

## Personal Touch: Hannawa Falls Area News

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Think the big news of this week is the twin boys at the home of Bing Thomas and his wife, Denise. The boys join three little sisters who were already keeping the household busy.

Dick and Mary Mallory will have married 50 years on Jan. 24. On Jan. 27 from 1 to 4 p.m., relatives,

neighbors and friends are invited to an open house at Hounds Haven, Hannawa Falls to wish them well. Congratulations, Dick and Mary.

The Wolf Pack Snow Mobile Club held election of officers at its meeting on Jan. 14. The following were elected: president, John Molnar; vice president, Carl Ward; treasurer, Jack Planty; secretary, Amelia Weems. The

directors are: chairman, Veronica Ward; Gloria Watson; Dick Gale; Hank Dominey; and Don Scott. The group has planned a poker run for Feb. 9. Registration will take place at the club house between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All who are interested are invited to participate.

After an operation, it was determined that Fay Collins is suffering from a virus infection. With

medication, proper diet and rest he is supposed to recover at a gradual pace.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stacey were over from Gouverneur on Wednesday to see how Sybil Whitmore was doing. Her leg was much improved so that she, they and Thelma Irish went out to lunch.

Lori Basham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Basham has been promoted to operations manager at Donnelly Real Estate in Stamford, Conn. Congratulations.

Betty Hotte ventured out in the sub-zero weather on Friday to call on Sybil Whitmore and Thelma Irish. Bet that hot cup of coffee tasted good when she arrived.

Children today are so accustomed to school buses and hot lunches that they probably think they always existed, but such is not so. When I was a child, I walked to school as did every one else. I was a bit luckier than most, because a teacher in the personage of Phyllis Jenner lived next door and if I fished it right I usually could ride. She and Mrs. Crandall who taught the lower grades influenced the academic lives of many children for many years. They monitored our academic skills with vigilance. Each Friday, we were all made to give an oral report of some kind. Of course we hated it then, but it certainly gave us confidence when we grew up and out a little. A group there were many other little rituals that became part of our everyday adult lives such as those charts we had to check the vegetable we ate, milk we drank, and fruits we had and another on hygienic habits. They also changed that cold lunch on days such as we have been having, by bringing a turkey roaster to school and having each child bring a jar of food to set in hot water so that by noon they had a hot lunch.

These ladies also were on hand on Saturday to guide us through the various 4-H projects and I guess Walter Jenner assumed the leadership for the boys.

Sunday, they turned up to guide us through the Sunday School lessons as well. As I look back, I wonder if they ever had time to do anything but serve the children and prepare them for the future citizens they hoped they would be.

What prompted this little belated token of appreciation? A phone call from a friend working if anyone remembered all the things Aunt Phyl used to do. Those who had her for a teacher, I'm sure do.

## Care And Share Fund Increases

SYRACUSE — Customers of Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. have donated over \$55,000 as of Dec. 14 to the Care and Share Energy Fund, according to officials at the Syracuse and Onondaga County Chapter of the American Red Cross. In addition, Niagara Mohawk has made its first matching-grants donation of \$16,000 to the fund.

Niagara Mohawk and the Red Cross established the special energy assistance program earlier this fall in response to the growing need to help those people in the company's service territory who have energy-related emergencies. The program is designed for those who are 60 or over, or handicapped, or disabled, or have a medical emergency.

Niagara Mohawk provided an initial grant to the program of \$250,000 and announced in October that the company's shareholders would match every \$1 donated by its customers with 50 cents, up to another \$250,000. To assist the collection process, the company produced a special bill insert, which it began mailing to all customers on Nov. 1.

The company's \$16,000 contribution is in response to public donations made to Care and Share through Nov. 30. Red Cross officials noted, however, that about 6,700 contributions had been received through Dec. 14, totaling \$55,000. Niagara Mohawk, therefore, will make another matching-grants donation at the end of December.

"We are extremely pleased with the public's generosity and hope that the trend continues," said John W. Powers, vice president and treasurer of Niagara Mohawk. The local power company will continue to make the monthly payments as long as public contributions continue, he noted.

Powers said the energy assistance program is designed to insure recipients a continued energy supply by paying overdue or future heating bills — regardless of the form of energy they use. The funds can pay for home heating oil, gas (natural or propane), wood, coal, or electricity. They also can be used to provide emergency repairs to heating equipment or to install home emergency weatherization materials.

## Gift Will Aid School's Computer Program

BY DAN WILLIAMS

The Potsdam Central School Board will use a \$2,500 gift from Clarkson University toward the district's computer science program. Superintendent Kenneth Daniels announced at the Jan. 8 school board meeting.

