

Adams/Cheshire Savoy

Budget cutting tonight for district schools

ADAMS — Deliberations begin tonight on the proposed Adams-Cheshire Regional School District budget that totals \$5,281,396, and is expected to be pared in line with Proposition 2½ down to \$4,676,247.

The proposed figure, before the paring, represents a 13.5 percent increase over the current year's packages.

Rolland G. Duval, superintendent of schools, has provided the school committee with a list of 100 items for cutting which would total \$880,843, including the closing of Howland School after the current year ends. The list also includes elimination of eight teaching posts, 12 aide positions and two custodians, along with instituting a program of bus transportation of students living less than two miles from their school.

The closing of Howland, proposed several times in the past but never effected (the last decision to do so

was reversed because of community pressure on the school committee to keep the school open), would result in a saving of \$7,442 in energy, supplies, plowing and other areas along with a savings from staff reductions.

The K-3 school currently is staffed by 4½ teaching positions (including a ½-day kindergarten teacher) and three aides. The district-wide teacher reduction would amount to \$141,065, the aide reduction \$47,880, and the custodian reduction \$23,892. For possibly all of the aide reduction and most of the teacher reduction Mr. Duval feels annual average attrition among staff members would accommodate the cuts by just not replacing those resigning for retirement or other reasons.

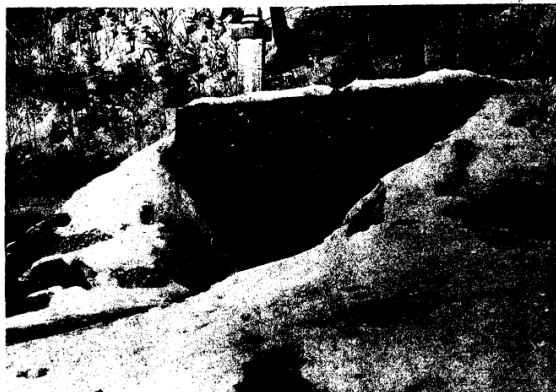
The students of Howland, if dispersed to the district's two other K-3 school—Commercial Street and Hoosac Street—would bring the class sizes of the latter two schools up to an

average of 24 from the current 19-20.

The transportation change would see students continued to be bused but parents paying \$5.50 per day if their children travel under two miles. A savings of \$100,000 is expected if the change goes through.

Among the other measures proposed to effect the paring are the imposing of seasonal limits to use of Hoosac Valley High School's swimming pool, charging outside groups for use of school facilities, elimination of a kindergarten class at Cheshire School, dropping two staff members from the district's special needs group, eliminating special maintenance projects, buying no new equipment, library books or audio visual supplies, and reducing or combining some programs.

In some of the measures, Mr. Duval said, will the academic programs of the district be directly affected.



PUMP ROOM—The Red Mills Spring Water Project completed earlier this year serves about 90 people in Clarksburg. The spring and pump room

Blaze damages Windsor house

WINDSOR — The Savoy Volunteer Fire Department waged a four-hour battle Saturday morning to extinguish a blaze in a home in the Windsor Pond area.

According to Fire Chief Robert P. Herrmann, his department, which covers Windsor Pond for the town of Windsor, was called to the home of Ralph Richmond.

When firemen arrived, they found the 1½-story wood structure—the old Silver Birch Bar—with its upper floors involved and the fire beginning to spread to a first-floor kitchen wall.

Using the department's three trucks, the Savoy force of 20, joined

by 10 more firefighters from Windsor, was able to bring the fire under control in about 1½ hours, Chief Herrmann said. It took another two hours to completely extinguish the blaze, however, he said.

Firemen were hampered by the near-zero temperatures which froze water instantly. The Savoy Highway Department was called in to sand the driveway.

The chief said extensive damage to the upper floor of the structure was done by the fire as two rooms were gutted. There was also smoke and water damage to the first floor. The building could be repairable, however, he said, since primary

structural damage was limited to a hole in the roof.

The fire is believed to have stemmed from an overheated chimney serving a basement wood-burning furnace, the chief said.

Savoy firemen are the first-responders to fires at Windsor Pond since the Windsor trucks have to travel through Savoy to get to the area. While all of Savoy's equipment was at the scene, a backup engine staffed by 10 men was sent from the Alert Home Company in Adams to cover Savoy. The Adams unit returned to Adams at the end of the night until the return of the volunteers.

Water tops '80 C'burg news

By AMY MILLER
Transcript Staff

CLARKSBURG — With the arrival of the new year, Clarksburg residents can expect to see a lot of news about a new water system, a drought and a corollary set of water problems to the area.

Red Mills Spring Water Project has been completed for months, and most of the effects of the summer drought have left. Last fall, however, a week rarely passed that troubles with the town's water supply didn't surface and remind selection of an ongoing local problem.

Until November at least 20 residents in town had dry wells because of the drought suffered throughout the area last summer. Forti McLean Jr., selectman living on Horrigan Road, was pumping water from a nearby brook until mid-November when water once again filled his well. Others in his area, he said, are still without water.

