



SHOVELING — Jack McGinnis, owner of the Family Shoe Store, Market Street, Potsdam, was one of many area mechanics and residents faced with the task of shoveling himself out of the several inches of snow dumped by a weekend storm. (Ron Robertson photo)

Week-Long Ice Carnival Gets Underway Locally

Excitement is in the air as Clarkson University, Potsdam College and the village of Potsdam make preparations for the annual Ice Carnival.

This year both the Potsdam community and the Potsdam Figure Skating Club will be working with the colleges on the festival which runs from Jan. 31-Febr. 8.

The theme for the 1985 Carnival will be "That's Entertainment," according to Carnival co-chairpersons Elaine George (Clarkson University) and Mark Leidig (Potsdam College). Carnival participants will portray stories on American entertainment in skits, ice sculptures, parade floats and oil and window paintings.

On Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Cavalcade will take place at Snell Theater on the Potsdam College campus.

The Ice Carnival parade, starting at Clarkson's Walker Arena and continuing through downtown Potsdam, will be at noon, Feb. 2 with parade judging at 1 p.m.

The Carnival continues Feb. 5, with a volleyball contest at 7 p.m. in Clarkson's Indoor Recreation Center. Later at 7:30 p.m., "That's Entertainment on Ice," a gala ice skating show at Clarkson's Walker Arena, in conjunction with the Potsdam Figure Skating Club, will feature award winning skaters from both schools and the community. Local performers from the Potsdam Figure Skating Precision Team will include Shaune Burrell, Katherine Tyler and Kathy Wilcox. This event revives a long-standing carnival tradition, that of having a skating club perform.

The Campus Learning Center of Potsdam College will participate in 1985 Ice Carnival activities. Children from Pre-K through sixth will design and build ice sculptures on campus. The windows at Merritt Hall, SUNY Potsdam, will also be painted to show the theme of Ice Carnival, "That's Entertainment." On Feb. 6, judging of window

paintings will take place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. On Feb. 8, the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) "Human Dog Sled" race will be run with registration at 11 a.m. on Clarkson's Hamlin-Powers lawn, followed by races at noon. Funds raised from this event will benefit the Syracuse chapter of the MDA.

During Ice Carnival, the village of Potsdam will be sponsoring a design contest open to all residents to create an emblem for future winter carnivals. The Potsdam Museum will also be displaying photographs and memorabilia of its past Ice Carnivals, while the Potsdam Library will be displaying winter recreation literature. The Village employees and residents intend to erect an ice statue at Culey Park by the Presbyterian Church.

A complete schedule of activities follows. For further information, contact Clarkson's Student Activities Office at 268-6680.

Jan. 31 — Cavalcade, 7 p.m., Snell Theater, Potsdam College

Feb. 1 — Cavalcade, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Snell Theater, Potsdam College

Feb. 2 — Parade, noon

Feb. 3 — Ice skating, 7:30 p.m., Maxcy Hall, Potsdam College; Pie Eating, 7 p.m., Potsdam College Union

Feb. 4 — Bed Races, 8 p.m., Maxcy Hall, Potsdam College; Ice Cream Social, 3:30 p.m., MPR, Potsdam College; LipSync/Air Band, 9:30 p.m., Rusty Hall

Feb. 5 — Elections, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Volleyball, 7 p.m., Clarkson; "That's Entertainment on Ice" Show, 7:30 p.m., Walker Arena; Tricycle Relay, 8:30 p.m., Maxcy Hall, Potsdam College; Itza Pizza, 8 p.m., Stage Frigate

Feb. 8 — Cross-Country (5K), 10 a.m., Lehman Park, Potsdam College; Tug-of-War, 1 p.m., Snell Hall, Clarkson Ball, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Alumni Gym, Clarkson; MDA "Human Dog Sled" Race, 11 a.m., Registration, 11:30 a.m. parade; noon, Races, Hamlin-Powers lawn, Clarkson.

Progress '85; Year In Review

BY BETSY BAKER
St. Lawrence County's businesses, industries, institutions of higher learning and utilities are taking the optimistic view of 1985 and the future, according to "Progress 1985," Park Newspapers of St. Lawrence's yearly look at the way things are in this corner of the North Country.

"Progress 1985" appears as a supplement to the Courier-Freeman this week. Locally, where education is big business, efforts are being made to utilize the resources of Potsdam College and Clarkson University to bring high-technology business and research activities, as well as spin-off industries, to the North Country.

Officials of the colleges, village and county Office of Economic Development, plan to try again this year for a federal grant that would facilitate creation of a high-tech park.

And the village of Potsdam, with the creation of a local development corporation, has taken a step toward broadening its tax base and

reducing the burden on local taxpayers.

