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Mary Barrington Beatlemania Strikes Teenagers Leads Honor Roll

Mary Barrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barrington 14 Garden St., leads the senior high honor roll for the third quarter with an average of 96.6.

Those with averages above 90 are: Mary Barrington, Lynne Haskins, Mary Piesinger, Jan Turcotte, Charles Prescott, Bernard Alpert, Donald Duncan, Margaret Spurbuck, Tracy Lewis, Patricia Bromling, Russell Pattison, Mary Beth Blood, Thomas Piesinger, Lawrence Winters, Timothy Wynant, Josef Bronicki, Gerry Hobson, Brenda Norton, Gloria Gibson, Melody Steinberg, Donna Jean Crockett, Barbara Halse, Dora LaBaff, Mary Fay, Timothy Jenack, David Matott.

Michael Sprague, Jerry Hayes, Peter Stone, Charles Williams, Richard Winters, Robert Krebs, Kurt Halliday, Jane Kristiansen, James Balukjian, John O'Brien, John Snyder, Jane Perkins, Robert Reed, Mary Moulton, Ruth Ann Kerker, Christine Shampine, Kathryn Hall, Greer Cox, Judy MacDonald, John Osier, Amy Theobald, Nancy Colburn, Virginia Vanderburg.

Those with averages of 85-90 are: Diane Cayce, Candace Cummings, Fleur Griffith, Carol Valade, Carol Moore, Irb Kheeruenron, Sally Schwyer, Patricia Gary, Mary Gilson, Kay Lakin, Lyndon LaBrake, Sarah Lindsey, Stuart Angie, Robert Oberst, Diane Jarrett, Diane Mayo, Joan Merrill.

Potsdam Students Plan Festival Here

The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) is holding its annual Spring Festival this year on May 1 and 2 at the Lawrence Avenue Elementary School in Potsdam.

More than 100 soloists and 50 ensembles will compete. The schools participating are ACS, Alexandria Bay, Beaver River, Belleville, Brushton-Moira, Canton, Cape Vincent, Carthage, Clayton, Clifton Fine, Colton-Pierrepont, Congdon Campus, Copenhagen, Edwards, Gouverneur, Hammond, Henderson, Heuvelton, Holy Family, Immaculate Heart, Knox Memorial, Lisbon, Lowville, Lyne, Massena, Morrison, Norwood-Norfolk, OPA, Poland, P.C.S., Salmon River.

The following are adjudicators: brass, Hubert Hutchinson from Ithaca College; woodwinds, Eugene Cunningham from Albany; brass and woodwinds, Peter Eckhardt from Indian Lake; percussion and winds, Gordon Mathie, SUCP; vocal, William Cook, Fayetteville; twirlers, Jean Eckhardt, Indian Lake.

The official New York State representative at the festival will be Gardiner Vincent from ACACS.

There will be two sessions on Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. On Saturday there will be three sessions running from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Music students from Potsdam Central School, under the direction of Harold Grahling, are planning and running the entire program. Admission is free and the public is welcome to come to the sessions.

Nancy Shulman, Linda Stark, Heather Anderson, David Baker, Douglas Krebs, Helen Waldruff, Deborah Balyea, Carla Ellis, Barbara McHugh, Lynda Stone, Gerald McDougall, Frank Theobald, Sue Weeks, Ralph Himma, Carl Carter, Jeffery Clark, James Gotham, David Grahling.

Mary Longale, Cynthia Cook, Roberta Kirman, James McSparron, Robert Wagner, Phyllis Cook, Suzanne Gutmann, Diana Lawrence, Mary Sherburne, Donna Gardner, Mike Boyea, Marlon Fears, Angelina Giuliani, Renee Fliegel, Carol Lakin, Velma Burkum, Susan Bourcier, Patricia Murphy, Mary Phillips, Martha Hoamer, Clifford Kolson, Alan Lindsey, Dawn Granger, Sharon Clary, Walter Kearns, Donna Russell, Robert Winthrop, Roberta Fenton, Edre Gorius, Christine Colburn, Robert Haldemen, William Putnam, Bonnie Green, Thomas Long, Robert Drushia, JoMarie Elliott, Rebecca Green, Besty Ramsdell, Marie Russell, Wayne Williams, Steve Yianoukos.

