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DERBY TIME

Boys 11 to 15 are urged to sign up for the 5th Soap Box Derby at John's Chevrolet. First prize winner gets a \$500 bond and trip to Akron, O. to compete in the nationals.

Temperature

Mon. Apr. 1 57 27 .43
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Wed. Apr. 3 53 26 .0

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FIRST DAY CATCH. Smiling Attorney Vincent Kirsch caught these 10 brown trout on opening day in the Little Salmon River near Brushton on opening day, Monday, Apr. 1. He was using worms and made his limit catch with a strike on the very first catch. The catch represents a nice catch for the Seaway Valley.

Ships Poised for Seaway Opening

\$1.5 Million Contracts to Be Signed

Big Lakers Waiting 'On Hook'

Several ships are at anchor up and downstream in the St. Lawrence Seaway poised for the 1968 opening of the shipping season scheduled to start at 8 o'clock Monday, Apr. 8.

Awaiting the start of the 10th year of toll operations west of Eisenhower and Iroquois lock are the giant lake carriers Feux Follets, Grand Hermine, Lake Winnepeg, J. N. McWaters, Montrealis, J. A. France and Petite Hermine.

The N.B. McLean is at lock four near Beauharnois.

The Eastwind, American ice breaker from Boston bound for Buffalo and Cleveland where it will clear the harbors of ice is at Montreal. The Eastwind is due here late today or Friday.

In addition several ships are at the Prescott, Ont., elevators where they are loaded with several million bushels of grain to begin the 1968 shipping season bound for Montreal and other Quebec ports. These giant lakers usually return with iron ore for American and Canadian cities.

Ice has been cleared of the seaway channel westward from Eisenhower Lock to the lake area. The seaway tug Robinson Bay was placing buoys and navigation aids where the lake empties in the St. Lawrence River. Conditions were so favorable that the tug is working west to eastward.

An ice jam near Beauharnois is the only problem facing Seaway officials as the canal and lock systems are ready.

The ice jam would require a matter of hours to clear, otherwise, there are open waters up and down the waterway.

Most of the vessels waiting to move are in the giant, over 700 foot long laker length class. These are the giant carriers which pay over \$12,000 round trip tolls in moving grain and ore up and down the waterway.

A Russian ship could very well be the first ship into the Toronto or Hamilton ports, frequent ports of call for vessels from the USSR.

Officials of the Seaway are looking for a record general cargo season, possibly as high as six and a half million tons. Iron ore tonnage is expected to be heavy in view of some firm stockpiling for fear of a possible steel workers strike.

Grain movements are the major question. Canada has no large unfilled contracts with Russia and the United States faces increasing competition in selling grain abroad. Grain contracts could develop overnight and change the cargo aspect of the Seaway quickly.

Last year the tonnage was over 44 million.

The suspense in the Seaway this year was in the rehabilitation of Eisenhower Lock during the winter months in which over 250 men worked around the clock in making repairs. Over five million dollars was spent in getting the lock in shape early in March.

Jerry Murray Promoted In Vietnam

Cat Lai, Vietnam (AHTNC) — Jerry Murray, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Murray, 8 Alden St., Massena, was promoted to Army specialist five on Mar. 12 while serving as a radar mechanic in the 247th Field Artillery Detachment near Cat



NAMED POWELSON GIRL 1967-68. Miss Constance Anne Gagne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abbie J. Gagne of 59 Parker Ave., Massena, was selected Powelson Girl of 1967-68 at the school's annual Spring Fashion Show on Mar. 28. Presenting Miss Gagne a check for \$50 and a dozen long-stem red roses is Robert J.

Dermody, director of the Syracuse business school. Miss Gagne was selected for the honor from a group of ten Powelson coeds nominated by faculty and student vote. She will graduate in June from the medical secretarial program.

11-Story Apartment To Be Built

Contracts totaling \$1,560,290 for the construction of the 11-story high-rise Laurel Terrace Apartment building will be signed at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon in the Massena Housing Authority office on Victory Rd.

Participating in the contract signing will be Gressani - Gysel Construction Co., 128 Buffalo Rd., Syracuse, for the general contract for \$1,122,453.

Sullivan's Plumbing & Heating Corp., Highland Rd., Massena, \$175,587.

Harron's Electric Service, 95 West Main St., Gouverneur \$12,500.

Northern Mechanicals, Inc. 2 Baldwin Ave., Norwood, \$136,750.

Darrell D. Rippeteau, partner of the architectural firm of Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw & Polley Architects Engineers Planners of Watertown, has invited the contractors to participate in the contract signing. Bids were submitted Feb. 28 and forwarded to the Housing Assistance Administration which approved the award of construction contracts.

