

## Patchwork: West Potsdam Area News

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As the first Patchwork for 1987 we shall start with kind-words and some humor. The kind words: "I wish you butterflies and rainbow skies, lovely flowers and sunny hours" and the humor: "Frogs are smart, they eat the things that bug them," come from the Crafters Gallery.

The holidays are now of the past, the yellow school buses are back on the highways, and vacations are over. Since Ric and I didn't do any traveling we stayed home and enjoyed company coming here.

Also did something I haven't done in some time. Got three books read and started checking the new seed catalogs I have 12 of.

The catalogs are just wonderful to flip through at this time of year and in another month or so every page will get checked out and the urge to plant everything in the things hits.

Meanwhile, the area is still being attacked by the virus. Last one I know of that suffered an attack was Jenary Wright. Also under the weather is Penny Weaver Bradley. Penny is in room 197 at Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

Steve's health is still being monitored. Steve has been transferred from Strong Memorial in Rochester to a hospital in Milwaukee, Wisc. He flew out with his sister, Lisa, who will be donating the bone marrow for Steve's transplant.

Flossie said they really like the hospital and the staff in Milwaukee and that Steve has much to go yet in his struggle against his leukemia and its complications. This has made the past months for Steve and his family and his many friends difficult. Flossie mentioned several groups in the Canton-Potsdam area that have offered support and to the many friends she needs to simply say, "Thank you."

The folks in the area have had to deal with sudden death again. Charlie Forbes lost another relative in a recent auto accident. And then the death of Peggy Merrick in an auto accident on the South Colton Road has many people counting their blessings. It's all been much for a small rural area.

Randy Merrick is the second assistant chief in the fire department. Peggy had been an active member of the auxiliary. Tuesday the firemen's bus with Spencer Blanchard as the driver left the station with members of the department and auxiliary to attend the wake for Peggy at the Lawrence Funeral home in Canton. The group arrived to meet the remainder of members and affiliates at Lawrence's and it formed a very large attendance.

Weldon Lumley led the group in a prayer in a solemn moment. Stacy Merrick, age 7, was also in the accident. She has over 100 stitches in her face and head but is home and doing well.

The funeral was held at the Cray Mills Church last Wednesday mor-

ning at 10 a.m. The Rev. Tate and the Rev. Wells officiated. Pallbearers were Dick Grant, David Wright, Mike Trivillino, Fred Henderson, Tom Logan and Bill Grant, all members of the fire department.

On a more cheerful note, Francis Mason is recovering just fine from the stroke he suffered. He retired from driving the snowplow for the town of Potsdam and now he's back in a truck. He's now doing Joe Flander's trash pick-up route with Joe. Wonder where they stop for coffee?

The Ladies Auxiliary changed their regular meeting, which is usually on the first Tuesday of the month, to the second Tuesday for this month. This was due to the wake of Peggy Merrick.

The firemen held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening at the fire station. December was a busy month for the department. Besides their annual banquet and workbees, they answered nine different alarms. There were two stand-bys to Madrid and one mutual aid to Madrid, a standby to Morley, two chimney fires, a fire in a house, a fire in a barn, and a fire in a garage. The firemen are now moving right along. It will be at Waddington Lanes Jan. 17-18 and teams are already signing up. It's open to fire department auxiliary and rescue squad teams. Call Dewey Pierce at 265-9092 for details.

We have a new fire warden in the area. Our Mayor David Wright stopped by with Matthew Stone. The mayor announced that Matthew is now the fire warden in this area. And we had a big talk about

what a fire warden is. Matthew is one of several wardens for the town of Potsdam. Persons wishing to burn trash, fields, and even old structures must first call the warden to have the situation sized up. If the warden approves the burning either by the owner or assisted by the fire department, then the owner applies to Town Clerk Mary Frost for a burning permit which costs \$1.

All this is for those who are thinking spring clean up. There a few other details which shall be looked into before spring.

In that one visit, we managed to talk about 20 different subjects. One was taking photos of those with eyeglasses. To avoid the shine of the eyeglasses I was told some people actually take the glass out of the frames with a little screwdriver. The person then supposedly smiles, puts on the empty frames and zippo, a photo taken with no shine and glare from the person's eyeglasses. Yupper, that was what I was told. And I don't know yet if they pulled one or both my legs on that one!

Weddings. This is a subject I am hearing much of lately. Linda Perry is making plans for her wedding to Mike Trivillino in August. I heard that she is getting married in April.

I talked with Linda and she has now reached the point of ordering of invitations.

Sharon had done that and was shocked at the high cost of them. Getting married today requires planning a year in advance and saving for many a year in advance.

Ric and I did some grocery shopping. He rarely does this sort of thing with me and we rather made a fun trip of it. Ric got to see the

"joy" of grocery shopping and he also got to see old friends such as Larry Roberts, the meat manager at the Great American.