Critic Crockett

Lord Of Flies

Review by Donna Jean Crockett
"Lord of the Flies" by William Golding illustrates the savage nature of man's character beneath a veneer of cultural achievements. The nationality makes no difference. Ironically he uses the English schoolboy to fulfill his purpose.

One has a conventional picture of the English which is definitely at variance with the scene in which the mob of blood-thirsty boys attack and slaughter one of their own, Simon. Golding demonstrates how quickly people, released from a restraining influence, discard their learned proprieties and lapse in inherent behavior.

The violence which Golding wishes to emphasize, I believe, is overdone. After reading the description of the sow's head which eventually resulted in Simon's tragic death, I felt that Piggy's death was unnecessary and exaggerated the main idea.

Jack's leadership and ability to incite a group with the same passions which burned in himself was excellently contrasted with Ralph's conservatism. Ralph was the one in the end who retained the greatest relativity of life in England to the situations which confronted him on the island.

I believe that the use of a person such as Ralph was essential to the story because he served the same purpose as a control in a scientific experiment. Ralph and the conch subtly symbolized the organization and chivalrous customs of his civilization.

"Lord of the Flies" was a very well constructed study of human behavior patterns.

Dear Parents:

I feel it is necessary for me to inform the youth of this nation of the potential danger which awaits them in the form of a group of singer from the United Kingdom known in some sections as the "Beatles." I have observed what this group has done, and although I am loath to repeat these things which were told to me in the strictest confidence, my more patriotic instincts prevail and I shall tell you, the American Public, of this danger.

It started on Nov. 11, 1963, when a girl, Marybelle-Lou Smith, was watching a subversive program called the XYZ News. This program, written by communist sympathizers, started the most morally degenerative craze since goldfish swallowing, namely the Beatles. They showed a group of young men who were "singing" in England. American youths, who are always susceptible to foreign crazes, fell for this plot book, line and singer, thus drawing their attention from such fine red-blooded American singers such as Elvis, Fabian and Chubby Checkers. Marybelle-Lou Smith was one of these poor misguided youths.

She immediately started to go into the most sickening contortions. These contortions almost approached becoming immoral until her parents held her down believing she had been bitten by the Outer Mongolian red-nosed fly, which as all Americans know, causes similar contortions. When they discovered what she was suffering from they let her go, thinking that this was just another singing group, not realizing that this group was from England, the very same England which had never recovered from that affair in 1776, and still secretly hated

Seniors Prep Pay Telephone Popular For Graduation

The Senior Class Executive Committee is planning the class activities for the remainder of the year. The Committee would appreciate suggestions concerning future activities and constructive criticisms of the proposed activities.

Slave Day, a successful senior project in the past, will be held in May. The proceeds of this sale will go to the American Field Service.

Following the distribution of yearbooks, the class may sponsor a yearbook signing party for the whole school. This is a tentative project. The Executive Committee would appreciate your reaction to this idea.

Plans for graduation are under way. Last week the class chose graduation announcements and ordered them from Joston, Co. Mrs. McMann and a committee of students have been taking measurements for caps and gowns.

The traditional Senior Banquet will be held shortly before graduation. The class and the executive committee would like suggestions for the activity following the dinner. Because the semi-formal dance has not been successful in recent years, the executive committee feels that the class should reexamine its attitudes toward the ball.

These activities, studying for finals, and getting ready for summer will keep all the members of the senior class busy for the rest of the year.

the United States for it.

The Plan
The plan was a very simple one:

1. Reduce the youth of America to a state which they would be incapable of thought.
2. Cause a gold drain which, resulting from money spent on such things as Beatle magazines, fan clubs, records, bubble gum, shoes, sweatshirts, etc., would impoverish the United States.
3. Let the Beatles, followed by their unthinking fans, take over the government. Thus they would recover the losses of the Great War of the Revolution.

