

# Common Sense Approach To Home Security Can Discourage Burglars

BY JIM MURPHY

Officer Gene Brundage of the Potsdam Village Police Department's crime prevention unit has some good news and some bad news for people who would like to keep their homes or businesses safe from burglary.

"If somebody wants to get into your home bad enough," Officer Brundage said, "they're going to get in."

The good news, however, is that if you can keep the would-be intruder at bay for just four minutes, statistics show that he is likely to go away.

This reporter recently accompanied Brundage on a physical security survey of a village home, requested by a resident.

Such a survey might just, according to Brundage, provide enough informa-

tion on how to protect your home to keep potential burglars outside and discourage break-ins before they happen.

"You've just got to make it as tough as possible for them," Brundage said.

Since late May, Brundage has been offering free home and business security inspections as part of his crime prevention duties. Included are

recommendations for making homes safer from potential break-ins.

At present, Brundage spends two days a week on crime prevention and juvenile work with the department and the rest of his time on regular patrol. His hours in the two special units were cut after village officials decided not to replace a patrolman who had left the department for another job.

least a one inch deadbolt throw. This lock is particularly recommended when there is glass within 40 inches of the lock. If there is no glass on the door a surface mount lock may be sufficient, he said.

Noting that several exterior doors on the house surveyed lock with easily obtained skeleton keys, Brundage suggested a change to more secure locks.

The best way to make sure what is best for a particular home or business, however, is to call the police department and set up an appointment for a house security survey. There is no charge for the service, and it could save needless expense and loss from a burglary.

**Begins Outside**

Brundage began his survey outside, inspecting every access to the inside of the home — from basement to attic, checking for avenues of entry for burglars. Businesses get even more detailed treatment, based on potential access routes such as plate glass display windows.

Many of the suggestions he made could be called simple common sense, and for the most part, his recommendations are simple and inexpensive.

"You'd be surprised how much a simple 100 watt lightbulb could help here," Brundage said, noting a low watt bulb in an outside porch light.

Other common sense suggestions which Brundage generally makes include the pinning of windows from the inside to prevent easy access. "They don't want the noise involved with the

locking of glass," he said.

Some basement windows of the house he surveyed were boarded up, which Brundage said is an effective deterrent, but he recommended that others be boarded.

Home owners should consider leaving lights on or hooking up a timer to turn lights and a radio on and off when they are away for long periods of time, Brundage suggested.

One of the biggest areas of concern for Brundage is locks. "People many times don't realize the difference between a privacy device and a security device," Brundage said.

Brundage recommends the use of a double cylinder deadbolt lock with at



**TREE DOWNED** — High winds caused a tree to fall and knock down power lines last Friday afternoon on Pierpont Avenue near the intersection of Bay Street. Power was off from 4:15 until just before 7 p.m. for 400 customers, according to Niagara Mohawk official James Bouvier. (Jared Thayer photo)

## Village Looking For New DPW Chief

Potsdam village officials are seeking a new Department of Public Works superintendent to replace Robert Conklin, who will retire Dec. 31.

While Village Administrator Victor Bortnick is hoping to find someone with a college degree in engineering, he conceded last week that chances are likely that the post will be filled by someone currently working at Potsdam's DPW — at least on an interim basis.

Conklin, the village's current acting DPW chief, has announced that he will retire at the end of the year.

Bortnick said that he has interviewed a number of people for the position, but to date has found no one who fully meets the village's needs.

The person hired for the post will be responsible for overseeing the repair and maintenance of the village's streets, water plant, sewer plant and hydroelectric generating plant.

Bortnick had previously stated that the village is looking for a young person, with little or no experience, but who has an engineering degree and the technical knowledge for the job.

"As of yet," Bortnick said, "we have made no definite decision on the people we've interviewed. Chances are that he (Conklin) will be replaced through promotion."

"We will be making the decision as soon as we possibly can," Bortnick said. The village administrator declined to comment on what the salary level of the position will be,

stating only that it is the decision of the village board.

Bortnick stated that the "optimum ideal" for the position would be to find someone with the appropriate degree who had an interest in municipal work.

He added that lack of experience would not really be a handicap. "We're looking for someone not to actually do the work, but to be a supervisor," Bortnick stated.

"It can be very generally stated that our personnel is very experienced," he added.

The village administrator added that if the individual is interested in local government, chances are that he will stay in the position long enough for the village to gain by it.

## People

### TWO FROM CLARKSON NAMED TO WHO'S WHO

Douglas R. Veivia and Frederick J. Niess, both of Potsdam, have been selected to be in the 1983 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Douglas and Frederick were two of 45 Clarkson students who were chosen because of their academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extra curricular activities and future potential.

Who's Who began publishing in 1934 and today contains the names of students from more than 1,300 educational institutions in the United States and several foreign countries.

### DONOR RECRUITER APPOINTED AT RED CROSS

Beverly Carlo of Watertown has been appointed district consultant in the Donor Resources Development Department of American Red Cross Syracuse Regional Blood Services. Her district includes Lewis, Jefferson, East St. Lawrence, and West St. Lawrence County Chapters of the Red Cross.

