

NORTH COUNTRY TOWNS

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Care of Winter Park May Come Under C. W. A.

Management Finds Itself Without Sufficient Funds

Ogdensburg, Nov. 28.—There is a possibility that the care of Winter Park may be included as C. W. A. employment project this winter. Work of this kind is authorized. It was stated, and if the project received approval it would give employment to three men with dependents.

In past seasons the work of taking care of the park had been done in part by volunteers. This year the management finds itself without sufficient funds to employ the usual force and the prospect is that the park may not be operated unless outside assistance is received.

In the event that the expense of caretakers would be approved under the C. W. A. the park would probably be thrown open to the public for free use. Ice skating, hockey and other winter sports have been provided at the park since it was established by Father H. J. Martin as a civic recreation center.

400 C. W. A. MEN IN POTSDAM AREA

UNEMPLOYED ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN AT ONCE.

SEVERAL PROJECTS PLANNED

Applicants Being Enrolled at Welfare Office—Applications For Work Are Sent to New York For Final Approval.

Potsdam, Nov. 28.—Howard G. Craig, chairman for the Potsdam area of the St. Lawrence county organization for the providing of employment through the Civil Works Administration program, stated late yesterday that all unemployed in this area would be registered by Wednesday night of this week. He intimated that the number thus enrolled might be as high as 500 although he thought more likely in the neighborhood of 400.

The unemployed are being requested to sign registration cards provided for this purpose and in charge of the local welfare authorities. Mrs. Mabel Hyms, town welfare officer, and her assistants are enrolling the applicants at welfare headquarters, 15 Market street.

Due to the shortness of the time allowed the work of the county organization has of necessity been greatly hurried. Mr. Craig received his appointment only yesterday morning but by last night applications for work relief had been filed through the local office totalling 218,000 working hours. These applications were sent to Mr. Frank at Ogdensburg and through his office to New York city for final action.

Local projects to be undertaken and a number of work hours asked for are as follows: High school athletic field, 9,000 hours; town of Potsdam for town hall, Norwood Music hall, Potsdam library, 80,000; village of Potsdam for sewers, etc. 60,000; Potsdam aviation field, 10,000; town of Potsdam for road work, etc. 60,000; sewing project for women of the town, 9,000 hours.

All requisitions for federal funds must be in by Dec. 1, with Feb. 15 set as the date for the completion of work undertaken. It is generally believed that the time limit may be extended indefinitely however upon the reconvening of congress.

\$28,000 Bonds Proposed to Give Potsdam a Community Center; C. W. A. is Involved

WOULD REMODEL NORWOOD HALL

\$35,000 ASKED AS AID MONEY FOR LABOR ON JOBS

MAKE CHURCH INTO A LIBRARY

Would Build Connecting Building Between Old Town Hall, Which Would Be Remodeled, and Universalist Church, Which Would Be Made Into Library.

Potsdam, Nov. 28.—A mass meeting of business, professional, and industrial men, together with a large number of influential farmers of the town of Potsdam, was called at the central fire station, this village, yesterday afternoon at 2, to discuss the proposed remodeling of the Potsdam town hall; the Norwood Music hall, also owned by the town; and acceptance of a proposed gift to the town of the local Universalist church, located on the corner of Park and Elm streets, for a library.

Attorney Howard R. Sanford was chosen chairman and briefly explained the nature of the proposals to be taken into consideration.

The propositions are as follows: The remodeling of the old Potsdam town hall, Park street, so that it may be used as a gathering place for the various organizations that usually have headquarters in such a building, and the providing of an auditorium with a seating capacity of about 1,200 people.

A gift from the Potsdam Universalist society of the church property, provided the town accepts the responsibility of remodeling the structure to suit the needs of a modern library.

Third, construction of a new connecting building between the two structures above mentioned to be known as Memorial hall, and to house a small auditorium, committee rooms, and a basement central heating plant for the three municipal buildings.

Fourth, remodeling of the old Music hall at Norwood, town of Potsdam, to provide a suitable meeting place for citizens of that village and surrounding vicinity.

Plans were exhibited showing the Potsdam town hall with the roof lowered some 20 feet and covered by a gable roof instead of the mansard roof now on the building. Plans for the remodeling of the old church showed the building with the bell tower removed but otherwise remaining in outward appearance much as at the present time. Between these two buildings will be the new Memorial hall to house small assemblies and providing headquarters for social and civic

hand as a portion of a fund some \$11,000 held in trust by the board, this to be used by the village in furthering the work of remodeling the church property for library uses. The board withheld the sum of \$5,000 for the purchase of equipment, books, and so forth. Mr. Barnett also stated that should the proposition be favorably voted upon, the present library property on Market street, for which an offer had been received some time ago \$20,000, would be turned over to the village to be sold and the monies received through this sale to be applied on the present project.