In addition, it is estimated by residents that 10 households in the East Road-Henderson Road area lost access to underground water at the same time. Two who live on Henderson road complained last week when water at the Red Mills Spring froze. The spring has been their source of water since the summer.

Robert Burdick of Henderson Road said after a selectman last week complaining that he could no longer collect water from the faucet at the spring, Mr. Burdick, like others in the area, relied on containers to tote water back and forth to his home. Mr. Burdick said some residents in the area have shallow wells, and the wells which carries their water has been dry since summer.

Forti McLean Jr., selectman, was notified, J.H. Maxymilian of Pittsfield, contractors for the spring installation, restored the area.

But toting water is a temporary solution, and some residents here still offer the consequences of dry roads. Mr. McLean said it has been 3 years since he last ran out of water.

Although the Red Mills Spring water system, which was installed early last year, offers ample water to the 30 resident users, it has provided ongoing problems to keep town officials busy.

Along with 82 other communities in Massachusetts, Clarksburg was faced with the problem of pipes lined with tetrahydroethylene (TCE). An environmental protection agency study found TCE to be potentially carcinogenic.

Pipes manufactured by John Anville of Denver, Colo., and stalled in the water system designed by Gordon E. Ainsworth of South Norfield, were lined with a substance containing TCE.

In response to a request by the state department of Environmental and Public Health, a plan for controlling the TCE level in their water, selectmen began bleeding the system. The board predicted that

confident the system is running as it should. However, he has agreed to take measurements to ascertain whether there is a possible problem in the size of pipes connecting the collection tank with the storage tank.

Workers from DEQ are currently sampling the water to measure success of the bleeding. The results will be sent to all residents who are effected and will explain concentration levels, according to James Holeva, a water supply spokesman at the department.

The state attorney general has determined a safety cutoff line to be 40 parts per billion of TCE found in the water. When water in the Clarksburg system was first tested, it read 64 to 224 parts per billion. Last May it was down to 56 parts per billion.

In addition to TCE contamination which led to a boil order throughout the district, water from the system last fall had a coliform bacteria count above the state's safety level. Any reading above 1 leads to a boil order. In July the coliform measurement was 2, in September, 3 and in October, 4.

Selectmen are still holding 10 percent of the fee owed to Maxymilian. Gordon Ainsworth is currently investigating possible reasons a storage tank may deplete in what selectmen have indicated is an unreasonably short amount of time when a break occurs.

Richard Bedard, executive vice president and general manager at Ainsworth, has indicated that he

ACDC to review applications

ADAMS — The Adams Community Development Corporation (ACDC) will review applications for the post of planner-coordinator and will discuss procurement of equipment for three businesses through its programs at 4:30 p.m. today at town hall.

Applications for the coordinator's post had a noon deadline today, but no decision on the hiring is expected this afternoon, according to David J.

Osterhout, ACDC chairman. The major applications for the coordinator's salary will come from a \$15,000 grant from the state's Community Enterprise and Economic Development program. The money represents the first grant received by the newly-formed ACDC.

The ACDC coordinator position will be full-time, initially for one year's duration, beginning the date of hiring.

The ACDC has already approved three applications for assistance to local businesses: 1980 Developers, P&H Realty and Adams Plumbing and Heating. They will secure financial-assistance programs for the three have begun, with the ACDC's participating in exchange for some of the business' expenses.

Renovation of the dormant Adams Berkshire Inn is the target of 1980 Developers, headed by Ignatius J. Michalek. An estimate of the cost of rehabilitation is expected to be completed this week by Rayher Construction Co. of North Adams in preparation for an application for funding assistance to the Massachusetts Community Development Corporation through the ACDC.

A low-interest loan to purchase, refurbish and operate the inn is sought. An option, secured from the Community Savings Bank of Holyoke for \$5,000, expires at the end of January. The bank secured the structure at auction in 1977 from Alan S. Center, developer of the shorted

Computer school won't buy campus

PUNNEY, Vt. (AP) — A computer programming training school has withdrawn an offer to purchase the campus of bankrupt Windham College, according to the bankruptcy trustee.

Jerome Meyers said the buyer "withdrew for a number of reasons."

He said there were other people interested in purchasing the real estate but that the New York computer group was the most interested.

Windham closed its doors two years ago when it ran out of money. Most all of the contents of the buildings have since been sold by auction.

The sale of the campus has been complicated by the various creditors who still have claims on the property.

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Youth Center schedules ski, swimming activities

ADAMS — The Little Pitzer Ski Area, operated by Youth Center Inc. on the grounds of the new community center off East Street, will be open for two days this week, the center has announced.

The slopes and rope tow will operate Thursday and Friday from 8:30 to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 to 4 p.m., according to Jill Senecal, program director.

The hours are subject to change should weather conditions dictate.

Other activities for the week show arts and crafts classes will be held today for grades two and three at Commercial Street School from 3-4

p.m., and Wednesday for grades kindergarten and one also at the school the same hours.

Open swimming will be at Hoosac Valley and Salem. Pool hours are from 6-7 p.m. for grades K-12, and 7-8 p.m. for adults.

Basketball will be played by grades K-6 Thursday from 6-7 p.m., and grades 7-9 Thursday from 7-8 p.m. Both sessions will be at the Phoenix Intermediate School gym.

