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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS BUSY

by HERALD Staff

Although Superintendent Ray Galipo is too busy this month to write a story for the HERALD, he was able to give us some important facts on plans for Heath roads for this summer.

On Dell Road the damage from the devastating floods of a year ago has been largely repaired, with paving and guard rails to be completed within the next few weeks. The banks and drains have been well protected from future land slides by placing, with the help of a large Warner Bros. crane, some 250 tons of large stone blocks holding the earth in place. Ray reassuringly states, "I cannot imagine any washout there again in my lifetime."

Work has already been started on Route 8A under the STRAP-funded project for rebuilding about a mile of the road above Earl Gleason's. Cutting and clearing for the new road is under way and hired machinery and man power will be used to expedite the project. Ray's target plan is to complete the clearing and rough grading with gravel by the end of the year; the tarring to be done during the next year.

The Colrain Stage Road work with the installation of box culverts is to be completed this year with work done through the stage of gravel surfaces.

Since Ray has to supervise all of these projects you can easily see why he puts in long days and as he says, "I hope it will be a long summer."



"BRIAR RABBIT" PETE SMITH
beside boulder being placed on Dell Road
with Town bucket-loader
(Photo by Mike Peters)

NUMBER NINE ROAD UPDATE

by Newland Smith

Just two years ago the acquisition of the Fred Lively Farm by the now defunct H.T. Associates caused much concern and controversy in Heath. The basis of the concern came largely from thoughts of the beautiful open farmland being taken over by the building of many houses with an accompanying increase in school-age population. Some of this materialized as house building rapidly progressed on lots above the minimum size prescribed by our present zoning bylaws. However, the plan for subdivision of a large back-land section has apparently been dropped and all of the land has been transferred to the present individual owners.

Today seven new houses line the road starting above the old Lively farm house, which was rebuilt extensively and is now owned by Bob Dobek who also owns all remaining back-land. All of the houses are substantially built and are set back from the road. The group of families who occupy these houses are all members of what is now known as the Holy Trinity Lay Community, Inc. According to Charles Shattuck, President of the Lay Community, the members regularly conduct their own religious services and Bible study in the home of one of their members.

In addition to these houses other members of the Holy Trinity group have purchased land elsewhere in Heath and either rebuilt houses or put up new ones. One of these on Stone Hill Road was built by Robert Rode for his family. Another place on Branch Hill Road was bought by Paul Lemelin with some of his land now being subdivided for three new houses expected to be completed this year.

Altogether, nine houses are now owned by members of this group which has increased the population of Heath by 41 persons, representing about 7 % of Heath's population. Twenty-two of these are children under age 18. The total assessed property valuation of these eight properties is now over \$1,000,000. In addition two of the new houses under construction on Branch Hill Road are expected to be occupied by fall by families with a total of seven more children.

Recently more concern in Heath has been raised over the possible tax exempt status of the Community, excusing them from real estate taxes. In an interview with the HEATH HERALD, Charles Shattuck stated that the Holy Trinity Lay Community is incorporated as a non-profit religious organization. However, since the houses are all residential properties of the members, there is no possibility of their being declared tax-exempt. This statement has also been confirmed with Heath Assessor Alan Nichols.

LETTER

To the Editors:

The paper gets better and better. Enjoyed the article on Hannah Burrington, but then everyone did, I'm sure. Hannah brought a whole album of her early pictures to my home one time. It was a delightful afternoon, I assure you. But then, so is this lovely lady. Just thinking about her, keeps my chin UP.

Marion Paterson

CARD OF THANKS

This sincere and heart-felt thank-you goes out to all the clubs, churches, organizations and stores that have been of such a tremendous help to our family since our house fire.

A very special thanks goes to our neighbors, relatives and friends who have worked so hard to get things together for us and who are continuing to be of such great help in organizing and trying to find housing.

We also want to thank each and every individual who in any way has contributed to our many needs. We have had such an overwhelming amount of help that it is impossible to send an individual thank you to everyone, so we hope when you read this you will know there is a personal thank you for each and everyone of you.

The James Herzig Family

[Editors' note: Monetary contributions are still needed to help the Herzigs rebuild their home. Checks may be sent to the Herzig Fund, c/o United Saving Bank, Shelburne Falls, MA 01870.]



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Shattuck further stated in his discussion with the HERALD that even if the Community did build a small chapel on some of the land (as proposed by Bob Dobek) they would intend to pay the normal property tax to the town on the building. At the moment the plan for this chapel has been dropped since the proposed location does not have the frontage required by zoning bylaws.

HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Bob Dane is teaching a two week course in glass blowing at the Tilchuck Glass School in Stanwood, Washington. The School is located on Puget Sound, so Bob will enjoy the Pacific Ocean for a change.

Helen Nichols has moved from her house in Heath to the Lathrop Home on South Street in Northampton where she is happily settled.

Joseph Kincannon will be featured in a show at the Salmon Falls Artisans Showroom from June 22 to July 24. He is one of the contemporary stone carvers at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York. He is presently back in Heath carving gargoyles, foliated capitals and pinnacles to be set on the tower of the Cathedral which is still under construction.

Patricia Venneri was awarded a full scholarship at Vassar College's Powerhouse Theatre to pursue her playwriting studies. She will be at Vassar for eight weeks from June 12 to August 8. Patricia will be studying under professional playwrights and there is a chance that one of her plays will receive a reading or production.

Matthew denOuden, son of Beverly and Buck denOuden, is entering the program for a law degree at the University of Connecticut in Hartford. He is continuing his work with the Social Security Administration in Hartford at the same time.

Michael Peters has just returned from a ten day trip to California where he visited the Don Conlan family in Pasadena and took a trip up the scenic Pacific coast to San Francisco.

ERRATUM

The April/May number of the HEATH HERALD incorrectly spelled the last name of Steve and Jason Morse who were helping to erect the roof on the Upham-Kiehn house.

The Editors apologize for this error and thank Carroll Stowe for bring it to our attention.

HEATH PRECIPITATION

by Ralph Dickinson, Observer
for Massachusetts Water Resources Commission

April precipitation was 3.21 inches; snowfall was 1 inch.

May precipitation was 4.18 inches.

Total precipitation for the first five months of 1988 was 17.73 inches. Our average precipitation over the last 22 years for January through May is 20.68 inches.

The inch of snowfall on April 15 brought our total snowfall for the season to 106 1/2 inches, which is above average.

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A HOUSE REMEMBERED

by Herald Staff

[This is the 24th in a series of articles on the older houses of Heath appearing in the HEATH HERALD over the past nine years. Some reminiscences of living in this house were printed in the February number of the HERALD in a story by Martha Beasley together with a photograph of the place. This story has been compiled from personal reminiscences and with the help of Ed Calver and his Heath History.]

As one travels back and forth on Bray Road today only the charred front of what once was a beautiful old house remains to remind one of the historic place and its owners. Moving from the house where Bill and Eleanor Wolf now live, Dr. Joseph Emerson, Heath's "beloved physician," built the front section of this old house in 1838, attaching it to an even older rear section built by Solomon Pease about 1808. Dr. Emerson lived there only four years with his family before he died. He was a family practitioner for 36 years and the only physician in Heath (then with a population of over 1000), taking care of patients by house calls, not only in Heath, but also in neighboring towns. His family, portrayed by an itinerant artist in a painting now in the collection of the Heath Historical Society, consisted of his wife and five children, including a daughter, Felicia Emerson Welch. Mrs. Welch later became a generous benefactor to the town by instigating the building of the Town Library, called Sawyer Hall, and by establishing funds for the Heath Church, the Library and the Heath Historical Society. In addition she purchased the site and land around Fort Shirley, donating it to the Historical Society.

The rear older portion of the house was particularly interesting with a fan-light window above and Greek-Revival pilasters beside the doorway on the south side. The newer (1838) part with its broad front porch, which once continued along the south side, contained a large front entrance hall on the north side with a two-section staircase leading to the second floor. There were three old fireplaces in the house. One of these, in the living room, had a cast iron frame, made (as it said!) by Geo. Hastings at Foundry Village in Colrain in 1820. The construction of this part of the house was unusual in that the outer walls were made of solid wood four inches thick formed from layers of horizontal boards.

