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The triangular-shaped town of Denmark on Lewis County's northwest boundary contains the traffic corridors into Jefferson County and the great St. Lawrence River valley. Including little forest land, the town's

beautiful grove-dotted landscape reflects the farsightedness of its axe-swinging settlers who visualized the needs of generations to follow, when they so wisely withheld the destruction of selected stands of sugar maples while in the process of clearing

the land for agricultural use. On state route 25 between Lowville and Carthage is the village of Denmark. This village was the birthplace of both Lewis and Jefferson counties. It was here, in the small frame inn of Freedom Wright, that 3 delegates from each of the towns that wished to make a part of Oneida county into two separate counties, met in 1804. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made petitioning the State Legislature to establish two counties and name a committee of disinterested and non-resident citizens to define the boundaries and designate sites for a court house and jail in each county. This motion was adopted by a vote of 20 to 18. The act establishing the counties of Lewis and Jefferson passed both houses of the 1805 Legislature, receiving the Governor's signature on March 28, 1805.

Also as a result of a meeting of interested persons at Freedom Wright's inn, was the organization in 1805 of the Orient Lodge No. 180 F. & A. M., the second oldest Masonic Lodge in Lewis County.

Prior to the inauguration of railroad service through the town in 1871, Denmark had been a popular stopping place and transfer point on the old plank state road that had carried the early traffic to and from the north. In 1888, the stage route between Denmark and Carthage was under the charge of E. Hungerford, a former driver on the Carthage-Utica run in the days of the plank road that had carried the early traffic to and from the north.

In 1888, the stage route between Denmark and Carthage was under the charge of E. Hungerford, a former driver on the Carthage-Utica run in the days of the plank road and during the years when the Utica and Black River railroad was built in Lewis County. Possessing a well-kept tavern with a friendly and popular innkeeper, Denmark became known as the gateway to the North.

Along with Blodgett's Tavern, built by Jesse Blodgett in 1824, following the burning of a wooden tavern across the road, other businesses flourished. In the tavern was a country store; a general store conducted by Daniel Nash occupied the prominent site in the angle formed by the fork in the village road. The Cook Bros. cheese factory represented the business activity in the southern part of the hamlet, and when it burned in 1905, was replaced by the Crown Brand Milk Company plant. Milk was brought to this plant from as far away as Harrisburg and Copenhagen.

Cream was shipped in large quantities to Antwerp and New York City. The company again changed hands and eventually became Queen's Dairy Plant under the direction of Jacob Karcher. Other businesses of the day included a blacksmith shop and a harness shop. The town boasted a physician who established his office in the Blodgett House.

In past years, fairs were held in different parts of the county, including Denmark, but since 1871, the county exhibitions have been held in Lowville. Many of the village's attractive limestone buildings are still being used as private residences, and faint strains of days gone by still whisper through the streets of the village of Denmark. (To the readers: If you have historical data, photos, etc., you would like included in this column, please send same to Nial T. Phelps, Town of Diana Historian, Box 121, Harrisville, N.Y. 13648)

School Lunch Week Plans

The week of October 14-20 will be celebrated throughout the nation as National School Lunch Week. The theme is "You Are What You Eat."

The Lewis County School Food Service Association participates in the National School Lunch program which is administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and in New York State, by the State Education Department.

The schools receive federal donations of abundant agricultural products and cash assistance which amounts to more than 23 per cent of the total program cost. Children's payments and state and local sources pay the remainder.

Each school lunch manager in the county directs the lunch menu and plans menus, largely using foods bought on local markets supplemented with foods donated by U.S.D.A.

Menus for National School Lunch programs are planned according to Type A pattern developed by U.S.D.A. to insure each child one-third to one-half his daily nutritional requirements at lunch. Included in the pattern are two ounces of protein rich food, three-fourths cup of two or more vegetables and/or fruit, one teaspoon butter or fortified margarine, a portion of enriched or whole grained bread, and one-half pint of fluid whole milk.

Last year, a total of 6,250 lunches was served daily, with 1,125,000 lunches served yearly in the county schools. Six-hundred and twenty-five loaves of bread, 8,700 pints of milk, 190 pounds of butter and 775 pounds of meat or fish are used in the county schools daily.

School and lunch managers are as follows: Lowville Academy and Central School, Mrs. Lila Yousey, manager; South Lewis Central School, Mrs. Beverly Fickelmann, manager; Copenhagen Central School, Mrs. Arlene Scoville, manager; Beaver River Central School, Mrs. Virginia Burr, manager; Harrisville Central School, Mrs. Gladys Young and Mrs. Helen Frank; West Leyden Central School, a part of Adirondack Central School, Mrs. Pearl Zagurski.

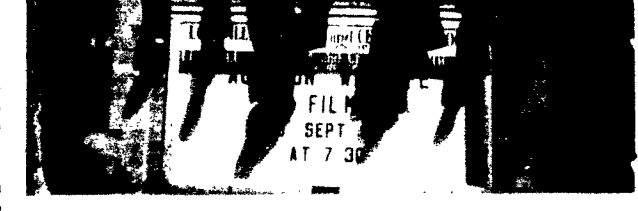
The Type A lunch program is helping to teach many youngsters to enjoy a variety of food from the productive farmlands and most importantly, it contributes greatly to the health and well-being of the children.

S'mobile License Changeover Set

Alexander Aldrich, commissioner of New York State Parks and Recreation, and Vincent L. Tojany, commissioner of Motor Vehicles, have announced the transfer of snowmobile and boat registration functions from Parks and Recreation to the Department of Motor Vehicles, effective Monday, October 1.

