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**"Winter wouldn't wait!"**

That's the title of a musical this week presented by the fifth grade pupils at L.P. Quinn Elementary School tomorrow night (December 21). Above, this trio from the class acts out one of the scenes of the delightful show. The musical is under the direction of Kimberly Weems, with assistance from the fifth grade teachers. (Bigrow photo)

**Gentlemen's agreement preserves large bog at Massawepie tract**

A gentleman's agreement between the Nature Conservancy and the Boy Scouts will preserve a massive bog on the Massawepie scout property at Gale, according to an Associated Press article last week. An old fashioned handshake and,

in this case, a pledge of Scout's honor, sealed the pact. It ensures that about 600 acres of wetland will be saved from subdivision and development.

Owned by the Otetiana Boy Scout Council of Rochester, the bog lies the southern portion of the 3,500 acre Massawepie parcel. It encompasses a vast boggy terrain called the Massawepie Mire and has long been of interest to naturalists.

Its protection comes not through cash, but the Scout Council's simple promise to preserve the land's wild heritage.

The agreement— voluntary and non-binding — is part of the conservancy's Natural Areas Registry Program.

Created by the preservation group in 1986, the program is a means of land protection without the high cost of acquisition.

Entry in the program is a national honor bestowed by the conservancy on those who have demonstrated years of stewardship towards lands of global significance.

"It represents land protection in its most elementary and inexpensive form, a gentleman's agreement," said Timothy Barnett, executive director of the conservancy's Adirondack chapter.

"Channeled through the registry program...the commitment and concern of private landowners becomes

a powerful force for land protection in the Adirondacks," Barnett said.

"The conservancy currently has similar registry agreements with New York state and International Paper to protect globally endangered Adirondack species and natural communities," he added.

An extensive network of wetlands, the Massawepie Mire is a sprawling bog with a thick mat of heath and sphagnum moss.

The eastern edge of the mire is bounded by the Massawepie Esker, a

3 1/2 mile ridge of sand, gravel and boulders left by an ancient stream flowing beneath a stagnant glacier.

The wilderness is home to five kinds of rare birds: the spruce grouse, gray jay, Lincoln's sparrow, boreal chickadee and white-winged crossbill. The area also is one of the few places where the delicate white-fringed orchid is found.

"Massawepie has long benefited from the Scout's guardianship," Barnett said.

**Jackrabbit Trail now open-earliest date in four years**

The Adirondack Ski Touring Council has announced that with the recent snow storms and cold weather, nearly the entire 24 mile length of the Jackrabbit Trail was opened as of this past weekend- the earliest opening by far in the four years the trail has been in existence. The section of the trail between Cascade Ski Touring Center and the Lake Placid Club and the section between the Holiday Inn and Whiteface Inn have both been packed at least once with track-setting to commence this week. The unopened section to Saranac Lake is also skiable and has already been packed out by a number

of skiers. The Old Mountain Road section to Keene is skiable to the top of the pass, but the final three miles down to Keene need another foot or so of snow before it will be possible to make the complete trip.

The good snow has also allowed all area cross country centers to open as of this past weekend if they had not been open before. The new lighted loop at Craig Wood Golf Course has sufficient snow cover, and work on the lights is expected to be completed in time for a scheduled opening this Thursday.

With the ski season now well under way, the Adirondack Ski Touring Council reminds skiers that their "Super Season Pass", good for skiing at Cunningham's Ski Barn, Cascade Ski Touring Center, and the Craig Wood Lighted Loop, is now available at these ski centers as well as directly from ASTC. The cost of the pass is \$55 for the first family member and \$50 for the second. For children 18 and under the cost is \$35. All prices include membership in the Adirondack Ski Touring Council. For more information, skiers can contact ASTC at P.O. Box 843, Lake Placid, or call 523-1365.

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Matthew R. Keeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keeler, Jr. of Maryland Heights, Mo., has recently been selected as a new member to the Outstanding High School Students of America list for his accomplishments as an American high school student. He is the grandson of Mrs. Kathleen Keeler of Tupper Lake.

Geoffrey Gardner, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gardner, Stetson Road, Tupper Lake, has recently been selected as a new member to the Outstanding High School Students of America list for his accomplishments as an American high school student. He is the son of William and Cathy Gardner of Fayetteville, N.C. and brother to Danny and Catie. Geoffrey's father is a chemical engineer with Dupont Co. in Fayetteville.

Northern Adirondack Planned Parenthood will be moving to a new location at 47 Main Street downtown Saranac Lake. The office will be closed Christmas Day through January 2 for the move. The office will be re-opening on Wednesday, January 3 at our new location. The phone numbers, 891-0046 for the clinic and 891-0385 for our Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Programs and Services (APPS) are still the same.

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