

Parishville And Hopkinton News And Notes

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The penstock lies quietly on its bedrock hollow, no footprints on it this time of year to show someone has been to the other side of the river. The river even looks still as the ice has formed over the top of the rocks and together with ice formations on the opposite side. Now that we have a new six-inch covering of snow life here seems non-existent.

The weekend brought out the kids for skating at the town rink. Sunday afternoon the music was playing and families and kids by themselves were gliding over the ice and then running into the building to get warm.

There has been a new addition to the skating rink, a steel-framed, metal, corrugated covering. It spans the entire rink and is 80 by 80 feet in diameter. The architects for the covering were Sears and Brown Associates from Canton. The man in charge of putting the cover up is Bob Lambert from Dexter. To the untrained eye it sure looks finished but at the far end a scaffold is still in place waiting for the last minute touches.

The cover is designed to keep the rain, snow and sleet from ruining the ice and will give the skaters many more hours of ice time. In the summer, basketball, roller skating and tennis will be played with no fear of rain.

The Parishville Town Highway Department is in the process of removing a large bank of gravel to make way for a new baseball field. The gravel is being used for various projects in the town.

Local boys with a misdemeanor arrest used to shovel snow off the ice for a many hours as the town justice deemed a fair amount. Now King Wilcox, recreation director, will have to find other jobs at the park for these boys to do.

Miriam DeLong of Parishville called to ask if I was interested in an old book she had, called "The History of St. Lawrence County," which was published by the L.H. Everts Co. around 1878. I was, naturally, delighted, and now can't put the thing down. A very interesting story told in the History of Parishville called "A Villain and His Deeds" has caused me to wonder and I thought someone might have more information on this.

Julian Bond To Speak At Potsdam

Georgia State Senator Julian Bond will speak at 8 p.m., Feb. 4 in Sara Snell Theater on the Potsdam College campus. His appearance is sponsored by the Potsdam College Distinguished Speakers Series, in cooperation with several SUNY organizations.

Bond will speak on "Politics of the '80s."

A national spokesman for the New Politics and civil rights, Bond was the first black to be nominated for vice president of the U.S. He has served as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives, and the Georgia State Senate, of which he is currently a member. He is founder of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

Free tickets to his presentation are available at the college union office at Potsdam College. There will be no reserved seating; doors will open at 7:15 p.m. For further information call 267-2579.



JULIAN BOND

ATC Is Site Of Extension Courses

Canton ATC will be the site of three extension courses offered this spring by Potsdam College.

"Methodology of Inquiry" will help students evaluate reports of research in professional journals and literature. Classes will meet Wednesdays, 4:30-7 p.m. and students will earn three undergraduate credits. Area parents and teachers may consider "Psychology of Adolescence" a good investment. The seminar, Thursdays, 5-7:30 p.m., will explore developmental characteristics and theories of adolescent behavior. Three undergraduate credits will be offered. And "Sociology of Aging" will examine the social and individual consequences of a "greying society". Classes meet Wednesdays, 6-8:30 p.m., for three credits.

Classes begin the week of Jan. 9. For registration information, contact Potsdam College's Office of Graduate and Lifelong Learning at 315-267-2165.

happening.

In 1812 a man described as Mr. B. was charged with a crime which carried him to jail in Ogdensburg. Mr. B. was described as a desperate character and lived at the edge of the Stockholm border. It is said that he threatened a Mrs. Miller who had been the principal witness against him. Shortly after his imprisonment he escaped jail and was seen crossing the Racquette River on the bridge near the line in Pierrepont.

On Wednesday morning, the following day, Mrs. Miller was left in bed by



SKATING RINK — The new metal covering on Parishville's skating rink is almost completed. Above,

her husband as he "went some distance from home to get fire, at a neighbors." On his return she was not in the house but as parts of her clothing were there her husband thought she was not far away. A search was begun the next day and for two or three days hence but they finally gave up in despair. "On Friday night several houses and barns in the vicinity were burned, evidently by an incendiary, and on Saturday morning following the jail-bird was seen to recross the bridge of Racquette River."

Mr. B. was arrested at Carthage and tried for the theft of a rifle which

was on his person at the time and the story then said he died in prison. In the following spring, a woman's head was found some distance from a headless body in the woods about three miles above the village of Parishville, which were identified as those of Mrs. Miller, who in all probability had been brutally murdered "from a friendly revenge by the ruffian who had afterwards set fire to his own house, and another which sheltered his wife and children."

This whole tale is horrendous and yet at the same time intriguing. How did a man without the aid of a vehicle carry the body of the woman out into

the woods three miles? Who was Mr. B.? How do we know it wasn't her husband who killed her and then blamed the mysterious Mr. B.?

