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'Little blue box' scheme Mone genius' seized

company security personnel concluded weeks of intensive investigation yesterday with the arrest of an "electronics genius" and others who had allegedly milked the company of thousands of dollars worth of long-distance telephone calls.

Eight students from Clarkson College of Technology, and New York Institute of Technology, the State University College at Potsdam were arrested yesterday and charged with theft of service, possession of burglary tools and criminal tampering in

FFA winner chosen

Robert Taylor, a senior at Stockbridge Valley Central School, has been chosen to receive the Empire Farmer Degree at the state annual meeting of the Future Farmers of America at Canajoharie today through Saturday. The Empire Degree is the top degree of membership given in New York State.

Degree candidates are selected on the basis of their work in vocational agriculture, FFA, agricultural experience, community and school leadership and citizenship. Only two per cent of the state membership in FFA receive this award annually, according to Raymond Lighthall, ad-

Taylor, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Taylor of Pratts Hollow, has been a leader in Vo-Ag and FFA as well as in his other school activities. He is vice president of the Madison County FFA, secretary of the Stockbridge Valley FFA and president of his senior class. While in high school, Taylor has participated in varsity sports teams and Boys State.

A non-farm boy, Taylor earned his agricultural experience on the farm owned by Pete Ball of Pratts Hollow, where he raised dairy animals which he has exhibited at many county fairs and shows.

Taylor related his plans include attending the Morrisville Agricultural and Technical Institute where he will major in agricultural engineering.

Senator condemns Viet war

Sen. Vance Hartke (Dem.-Ind.) yesterday morning urged an audience of some 1,500 persons assembled in front of the campus store at Ithaca "to keep up an unremitting pressure on the White House and the Congress, by every lawful means, demanding that the war — the entire war — be brought to an end."

Speaking from atop the store to kick-off day long Vietnam moratorium activities, Hartke noted "One year ago this week, young Ameri- question are actually part of cans at Kent, Ohio and Jackson, Miss. were shot down in cans who thought they were 'maintaining order.'"

The leading anti-war spokesman called the Indochina war "a defilement of our ideals and a perversion of our historic role as a beacon of hope to the peoples of the land was involved, and As-

Hartke, the only U.S. Senator to speak at the April 24 peace demonstration in Washington, D.C., said his Senate resolution, introduced two months ago, calls for immediate withdrawal of all American forces from Indochina, and the safe return of our prisoners of war.

He termed the administration's Vietnamization plan "a plan to continue the war indefinitely, using South Vietnamese conscripts to carry out the Nixon-Kissinger program for American domination of Southeast Asia. It is an attempt . . . to win a military victory."

connection with the use of devices to bypass billing systems in telephones.

Police named John H. Watson, 23, a Clarkson senior from Utica as the mastermind. Acquaintances described Watson as an "electronics genius." He is a major in industrial distribution, and electrical engineering-af-ted in lieu of \$250 bail. filiated program that concentrates on electrical circuitry in industrial plants.

Others arraigned before Potsdam Justice Robert Halliday were Mary L. McGill, 20, a student at SUNY Potsdam from Antwerp. She was charged with possession of burglary tools and pleaded in-St. Lawrence County jail to await payment of \$250 bail.

Elizabeth Ann Dooley, 19, another Potsdam student from the Bronx, was charged with

criminal tampering and theft of services and entered a plea of innocent. She was remanded to county jail in lieu of \$250 bail.

Robert J. Earling, 24, Marcy, was charged with possession of burglary tools and theft of services and commit-

David E. Levy, 19, Forest Hills, charged with criminal tampering, pleaded guilty and was remanded to county jail in lieu of \$250 bail.

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Railroad asks to end service

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UTICA, N.Y. (AP) — The the Interstate Commerce Com-Penn central Railroad says it mission for permission to end phone. wants to discontinue freight the service. Unless there are ob-

STUDENTS OVERCOME MIDDLETOWN (AP) Jonathan Wolfert, 18, Great The railroad has petitioned smoke inhalation last night.

Cohn said the caller would dial the information operator of the area code he wished to call and as soon as the operator answered, he would flip a switch. The blue box mechanism would keep the call hooked to the area code, but disconnected the operator, thus permitting calls to be made without being recorded or charged to the callers

The telephone company got punch card records of information calls which normally last no longer than three minutes revealed calls of 10 to 100 minutes duration.