Representing the Housing Assistance Administration will be James Phillips, chairman and Paul Rush, executive director; H. Paul Quenelle, vice chairman; Mrs. Olive Forrester, secretary - treasurer; Matty D'Arenzo, Mark Snider, Lawrence X. Dalton is the attorney for the authority.

Enjoy this Spring Weather.... For It Was a Lulu of a Winter

By LEONARD H. PRINCE

But in order to report the facts, Massena had 44 days when the low point on the thermometer was below zero. And on five days during the winter, the thermometer never got above zero during the entire day.

Spring has come, the robins are chirping, and maybe you want to forget the winter.

This included that stretch in January, from 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, Jan. 7, until the following Friday noon, Jan. 12, when the thermometer stayed below zero. The low point was 37 degrees below zero on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Two Outdoor Theatres Leased by Panther Group J. A. Zalocha Manager

Deb Theatre Corp., a division of Panther Theatre Corp., New York City, has leased the Sunset Drive-In Theatre and the 56-Auto Theatre from the North Drive-In Theatre Corp., Peter C. Papayanakos, Potsdam, owner announced.

Mr. Zalocha, 155 E. Orvis St., who is single, was born in Utica the son of Mrs. Vincenza Zalochia Nicotera and the late Joseph Zalochia. He was graduated from Proctor High School and attended Fresno State University at Fresno, Calif. He was trained by the Grand Theatre Corp., a division of the Panther Theatres, at Buffalo in 1966-67 and was named manager of the Forum at Utica where he held that position until being transferred to Massena effective Apr. 1, succeeding Robert Fayette.

Joseph A. Zalocha, native of Utica, was named manager of the three-theatre operation in Massena. He will manage both outdoor theatres plus the Massena Community Theatre on Main St.

Leasing of the two outdoor theatres by Mr. Papayanakos ends 20 years of service in the theatre business. He started in 1948 when he managed the family owned Rialto Theatre in Potsdam and continued to operate that motion picture house until 1957 when the building was sold to Slavin - Hyman which rebuilt it into a furniture store.

The Papayanakos name has been in the movie industry since 1908. Harry, James and Alex Papayanakos brothers were pioneers in the theatre business when they opened one of the first theatres in the North Country at Watertown in 1908. Harry Papayanakos operated the Rialto theatre. The son, Peter Papayanakos took over as manager of the Potsdam theatre 20 years ago at the age of 20, and in 1955 built the 500-car 56-Auto outdoor theatre south of Massena off Route 56. He purchased the Sunset Theatre from Donald Gilson, Canton, in 1962. The Sunset is equipped to handle 800 cars, and is located off Route 37, east of Massena.

The 56-Auto Theatre will open for the season Friday, Apr. 5, with a double feature, Cool Hand Luke and Vengeance of Fu Manchu, Mr. Zalocha stated.

Leasing of the outdoor theatres was made by Mr. Papayanakos to Herbert Nitke, president of Deb Theatre Corp., Panther division. Mr. Papayanakos will continue to operate the Greyhound Lines and bus terminal at Potsdam along with the cocktail lounge and restaurant.

For last year, the highest temperature recorded was 87 degrees on June 3, and the coldest last year was 24 degrees below zero on Feb. 3.

Massena had 104 days from the last frost in the spring, May 30 at 32 degrees, to the first frost in the fall, Sept. 11 at 30 degrees.

For 1967, Massena had precipitation totaling 2.48 inches, which was regarded as just about normal.

The 44 days when the low temperature was below zero follow:

Dec. 26 -7 Feb. 7 -7
Dec. 27 -7 Feb. 8 -14
Dec. 29 -10 Feb. 9 -16
Dec. 30 -13 Feb. 10 -1
Jan. 1 -27 Feb. 11 -10
Jan. 2 -30 Feb. 12 -16
Jan. 3 -1 Feb. 13 -6
Jan. 5 -20 Feb. 14 -16
Jan. 6 -5 Feb. 16 -7
Jan. 7 -17 Feb. 19 -12
Jan. 8 -30 Feb. 20 -14
Jan. 9 -37 Feb. 21 -14
Jan. 10 -18 Feb. 22 -1
Jan. 11 -33 Feb. 23 -10
Jan. 12 -28 Feb. 24 -11
Jan. 13 -19 Feb. 25 -17
Jan. 14 -0 Feb. 26 -10
Jan. 16 -10 Feb. 27 -0
Jan. 17 -9 Mar. 3 -7
Jan. 27 -15 Mar. 6 -5
Jan. 28 -28 Mar. 7 -14
Jan. 29 -31 Mar. 14 -5

Immunization Clinic Next Tuesday

Dr. M. J. Elder, health officer, will conduct an immunization clinic at the Town Hall Auditorium in Massena, Tuesday, Apr. 9, from 11:30 to 12:00 noon.