As district consultant, Ms. Carlo works with bloodmobile sponsors in the northern part of the Syracuse Region in planning and organizing bloodmobiles.

Ms. Carlo is a graduate of the St. Lawrence State Hospital School of Nursing in Ogdensburg. She has been with the Red Cross since 1975, at one time working for blood services in Atlanta, Ga.

## Dairy Specialist Says 'Milk Tax' Will Help

BY BETSY BAKER

While the controversy continues over the federal government's 50 cent per hundredweight assessment on milk, a dairy specialist now working in the North Country says the so-called "milk tax" will help, not hurt farmers in the long run.

Admitting that the short term result will be a loss in profits for North Country dairy farmers, Ed Jackman maintained nonetheless that the tax would help by forcing farmers to be more efficient.

Jackman, presently in Potsdam working on a dairy management project as part of the Northern New York Agricultural Development Program, stressed the value of good, basic management techniques in dairy farming.

He said that the North Country "has good potential," adding that "there are good farmers up here," but according to Jackman, the lack of attention to management techniques is costing dairy farmers money — money they could be saving to offset the loss of profits from the milk tax.

Jackman said that profits can be lost from milking procedures. Many North Country farmers do not wash and dry their cows' teats before milking, Jackman said. Adding that step to the normal routine of milking can reduce the spread of bacteria and keep the cows healthier, which in turn will lead to increased production from the same number of animals, Jackman said.

The 50 cent per hundredweight assessment is designed to encourage dairy farmers to cut milk production and reduce the nation's surplus. But North Country farmers have maintained they are not over-producing, and many have said they will be forced to increase the size of their herds to cover the loss of profits from the milk tax.

Jackman also said that a "back to basics" approach is needed in dairy management. "It's not a question of

equipment. People have gone to new-fangled equipment and gotten away from basics" such as high quality feed, good techniques for bedding the animals, ventilation, housing, planting, fertilization, harvesting and storing of forage crops, he said.

Jackman is based in Potsdam, and works with two dairy farmers in each of six North Country counties: Clinton, Essex, Jefferson, Lewis, Franklin and St. Lawrence.

The farmers were selected through statistics from Cornell University as being "typical," according to Jackman. Part of his work involves developing dairy management programs in cooperation with Cornell, Cooperative Extension, area veterinarians and farm organizations.

Later on, statistics gathered from the management programs will be given to North Country dairy farmers to encourage them to improve their own management techniques, Jackman said.

A graduate of Ohio State, Jackman managed a herd of 100 registered Holsteins for three years outside Columbus, Ohio. He also owns a small herd of registered Holsteins in Ohio.

## 'Merry Madrigal' Dinner To Usher In Holidays

A merry madrigal dinner will open the holiday season at Potsdam College, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in Thatcher Hall on the Potsdam College campus.

Tickets are now available for the festivities, which include a hearty roast beef feast and authentic Renaissance entertainment by the Crane Chamber Choir. All tickets, at \$11 per person, must be purchased in advance at the Potsdam College Catering Office in Thatcher Hall. No tickets will be held in reserve or purchased at the door.

The gentle folk of the North Country are invited to attend.

## Scouts Raising Funds For Camping Gear

**MADRID**—Madrid Troop 14 of The Boy Scouts of America is conducting a drive during the month of November to raise funds for needed camping equipment. The present troop, in existence for only two years, currently boasts 14 active scouts led by scoutmaster Don Duncan and assistant scoutmaster Dean Benware. As a result of several years of troop inactivity the current troop was left without any equipment with which to actively participate in outdoor camping activities.

Although the boys have worked very hard to raise funds with bake sales, car washes, and a light bulb sale, they have only been able to meet regular troop expenses and have little left

over to meet equipment needs. The adults comprising the scouting committee are seeking assistance to purchase equipment. Anyone wishing to make a donation may send a tax deductible contribution to Madrid Troop 14, c/o Sherry Perry, Treas., Box 134, Madrid, 13660.

The troop has been very active during the past year participating in council events. In June the boys attended an international camporee at Ottawa which included a tour of that city's main sites, museums and government buildings. A full week of July was spent at Camp Vigor of The Woods; this was the first stay by a Madrid troop in several years. On the invitation of the Jefferson-Lewis

Council ten scouts and two leaders participated in a brotherhood camporee attended by some 2,500 scouters at Wellesley Island State Park in October.

During the coming months Troop 14 has plans for activities such as: a three hour course in first aid beginning Nov. 22, by the Madrid Rescue Squad for the first aid merit badge; training for the annual Klondike Derby, a winter test of skills and endurance, and in April Madrid will host the district roundtable meeting.

## Ni-Mo Introduces New Payment Plan

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. has introduced its new Home Energy Level Payments (HELP) plan designed to help area consumers better manage higher winter energy costs.

The upstate energy supplier said consumers taking advantage of the new payment method will receive level bill amounts all winter long.

According to Joseph Bouvier, Niagara Mohawk's consumer services manager, the HELP plan is an improvement over the previous level payment of budget plans offered by Niagara Mohawk.

He noted that NM consumers already on NM's Budget Payment Plan will receive the same HELP plan payment conveniences.