After Dr. Emerson died in 1842 the house passed through several owners, one being James Bray, before it was acquired by Dr. and Mrs. Edward S. Drown about 1918. It was a wedding gift from Mrs. Drown's mother. Dr. Drown, who was a professor at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, spent many summers here with his wife, Paulina, who continued after his death in the mid-1930s, and it is still known to many of us in Heath as "the Drown place." Some still call the road through this land "Drown Hill." The Drowns were a most interesting couple and contributed much to Heath by their activities. Dr. Drown was a speaker at the annual Heath Fair on many occasions and frequently conducted services in the Heath Church. They were both full of wit and humor and would tell numerous stories at an afternoon tea or at a dinner in their house, served by one of their Irish maids from Boston. They were Mary Ann, Margaret Connelly and Kathleen O'Brien.

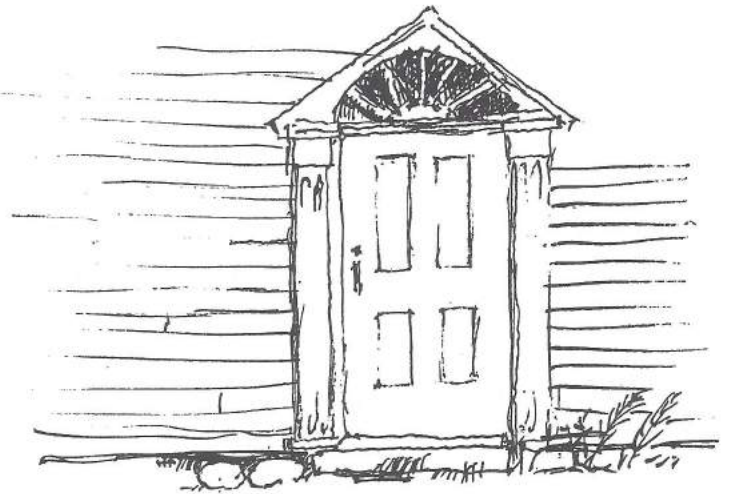
Mrs. Drown kept a beautiful bed of flowers directly across the road from the house, maintained by one of her "boys," where there was also a large patch of wild raspberries replacing an old barn which had fallen down. Outlasting it by many years were a large

hay barn and a lean-to annex. Next to wild strawberries, which Mrs. Drown picked herself and served lavishly over shortcake, raspberries which she also picked were her favorite fruit and were frequently used in delicious raspberry ice cream made by the Irish cook and cranked by a "boy" with ice which he had washed and carried in from the old icehouse situated north of the house.

Needing additional help in driving their Model T Ford (or later models) as well as for general assistance around the place, the Drowns would usually bring a theological student, known as a "boy", to spend the summers here. Among those who came in that capacity were George Eckwall, Edward Calver and Bill Wolf. Each of these continued to come to Heath.

After Mrs. Drown died in the 1950's, the place was left to George Eckwall, who spent summers here with his family. The house was passed on to his daughter Martha and her husband Earl Beasley, who later sold it to the present owner, Robert Bergquist.

While the loss of this house is a sad misfortune for Bob Bergquist and his tenants, who lost their personal belongings, the loss is as great to the whole town in the destruction of an important historic landmark, prominent in the landscape of Heath.



South Doorway of Solomon Pease House c. 1808
Pen and ink drawing by Ed Calver

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TIME'S PASSING Early Days for Eva Unger Pazmino

by Beverly denOuden

Eva was born in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1917 which means that she is now happily of an age to be "exempt from any social security limitations" on how much she can work. Eva revels in doing and such an appetite has done her well.

She spent her childhood with her parents, Waldemar and Emilie Unger, in a scenic Bavarian village where her father, a physician, had his practice. Eva's life began its upheaval in the early 1930's when she was in high school. Hitler's rule was invading all aspects of German life including the classroom. The school which Eva attended was founded by Kurt Hahn whose principles of self reliance were emphasized in the curriculum and later formed the cornerstone of the Outward Bound program in England. Eva and her classmates were required to give the salute "Heil Hitler." Since many were Jewish they refused. Fortunately, Eva's teachers were perceptive and could see that many of the students might be in danger. Eva, whose father was Jewish, was in this category.

Her teachers bravely began an intensified course of study for Eva so she might leave school with a high school certificate. Two years of studies including English were compressed into six months and Eva received her diploma. Eva claims she promptly forgot all the English she learned. However, she would soon have to put it to use.

Eva's brother had fled to England to save his fiancée. He was engaged to a young woman designated by the Germans as a pure Aryan, so their romance was not to be. He was suffering from tuberculosis and Eva went to England in 1936 to help him. She was then 19. It was a time of high unemployment, so it was very difficult for Eva, as a foreigner, to find work. She was ultimately successful in finding a job on a country estate minding the cow, a garden and two hunters. Her second turn on exercising the horses resulted in a fall and a broken leg. Her employer helped with the medical expense and, once she was able to get about a bit, she was assigned to the kitchen. Cooking was not her strong point but the chauffeur came to her aid. The gentleman and lady of the house brought home a variety of game birds. Eva confided to the chauffeur that while she could certainly prepare a pheasant German style their employers would benefit if he would show her how to serve the bird according to English tastes.

Meanwhile the political situation in Germany was becoming increasingly perilous. Eva's parents were now in Switzerland. Her father had found work and Eva found employment at a dog kennel. Switzerland was overrun with immigrants and the Ungers feared with each knock at the door they would be asked to move again. During the next several months Eva was on the move, looking for employment in France, Greece and then back in Switzerland.

The family decided that they must leave Europe. Mrs. Unger and Eva spent two days in Geneva, going from embassy to embassy, searching for a country that would take them. By this time, 1938, they had been expatriated so they had no passports. Bolivia and Ecuador were their only choices for a home.

Back in England to be with her brother, Eva awaited her visa to grant her passage to Ecuador. Securing of the visa had to be backed up with a show of cash - 400 English pounds. Her brother's friend gave Eva his total savings and she walked all the way to the embassy in London clutching the pound notes. On exhibiting the money she received her visa and walked with the cash all the way back to her brother's friend.

It was in 1939 that she boarded an English steamer bound for Ecuador via France. At that moment she had no assurance that her parents would also have received their visa. Eva says she will never forget standing on the second deck searching the crowd on the dock at La Rochelle and finally spotting her parents there.

The ship was largely filled with older couples from eastern Europe. The voyage was approximately ten days and when they anchored off shore at Guayaquil, Eva and her family had to jump from the ship into small rowing boats. There was no bureaucracy to pass through, only the "moonlight, the beach and millions of stinging insects."

The group was taken into Guayaquil and from there by train up into the Andes to Quito, the capital. The government of Ecuador allowed immigrants in only on their promise to engage in agriculture. So as the Ungers gazed out of the train window they were dismayed to see only dense jungle. While the family stayed in Quito Eva found work on a hacienda raising calves. Her parents looked for land for sale; it was found about 80 kilometers out of the city.



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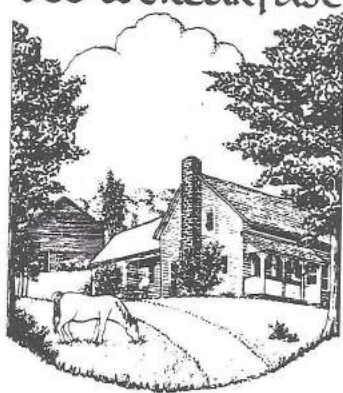
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Clearing of this jungle land had to be accomplished principally with the machete. The timbers were cut by local people who would not come without money up front and often departed once the money was paid. However, enough lumber was cut and sawn by the use of a hand pit saw to build a modest home. Eva states that to this day she does not enjoy picnics for she and her family lived a picnic for seven years since there were no utilities and no running water.

Eva kept the home place and eventually her father found work with a pharmaceutical company in Quito. Eva bought one native cow and was able to sell an occasional quart of milk. She vowed she would save her milk money and build a herd - everyone laughed. Eva had eleven head of cattle after seven years.