Officials said the ring may include students from other colleges across the country. One "blue box" was seized on Long Island and several others in Potsdam.



SENATOR SIGNS IN. Senator H. Douglas Barclay, representing the 43rd Senatorial District of Jefferson, Oswego and St. Lawrence Counties, participated in the historic working session of the State Senate held in Kingston to commemorate the birth date and place of New York State in 1777. Sen. Barclay signs the official register with Senate Majority Leader Earl Brydges looking on.

Area news

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FINAL EDITION

Grace St., Plainview, was



BEAUTIES CHAT. New York's Junior Miss Noranne Wixted of Potsdam, left, chats with singing star Anita Bryant, during the party-planning preliminary of the National Junior Miss Pageant at Mobile, Ala. which concluded last night. Miss Wisted won \$50 as one of the finalists in the preliminary yesterday.

Ownership questioned

Indian land debated

The measure, approved this week, authorizes the state commissioner of general services to sell certain "state lands" in Franklin County to the village of Fort Covington.

Some embarrassed legislators are now saying they had no idea the measure took land away from the Indians. It was approved unanimously in the Senate and Assembly.

A close reading of the measure reveals that the lands in the St. Regis Reservation. St. Regis representatives

cold blood by other Ameri- have asked for a meeting with Governor Rockefeller to discuss the matter, and chiefs have sent a telegram to the governor asking him not to "sign away our land."

Legislators indicated yesterday that the title of the bill

Marine science lab underway

Cornell University will construct a \$350,000 marine science laboratory this summer at the Isle of Shoals, 10 miles off the New Hampshire coast at Portsmouth.

Construction begins this month, spokesmen said yesterday, and completion is scheduled for the summer of 1972. The project is undertaken with the cooperation of the University of New Hampshire and the State University of New York.

St. Regis-Mohawk Indians, semblyman Joseph Reilly, Rrecently elated over proposed Glen Cove, chairman of the legislation in Albany for re- Indian Affairs subcommittee turn of wampum belts to the formed last year to right Six Nations, learned yester- many of the misunderstanday that legislators have pas- dings between the State and sed a bill to take way some of the Indians, said his subcommittee has asked the governor to veto the bill.

ington bill, Assemblyman Glenn H. Harris, R-Canada Lake, said he "didn't realize

the problem.

Harris said that prior to the bill's passage he had been informed by the State Law Department that the state had legal title to the land.

Officials at Fort Covington asked Harris to sponsor the bill to obtain clear title to the The sponsor of the Ft. Cov- land to build a modern fire station in the area.

Harris said a Law Department memo dated May 30, we were opening up a hor- 1796 between the Indians and nets' nest, and that he was the State, ceded the land to only recently made aware of the state. "It convinced me, gave no indication that Indian so I went ahead with the bill," he added.

Stamp thieves net \$100,000

A theft unofficially estimated at \$100,000 in postage stamps was discovered by a Cortland postal employe when he opened the city post office at 5 a.m. yesterday.

The post office was apparently entered early Wednesday or late Tuesday and robbed of what police have called a "substantial sum" in stamps.

Employe Raymond Spada discovered the loss. Police investigated the post office and found that a safe in the assistant postmaster's office was apparently opened by an acetylene torch sometime after the office closed Tuesday afternoon.

Detective Donald Stone of the city police department noted that a rear basement window was pried

Police and postal authorities withheld information on the robbery for most of the day yesterday before the unofficial \$100,000 figure was offered by po-

Assisting in the investigation yesterday were Cortland Police Sgts. Lyle Keller and Gary Carpenter, postal inspectors and personnel of the Cortland State Police substation.

Police raid uproots campus drug 'farm'

To a Utica police detective, eight students police say were growing the stuff, it was trou-

Narcotics squad members and patrolmen found numerous marijuana plants fleurishing in window boxes when they conducted a raid at two dormitories on the Utica College campus yesterday.

The eight students charged with growing the plants were taken into custody and charged with growing marijuana and possession of a dangerous drug, all misdemeanors.

'It was like a farm," said one detective in response to a newsman's question.

The raid climaxed more than two months of investigation for the city's criminal division and narcotics squad which found various pills and a quantity of refined marijuana as well as the plants.