"HELP payment amounts will remain the same from now through March, unless there are unusual circumstances like extremely cold weather or significant changes in an individual consumer's use pattern," he noted. "Since the cost of heating during the winter is spread over a whole year, payment amounts for consumers enrolling in HELP will be less than the cost of actual usage during the heating season."

In April, the seventh month of the HELP plan year, there will be an adjustment in monthly payment amounts. The April adjustment would reflect changes in energy costs or in the way an individual consumer uses energy. After this, payment amounts from April through September will again remain level.

"If a consumer uses more than the cost of actual use over the plan year," Bouvier pointed out, "The balance due Niagara Mohawk will be deferred and spread equally over the next 12 HELP payments beginning in October, to continue making bill payments more manageable."

Customers interested in enrolling in or finding out more about HELP may call our new toll-free number, 1 + 800-NIAGARA (642-4272). Niagara Mohawk is also sending out bill enclosures about HELP and is promoting the program in advertising.

## Joseph Bouvier Named To St. Lawrence Bank Board

**CANTON** — Joseph Bouvier of River Hill Road, Potsdam, has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the St. Lawrence National Bank, according to an announcement made by Edwin J. Lyons, president.

Serving on the bank's advisory board with Bouvier are Robert R. Bicknell, Milford M. Curtis, William M. Dempsey, Francis G. Healey, chairman A. A. Kingston, Francis T. E. Sisson and William N. Sloan.

Currently, the manager of the area consumer services at Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation in Potsdam, Bouvier was formerly the manager of the Ogdensburg district. Bouvier and his family moved back to Potsdam in March of 1982 from Ogdensburg, where he had been residing since 1968.

Bouvier is also a director of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, director of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's 25-Year Club,

active member of Potsdam Rotary Club, the past president of Ogdensburg Rotary Club, a charter member of the Potsdam Elks Club, member of the Knights of Columbus, corporate member of the Canton-Potsdam Hospital, member of the Potsdam Town and Country Club, member of the Lisbon American Legion and member of the 5 Mile Hunting Club. He formerly served as a member of the Ogdensburg St. Lawrence National Bank's advisory board.

Bouvier is married to the former Arlene Jacobs of Massena. The have four daughters: Mrs. Patterson (Janice) Duprey, Mrs. John (Carol) Livingston, both of Ogdensburg and Mrs. Gary (Judy) Tubolino of Massachusetts, and Amy, who resides at home with her parents and is a senior at Potsdam Central School.

Bouvier is the son of Mary Bouvier and the late Leo Bouvier of Massena.

## Head Start Council Questions Cuts

**CANTON** — The chairman of St. Lawrence County's Head Start Policy Council is questioning the county legislature's plans to cut the Social Services Department's 1983 budget.

Linda Jaconer, chairman of the group representing parents of children in Head Start, has sent members of the county legislature a list of questions she and her group want answered.

"They want to know whether proposed budget cuts in social services will affect the county's eligibility to receive federal and state aid, and how much that aid totals."

The group also questions whether the cut in handicapped services for children is because of a duplication in services.

"Cuts in money and Department of Social Services staff will reduce the county's ability to do it to the people?" Miss Jaconer asks.

The group also questions whether

the home health care can be delivered on a contractual basis, or whether the department will be directed by the legislature to look into other arrangements.

The Head Start Policy Council is composed of community representatives and parents of children enrolled in the Head Start program.

Miss Jaconer's letter says that she and other members of the group are concerned about the social services cuts they have read about in the news media.

Since some of the families in Head Start receive assistance from Social Services or have children with handicapping conditions, their families may be directly affected by budget and program cuts being proposed by county officials, Miss Jaconer says.

The group also questions the "cost overrun" legislators are reportedly trying to cut.

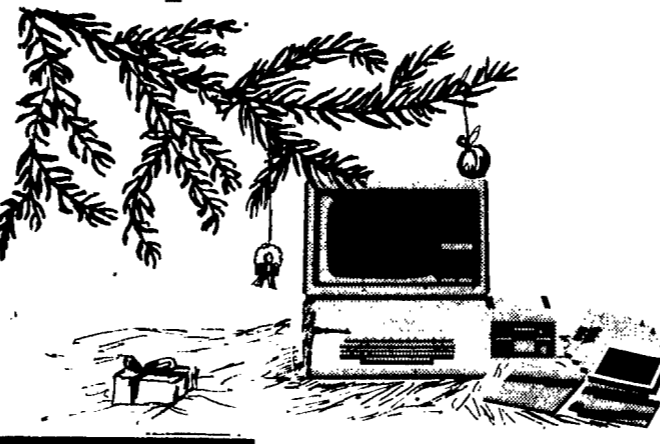


**SHOE REPAIR OPENS** — Mayor James W. Pennock and Marie Brettenbach, executive director of the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce, welcomed Robert Steele, owner of the Boot Strap, Potsdam's newest business located on


Elm Street. Steele stands with Tom Jarvis, former owner of the shoe repair business. The Boot Strap was formerly Norwood Shoe Repair. (Jim Murphy photo)

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