Adult exercise classes will be today from 7-8:15 p.m., and Tuesday at Thursday from 9-10:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Parish Hall.

P&H Realty has run into a snag in its plans to upgrade the Woodworth Building at 19-25 Park Street. James J. Leitch, building inspector, has condemned the two upper floors of the four-story structure, which had housed residents in 13 apartments, because of structural problems involving the roof.

The inspector said last week that the roof has sagged more than a foot since it was built, drooping about an inch in the past 18 months, and the resultant pressure is popping bricks from the exterior. The wooden trusses may not hold out, he said, in ordering the evacuation of tenants.

The order does not apply to apartments on the second floor and business tenants on the ground floor, F.W. Woolworth Co., Schwartz Stores and Campes Restaurants.

Thomas Hawke and Bruce Palenatide, both of North Adams, own P&H Realty, which bought the building about two months ago. They expect to receive an engineering report sometime this week on the possibilities of rettying the roof problem. They have indicated the firm will do whatever has to be done to shore up the building.

The roof problems should not affect the chances of the company getting assistance through the ACDC. Mr. Osterhout has indicated. The corporation sees the building as a key structure for the business district.

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Carnival button contest to open '81 winter fling

ADAMS — The second annual Winter Carnival, sponsored by Youth Center Inc., has been scheduled for the school vacation week of Feb. 15-21, with a carnival-button design contest as a preliminary.

Local youngsters are asked to submit by Friday their designs on paper to the center offices at 41 Park St. All designs should be drawn on white paper no larger than 12 inches, and should have no more than two colors that must be specified—one for the design and the other for the background. The designs should be original, not using characters from

Peanuts, Muppets or Disney, according to Jill Senecal, program director.

There will be winners chosen in three aged divisions, along with grand prize winner. The divisions are I for grades 1-4, II for grades 5-8, and III for grades 9-12. Each division winner will receive \$5, and the grand prize winner will receive \$10, along with the honor of having his or her design on the carnival buttons.

The carnival, hampered by lack of snow last year, is expected to be on full force this year because of promising snow conditions.

her home. Entry was probably gained by forcing open an inside door, police said. The only item received missing is a \$10 bill.

Saturday, 11:12 a.m.—Two persons received minor injuries when a car, heading north on Route 8, skidded into the guard rail at the Grove Street Bridge. Driver Joyce G. LaPointe, 25, 3 Meadow St., with a nose injury, and passenger Pauline J. Rose, 25, 16½ Howland Ave., owner of the car, with a cut on the forehead, were treated at North Adams Regional Hospital and released. Police said the vehicle skidded as it came on the ice-covered bridge, jumped the curb and hit the steel railing, damaging about five feet of the state-owned and the complete front end and windshield of the car. No charges were filed.

Police calls

ADAMS — The following incidents have been logged by police:

Friday, 4:10 a.m.—No injuries resulted when a pickup truck driven by Joyce M. DiGenaro, 26, 124 Liberty St., North Adams, heading north on Columbia Street, collided broadside with a car driven by Frederick Skiffington, 35, 27 Agremon St., which had skidded onto Columbia Street while westbound on Lime Street. The entire front end of the pickup was damaged along with the left side door and left rear fender of the car. No charges were filed.

12:58 p.m.—No injuries resulted when a car driven by Gary L. Singer, 4 Chapel Road, Savoy, heading south on Myrtle Street, was struck by Chester J. Nowak, 60, 13 E. Hoosac St., collided as both were backing from parking spaces at a parking lot 400 feet west of Myrtle Street. The right door of the Singer car was damaged but no significant damage was reported to the Nowak vehicle. No charges were filed.

4:08 p.m.—Beatrice Gallivan, 19 Pleasant St., reported a break into

NOTICE

The Florida School Department
Florida, Massachusetts

The Florida School Committee, in accordance with the provision of Chapter 40 of the Acts of 1941, will receive sealed bids (under \$20,000) on January 27, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gabriel Abbott Memorial School for the transportation of kindergarten through elementary and high school children. Specifications may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Joseph A. Joseph, Route 19, River Road, Clarksburg, MA 01247.

Joseph J. Joseph
Superintendent of Schools
Jan. 5, 12, 1981

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LEGAL NOTICE

UNDER GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40B OF THE ZONING AND BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 12, 1981 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT COURT ROOM, TOWN HALL, ADAMS, MASS. TO HEAR THE FOLLOWING PETITION:

7:00 P.M. FRANK CURRY, JR., 3 FRANCIS AVE., SECTION NO. 108 SPECIAL PERMIT — HOME OCCUPATION — OPEN MOBILE TRAILER HOBY SHOP

7:15 P.M. JOHN J. SCHULTE — 34 MEADOW ST. — SPECIAL PERMIT SECTION NO. 308 "GRADING & EROSION" PLACEMENT OF 88 YDS OF FILL IN LOT 4 ACROSS FROM 34 MEADOW ST.

PAUL LEFEBVRE
CHAIRMAN
Dec. 29, 1980, Jan. 5, 1981

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