Marybelle-Lou is approaching the first state (who would not after hearing the Beatles all day) and she is helping to reach the second. In a few short months the U. S. will be ready to be overthrown.

Parents of America arise!!! You have nothing to lose but your chains. Destroy this plot forever. Seize the treacherous and subversive radio and television networks. Destroy the record companies. Imprison the Emcees. This is your last chance.

N. S. K.

(With this letter from a concerned citizen, we thought we should affix a few notes from our music critic.) — Ed.

I always hesitate before making any comments about the "whoop and holler or head-

for-the-roundhouse - Nellie - he'll-never-corner - you - there cha cha school," for fear my remarks might be misunderstood. As I see it, one of the surest ways to keep a craze alive is fulminating against it, and as far as I can see, the Beatle craze is on the decline already; so I will make a few parting remarks.

A controversy has been carried forth at great length as to the intervals of their singing. A large majority, with whom I concur, call the music diatonic, almost tending toward Mixolydian mode, with its unresolved fourths as a proof. However, some diatonic will call the music pan-diatonic. Now I ask you, what could be more ridiculous?

It is equally conceded that their voices are not the best on record. As a matter of fact, certain critics have claimed that even their singing in unison does not sufficiently mash their nasal twang and lack of schooling. However, we feel that their unison singing should not be criticized; just think how much worse they would be in parts.

Comment could and should be made about their scintillating lyrics and highly original and non-repetitious music, but it would have to be made by someone with less candor and more enthusiasm than yours truly.

P. H. R.



RETURNING FROM CONFERENCE — These Potsdam High students spent the week end of April 17 on the campus of Syracuse University attending the famous Maxwell School of Citizenship's Conference on Citizenship Education, in which hundreds of high school youngsters from all over the State par-

ticipate. Seen here are (from left): front row — Barbara McHugh, Meg Spurbuck, Nancy Colburn, and Donna Jean Crockett. Back row — Bob Winthrop, John O'Brien, Russell Pattison. Absent from the picture was Charlie Prescott.

Potsdam Runners Exhibit Promise In First Meet

The annual Massena invitational track meet was held at Massena last Saturday. Ten schools competed from our section as well as two others from section seven. Participating were the following in order of points scored: Peru—130, Malone—112, Plattsburgh—74, Tupper—63, Massena—53, Carthage—52, Canton—37, Potsdam—36½, Gouverneur—34, and Saranac—13½.

Potsdam placed eighth in the field of 12. Placing for Potsdam in the following events were: 100 yard dash — Welby LaPoint, fourth and Mike Perry, fifth; 220 yard dash—Bill Putnam, fifth, Chou Park, third, Chuck Williams, fifth; Low hurdles — Ed Cummings, first, Bob Fonda, third; 440 yard dash — Dave Henderson, fourth; Mile run — John Amolotte, sixth; two mile — Fred Marten, sixth; 880 Relay — Don Duncan third; Pole Vault — Dick Democourt and Bill Mitchell tied with Dishaw of Massena for fourth place at a height of 10'3". This broke the previous school record of 10 ft. set by Ralph Travis two years ago.

Coach Bill Lewis stated last Monday in a talk to the team that he thought they did well at Massena considering that we were not at full strength. We were competing against teams in Section Seven, far superior to those in our league. "The results of the invitational

Club Debates Issue Of Care For Aged

The Debate Club has been debating "Medical Care for the Aged" this year. They have had several debates among themselves so that when they debate with other schools they will have arguments which will stand up under fire.

Potsdam Unit Adopts Orphan

The Student Council would like to thank the student body for its cooperation in raising the money necessary to adopt an orphan under the Foster Parents' Plan. The SC agreed that, rather than having just the Student Council members organize and participate in a fund-raising project, the whole school should accept the responsibility.

Therefore, they asked each individual student to contribute toward the goal. By collecting this money in the homerooms, then counting it, the SC kept the student body informed on the progress. On the fourth day of collections, the school passed its goal of \$180.