The mainstay of the Unger family's income was fresh baked bread. They erected a little building directly on the road and sold bread to passing truck drivers.

At this time Luis Pazmino had been travelling near Eva's home, fleeing an indentured work environment. He had walked barefoot for approximately 100 kilometers and his feet could not tolerate any more gravel roads. So he stopped and stayed with a neighbor about ten miles from the Unger place. Luis worked in the Unger bakery and in 1946 married Eva.

In 1946 the Unger family got in touch with some friends in Washington, DC, in an effort to come to the United States. The friends proved to be acceptable sponsors and the Ungers, who were without a passport, were granted a friendship pass. Eva came first and worked to maintain the household of her sponsors, but her eyes were always straining for open countryside and the bicycle ride down Connecticut Avenue held no rural scenes.

In 1947 the whole family ended up in Wilmington, VT, where, on the strength of Eva's skills in animal husbandry, she got a job as an assistant herdsman.

The Pazmino family moved to Sumner-Stetson Road in Heath in 1948 buying the farm where the Lavignes now live. Their employer in Wilmington had died.

The Ungers moved back to Germany to spend their later years. Eva visited her parents once in Germany and, as she passed through customs on her return, the official offered a "Welcome Home!" Eva says she felt she truly was, at last.

Eva now resides on 8A where she raises heifers for dairy herds and tends to a couple of horses. She is also working at the Oxbow restaurant where she does gardening, cleaning and all "that needs doing."



Eva in Overalls with Pet Animals
In Ecuador 1943
(Photo from Eva Pazmino)

LIBRARY LINES

by Alli Thane

One of the nice aspects of being a librarian is finding out that so many people like to help with books. I have four young girls, Nicole Rainville, Emily Nichols, Magen MacDougall and Delia Lavigne who are just wonderful because they come in and shelve dozens of "Easy Reader" books that the little ones scatter around. Then there are Terry Pettengill, Helen Mackie and Don Dekker who are there for me when I'm in a rush. And Nancy Clark who takes time between her Bed & Breakfast and her husband's concerts to take a turn at the boring filing. And what would I do without Edith Gleason and her cataloging? It's good to have book lovers for friends and I am grateful.

We are extremely fortunate to have Don Dekker agree to weed our collection and straighten out the shelf list. He will be working four hours a week.

The children's summer reading program, sponsored by the Western Mass. Regional Library, will begin July 2. The theme is Super Sleuth.

Video cassettes are very popular and the VCR is available for a week at a time. Come in and sign up.

To end our fiscal year's budget, I ordered many new children's books. Some of Peter Spiers', Jack Keats' and Eric Carle's. Also several adult books - to name a few: Discovery of the Titanic (a terrific book!); Battle Cry of Freedom, McPherson; The Tommy Knockers, King; Straight On Till Morning, Markham; The Icarus Agenda, Ludlum; Rock Star, Collins; Tapes-try, Plain; Treasure, Cussler; Love, Medicine and Miracles, Slegel; Spy Catcher, Wright; Leaving Home, Keillor; and more.

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OF OLDTIMERS AND NEWCOMERS

by Alastair Maitland

I used to own a black Labrador retriever. She had been conceived in Heath and was born in a high-rise in Manhattan, on my bed, where her frantic one-year-old mother had sought refuge, spurning the nest of blankets that had been prepared for her in a corner of the room. The puppy, one of a litter of two, the other being still-born, knew that I had in a sense presided over her birth. We had a special relationship, she and I. And she was to become my comforter during my darkest days. Now she too is gone. And, six years later, I cannot easily confront the thought that, present at her entry into this world, I was absent on the day she took her leave. I should have been there to cradle her head in my hands and, in my turn, to give comfort.

She did not know, nor did I until a few weeks ago, when scanning one of the rival local newspapers, that she had been more to me than just a household pet. She was also a badge. She was one of the tell-tale indicators that I am what is regarded by some in these parts as a Newcomer.

We are all, it seems, members of categories: Newcomers, Oldtimers, Permanent Summer Residents (a sub-group of Newcomers), City Folk (another Newcomer sub-group, but infinitely lower on the totem pole). Each group, we are told, is recognizable by certain life-style, or cultural, indicators, in my case the possession of a Labrador.

In our town, where the pressures of residential development are a major current topic, group membership is said to be reflected also in the differing attitudes towards growth. A double paradox seems to be at work here: the Newcomers, by and large, seek change so that the town may stay essentially the way it is, the way they found it. A fly preserved in amber, so to speak. The Oldtimers, for the most part, feel uneasy at the prospect of change. But they may merely be inviting change, imposed from without, by resisting change generated from within.

But what are we to make of such stereotypes, and such generalizations? We are all Heathens. Need we become hyphenated Heathens? Speaking as a Newcomer, albeit of a scant 20 years standing, I can assert that my fellow Newcomers have very little in common beyond the fact that they are immigrants, and that something about Heath attracted them to the place and has held them here.

Their diversity is extraordinary. I think, for example, of the Wall Street lawyer, who as an Army Officer, drafted the post-War Japanese constitution and who, at age 82, indomitably snow-plows his own long driveway; and of the woman who, as a teen-ager, left Hitler's Germany with her parents in search of a safe haven, arriving here in 1948, by way of Ecuador. Her personal saga is told at greater length elsewhere in this issue. I think also of the pre-Raphaelite beauty, a suburbanite music therapist working with autistic children (and a singer of environmental songs with Pete Seeger), who chose Heath as a place to rear a family. And I think of the ordained minister and academic, who, responding to a country boy's instincts, abandoned pulpit and podium in order to serve the needs of different flocks here, as a clinical psychologist and as a farmer. All of these, and many more, belong to the ranks of the Newcomers, alongside such icons of the Heathen hagiology as Niebuhr and Frankfurter. Each, according to the social scientists, wears his or her badge.

Badges and labels may be convenient and sometimes amusing. But they can also be misleading. And they can, ultimately, become divisive and objectionable. I lost my most conspicuous badge six long years ago. But there are other distinguishing features, some ineradicable. My accent, for example. I simply cannot contrive to pronounce "barn" correctly. I shall always be a Newcomer.

HANNAH BURRINGTON ATTENDS CHURCH CENTENNIAL

by Beverly denOuden

Catherine Cromack and her mother, Hannah Burrington, attended the centennial of the the Swedish Congregational Church in Waltham on June 4 and 5. Festivities began with a banquet on Saturday night and continued with religious services on Sunday.

Hannah's parents (also the grandparents of Ruth Johnson), Mr. and Mrs Victor Landstrom, were one of six couples who formed the original congregation of Swedish immigrants. Services were conducted in Swedish in the early years. Hannah and her family attended this church until their move to Heath in 1911 and her parents resumed their attendance when they returned to Waltham in their retirement.

The congregation was responsible for restoring an old stone church in Waltham that was originally used by the Swedenborgian religious body. The stone church was the site of this centennial.

Hannah looked forward greatly to this event as it called together people from all over the United States. She had been in correspondence with some of her early childhood friends and was able to share reminiscences with them in Waltham.

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HEATH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

by Mike Peters, Vice President
Heath Agricultural Society

The long awaited springtime is finally here, which means once again Fair time is only three months away. The May meeting came to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday the 12th. This year's Fair will include all of last year's highlights including the woodsmen's contest, the four-wheel drive pull, the garden tractor pull with one added class, the fiddling contest, the two day chicken barbecue, the 40' by 100' tent, fireworks and, of course, the horse and ox pulling.

After the sudden loss of Pat Smith, whom we will never forget and who had managed countless horse and ox draws for the Heath Fair, Mary and Roy Smith have assured us they will continue managing the pulls. The ox teamsters association will be donating a plaque in memory of Pat. This will be mounted on the building at the drawing pit, and this year's premium book will be dedicated to his memory. This June draw, coming in another week or so, will surely be lacking without his presence, but remember, he will be watching us, so let's make it good.

