

## Personal Touch: Hannawa Falls Area News

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On Jan. 28 the Wolf-Pack Snowmobile Club will hold its annual poker run. Sign-up time will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the club house just beyond Hounds Haven. There will be a registration fee of \$1.50. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded. There will also be a hard luck trophy.

Election of officers was held on Jan. 9. The following were chosen: John Molnar, president; Carl Ward, vice president; Dick Benson, treasurer; and Amelia Weems, secretary. The five directors are: Veronica Ward, chairman, Jerry Molnar, Hank Donney, Dick Dale and Don Scott.

Phyllis Wallings, life-long friend of Bill and the late Gladys Hayman spent the weekend of Jan. 7 and 8 with Bill. Bill tells me he plans to marry

the lady from Hamilton, Ont. in June.

Lynn Thomas underwent surgery Tuesday at Potsdam Hospital.

Just after the news items were delivered, I learned that Dot Gilbert was a patient in Potsdam Hospital also.

Patricia Newton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Newton celebrated her 11th birthday Sunday. Megan Murray spent the night and Sunday with her. On Monday, she had birthday dinner again at Grandpa and Grandma Newton's with all her family gathered around to celebrate with her.

They say the nice things you have done for others come back to you eventually. Certainly Hilda Cayey has

always done more than her share as "Sunshine Lady" for the church in the past and she and Fred as a couple have done a few nice things on their own. They say they can not begin to thank folks for all the lovely things that were done for them since she has been ill and especially through the holidays. At present, she is undergoing further treatment, making personal thank-you's impossible.

The current stomach flu bug that is going around seems to be having quite a time for itself. All of the Kirk Burns children were laid low, Joey Bratton also had a siege of it as well as several of the adults around.

Bad luck hit the James Scovill family. Jim injured one hand badly with the chainsaw. He has not been able to work for several weeks.

Harold Davis had hoped to be back at work by now but a recent battery of tests proved he needed further treatment. He will go to Burlington in the near future.

Maybe you have noticed a fairly new sign in front of the old Bingham-Olmstead-Sullivan Place. The Children's House of Hannawa is a not-for-profit institution that offers excellent care on a regular basis for

children age 3 to 12. For the working mother who must leave her small one in someone else's care each day, this is a place where she can be assured the babysitter won't quit, the basic ideals and concepts won't change and her child will have loving care with training in all facets of life. The equipment is excellent and if your child enjoys it or you have several, much of it could be duplicated in the family workshop. If this piques your curiosity, that is what it is meant to do. If you think this program might be for your child, visit the installation, see and hear for yourself what it is all about. If you want to phone first, the number is 265-9679.

Sybil Whitmore is busy keeping track of grandchildren and houses while the Dahl McCormicks are in England visiting their newest grandson and Alger and Freda Ruby are vacationing in Florida.

When we paid our real estate taxes we learned that if the acreage on your assessment is wrong, you must take it (the deed) to the Real Property Tax Office in Canton to get it straightened out. Perhaps this isn't news to everyone, but to those who have asked the assessors to correct such an error for several years, it is welcome information. Our own assessor can do nothing about changing it.

### Dance, Cooking, Yoga Among Courses

From ballet to Chinese cooking, non-credit courses planned to begin in January at Potsdam College will open new ideas and skills to area residents. "Folk Art and Aesthetics" begins the schedule on Jan. 12. Students will examine the architecture and construction of Potsdam area homes. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-5:15, and continue field work on Thursdays, 3:15-5 p.m.; the class may be taken for credit or non-credit.

"Ballet" and "Hatha Yoga I and II" begin on Jan. 15. The first course meets Mondays, 4:45-6 p.m., and will cover all aspects of ballet fundamentals. The cost is \$35 for 10 lessons.

The study of posture and breathing techniques, Hatha Yoga, will be taught in two sections. Section I, 7:25 p.m. Mondays, is for those with no previous experience; Section II, 8:30-9:55, is for those who have completed some Yoga study. Classes cost \$30.

Beginning Jan. 19 are "Dance for Non-Dancers" and "Beginning Guitar".

Skaters and gymnasts especially will be interested in "Dance for Non-Dancers" which will help develop flexibility, poise and muscle coordination. Classes meet Thursdays 3-4:15 p.m. at a cost of \$35.

Folk tunes will be the themes of

"Beginning Guitar", Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., at a cost of \$50.

"Art Workshops for Children 3-4" and "Art Workshops for Children 5-14" will begin Jan. 20. Younger children will meet 2-3 p.m., and will learn simple painting, clay and print-making skills. Cost is \$20.

Older children will meet 3:30-4:30 p.m., and will study the same media with more attention to artistic development. Cost is \$30.

Children ages 3-7 may enroll in a Swimming Program Saturday mornings, beginning Jan. 21. Instructors are Red Cross Safety Instructors. For detailed information, phone Potsdam College at 267-2165.

"Writing Commercial Fiction" for those serious, fully-committed writers who have attempted to market novel-length fiction, meets Wednesdays, Jan. 25-March 28, 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$75.

And "Beginning Chinese Cooking" will prepare appetizers, soups, rice dishes, meat and vegetable entrees and desserts. Classes meet Jan. 26-Feb. 23, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at a cost of \$50.

Potsdam College will accept registration prior to the first class meeting of each course. For further information, phone the Office of Graduate and Lifelong Learning at 267-2165.

### Maple Producers To Go To School

CANTON — St. Lawrence County Cooperative Extension will host the 1984 Maple Producers School for the northern region. Lew Staats from the Cornell experimental sugarbush will be the primary speaker at the school, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Canton Free Library, Park Street. Details for this year's school are as follows:

Maple marketing programs in New York State have helped to reduce the supply of drum syrup. The pricing outlook for the 1984 season will be covered.

Highlights of a successful 1983 maple tour held in northern New York will be discussed with thoughts and plans for the 1984 tour to be held in

western New York.

Present insect population levels and diseases affecting sugar maple will be covered by area DEC foresters and specialists.

Cornell's maple program, including the development and testing of a vapor compression evaporator and the establishment of a genetic research "sweet tree" plantation and future program, will be explained.

There will be time for producers' views and questions.

As usual, there will be displays and exhibits by dealers.

Those having questions, may call the Cooperative Extension office, 379-2311.

### Local History Is Students' Topic

Potsdam's history has been a major topic of study for the past four months for the fourth grade students in Mrs. Shirley Merithew's class at Lawrence Avenue Elementary School. Under the direction of student teacher Mrs. Robin Wilkinson, the students have read the written histories of Potsdam, have studied old pictures and maps and learned about some of the prominent citizens of Potsdam. The class visited the Potsdam Museum and participated in a "history detective" project to find all kinds of information about Potsdam in the past.

As a part of the local history unit, the students learned about different architectural styles. To conclude the

study, they designed pictures and constructed models of buildings that might have been seen in the early days of Potsdam. Four groups of students chose to make models of what they thought the first sawmill must have looked like. One model is the Federal style house another is the David Clarkson house, now known as Merritt apartments.

These models and a number of drawings of buildings by the fourth grade students are now on display in the Potsdam Museum and will be on view during the month of January. The museum is open from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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