Percy S. Wilkins, member of the village board, just arriving from Ogdensburg where he and H. E. Flack, president of the Potsdam chamber of commerce, had been in conference with County Chairman Julius Frank, was called upon and stated that Mr. Frank had spoken in high praise of the project and had stated that it was the best from many standpoints that had been presented by any community in the county, inasmuch as it is not only provided for labor but also for the purchase of large amounts of building materials as well, and that he thought that there was little likelihood of the requisition being disallowed by the federal administration.

Harry W. Greene, of the architectural firm of Lansing, Greene, Bisnet, Watertown, spoke at length in explaining the plans for the proposed work. Figures presented by Mr. Greene were as follows: For demolishing a portion of the Potsdam town hall, \$3,000; alterations of church property, \$10,000; act of work of remodeling town hall, \$28,000; added as a safety margin due to unfavorable weather conditions \$10,000; building of Memorial hall \$12,000, making a total of about \$55,000.

Inasmuch as the town board has voted to file a petition for \$35,000 for relief employment it would leave a total of but \$20,000 to be raised through bonding the town. To this amount would be added the \$5,000 estimated as necessary for remodeling the Music hall at Norwood, making a total of \$28,000 to be raised through a bond issue.

A number of other people spoke in favor of the proposition, among these being Attorney F. L. Cubie, Mrs. Ruth E. Ferrin, Mrs. Charis H. Sisson, Mrs. Dorothy Sisson Castle and Herbert B. Bailey. The latter questioned whether the proposition could be "sold" to the farmers of the town unless they were assured that a place would be provided for their meetings.

E. J. Mulholland, speaking to the village board of Norwood, expressed himself as heartily in favor of the project and that he believed the people of Norwood would support it.

Without further discussion it was moved and carried that the town board should call a special meeting immediately at which time

Gouverneur Board Acts To Put 150 Men to Work

Projects to Be Submitted to County C. W. A. Group For Approval

Gouverneur, Nov. 28.—Plans to put 150 unemployed men to work under the provisions of the C. W. A. were made last night by the village board at their regular meeting here.

For over an hour the board was closeted in an executive session with Village Attorney James C. Dolan while details of the course of action were mapped out. At the conclusion of the executive session a motion made by Trustee G. Wilson Dodds called for the submission by the village to the county C. W. A. organization of projects sufficient to employ 150 men for the maximum time allowable which begins as soon as the projects are approved and ends on Feb. 15.

Among the projects considered by the board were the making of a number of large fills throughout the village, street sub-basing, sewer construction, and the removal of trees hazardous to public property. The possibility of building an athletic field on the fair grounds for the use of the high school was also discussed and will be submitted for approval of the C. W. A. authorities. It is likely that before such a project can be undertaken that the fair association which owns the grounds will have to give the board of education a long term lease. The possibility of sewing for the hospital as a project for un-

employed women was considered and will be submitted for the approval of the authorities.

By far the largest proportion of the work to be done will be that of constructing fills in several sections of the village. This is work of a type which can be carried on in winter weather. George Cottrell, who is in charge of such construction for the village, outlined a program of fills which might be undertaken. Considerable work will be done to fill up the low land Mud Creek in the vicinity of Grove and Beckwith streets. Several thousand loads of dirt can be used here easily. Workmen will tress and dumping dirt to be distributed at some future time.

A second fill which will likely be made is on the village property on West Main street adjoining the Tuttle grocery store. The land here drops off sharply to the river and even the sidewalk rests on a framework of supports. A fill on both sides of the gully on Hallesboro street where there is at present some 400 feet of railing is also contemplated. It is planned to extend the fill some ten feet beyond the sidewalk to eliminate the necessity of a railing. The removal of several large willow trees which constitute a hazard on Water street was also considered.

Trustees Joseph McAllister and G. Wilson Dodds went today to Ogdensburg to confer with County C. W. A. officials and to present the projects proposed by the village. Approval or disapproval of the projects will be given within 36 hours, so that the work can begin at once. To be eligible for work on the projects, a person must be unemployed and must have registered his desire for work. W. W. Harvey of this village is the local representative in charge of the registration. Men who have already registered at an earlier date need not do so again.

The amount to be paid for labor is still in dispute, trustees said. Information from county and state officials. Rates of 50 cents an hour for unskilled labor and \$1.20 for skilled labor were suggested at a