At this clinic, triple vaccine (for protection against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus), smallpox vaccinations, and measles vaccine will be given.

Minor Hockey Pledges \$1,000 to Arena Fund

The Massena Minor Hockey Association announced today that it is pledging \$1,000 to the Rotary Club's ice improvement fund.

In making their pledge the coaches and directors of the Association feel that they are expressing the desire of the youth of Massena to see the completion of the Massena Arena.

The completion of their project will afford the people of Massena not only a fine sports facility but a fine gathering area.

Minor Hockey has over 500 players in five, six to eight team leagues. The players are divided into Mosquito, Squirrel, Pee Wee, Bantams, Midgets, Juvenile leagues.

Church News On Page 1 Next Thursday

Following a long established tradition, The Observer will publish church news on Page 1 next Thursday, the edition just before Easter.

All clergymen in the area are requested to send news of their services to The Observer early. The events that lead up to Holy Thursday should be published next Tuesday. All the Good Friday and Easter services should be in the Thursday paper.

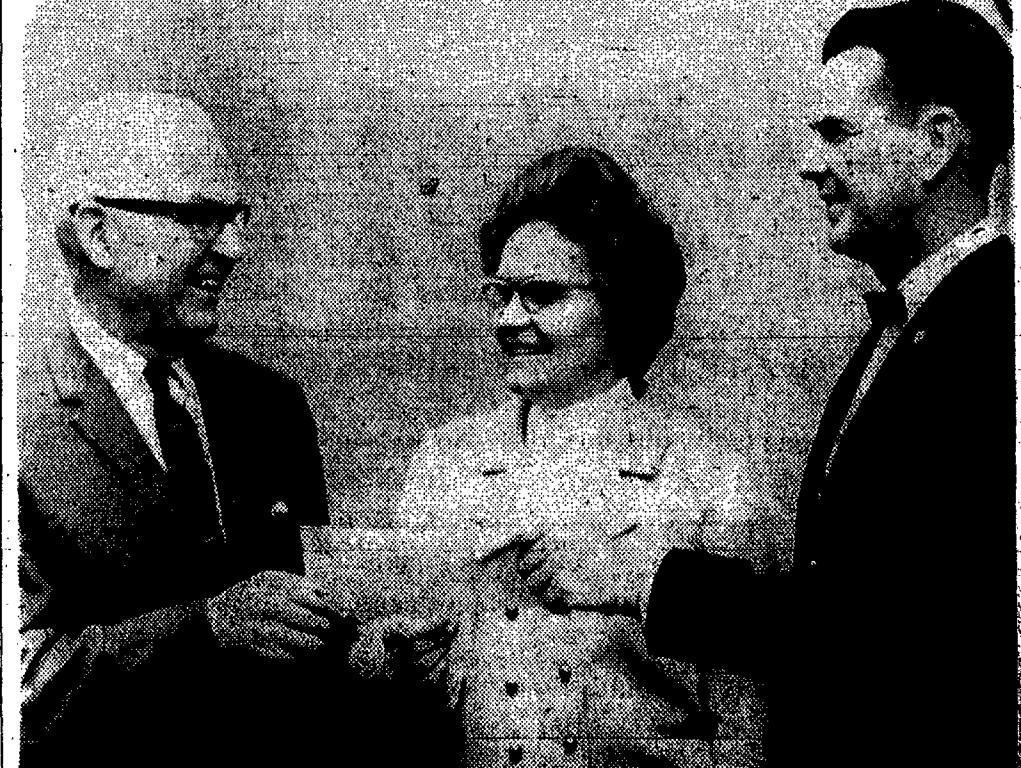
Twice each year, The Observer devotes its front page to the churches. This is for the Christmas edition and the Easter edition.

Square Dance Scheduled This Saturday

The Massena Square Dancers at Jefferson School, are holding their usual dance this Saturday night, April 6, at 8:30, with Gary Young, Ottawa, the caller.

It is a combined dance with couple graduates and beginners. This will be the only dance this month Gary will call for. A good turn-out is expected.

Refreshments available.



\$540 FOR ARENA. Mrs. Hazel Jawan, president of the Sweet Adelines, and William Munson, president of the Society for Preservation of Barboursop Singing in America, present Dwight Mayne, financial drive chairman, with a check for \$540, which was raised in the Barboursop Concert presented at the high

school recently. The Massena Callipet Representative from Nightingale Elementary School under the direction of Mrs. Jack Hardy presented their famous Arena for Massena song book for the occasion. Mrs. Jawan presented a check for \$540, which was raised in the Barboursop Concert presented at the high