New plans in the works include entertainment by Bill Stain, and the addition of rides. Yes, I said rides - finally the Heath Fair will have rides once again. We made a connection on some real nice kids rides and are ready to sign a contract. This meant a major electrical job was needed to supply power to the four to six rides that are expected. Hopefully this trial year will turn out successfully and we can make the rides an annual part of our Fair. We'll soon find out, so wish us luck. Along with adding power for rides, we expect some light poles will also be added which are desperately needed all over the grounds, especially near the ticket booth. This is presently being worked on. We also recently agreed to buy a riding Lawn Boy mower for approximately \$1600. This was much needed because of the large area that is presently being mowed with hand mowers. Surely a good investment.

Results from a special meeting on what to do to the old green exhibit hall to update it are as follows: Completely rebuild the front where the hamburger booth doors swing up, add windows all the way around, add a new roof, new lighting inside, redo the floor inside, build shelving around the inside and add whatever other ideas happen to come along, and finish up with a new coat of paint. Our lumber is now stacked and drying. Work-bees are now held each Thursday at 6 PM. Any help you can give is welcomed.

The computer program looks like it will work real nice for managing the secretarial part of the Fair. Barbara Smith is now entering all of the data into the computer and, hopefully, all will be entered by Fair time. We are waiting once again for the state (it seems like everyone is waiting for the state) to get their act together and send us all of the class entry codes that are needed before entry work can be completed and before the premium books can be printed. We will be calling around soon for ads that will be in the premium book, so please be ready to give us a yes-or-no answer when we call.

Mark your calendar for the Horse and Ox Pull on Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12. Bring all of your friends because the Fair needs the money. All of these new ideas are nice and they are making the Fair better and better every year, but the only problem is they all cost money, and a lot of it. Enjoy the spring.

HEATH FAIR RECORDS

The discovery by Susan Gleason of an old notebook in her attic containing minutes and notes of the Agricultural Society has prompted Michael Peters, Vice President of the Society, to search for other missing records.

Mike is working with Michael Coe on plans to publish a complete history of the Heath Agricultural Society and these records fill an important gap. Much of this information was not available to Esther Dickinson when her article on the subject was published in the Book of Heath in 1985.

In order to help Mike Peters on this project, he is asking that everyone search carefully through their houses (and attics) for any pertinent information on the Fair. The particular dates that are missing are from 1927-1948 and 1965-1975.

The originals of these records will be turned over to the Heath Historical Society for safe-keeping after photocopies have been made.

1988 STREET LIST

Town Clerk Karen MacDougall has announced that the 1988 Street List of Heath is now complete and is available from her office at \$1.50 per copy.

This listing showing every resident of Heath, 18 years and older as of January 1, 1988, is compiled after many weeks of telephone and mail contacts with each household. This information, including ages and a listing of all children in the household, is entered into the town computer database and results in an unofficial census of the town. After appropriate sorting the street list is compiled and printed.

The list must be prepared in accordance with Massachusetts General Law which states that each year persons' names should be included in the Street List if the registrar knows they are residents from other sources, even if they did not respond to the registrar's inquiries. However failure to respond may be a crime, punishable by a fine of up to \$100 or by imprisonment for up to one year.

This year's list shows 410 names out of a total population of 618 in town. This compares with 395 names on the 1987 street list and a total population of 610. Heath is still growing!

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LETTER FROM AFRICA

by Betsy Reilley

[Betsy Reilley, the daughter of Pat and Henry Leuchtmann, is serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kenya, Africa.]

I have been here at my site in Munyaka for eight months now and I'm pretty happy with the way things have been going. I'm fortunate that I'm involved with such varied projects.

The water tank for the chicken project is finished and now we are in a transitional period. We're selling "old" hens and moving in nearly 300 young hens who are just about to lay. Only 11 chicks died, so they have really improved. The first time they lost 20 percent.

This was Upendo's first cycle with the chickens - and I think they can now become self sufficient and not need outside financial assistance. We need to do a little fine tuning, but I'm going to have another meeting with them, another lesson on handling the books and the budget.

Right now the Munyaka Water "Project" is at a standstill. We laid all the pipe, uphill and down, that we had but now we've run out of money. I've written proposals to the Government of Kenya and I've even asked the Peace Corps for help. I don't usually do that, but this group is really deserving. The project will provide a basic need and the group is very organized, knowledgeable and hardworking. The group is also trying to raise money themselves. They are really dedicated.

I also met with the St. Christopher's zero-grazing project which is still failing. However, we are going to go cow shopping. I told them if we can become more successful I'll help them get money for a second cow. That seems to have given them a boost. I have no doubt that if they do well with one cow they can easily do two and reap more profit which will motivate them still more. But that's in the future.

I told you that I also made a connection with the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. I finished the grass key identifying 600 grasses* which will help them teach about the best forage fodder for the area. I had to go to Nairobi a couple of times to meet with Apple and IBM about designing a program that will allow us to put the key on the computer. I got all dressed up in a dress and felt really professional in our meetings. Later I stopped in at the Peace Corps office and they could hardly believe that I was a Volunteer; we're usually grubbier.

Ever since the beginning of March we've been having a rainy season. It's most welcome. I don't have to haul water. Everyone is putting in crops and I planted a little garden, too, but some sheep got in and ate some of the seedlings. Travel is always difficult and especially during the rainy season. The roads are bad - very slick. It's even hard to walk.

I went over to a neighbor's one night for a visit. That often lasts for a few hours. I had chai (tea) and they cooked me "irio," potatoes mashed with corn and beans. I ate alone and asked why they weren't eating. It turns out they had already had supper and cooked this just for me. Fortunately, the father came in later so it was for him too. It's not like you can just pop something into an oven for a guest. It's a lot of work, but they can't let someone visit without feeding them. I hope I'll be as hospitable when I come home.

In early May I was in Karatina for two weeks of language training. The first week I studied Kiswahili. Since most people in my area don't speak English I

use this language most of the time - and I was in the most advanced class. The second week I studied Kikuyu which is a vernacular. It was good to spend some time with the other Volunteers.

* [Alastair Maitland's father, in the 1920's, catalogued the E.African grasses. Some of them are named after him.]

"A DAY IN THE COUNTRY" A Benefit for Franklin Land Trust

Seven farms and six gardens in western Franklin County will be open to visitors on Saturday, June 18, from 10 AM to 4 PM to benefit the Franklin Land Trust.

In Charlemont goats are to be seen on the Colis' farm; in Shelburne Sam Payne raises black Angus cattle and Edgar Gould's farm has a sheep dog display; at Pine Hill in Colrain, apple orchards will be seen where visitors can also have luncheon; in Buckland the Willis dairy farm will be open; in Conway, the Totman dairy farm; and the petting farm of Steven Judge in Ashfield will welcome children.

The gardens in Heath are Elsa Bakalar's and Jim Coursey's; the former is informal with a profusion of blooms and the latter like a formal English garden. In Ashfield, the Kuhns' garden will be open; in Conway, the Clapp and Sigular gardens will be open as well as the Merriams' garden.

The Franklin Land Trust was organized about two years ago by a group from Ashfield, headed by Mark Zenick, who are concerned with preserving farmland from housing development and maintaining open space. As farmers give up farming, their land becomes ripe for developers. Mark has so far saved many beautiful mowings from destruction with a financial benefit to the farmer. He is currently working on similar plans for land in Heath and neighboring towns.

These self-guided tours will be the first of what is expected to be an annual "Day in the Country." Tickets at \$10.00 each must be purchased in advance in Shelburne Falls at the new Visitors' Center or at McCusker's Market; in Greenfield at World Eye Book Store, or the Chamber of Commerce; in Colrain at Chandlers Hill; or at the Franklin Land Trust in Ashfield. Children accompanied by adults are admitted free.

In case of bad weather the rain date will be the next day, Sunday, June 19. For further information in Heath, call Caroline Smith 337-4900, or the Franklin Land Trust in Ashfield 628-4696.

A POEM

by Magen MacDougall
Grade 3

Read a poem to lighten your day,
And it will take you away and away!
Read about the sounds of spring,
And make the very best of things,
So it will make you sing, sing, sing!
But most of all
Poems have joy and that's not all.