The money has been sent in to the organization; before too long the selection of a definite area will be made, and the proceedings will get under way. The "Kronikler" will keep the student body informed on future developments.

are always deceiving," stated Lewis, "because the superior teams from the other leagues are allowed to enter. Therefore, only our strongest men are able to place." "However," Lewis said, "if the boys work hard and keep progressing they will be tough competition for any team in the Northern League."

Recently, the affirmative team was represented by Nancy Colburn and David Murphy; the negative team was Matt Greenblatt and Gary Parker. The affirmative team proposed that there should be insurance coverage for the aged and federal aid to more medical and nursing schools in addition to aid for more public health institutions. Their plan would be financed by additional Social Security payments. The negative favored private insurance companies such as Blue Shield, and the Kerr-Mills Act, already established, and Social Security.

Although there is no debate club league organized in this area at present, they have tried to start a league by sending letters to Canton, Norwood-Norfolk Massena, Gouverneur and Ogdensburg. Gouverneur said that they were forming a club, and several other schools said that they would consider forming a club next year.

This year the club is attempting to encourage members of the student body to participate in the debating activities. It is hoped that this policy will strengthen the club so that in the future this school will be represented by a debating team as successful and popular as the hockey team.

The coach then spent several minutes planning with his team the strategy for the meets upcoming in the future.

Miss Hellmer English Cadet Mr. Peter Crumb Teaches English

Miss Karen Hellmer, a senior from St. Lawrence University, is our English cadet this semester. Her interests are many and varied. She is the house manager of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and also participated in the Student Government.

She has spent her last four summers working at Pleasure Island Amusement Park in Wakefield, Mass. In her spare time she enjoys skiing and camping, both activities keeping her in close contact with people and nature. She has commented that she enjoys teaching students of the secondary level and plans on teaching either junior or senior high school English in Boston next year.

When the sophomores returned to PCS at the beginning of the second semester, they were greeted by a new English teacher, Peter Crumb. A January graduate of SUC at Potsdam, he majored in English and minored in education.

Mr. Crumb finds PCS to be an excellent school, the teachers to be extremely warm and receptive and the students to be good both academically and socially. Teaching occupies a great deal of his time, but he is able to do some travelling.

Because he enjoys music, he spends much time playing his guitar and writing folk music. This summer Mr. Crumb plans to marry. Next year he will be teaching in Rochester, where his fiancée attends college.

Students Visit College By Film C. Prescott In Contest

Many of us do not realize the opportunity that we have of learning more about the college or university that we want to attend. In the reference room of our library we have 21 film strips and records which are waiting to be used.

Anyone at the desk can help you use them. The titles of the films are as follows: "Carnegie Institute of Technology," "Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science," "Engineering at Brown University," "Fisher Junior College," "Macalester College," "New York University," "Pratt Institute," "Princeton University," "Rutgers College," "Sarah Lawrence College," "Trinity College" (Hartford, Conn.), "Tufts University," "University of Rochester," "Western College for Women," "When You Visit a College," "How to Choose a College," and "You and Your College Boards."

Soph Hop Friday

Bring your best bean to the Sadie Hawkins dance sponsored by the Sophomore Class; 35c stag and 50c drag, Friday, May 1 at the PCS cafeteria.



THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENTS — The cadet teachers at Potsdam High for this term line up to be photographed. They will leave towards the end of this term, but will be full-fledged teachers by next fall. Seen here are

(from left): Barbara Storm, Ruth Wells, Carol Mauryce, Susan Brattig, Caroline Garlock, Judy Zahn, Karen Hellmer, and Frank Anzalone.



MODERN WAY TO CHOOSE — These senior high students are making use of this new film strip-recording combination to learn about various colleges around the country and what they have to offer. Here (from left) Ruth Ann

Kerker, Debby Steinberg, and Larry Calhoun view the campus of Cornell University and listen to a description of what the college has to offer using the earphones in the library of the senior high school.