One clue to this mystery might be found in a clipping found between the pages of this volume of a jury including Hiram Hamilton, W.H. Smith, A.D. Bibbins, J.C. Smith, George Greer, Edward Stubbs, Alex Hicks, A.B. Conoley, Willard Thayer, S.S. Thayer, Robt. Elliot, and Michael Dowd who were to decide the fate of a Howard W. Burt. There is, however, no date on this clipping and no story on exactly what Mr. Burt was to have done so this might just be a shot in the dark. Anyone with any information about this case even as much as dating the jury in the Burt trial please contact Helen Condon, Box 176, Parishville. This little bit of information has sure whetted my appetite for more.

The Parishville Fire Department members met Jan. 11 to discuss the dance they will be sponsoring on Feb. 17 for the winning boys and girls soccer teams in Section 10. The dance will

be held at the fire station from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The band hired to play is Tamarach. The proceeds of the dance will go to the Varsity Club for jackets for the students.

The price of the tickets will be \$2 for students, \$3 for adults and \$5 per couple, which will include finger food and the band. All soccer members will be admitted free. This dance should start the mid-winter vacation out on the right foot and all people with the mid-winter blues should try to attend.

The Try-N-Square Dance Club of Parishville has donated \$100 toward the Norwood Brass Firemen Band for their trip to the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. Co-presidents Ruth Kromko and Clarence Hogle feel it is fitting for square dance clubs to donate to this worthy cause. They both can cause a spectator enjoyment and it's hard not to get into the knee slapping rhythm of either the brass band or a swinging square dance.

Anyone with news for next week's column please contact Helen Condon, at 265-2482.

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The Switch Is On

PARISHVILLE — Elementary teachers from the Parishville-Hopkinton and Massena Central School Districts are "switching places" with each other for three days.

This highly-successful program was conducted during the 1982-83 school year between Parishville-Hopkinton and Potsdam Central School Districts. This year, the Parishville-Hopkinton teachers are exchanging with staff members at the Jefferson Avenue School in Massena.

This program offers teachers the opportunity to relate with students that have both different needs and backgrounds. The teachers are switching places on Jan. 16-18. During these days, they are following their "host school's" schedule.

Participants from Parishville-Hopkinton are Evan Harper, Craig Mandigo, Sharon Regan, Pat Robertson and Kaye Sullivan. From Massena, the teachers are Robert Wanke, Leslie Luddington, Karla Herrin, Valerie Maxwell and Jim Rudd.

PENSTOCK — The penstock lies covered with snow, and no footprints disturb its white blanket. (Helen Condon photo)

Hopkinton Town Board Reorganizes

HOPKINTON — The Hopkinton Town Board held its organizational meeting Jan. 10 with the following officials present: supervisor Francis Lyon, councilmen Rose Baldwin, Richard Eakins, Ernest Wood and James Tharrett, Jr.; town clerk Vickie French; highway superintendent Hubert Boulds.

The following appointments were made: deputy supervisor, Rose Baldwin; deputy highway superintendent, James Hollenbeck; budget officer, Francis Lyon; bookkeeper, Johnner Accounting Service; registrar vital statistics, Vickie French; town historian, Sarah Powers; deputy conservation license issuing agents, Caron's, Peck's Groceries; attorney, Peter Lekki; voting machine custodian, Lawrence Powers; representative to the Association of Towns, Francis Lyons. Also, town hall custodian, Richard Compo; health officer, Susan Badenhansen, M.D.; sanitary landfill employee, Leo Lague; garbage pickup, Hartson Rubbish removal; dog warden, Floyd Rockwood; board of review, Ira Miller, Sr., one year; David Mcknight, five year; fire prevention and building code inspector, Donald Tebo.

Key Bank and Marine Midland were chosen official banks; the Watertown Daily Times was named the official newspaper; Northland Agency, Potsdam, the official insurance agency. Council meetings will be held at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Sanitary landfill hours are 2-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays. A business meeting followed the organizational meeting, at which time 7:30 p.m., Feb 14 was set as the date for a public hearing on raising the level of senior citizens' property tax exemption to \$6,500 from the present \$4,500. The regular meeting will follow the hearing on the 14th. The board discussed additions to the present wiring of the town hall. It is hoped some volunteer help from the community will be available. Anyone wishing to apply for the position of constable should submit an application to the town clerk's office.

LAKE PLACID — The Center for Music, Drama and Art here has changed its name to The Lake Placid Center for the Arts, the trustees have announced.

The change, according to the trustees, is designed to make use of the name recognition of Lake Placid, and express the center's expanded scope of activities. More information on the center is available by calling 518-523-2512.

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