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COMMUNITY HALL NEWS

by Karen Brooks, Hall Committee

Now that Town Meeting is over and the budget in place for next year, it's time to do some re-organizing for the Hall. Rates are definitely up to \$10 per floor with a \$10 surcharge for heavy use of the stove. We have become real sticklers about equipment leaving the Hall as well as adding a \$5.00 cleaning charge per floor for times when people have been a little slack about leaving the Hall in its original condition. The good news is that we are going to try allowing light refreshments upstairs (although we retain the right to discontinue this policy if it is abused).

Almost everyone has been great about booking the Hall in advance (Dolly Churchill, 337-6680) and in general taking good care of the Community Hall. The rates are going up to help offset the utilities maintenance of the building.

Is anyone interested in helping with a spring cleaning bee (upstairs only)? Please call me at 337-6614 or Dolly and let us know if you like washing windows and floors.

We also have two rugs of unknown condition, given to the old preschool by the Rowe School, that are now on the stage and available for the taking - last chance. Also the piano in Art and Carol's barn is looking for a home. Please feel free to take it (anything else, Art?)

We are looking for new members, male or female. It's not too late!

TOWN NURSE

by Sharleen Moffatt, R.N.
Town Nurse

Summer is finally here! With the warm weather comes the desire to increase exercise. Avoid the pitfalls that can accompany this. Begin any new exercise in moderation. Use common sense about the activity and the relationship to the weather...i.e. beginning a running or jogging regime on a hot and humid day is not going to satisfy your needs.

Before beginning any new program of exercise, the most important step in assuring your success is a visit to your primary care physician for a complete physical. Consult with him/her as to what your goal should be, either for weight loss or exercise or both. Binge dieting or exercise does little to achieve lasting effects. A well planned program that meets your needs for an extended period of time will go a long way toward attaining your goals and lowering the level of stress along the way. Exercise should be fun and relaxing time.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER...

[A short update on my husband... Patrick will be returning to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center at the end of June for further tests and hopefully his last operation. Our spirits are well, and we look forward to the day that our lives can return to some semblance of normal. Your continued support and concern are, as always, appreciated. S.M.]

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CHURCH NEWS

The Reverend Allen Comstock conducted his last service in The Heath Union Church on May 29 as the demand for his time at the Charlemont Federated Church does not permit him to continue in Heath on Sundays. His help to the Heath Church over the past several months is greatly appreciated.

A new minister for the Heath Church is to be supplied by the Village Missions. His arrival is expected some time in June, although an exact date has not yet been established. He will live in the church parsonage with his wife and three children. In the meantime supply ministers will conduct the regular 11 AM Sunday services.

The Church sponsored a concert given by the Mohawk Trail Concerts on Saturday, May 28. This was an evening of jazz with music from the 1920's, 30's and 40's.

An auction to raise money for the Church will take place on Saturday, July 16, at the Fairgrounds at 10 AM, rain or shine. Anyone having articles they can donate for this sale is asked to contact either Howard Crowningshield or Rachel Sumner who will arrange for a pickup. Food will be available on the premises.


Plans are being formulated for further repair and restoration on the old Johnson organ in the Church. Preliminary studies indicate that this old organ is probably the sixteenth organ made by the William A. Johnson Co. in Westfield about 1851. Some of the interesting history of this organ and its acquisition by the Heath Church was the subject of an article in the HEATH HERALD appearing in the February/March 1983 issue (Volume 4, Number 6).

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Patrick Venneri, Chairman

The school year is winding down. There will be commencement exercises at both Rowe Elementary School and Mohawk Regional High School. This has been a productive year for the Heath school children. The Heath Preschool is enjoying its first full year and hopefully funding for its continuance will be forthcoming from the state.

Rowe Elementary School had a productive year with test scores above the previous year. Both the Rowe and Heath budgets were passed with a minimum amount of debate, hopefully a testimony to the hard work put in on budgets by the respective school committee members. Budge Litchfield was reelected, after a savage and hotly contested race, to the school committee. Reorganization will occur after our next committee meeting.

The budget at Mohawk will be balanced. The school committee is faced with some difficult decisions concerning the direction of the cuts in order to achieve this balancing. This school committee person is concerned with under budgeting. I believe a clear message should be sent to the towns comprising this region. If you want quality education you must pay for it. There is \$100,000 in extra-curricular sporting activities in the budget. I would consider cutting this from the budget before touching the curricula. It is essential that the academic program at Mohawk be preserved.

ROWE SCHOOL DATES

June 9	Kindergarten registration deadline. No class that day
June 13	Grades 4-6 field trip to Bear Swamp and Yankee Atomic
June 14	Grades 1-3 trip to Greenfield
June 15	Joint Long Range Planning Meeting 7:30 PM at Rowe
June 16	6th Grade play 7 PM
June 17	Authors' Tea 2:15 PM Middle School Musical try-outs 9 AM Grades 4-6
June 21	6th Grade graduation Gazebo at 6 PM
June 22	6th Grade "send-off" 9 AM
June 24	Last Day of School (whew!)



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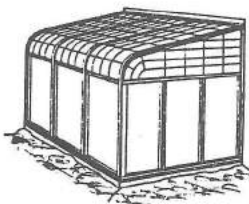
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ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Susan Silvester

It has been an extremely busy spring at the Rowe Elementary School. The sixth grade class accompanied by Mr. Schoenfeld and Miss LaPointe travelled by Amtrak train to Washington, DC, for five days. The group departed at 6 AM on May 2 and returned to the Springfield station the following Friday night, exhausted and happy. Highlights of the week included a visit to the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, White House, Air and Space Museum, Jefferson Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and the Capitol building where the group was fortunate enough to meet with Congressman Silvio Conte and his aide. The group stayed in an international youth hostel, dining at local cafeterias. An evening performance of the popular musical CATS was also attended. It was an exciting, educational trip. After a year of fund raising efforts, the sixth graders even returned with a balance of \$300 in their treasury!

The Heath Preschool visited the Rowe School on May 16; on May 31 the Kindergarten class had a field trip to Friendly Farms. Grades 2-6 were given the annual California Achievement Tests in May with results due back before the end of the school year.

During the week of May 16 a minicourse dealing with the topic of pre-adolescent sexuality was taught by Mrs. Moffatt and Mr. Schoenfeld. Students in the class were fifth and sixth graders. The film "Then One Year" was also shown as part of the curriculum; it is used at this time of year by all schools in the district.

The annual Memorial Day service, usually held at the gazebo, took place this year at the school, on Thursday May 26. The music department again had a fine presentation for the gathering of students, teachers and parents.

"The Ice Wolf," a play about Eskimos, will be presented by the students in grades 5 and 6 on Thursday June 16 at 7 PM at the school.

The sixth grade graduation will take place Tuesday evening, June 21 at 6 PM at the gazebo in the center of Rowe, and the last day of school will be June 24.



SIXTH GRADERS IN WASHINGTON

Top Row: Kim Brothers, Shawna Hyytinen, Jennifer Gilbert, Betsey Silvester, Fawn Hardison, Mr. Schoenfeld, Mrs. Lapointe, Juntina Tanner, Congressman Conte. Bottom Row: John Demech, Mandy Stetson, Ellen Dandeneau, Ben Steinbock, Ethan Lively.

1988 HEATH GRADUATES

The HERALD extends its congratulations to the following Heath students who are graduating from their respective schools:

Graduating from the Rowe Elementary School are: Kim Brothers, John Demech, Jennifer Gilbert, Shawna Hyytinen, Betsey Silvester, Ben Steinbock and Mandy Stetson.

Graduating from the Mohawk Trail Regional High School are Jon Poisson, Tom Sackett, Michelle Shattuck, Vicky Thane, and Robert Vivencio.

Anthony Lively is graduating from the Franklin County Technical School.

Scott Gudell, of Hosmer Road, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from the University of Massachusetts.

Judith Newman, daughter of Janice and Murray Newman of Number Nine Road, received the Master of Arts Degree in Religion from the Yale Divinity School. Judith will continue her studies next year at the Harvard Divinity School in a program for her Ph.D. degree in the New Testament.

Jonathan Diamond, of Hosmer Road, received the degree of Master of Social Work from the University of Connecticut. He will continue his work at the Beacon Clinic in Greenfield as well as at the New England Adolescent Resource Center in Holyoke.