Village officials are also hopeful that they can iron out problems with the village water treatment and hydroelectric plants, so that those facilities will function efficiently and less expensively.

Elsewhere in the county, firms are looking to bolster existing jobs, revitalize failed enterprises and plan for the future growth of the North Country.

This year's progress edition offers a look at how St. Lawrence County's businesses and industries plan to meet the challenge of the 80s. Readers will find much of interest.

NEWSBRIEF

The IRS has two new telephone numbers to call for help this year, according to an IRS spokesman.

For tax forms or free IRS publications, call 1-800-424-3678 Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For information on various tax topics, call Tele-Tax at 1-800-554-4477.

Wade Seeking Own Replacement On Council

BY RON ROBERTSON

GOUVERNEUR — The North Country Regional Economic Development Council will probably have to look for a new chairman within the next couple of months.

Curran Wade, who said he was appointed chairman pro tem of the group by the governor two years ago, announced at a meeting of the council in Potsdam on Jan. 24 that there are five vacancies on the council.

"I told them yesterday we had five vacancies to fill and to be thinking about their next chairman," Wade said during a Jan. 25 telephone interview.

"I've had it almost two years now and that was just a temporary thing."

Wade said he would likely resign within the next two months, probably by the council's next meeting.

"But I've enjoyed it and I've met a lot of neat people," Wade said "and I've been very honored that they felt I could do the job."

The council has "made some progress" over the past two years, he said, but his advertising business, mayorship of Gouverneur and his family are all taking more of his time.

"I think it's time to let somebody else take over," he said.

Besides the five vacancies, he said, the council has had problems with attendance at meetings.

He said that Friday the council decided to suggest that each member pick an alternate to attend meetings in his or her absence.

"If they can't make it or do not want to pick an alternate that they should turn in their resignation," Wade said.

Alternates, he said, should pass information on to the members.

Members are chosen by the governor, he said.

"I would think it's somewhat of an honor to be picked to be on it (the council)," Wade said, "but I don't know that a lot of the people looked at it that way."

The North Country Regional Economic Development Council and nine other councils statewide, he said, were created to be overseen by then-Lieutenant Governor Alfred DeBello. Shortly after the councils were created, Wade said, DeBello resigned.

"This was a function that was supposed to be overseen by the lieutenant governor," Wade said. "Now we don't have a lieutenant governor, so we function for ourselves."

Funding Received

The North Country council, Wade said, was fifth in the state out of 10 in the amount it received from \$10 million appropriated by the state Commerce Department for regional development.

The local council, he said, received \$700,000 or half of the \$1.4 million

"We probably ended up getting a better percentage based on our population than anybody else in the state, which we were quite proud of," Wade said.

"The \$10 million has been asked for again (by the Commerce Department) for 1986-87," Wade said.

Wade said he will urge the membership "to get their applications ready to be submitted again for the grant money."

"We'd appreciate it if they would write it (an application) as close to the parameters set forth as possible and not come up with a lot of pie in the sky things. That's what happened the last time."

GOP Chooses Candidates

Potsdam village Republicans caucused Monday night and chose incumbent Hugh Sprague and George Kahn as their candidates for two-year seats on the village board of trustees in the March 18 elections.

Sprague, who was elected to the village Board of Trustees in 1984, and Kahn have both run unsuccessfully for county legislature against Democrat Betty Bradley.

Village Democrats will caucus tonight (Tuesday) at 7:30 in the Civic Center.

In Norwood, both parties have completed their caucuses and chosen the following candidates:

For the Democrats — Mayor Joseph Mariano, who was appointed to that post late last year, will seek election to a one-year term as mayor; incumbent Rollin Beattie and Sam Rodriguez will seek two-year trustee terms; and Donald LePage, appointed trustee to fill the slot left when Mariano became mayor, will seek a one-year trustee term.

For the Republicans — Incumbent Mark Tebo will seek re-election to a two-year term; Harry Young will seek a two-year term; and John Murray will seek a one-year term. Norwood Republicans will field no mayoral candidate.

Remington Named PCS Financial Officer

Terry B. Remington of Potsdam is the new financial officer for the Potsdam Central School District.

Remington, a 30-year-old business education teacher at Franklin Academy High School, Malone, was approved Tuesday night by the PCS Board of Education to replace Eileen Petrie in the finance officer's post.

Petrie resigned to take a post as St. Lawrence County's administrative assistant.

"The parameters that we work around," Wade said, "is if it creates jobs, one, and two, if it creates jobs, and three, if it creates jobs."

"If it meets those three criteria they are in pretty good shape."

Major Disappointment

One of his major disappointments as chairman, Wade said, has been the way the state Public Service Commission (PSC) has seemingly dragged its heels in approving applications for Ultrasystems to build woodchip burning electric generators in Malone, Lowville, Cortland and Gouverneur.