Original registrations of snowmobiles and boats will then be handled by 13 district offices of the Department. Registration renewal applications should be mailed to: Bureau of Marine and Off-Highway Vehicles, Department of Motor Vehicles, South Mall, Albany, New York, 12228.

All other functions and responsibilities of the New York State Navigation and Snowmobile Laws will continue to be administered by the Bureau of Marine and Recreational Vehicles within the Office of Parks and Recreation. These responsibilities include: education of young motor boat and snowmobile operators; a navigational aids program; a marine and snowmobile enforcement program, including accident reporting and marine inspection; and the licensing of commercial vessels and operators. The add-



NEW PRINCIPAL - Lowville Academy and Central School's new assistant junior-senior high school principal, Daniel Duke, is shown with a number of students. Left to right are: Bandy Lucas, Mr. Duke, David Little, and Arlin Smith. Some of the students are members of the Freshman class and are members of the R.L.P. Club.

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RAIDERS - The Lowville Academy Red Raider football team dropped its second game in three outings, losing to arch-rival Carthage 12-0 in opening Frontier League action. The locals were unable to sustain any offensive drives of their own during the first half and at the same time could not contain the explosive Comet quarterback, especially Ralph. Ralph scampered 87 yards on the fourth play of the game for Carthage's first touchdown, then scored the Comet's final touchdown in the second quarter on a one-yard plunge. The Raiders came to life during the second half, dominating the game both offensively and defensively. Except for a referee's "inadvertent whistle," the locals might have won the game. Defensive end Mark Tabolt picked-off a Carthage lateral and raced 55 yards for an apparent touchdown. However, the play was called back when it was ruled that one of the officials had blown his whistle by mistake. In the fourth period, the Raiders put

together an 86-yard drive, capped by Senior Marty Hirschey's 15-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion was made on a pass from Rick Virkler to end Mark Tabolt.

Game statistics showed Lowville with 12 first downs to Carthage's 9. The locals gained 133 total yards, 159 rushing while the Comets amassed 301 total yards, 234 rushing. In the passing department, Lowville was 4 for 12 for 24 yards and Carthage was 4 for 5 for 87 yards. The locals lost the ball twice on fumbles and once on an interception, and were penalized 4 times for 40 yards. Carthage gave up the ball on fumbles three times and were penalized 7 times for 72 yards.

Quarterback Marty Hirschey rushed for 61 yards on 14 carries and fullback John Harris gained 59 yards on 8 carries to lead the local attack.

In the crowd row, left to right, are Dennis Ingersoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ingersoll of Martinsburg; Marty Hirschey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hirschey of Lowville, R.D., and Kevin Feebles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feebles of Castorland. The back row shows Coach Jerry Nevers and Neal Aubel.

Commenting on the game, Coach Neal Aubel was especially pleased with his charges' second half performance after being down 12-0 at the half. "We were afraid that there might be a let-down following the big win over Beaver River last week and I think that may well have been our problem during the first half against Carthage. We simply lacked hustle on defense early in the game and made several mental mistakes on offense. The boys never stopped hitting though, and we really out-played them most of the game."

The Raiders travel to South Jefferson (Adams) this Saturday for a 1 p.m. game.

Washburn At Eckerd

Mark Andrew Washburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron A. Washburn of Lowville, has enrolled as a freshman at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla. He is a graduate of Lowville Academy and Central School.

This year's freshmen, numbering more than 260, are pioneers in a new program at Eckerd called Autumn Term. Designed to smooth the transition from high school to college, the three-and-a-half week special term gives Freshmen a comprehensive orientation at the same time they take one course for academic credit. Reversing their usual roles, new students at Eckerd will welcome some 700 returning upperclassmen Sept. 14.

Founded as Florida Presbyterian College, Eckerd has introduced a new year, in addition to Autumn Term, an academic program centered around faculty mentors, who guide and advise each student, and a modular calendar divided into seven-week periods during which each student takes two courses.

Daggett Speaker At Heart Dinner

Dr. Willard M. Daggett, prominent Boston surgeon and professor, will speak at the Eighth Annual Membership Dinner Meeting of the American Heart Association - Northern New York Chapter to be held Wednesday, October 3, at the North Side Improvements League, 633 Mill St., Watertown, according to Dr. Bruce Ebbels, Watertown physician who arranged Dr. Daggett's visit.

Born in LaCrosse, Wis., in June 1933, Dr. Daggett received his A.B. from the University of California in Berkeley in June 1955; and his M.D. from the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco in June 1958. While attending college and medical school, Dr. Daggett was initiated as a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega. Dr. Daggett was married in August 1956 and is the father of three children.

Dr. Daggett, certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, is presently an associate professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School and an Assistant Surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital.



GRAND OPENING - The United States Navy had its grand opening at the new Lowville recruiting office on Friday, Sept. 21. The ribbon was cut by retired Chief Yeoman Robert McCue, Lowville Chief of Police. The Lowville office is located at 7491 State Street in Lowville. It was opened so that the Navy can better serve the residents of Lewis County. In the past a potential enlistee had to go to Watertown to see a Navy representative. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and at other times by appointment. Petty Officer Kishbaugh is the local Navy representative. Petty Officer Kishbaugh can be reached by phone at 376-3814. Everyone is invited to stop in and meet Petty Officer Kishbaugh.

In the top photo, pictured left to right are Petty Officer Kishbaugh, Chief of Police McCue and CW02 David Thomas of Syracuse.

In the lower photo, Undersecretary Llewellyn M. Linstrath is shown being presented a certificate of appreciation by CW0 Thomas for his assistance during the Lewis County Fair.