Arthur Smith, grandson of Caroline and Newland Smith, graduated with honors from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a Bachelor degree in Computer Science. He now holds a position with AT&T Bell Laboratories in software design.

HEATH PRE-SCHOOL

by David Schwartz

Many things have been happening as the end of the school year draws near. There has been a field trip to the Wolfs' pond and also a visit to the Rowe School to see classrooms and teachers. The highlight of this adventure was riding on the school bus with Cleon Peters. There is a new play structure taking form, thanks to the hard work of Bill Lattrell. This new structure will be especially suited for younger kids. Recently Julie Rocke's art class, which includes Emily Nichols, Nicky and Anna Soviecke and Nicholas Van Aiken, put on a puppet show. The art class was responsible for writing the show, making the puppets and set and the performance which told the story of inventing a chocolate rutabaga and making a fortune from it.

The last day of school will be June 8 and it is expected that school will start up again in mid-September. At this point a grant proposal to continue funding for the operation of the school has been submitted and it should be known by sometime in June whether or not it has been approved.

Now is the time to think about enrolling children for next year. The school is tuition-free and, to be eligible, a child must be age 3 by August 31 or 4 years old. Pam Porter will be sending out a letter to parents of eligible children that she knows of. If you do not receive a letter or need additional information you can call Pam at school (337-4847) or home (337-4093).

Happy Summer!

MOHAWK SEVENTH GRADE NEWS

by Valerie J. Belval, Grade 7

The 7th graders have almost completed their first year at Mohawk. We started out unsure of ourselves, but now we are confident and very pleased with ourselves.

We have shown the 6th graders around Mohawk and hope we have made them feel a little more at ease for their journey to the first year at Mohawk.

Well, I say to you 6th graders, you will be pleasantly surprised and will have a great time. Welcome to our school.



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MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

by Tanja Davin, Grade 11

With senior graduation and the end of the 1987-1988 school year quickly approaching, Mohawk is bustling with activity. The prom was held on May 28 at the Top of the Campus restaurant at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and graduation ceremonies were June 5 at the high school.

For the most part spring athletics have come to a close. All of the sports teams did very well. Both the boys' and the girls' track teams defeated all other teams and remained league champions.

Students received their 1988 Massamet yearbooks on Friday, May 27. On Memorial Day the Mohawk High School Band marched in Charlemont and Colrain, participating in the holiday activities. The Middle School band marched in Plainfield and Ashfield.

The annual Senior Awards Night was held on Thursday, June 2, in the high school auditorium. Following the presentation, the Junior class invited the Senior Class and their families to a reception held in their honor.

The year has gone very well for all. Many students will be saddened by the loss of their friends and the school will seem empty with the Senior Class gone. But this season will also be filled with happiness and good luck wishes to those moving on.

HERALD REPORTERS HONORED

Mohawk Trail Regional School students Tanja Davin and Valerie Belval were presented awards at two separate school assemblies recently for their school news contributions to the HEATH HERALD. Tanja will be a senior next year and Valerie will enter the eighth grade. Both girls will continue to write articles for the paper.

HEATH LADIES AID

The Heath Ladies Aid will hold their summer sale on Wednesday, July 27, at 3 PM in the Community Hall. Fancy articles, toys and food will be available. After the sale the Church will serve a supper as usual. So mark the date on your calendar and come and see your friends.

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FOREIGN TRAVEL CLUB

The annual trip to Europe sponsored by the Mohawk Trail Regional School Foreign Travel Club was to Spain this year. Twenty-nine members of the school and community travelled through southern Spain from April 15-23.

Highlights of the tour included an unscheduled but very popular trip to the Rock of Gibraltar and an optional excursion across the Strait of Gibraltar by ferry to Tangier, Morocco, complete with camel rides, bargaining for goods, a visit to the Casbah, and entertainment by a belly-dancer.

The nine day Costa del Sol trip commenced in Madrid with a tour of the famous Prado Museum and the Royal Palace along with city sightseeing. There was an opportunity to attend a bullfight in the second largest arena in the world as well as for to a flamenco performance in the evening. A day trip from Madrid took the group to the great medieval city of Toledo, home of El Greco; an overnight train ride to Seville brought us to a city in the midst of celebrating the world famous Feria or fair.

Other major places visited include Ronda, the "cradle of bullfighting," Mijas, Malaga, Torremolinos, where the last three nights were spent at a hotel right on the Mediterranean and Granada, home of the exquisite Alhambra palace.

The following Heath people participated in the trip: Helen and Charles Mackie, Betsey, Guy and Susan Silvester.

The Foreign Travel Club will go to the British Isles next April; anyone interested may contact Susan Silvester, advisor, at the High School.



HEATH TOURISTS IN SPAIN

Helen Mackie, Chuck Mackie, Betsey Silvester, Guy Silvester, Sue Silvester



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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, May 7, 1988

by Herald Staff

On a gorgeous May morning - the belated gift of a reluctant and ungenerous spring - no fewer than 70 town residents turned out for the Annual Town Meeting, forgoing outdoor recreational pursuits, and outdoor chores, in favor of official business.

The agreeableness of the weather seemed to carry over into the Community Hall, where the proceedings were generally harmonious, the majority of the articles on the warrant provoking little or no dissension or debate. Indeed the heftiest line items in the proposed FY 89 budget - a \$95,739 assessment (up 12.5 percent) for the Mohawk Trail Regional High School and an assessment of \$207,079 (up 5.3 percent) for Rowe Elementary School - passed unquestioned.

The meeting approved total appropriations of \$721,655, an increase of 4.2 percent over FY 88. Estimated receipts, state aid and \$55,000 in free cash together reduce the amount required to be raised by taxation to \$480,007, or \$28 less than the town's Proposition 2 1/2 limit. The bottom line, therefore, according to Finance Committee member David Howland, is that we may expect our tax rate to go up from \$13.86 to \$15.70 per \$1000 valuation.

Trash is responsible directly and indirectly, for the biggest single percentage increase (67 percent) of the budget line items. We are now committed to meeting the cost of setting up the new transfer station as well as our share of the expense of closing the three-town landfill, totaling over \$30,000.

These items were approved without discussion. But not so the related article calling for the mandatory recycling of household waste material. The bylaw will require town residents to separate paper, glass and metal from other waste material when using the new transfer station. Selectman Richard Giard explained that the adoption of such a bylaw was a necessary condition of the town's participation in the use of the Massachusetts Recycling Facility, to be built in Springfield. The bylaw will enter into force once the Facility becomes operational. In the debate that followed there were some who argued that the bylaw would be unenforceable and that the town should rely on voluntary compliance, while others argued that, without teeth, in the shape of fines for violators, the bylaw would tend to be ignored. In the end the bylaw was adopted by a standing vote, with the proviso that any fines to enforce it would be a matter for a future town meeting.

Other subjects of debate were:

A set of standards for new driveway entrances and regulations concerning road surface cuts, drafted jointly by the Selectmen and the Highway Superintendent. The proposed regulations would have set a maximum gradient for driveways of 20 percent. The meeting voted to replace this provision with one requiring that driveways be passable throughout their length by emergency vehicles.

An article authorizing the petitioning of the State Legislature to form an Emergency Service District to provide ambulance service for Heath, Rowe, Charlemont and Hawley. This article was adopted after assurances from the Selectmen that it involved the town in no irrevocable commitment to join the proposed district.

An article calling for the President of the United States to be notified that the town opposes the militarization of space and the Strategic Defense Initiative. A motion to pass over the article as being not part of the town's business

was defeated by a more than 3 to 1 margin, and the article was then adopted by a similar margin.

In a final article the town voted to begin a new three-town Shared Administrative Assistant program, with Charlemont and Hawley, for which an appropriation of \$8568 had been included in the budget, and approved. The adoption of this article marked the closing of an important chapter in the town's recent history. After 3 1/2 years we are losing the services of the admirable Susan Wright, which we used to share with Colrain, Shelburne and Buckland. From July 1 onwards her administrative skills will be devoted to the service of Colrain.

Ms Wright was presented by the Selectmen with a certificate of appreciation, and she received a standing ovation. In her work for the town she has set a very high standard, and she will be greatly missed.