The North Country council is not

involved in the project financially, he said, but "we sanctioned it, we supported it, we begged for it, we did everything."

"Here we are in an area where wood is our biggest natural resource," he said, and the PSC has delayed approval because the plants might cause the cost of power to rise.

The PSC has said that taxpayers would be unhappy if the cost of electricity increased, Wade said.

The Ultrasystems projects, he said, would mean \$200 million in construction, plus a \$5 to \$7 million rollover each year for the four chosen communities. In addition, he said, the communities would

benefit from an increased tax base. "I can't believe the state of New York is going to let this go down the tubes, but right now it's pretty shaky," Wade told the council Friday.

Wade said he hopes to stick around in the chairmanship long enough to see some of the plans Potsdam is working toward — the NATCO software park and Clarkson's Center for Advanced Materials Processing — come closer to fruition.

"And if in that time Ultrasystems has been turned down, then they're going to get one nasty letter," Wade said.

St. Mary's Offers Special Programs To Mark Catholic Schools Week

Students and teachers from Saint Mary's School in Potsdam will celebrate the "Rainbow of Excellence" provided by Catholic education during national Catholic Schools Week, Feb. 2 through Feb. 8. Parents, parish members and the larger community are all invited to participate in the festivities.

The many special events featured include a spaghetti supper provided by Tardelli's at 6 p.m., Feb. 3. Grandparents Day will be held at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 5. This celebration includes a special turkey dinner. At 1 p.m., a talent show will be held. Concluding at 9:15 a.m., Feb. 7, a special Catholic Schools Week Mass will be celebrated at the school. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend all of the events.

Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of the important role that Catholic primary and secondary schools across the country play in providing a well-rounded education for America's young people. Catholic schools are proud of their educational system, which emphasizes the development of intellectual, spiritual, oral, physical and social volume in their students.

The purpose of Catholic Schools

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3 READING	100%	94%	94%	90%	90%	100%
3 MATH	100%	94%	94%	100%	86%	100%
5 WRITING	85%	94%	95%	100%	100%	100%
6 READING	95%	91%	100%	100%	100%	100%
6 MATH	91%	91%	100%	100%	100%	100%
8 READING	92%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
8 WRITING	92%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Week is to build community awareness of and involvement in Catholic Schools throughout the country. During Catholic Schools Week many dioceses and schools encourage parents to take advantage of the benefits of local Catholic schools by enrolling their children in those schools. Catholic Schools Week is also a time for schools to interest citizens in volunteering their time and talents to the local Catholic schools.

This year's Catholic Schools Week theme "Rainbow of Excellence" stresses the unity of purpose students share in the areas of academic achievement. "With this in mind, Saint Mary's School is pro-

ud to publish the 1985 Comprehensive Assessment Report," Principal Sister Loretta said.

The Comprehensive Assessment Report (CAR) is an integral part of the Regents Action Plan to Improve Elementary and Secondary results in New York State. The CAR is intended to provide the opportunity for each school to annually review the student's achievement on tests included in the state's testing program, school officials said. "At this time, we are very proud of Saint Mary's Comprehensive Assessment Report and we congratulate the students and teachers on their 'Rainbow of Excellence,'" Sister Loretta said.

First-Time Donor Battles Butterflies

BY EILEEN FLAHERTY

Potsdam College Student Intern

They didn't have Oreos, but they had peanut butter cookies. No, I wasn't at the Super Duper. I was at the American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Order of Prometheus in Potsdam College's multi-purpose room (MPR).

When you hear multi-purpose room you don't usually assume a purpose is to have people voluntarily lose a pint of blood each. That was the case Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Approximately 410 donors participated in the blood drive. Paul Gould of Prometheus estimates that 100 were first-time donors like me.

The key to success was to continuously announce "This is my first time and I'm nervous." At the sound of these words volunteers become even nicer than before.

Cookies and juice and words of intended comfort shower you. But I do confess none of these things help you relax at all. You don't relax until it's all over and you haven't passed out or bled to death. It's funny how easily fears become invented and how they grow even more easily.

The fear begins when the first volunteer hands you the drop of blood sticker. This is supposed to make your feet special. Wrong: the drop of blood looks too much like a teardrop. Besides, nearly everyone in the room is wearing a sticker too. Nerves begin to quiver.

The next hurdle is the questionnaire. You try as hard as you can to remember a trip to Haiti or Zaire that will make you ineligible (why else would they ask?) No, you can't even remember a dream you had about going to Zaire. More nerves quiver.

Next it's the blood test. The moment the nurse pricks your ear to get a blood sample is probably the only time you ever pray you're anemic. No anemia. Nervousness progresses to fear.

In a state of fear you move to the temperature table. Again you pray for illness, this time in the form of a fever of 104 or greater. No fever. Time to go through the final check point.