Larry was stacking the frozen meats but chatted right along with Ric. And then we got to the Super Duper and who was doing his shopping but Uncle Harold Wilson.

I've run into Uncle Harold with his shopping list before. He has to be the most interesting shopper to

watch yet. Harold wanders along and aisle with his list held tightly in his hand and then just stops. He stands gazing at the shelves as if his wanted item shall jump to his shopping cart. He is patient and he stands gazing. Now I have never seen him actually put an item in his cart.

I know that I usually ask him what he's buying that is good today and he tells me. I then take it from

the shelf and hand it to him and Harold then continues his wandering. Today he had to get blackberry tea. He and Ric both looked and remarked about the many kinds and colors of wrappers that teas come dressed in and I found the last package of blackberry tea left on the shelf. It looked good. Next time I go shopping I'll get me some to try and meanwhile I'll call his wife, Amy, and get her to invite me up for some blackberry tea.



**HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP** — Ann Wilcox of Wallon, N.Y., was recently named the first recipient of the \$2,000 William P. Harrison Scholarship at Clarkson University, named in honor of the Clarkson civil and environmental engineering professor who

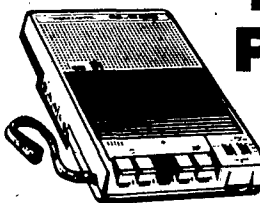
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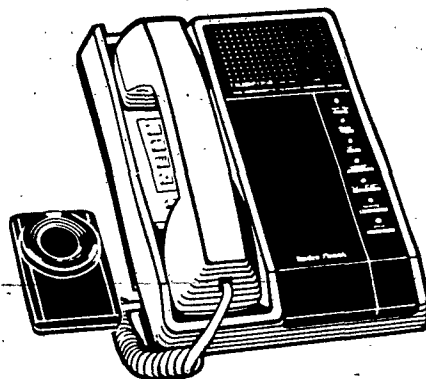
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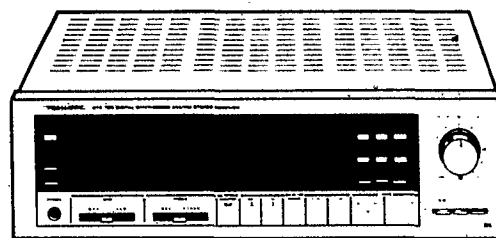
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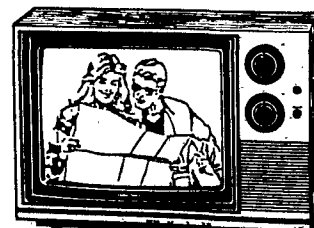


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Lucille McCargar is in Canton-Potsdam Hospital. Mary St. Dennis is ill at home.

Dedication of our memory tree was held at 2 p.m. Jan. 8. The Rev. Congreve Quinby conducted the service.

Nell Lewis has returned to her home in Mayfield after spending Christmas with her family in Virginia. Nell saw her two great-granddaughters for the first time.

Emeline Guyette is proud to announce a new great-grandson born to Bill and Luzia Wagner in Brazil.

The health nurse's visit will not be Jan. 15. Because of the holiday, she will be here on Feb. 5.

Cars are not stopping for pedestrians at the crossing between Mayfield and the St. Lawrence National Mini-Bank. We ask that the public please be more careful.

Our bingo will be at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 17.

### Nutrition Program Menu For Elderly

The St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging nutrition program in Potsdam serves lunches at noon each weekday in the cafeteria of Midtown Apartments, Munson and Waverly streets. Reservations are appreciated at 265-2870.

This week's menu is:  
Wednesday — Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and orange slices.

Thursday — Cheese omelet, baked potatoes, lima beans and rice pudding.

Friday — Barbecued pork on a bun, cole slaw, applesauce and pumpkin pie.

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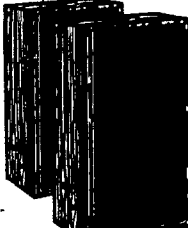
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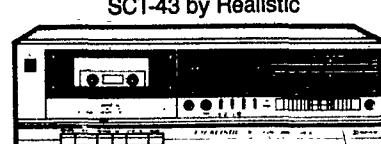
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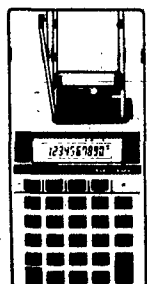
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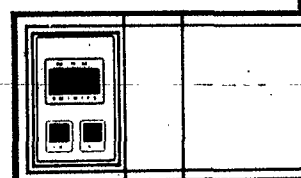
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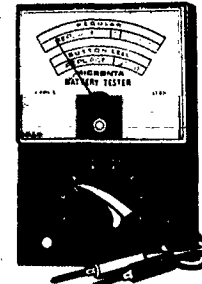
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