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

The Heath Selectmen have announced the following appointments for the coming year:

Chairman, Selectmen	F. Walter Gleason
Secretary, Selectmen	Art Schwenger
Selectmen's Clerk	Karen MacDougall
Chairman, Board of Health	Richard Giard
Board of Health Agent	Earl Gleason
Dump Committee Rep.	Walter Gleason
	Richard Giard
FRTA Representative	Art Schwenger
Road Superintendent	Raymond Galipo
Fire Chief	Earl Gleason
Police Chief	Guy Silvester
Forest Fire Warden	Earl Gleason
Civil Defense Director	Earl Gleason
Animal Inspector	Paul Lively
Veterans Agent	Eugene Balazs
Town Council	Byron Caplice
Building Inspector	Cooperative Program
Wiring Inspector	Cooperative Program
Plumbing Inspector	Cooperative Program
Registrars	Catherine Cromack,
	Alli Thane, Teresa Pettengill
Alternate Registrars	Bruce Cromack,
	Catherine Nichols, Paul Snyder, Kimberly Griswold
Hall Committee	Dolly Churchill,
	Karen Brooks, (2 vacancies)
Police Officers	Dennis Annear
	Carl Herzig, Melinda Herzig,
	Russell Dennison, Jr., Russell Dennison, Sr.
Fred W. Wells Trustee	Jean Holdsworth
Zoning Board of Appeals	Raymond Pettengill
Member	
Park Commission	Carol Sartz
	Catherine Nichols, Deborah Porter,
	Veronica Smead, Judy Rainville
Computer Committee	Henry Leuchtman,
	Linda Marcotte, Catherine Nichols
	Newland Smith, Doug Wilkins
Conservation Commission	Ruth Johnson,
	Brian DeVries, Dawn Peters,
	David Thane, Bill Lattrell
Assistant Town Clerk	Linda Marcotte
Assistant Treasurer	Karen MacDougall
Historical Commission	Bill Thane,
	Jayne Dane, Alan Nichols,
	Esther Dickinson, Edith Royer
County Planning Board Rep.	Art Schwenger
County Advisory Board Rep.	Richard Giard
Safety Coordinator	F. Walter Gleason
Town Accountant	Arlene Markert

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Linda Marcotte

The current status of the town's many bank accounts is very good. Although we started off the current fiscal year (July 1, 1987) by having to borrow to meet the town's normal expenditures that loan was paid off in September and we have not had to borrow since. If the Assessors can get the fall tax bill out on time, we should not need to borrow at all next year. As of March 31, 1988, the town had a total of \$399,000 in its many accounts and this was before the most recent tax bill was issued.

The transfer of the town's accounts to the United Savings Bank due to the Bank of Boston closing has been smooth so far. The only exception was that I needed to order new checks and this has caused me to over-spend my supplies budget. Hopefully this will be the only problem we have with the transfer of accounts.

TEACHER CENTER CALENDARS ON SALE

Once again the Mohawk District Teacher Center, in conjunction with the Class of 1989, will be selling Community Calendars.

The Calendar will feature a colored picture of the Class of 1989 and will be sponsored in part by the sale of calendars and advertisements from local businesses.

Members of the present Junior Class will be selling the calendars or they may be purchased through school by calling Dot Lyman at 625-9811. Calendars will be printed during the summer and will be ready for distribution September 1. (Calendars are dated September 88 to September 89.)



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A DEDICATED TOWN OFFICER

by Alli Thane

Karen MacDougall holds three important positions in our town. She was first elected to the position of Town Clerk just a year ago and then re-elected for a three year term this year. She was appointed Selectmen's Clerk and later Assessors' Clerk. During the past year Karen has mastered the numerous regulations and state requirements that go with the job. She has also mastered the numerous idiosyncracies of the IBM computer and its complex programs. Although appreciating the advantages of a computer she prefers her new electric typewriter for some of her reports and work.

Karen came to Heath from Shelburne Falls in 1983. Jack MacDougall, her husband, works at the Franklin Medical Center. They have two children, Magen 9 and John Douglas 2.

Karen grew up in northern Vermont, attended grade school in Sheffield, Vermont, and high school in Lyndenville, Vermont, and has taken several courses at GCC since coming to Massachusetts. She is a devout church member and enjoys sewing with the Ladies Aid. In the Agricultural Society, she holds the position of treasurer and serves on the board of the Franklin County 4-H Association.

Karen is basically a homebody and likes to do all kinds of needle work. She and Jack have a garden every year. She cans and pickles and freezes goodies by the bushel.

But, in between, if you want a dog, marriage or fishing license, or need answers, applications, maps or forms just call Karen. She's always willing to help.



Karen MacDougall in her office

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by Martha and Leighton McCutchen
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The Planning Board of Heath recommended to the Selectmen in January that perc tests be allowed only during the months of April, May and June. This would bring Heath broadly into line with our sister towns of Franklin County including Colrain, Shelburne, Buckland, Hawley, Plainfield, Ashfield and Leyden. A petition of citizens, supporting this recommendation and urging its immediate implementation, has been placed before the Selectmen. The issue: healthy water for all.

by Bill Lattrell, Chairman

The Commission also accepted with regret the resignation of Carroll Stowe, a founding member of the Commission. Carroll has been a respected and valued member for the last four years. We will miss Carroll's opinion and advice. It has been a pleasure for all members to serve with him. The Commission also welcomed the appointment of Brian DeVriese. Brian will be a strong asset to the Commission with his design and architectural experience. Brian lives with his family on Number Nine Road in Heath.

Cathy Silva to Jeffrey Silva, Rowe Road, 40 acres, \$1.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Chief Earl Gleason

The Department has been busy with ten emergency calls during the last two months. The EMT's assisted the Colrain Ambulance on April 18, 25 and May 8 and assisted the Charlemont Ambulance on April 2 and May 11. The Department extinguished a one acre grass fire on April 10 and a two to three acre grass fire on Number Nine Road on April 25. Four firefighters responded to a structure fire on Number Nine Road on April 25. Fortunately this fire was out on arrival. Engine One covered Charlemont's Station on April 27 while they were at a structure fire at Mohawk Park. On May 3 an investigation was made of a car fire on South Road.

On April 26 the radiological emergency response drill was held with the Atomic Plant and those towns within the ten mile radius of the plant. The selectmen and the emergency departments in town participated. About two hours into the drill, we were instructed to move our Emergency Operations Center (the command post at the fire station) to the Greenfield Community College. A skeleton force was sent to the college where they commandeered a room and radio equipment and went on the air, thus making it possible to close down the Emergency Operations Center at the Fire Station. The entire drill was observed by inspectors from the Federal Emergency Agency and the Mass. Civil Defense Agency. Back-up for communications in case of malfunctions of our radio equipment was provided by a team of ham radio operators from the area. At the end of the drill we were complimented by the observers.

Drills were held at the fire station on April 6 and 21 and on May 19. A Fire Association meeting was held on May 5.

April was an extremely busy month for the Chief while preparing for the Yankee Atomic Drill, averaging about three meetings a week with someone for paperwork and checking the radiological equipment as well as the radio equipment. He also managed to attend two Mutual Aid meetings and one Fire Chiefs meeting and to conduct two smoke detector inspections.

On May 1 the Annual Tri-State Field Day was held at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School with four of our members attending. Over 200 firefighters participated and visited with ten fire equipment suppliers who had exhibits in the Gym. Out in the parking lot were 16 fire engines, most of them new to the area or demonstrators from the manufacturers. After a roast beef dinner a program was put on by Gary Pease, a private investigator who specializes in fire investigation, and by Interspiro, a self contained breathing apparatus distributor.

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POLICE REPORT

by Guy Silvester, Chief

This month marks the commencement of yet another summer season and our population will be increasing dramatically. We have seen a significant rise in criminal activity and have several investigations currently in progress. Among recent crimes committed are breaking and entering, larceny over \$100, domestic disturbances, malicious destruction of property with and without the use of firearms, operating under the influence and related motor vehicle statute violations.

Based on the above activity one arrest has been made and two individuals were summoned to court. Over \$6,000 of personal property was recovered.

