan for the North Country.

Potsdam's corner of the triangle, he said, would consist of NATCO, a planned computer software office park, and the Center for Advanced Materials Processing (CAMP) Clarkson hopes to build.

Other corners of the partnership would be the bio-technology oriented W. Alton Jones Cell Science Center near Lake Placid and a research park planned near Plattsburgh by the Clinton County Area Development Corporation.

"Spawn" Development
Another tier of the partnership, Williamson said, would be centers like the Center for Economic Development at Potsdam College and the Entrepreneurial Center at Clarkson, which he described as "nurturers that must be in place for economic development to succeed."

ANCA, the Adirondack North Country Association, of which Williamson is a member, has funded those centers for the second

year, Williamson said. Building CAMP and NATCO and forming the partnership, Williamson said, "is just the beginning."

These research centers, he said, could spawn smaller entrepreneurial efforts. Already, he said, six software firms have expressed interest in the NATCO project.

Other projects could become offshoots of the bio-technology center in Lake Placid and the research center planned for Plattsburgh.

The partnership idea came from Roger Tubby, one of ANCA's founders, about seven or eight years ago, Williamson said. Tubby noticed, Williamson said, the similarity between the North Country and areas in Europe where similar partnerships have been formed.

The North Country, Williamson said, offers a high quality of life for many people, but has historically suffered from problems of decentralization, transportation and communication.

Now, he said, telecommunications makes such problems obsolete. Most of the ideas centered around the proposed research centers, he said, do not involve transporting large amounts of material.

Computer-assisted communication will be the primary link among the members of the partnership, he said.

It's not likely any one community in this region could become like Rochester, a city centered around its industry, "because we don't have that kind of critical mass in the North Country," he said. "We're spread — we know only too well — all over the place." "Historically," he said, "the region has been a resource provider to the rest of the world."

The natural resources of wood and iron ore, he said, have tapered off over the years.

One major resource the region has left, he said, is technological research.

This is one resource, he said, that cannot be exported in raw form. "We have to use the resources here, we have to develop the resources here," he said.

Potsdam's Plans
NATCO — the Northern Advanced Technologies Corporation planned by a consortium of Clarkson, Potsdam College, the town and village of Potsdam and the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency — is still awaiting funding from various sources and hopes to submit an application for a \$400,000 Housing and Urban Development Small Cities grant this spring.

CAMP, Williamson said, is still in the planning stages and will concentrate on research to construct special materials for high-technology applications.

Industrial corporations like Kodak, Corning, Xerox, IBM and General Electric have expressed interest in helping fund and develop CAMP, Williamson said.

IBM, he said, is already helping fund advanced materials processing at Clarkson.

Clarkson also hopes to receive "millions of dollars" from New York State to help build the center, Williamson said. Clarkson hopes to match state funds with corporate grants.

Similar efforts are underway at Syracuse University, Cornell and Columbia University, he said.

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Keith Mitchell Waldman of Potsdam is a master of social work degree candidate this winter at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

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