Your final chance to be rejected is at the table where volunteers verify the answers on the questionnaire. Rejection usually hurts but this time you are hoping for it to save you from pain.

Since you still can't remember what Zaire was like when a volunteer asks, you have only one question that can save you. "Are you feeling well today?" Here it is, your chance to escape. No one could tell if you lied. By this time you really wouldn't be lying. Your stomach is in a knot and you are feeling pretty bad. But for some reason you fake a smile and say "Oh, I feel fine today." It would be too easy to back out now.

Now you have to wait and hold your blood bag until they call you. The words "next donor" make the blood drain from your face.

If you don't think about it it's not so bad. Of course being on a table

losing blood makes you feel strange but you can find distractions.

Watch the volunteers. I watched one tap dance and another sing. There was even a wandering newspaper reader who read me my horoscope and the headlines of the day. It was over before I knew it. I didn't faint or "spring a leak" while I dined on cookies and juice.

My arm is a bit tender, but in five

weeks it will all be worth it. I'll have my official donor card and I'll know my blood type. But more importantly, someone will be helped because I didn't chicken out.

The Red Cross needs help, your help, to help others. The next blood drive will be in April, sponsored by Gamma Sigma Sigma. Overcome your fear and help others, you'll be proud of yourself.

'Wire' Takes To The Road

BY EILEEN FLAHERTY

Potsdam College Student Intern

"Wire" may be looking for a few extension cords.

The local band Wire, comprised of Doug Ford, Jeff Horst, Jeff Johnson and Terry Maytin, is going on the road to become a working band. This is not to imply that they haven't worked yet. Many hours of work have put this band in the position where they can travel and do what they love to do — make music.

"We want other people to have as much fun as we do with our music," said Ford, a Glens Falls native. He joined the other three members over a year ago to form Wire. Horst, Maytin and Johnson had worked together in "Nightwing" before the creation of Wire. According to Johnson the three "wanted to take on a different style of music," so Wire was born.

Why follow the dream now? "The timing is perfect. If we don't do it now we'd regret it down the line," said Johnson. Ford believes "if you don't do something you can do, there will be a part of you that you won't really know."

The energetic foursome plans to be on the road for three months before returning to Potsdam for a short break. Wire will be playing as far away as Virginia, Ohio and Maine. They will play a job for one or two weeks. Dates have been booked through July, according to Johnson.

Wire plans to take advantage of their traveling. The members share memories of people they have met on jobs and look forward to collecting many more.

"The new and unique people we'll come in contact with will be great," said Maytin. Horst stated: "We want to have a good time all the time; that's our motto." "We try to show that we have fun," said Ford. "It's easy to do because we love doing it."

So how did this all come about? Did Dick Clark call up Jeff Horst and say "You know your band Wire is really hot. Why don't you guys go on the road?" No, it wasn't like that. Things began in the Clarkson University library.

Maytin and Johnson pulled phonebooks off shelves and got the addresses for all the agencies listed. Approximately 200 letters were mailed and, according to Johnson, about five answered.

One of those five was Tom Varano, vice-president of Music Star, an international booking

agent, according to Ford. Varano apparently liked what he heard. According to Ford, Varano told Wire they could be a working band.

For Wire the desire to go on the road was ignited by the incredible experience they had opening for The Romantics at Delhi last October. All of the members cite this as their most memorable date. Highlights include the excitement of playing for 45 minutes and the special treatment like a "plush dinner." "It was a different world entirely," said Ford.

What about school? Horst and Ford are no longer enrolled at Potsdam College. Johnson is not attending Clarkson University. Maytin is not continuing his graduate studies at Clarkson University. For now, formal education has been put on hold by the four.

"We're like a family," said Ford. Included in the family are Troy Thorbahn and Peter Moore. "They are an integral part of the band," said Johnson. Thorbahn and Moore are master sound and lighting, respectively.

Before the band leaves Potsdam they will be playing two local dates, Feb. 1 at The Boiler Room and Feb. 8 at the Ice Carnival Ball. Although excitement about moving on is high, regrets about leaving Potsdam also exist in the band members.

"We'd be depressed to think people will forget about us. We love to play in Potsdam," said Ford.

Perhaps Wire will perform "Don't You Forget About Me" at the Ice Carnival Ball. They would mean it.

Bears Only Unbeaten Division III Team

The 18-0, Jerry Welsh-coached Potsdam College Bears stand alone today (Tuesday) as the only unbeaten Division III college basketball team in the nation, according to the NCAA.

The Bears, who face Plattsburgh State Wednesday night on the road, join Division I Memphis State and North Carolina in the ranks of unbeaten teams.

There are no unbeaten Division II teams, an NCAA spokesman said this morning.