It is vitally important that all of us in this community be vigilant and look for any suspicious activity. If you observe anything that appears inappropriate, please try to obtain the license plate number, the description of the motor vehicle and/or the people involved. We must all continue to work together to keep our community safe.

I would like to thank the many Heath residents who have called to report problems; it is this type of cooperation that makes it possible to obtain court convictions and maintain a safe community. If you call please phone 337-4901 or 625-3224. The State Police number is 625-6311.

The Heath Police Department would like to express its thanks to the residents of the town for their support at the annual town meeting. We are hoping to purchase a used police cruiser in the near future.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

by Bob Dane, Secretary

We have now held all of the five workshops in the Rezoning Project. The final one was held on May 23. At this workshop Land Use presented a first draft of proposed Zoning Bylaws for the town. Planning Board Chairman Tom Lively ran the meeting and went over the table of contents in order to give an overview of the total bylaw, and then touched on some of the highlights; zoning districts and commercial uses.

This proposed bylaw was prepared by Land Use from the questionnaires distributed at the first four workshops, and from input at the workshops and Planning Task Force meetings. The Planning Task Force will be meeting every Monday at 7 PM for the next month (at least) to work out the actual wording of the bylaw. We encourage the public to attend and give us any opinions or input. These are your bylaws and we want them to reflect the needs and desires of the townspeople of Heath.

In other Planning Board business Robert Dobek submitted a plan for the division of land on Number Nine Road for our signature as not needing approval under our Subdivision Control Regulations. We were unable to sign the plan as the division of land would have created an illegal lot under our present Zoning Bylaws.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by David F. Howland

The FinCom wishes to thank the Selectmen and other town officers and employees for their help in putting together a budget, adopted by the Town Meeting on May 7, that came within \$28 of the levy limit.

One item that merits special attention is Article 10 which asked the Town to authorize the Selectmen to petition the State Legislature to form an Emergency Medical Services District with the towns of Rowe, Hawley and Charlemont. The article passed after assurances that the town would have the opportunity to vote on the provisions of the district organization. Since the town meeting the FinCom confirmed that the procedure is to petition the legislature. If the petition is approved, then the Selectmen with such help as is necessary from the Fire Chiefs or other ad hoc committees can develop the district organization structure, determine what equipment is necessary, establish a budget and ascertain how or what charges are to be levied against the towns. A district is a corporate entity that can levy taxes separate from Proposition 2 1/2 guidelines. The towns will have a chance to vote on the proposal. This article was put on the warrant by the Selectmen in response to a perceived need in Charlemont to establish a financial base to attract and train a local supply of EMT's.

Charlemont, according to EMS Director Betty Wilson, has a difficult time staffing the ambulance service as well as maintaining a safe and reliable vehicle. She has prevailed on the Charlemont Selectmen to do something about the situation. It is noteworthy that the voters of Heath awarded \$5000 to Charlemont for the purchase for purchase of a new ambulance. This gesture of cooperative goodwill was well received by the EMS team. There are six regions of Emergency Medical Services in Massachusetts; they are under the aegis of the Department of Public Health. The Department has been providing support for the EMS effort in Charlemont as have Sen. John Olver and Representative Jay Healy. In summary there is much work to be done; how it will impact on Heath has yet to be determined.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

by Heath Board of Selectmen

The Selectmen were grateful that the proposed FY '89 budget was approved without cuts at the Annual Town Meeting. More hours than usual were spent by the Selectmen with the Finance Committee, and by themselves, in a successful effort to keep the increase within Proposition 2 1/2.

The Planning Board, the Master Plan Task Force and the Land Use consultants met jointly with the Selectmen on the proposed zoning bylaws. Please inform yourself about this important proposal - don't wait until the special town meeting this fall to find out what it will mean to you and the town. Copies of the draft bylaw are available at the Library. Don't be hesitant to attend a Planning Board meeting to learn what's being discussed.

The Selectmen reorganized after the Town Meeting. Most positions in town have been filled. Walt Gleason was elected Selectmen's Chairman.

Steady progress is being made throughout town by Superintendent Ray Galipo and the busy road crew. Bank run gravel has been applied to flood damaged portions of Royer, Underwood Hill, Sadoga, South, State Farm and small sections of other roads. Crushed gravel will be placed over these areas within the next few weeks. In general, most of the flood damage will be repaired before fall. Funding authorization was finally received for the repairs on the Federal Highway System roads such as Dell and Avery Brook Roads.

The Selectmen accepted the bid from Berkshire Clean-Way of Dalton for the new compactor and dumpster boxes at about \$18,000. Design plans are underway for the site by the salt shed for the transfer station and should be completed soon. The DEQE must approve these before construction begins.

The new driveway and road cut regulations voted at Town Meeting are in place. Copies of the policies and the necessary permit forms are available at the town offices. Any new driveway must now be approved by the Highway Superintendent and the Fire Chief before construction begins.

The Selectmen have received a number of applications for the new Shared Administrative Assistant position. Susan completed her final official service in that capacity on June 3.

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Pat quit smoking a couple of years ago, maybe in hopes of staving off this day... maybe to make sure he'd make it to this day, with the spring sun finally shining and his latest team having just shown that they could not only back up better than any other team ever had, but that they could also pull.

It might not be the best for us for him to go this way, this fast. We might even be a little mad at him for it. But who could begrudge it to him, and the God he must have had some intimacy with, for being able to pull it off?

Pat quit smoking a couple of years ago, but who can conjure up a picture of him now without his pipe, clenched, maybe lit...maybe not...between his teeth while he smoothed out the dirt in front of the boat at the ox and horse draws at the Fair? And then when he straightened up to watch the next team pull, it would be hanging from the center of his mouth at a precarious and precise angle just before the ashes might fall while he lit it and relit it, his eyes always twinkling and a smile forming around the stem as if he was doing just the best thing a man could ever be allowed to do...and not just when he was around oxen, but even when he was talking to you or me...

...standing at the edge of the road in front of his house, or wherever the road crew was working, leaning into your car window with that pipe cocked at just the right angle where smoke would go up and not in.

Someone who worked with Pat in the woods said he always suspected that, if he got pinned under a tree, Pat would probably light that pipe before he pitched in to get him out. But the twinkle and smile that always went with the pipe spoke always of those he loved even more than the pipe...and not just the oxen, or even Mary and May and Roy and Tena, but maybe even you and me.

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MILESTONES

by Edith C. Royer

Ivor Bill was born on April 7 to Caroline (Kades) and Peter Foster-Bunche in New South Wales, Australia. Ivor is the grandson of Phyllis and Charles Kades of Colrain Stage Road.

Rita Shirley was born on April 10 to Linda and Stephen Marcotte of Sumner-Stetson Road.

Stephanie Suzanne was born on May 17 to Monika and Kevin Greenough of Heath.

Charlotte Decker was married on April 16 to Sean Rabbitt with a reception at the Community Hall. Charlotte is the daughter of Bette and Edwin Decker and Sean is the son of Claire and Thomas Rabbitt of Heath.

Clara M. Vigneault died on April 24 in Manchester, NH, at the age of 95. She leaves a daughter, Marcella Lively, and several children and great-grandchildren.

Ernest "Pat" Smith of Sumner-Stetson Road died on May 8 at the age of 69. He leaves his wife, Mary, a son, Roy, and two daughters, May Churchill and Tena Smith; also a sister, Mildred Burrington; a brother, Herbert Smith; and a grandson, Max, all of Heath.

Leon B. Stewart of Jacksonville Stage Road died on May 25 at the age of 89. He leaves a daughter, Carolyn Litchfield of Heath and White Plains, NY; three grandchildren, Budge Litchfield, Nancy Thane and Bruce Litchfield; and four great-grandchildren. He had lived in Heath since 1968.

William Watson of Colrain Stage Road died on May 30 at the age of 74. He leaves his wife, Augusta. They had lived in Heath since 1978.

TOWN ELECTIONS

In the town election on May 6, 163 citizens cast their ballots out of 365 registered voters. All of the candidates who took out nominations papers won their positions. No position was contested except that of Selectman, where nominee Arthur Schwenger's 130 votes won over write-in candidate Paul Lively's 20 votes.

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