The students were released on \$100 bail each for reappearance before City Judge Harold H. Hymes next Wednesday. All pleaded innocent to the charges.

The early morning raid was carried out in less than three hours yesterday, according to

police, with no complications. Charged with criminal possession of a dangerous drug, sixth degree and violation of the public health law, growing marijuana, were: John A. Pooley, 19, of 79 Harris Ave., Needham, Mass.; Thomas Alfred Wildenger, 18, of 124 Fairview Ave., Port Chester; Gary Ralph Galluzo, 21, of 41

Cowan Ave., Stanford, Conn. Charged with two counts of criminal possession of dangerous drugs and one count of growing marijuana was Warren D. Hoessner, 18, of 511 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Charges of possession sixthdegree were denied by Mitch-

ROAD LAW AMENDMENT PROPOSED

Legislation to give cities increased opportunity to accept or reject plans for state arterial highways has been proposed by the State Department of Transportation.

Department spokesmen said legislative approval of the bill Thorsell and Dove of James- Council and presented Cort- McAuliff, Robert Bays, Merwould not only enlarge local town, the committee recom- land County's health facility ton Poole, James O'Mara, decision-making in the high- mended and the board unani- needs and the board's recom- David Fleming. way planning process, but mously resolved to urge the mendations. could save taxpayers millions Central New York Hospital of dollars.

the Highway Law provides for the facility. local approval of a proposed state arterial project before the Board of Supervisors enter the proposal is carried to the design stage, and before substantial expenditures of time and money are made.

ell Schneider, 19, of 46 Point View Drive, Troy; and Robert Elfenbein, 19, of 1 Irving Place, Troy.

Stephen Inghan Lord, 19, of

316 Wesley St., Weston, Mass. was charged with criminal possession of a dangerous drug, sixth degree.

charged with two counts of possession, sixth degree, and one count of growing mari-Michael Medwin, 19, of 115



GAMBLING SEIZURE. State and local police along with District Attorney Richard Enders, right, look over gambling devices in Utica, confiscated during a raid this week which netted seven arrests. With Enders, from left, are Utica Deputy Chief, Edward Cahill, Investigator Thomas Gallagher and Investigator Frank Peo.

Construction of 200-bed nursing home reviewed

Florence Fitzgerald, chair- the Board of Supervisors enter home and health-related facil- land County." ity in Cortland County. Builders would be Highgate Management Corp. of Albany.

After many months of surveys, cost studies, and deliberations of the Board of Su-The proposed amendment to to approve the construction of

> The resolution stated, "that assure the availability of a 120 health-related number of beds for use by the beds. agencies of the county; That

man of the Cortland County into an agreement with an ap-Board of Supervisors, an proved developer which would nounced yesterday afternoon assure the County of Cortland that the State Hospital Re- and its agencies 80 beds on a view and Planning Council first-refusal basis as illustratwill meet today in New York ed by the High-Gate Manage-City to consider the construc- ment Development Corp. for tion of the 200-bed nursing use by the agencies of Cort-

Pierce, chairman of the pub-

Review and Planning Council Regional Hospital Council ap- I. E. MacLeod, county health proval was given to High- commissioner; former Social ment Corp. for a facility on Palmer; Dr. Judson Albaugh, Kellogg Road which will prov- director of the County Mental into negotiations which would ide 80 nursing home beds and Health Center, and Dr. John

The recommendation of the and Review Board.

State Hospital Review and Planning Council will be forwarded to the State Public Health Council for action scheduled June 4 in New York

If approved the proposal would then be sent to the State Health Department which would send engineers to Cortland to approve the Cuyler Supervisor Bernice site.

The supervisors' nursing lic health committee, Scott home study committee includ-Supervisor Delmar Fisher, ed the social services commitmember of the public health tee headed by Michael Colaand nursing home committee, surdo; the public health compervisors' nursing home com- and chairman Fitzgerald met mittee headed by Bernice mittee, together with the ar- with the Central New York Pierce and including Supervichitectural firm of Naetzger, Hospital Planning and Review sors Frank Taylor, Dr. John

> Also members of the study It was then announced that committee were Dr. Kenneth Gate Management Develop- Services Commissioner John facility Eckel, member of the Cortland County Health Planning