The board also agreed to pay half of Clair Magee's expenses when she participates in the All-Eastern

Music Conference in April. They allocated a maximum of \$200 to Magee, Potsdam's first musician selected to perform at the All-Eastern Conference, which takes place in Hartford, Conn.

Daniels praised both the middle school and the high school for their fine performances in the Christmas concerts. "I thought

the music programs at both schools were excellent. I'd like to commend them on their talents," said Daniels.

The superintendent also expressed concern that a proposed seat belt law for school buses might gain enough support to pass in the legislature this winter. "Now that the seat belt law has been passed, there might be enough support to pass a law for buses," said Daniels. He reminded the board they successfully lobbied against the law last winter, and urged members to write legislators again this year, expressing their opposition to the law.

He feels it is unsafe for small students to wear lap belts, because of possible internal injuries suffered in an accident. The new buses, said Daniels, are equipped with high padded seats that effectively prevent injuries during mishaps. He stated that 95 percent of the injuries suffered by students occur outside the bus, when attempting to cross the street, or by slipping under the bus.

The board also questioned how the driver will be able to force the students to buckle the belts. "I can't see any possible way to make sure all students are complying with the law. It's impossible," said Daniels.

District teachers will witness a presentation on Project Teach Jan. 17 during the faculty meeting. Project Teach is an inservice program for teachers.

The board appointed Bryan Jenack as a substitute bus driver and Floyd Callahan as the school play director. They also accepted the resignation of Laura Moore, a teacher's helper, who is retiring effective March 22.

In other action, the board accepted a bid by George Phillips, of Norwood, to purchase one of the school buses for \$2,400. They also appointed five persons to the Materials Review Committee. Named are Ruth Turcotte, Gary Snell, Duncan Cutter, Ronald Meshurel, and John Morrison.

## SUNY To Award Honorary Degrees At Potsdam College Graduation

The State University of New York will award three honorary doctoral degrees at Potsdam College's 151st commencement on May 25.

Helen M. Hosmer, dean emerita of the Crane School of Music (Rheineck's first president emerita of Cazenovia College and Potsdam College graduate), and Vartan Gregorian, president of the New York Public Library, will receive doctoral degrees for their work in education, the arts, and civic affairs.

A 1918 graduate of the Potsdam Normal School, Helen Hosmer served as dean of music from 1930 to 1936. She formed the first Crane Chorus in 1931 and led its development as it became one of the premier collegiate choruses in the nation. Hosmer has wide experience as a choral director and adjudicator, guest conductor, lecturer, and vocal instructor.

Dr. Hosmer was a charter member of the American Choral Directors Association and a member of the Music Educators National Conference, the New York State School Music Association and the National Association of Teachers of Singing. She will receive SUNY's Doctor of Music degree.

Rhea Clark is best known as the president emerita of Cazenovia College, as the former director of the New York State Office for the Aging and as a consultant for Community Education and Development at New York University.

Clark was president of the Syracuse Post Standard Woman of Achievement Awards; the Sigmund Livingston Fellowship Award from New York University; the Syracuse Area Interreligious Council Leadership Award; and the Minerva Award, the Distinguished Service to Human Society Award, and the Master Teacher Award from Potsdam College. Mrs. Clark will accept the Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Potsdam.

Formerly the Tarzian Professor of Armenian and Caucasian History, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Gregorian earned his Ph.D. degree in history and humanities from Stanford University. Landmarks in his career include the Danforth Foundation's Harbison Award for distinguished teaching and Guggenheim Fellowship. Dr. Gregorian will receive the Doctor of Letters degree at commencement exercises at Potsdam.

## Storm Warnings? Be Prepared

"Winter storm dumps 14 inches of snow. Five people dead. Power out for thousands as ice storm paralyzes the region for three days."

How many times have we read or experienced something like this newspaper report of a storm last year? Winter storms are a serious hazard for much of New York State from November through March. Being prepared can minimize the likelihood of suffering devastating results. Here are some steps for you to consider:

— Stock extra food supplies as your budget will allow.

— Prevent fire hazards by cleaning and having heating equipment in good working order. Don't let

your chimney overheat, as is likely to happen with some stoves and fireplaces. Better to be chilly for a while.

— Stay indoors during storms and severe cold spells unless you absolutely must tend to chores.

— Don't kill yourself shoveling snow. Heart attacks are prevalent during this activity.

— Dress to fit the season. Several layers of loose-fitting lightweight clothing are best.

— Your car can be your best friend or your worst enemy during a storm. Consider carrying a Winter Storm Car Kit so you will be prepared if you become stranded on the road.

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