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HEATH FAIR '88 - AUGUST 19,20,21

by Mike Peters Vice President
Heath Agricultural Society

The time of year is almost here when everyone on the Committee will realize that all the work going on for the Fair was indeed worth the extra time and effort, even to see, if nothing else, thousands of smiling faces having a great time.

There has been so much happening it's hard to find a starting point. All of the entertainment has been checked, double checked, and checked again, so hopefully all will go smoothly and according to schedule at Fair time. Some changes from last year include an extra class for the garden tractor pull, the woodsmen's contest changed from Sunday to Saturday, having the addition of four to six kids rides, a dunking booth, more games, the promise of an excellent four wheel drive pull with lots of modifications and even a two wheel drive class. This year instead of the stone boat we'll have the weight transfer sled which makes the show much more exciting.

There are many new concessions and craft sellers scheduled to attend this year, with an increased rental charge income of \$800 more to the Fair over and above last year's income from rental fees. We are definitely growing. This was not possible without expanding the electrical service considerably on the grounds. With the midway going black last year because of electrical overloads and this year's electricity demand almost twice that of last year, something had to be done. The addition of four more 100 amp breaker panels spread out over the grounds seemed to remedy the problem with only one drawback, very expensive. After shaving off expenses and receiving many donations we were able to put in a \$20,000 plus electrical system at a cost to the Fair of only \$2,800. This should bring the system up to date and supply all the electricity we'll be needing for a long time. With the problem of this being another major unexpected expense, we are all hoping and praying for another sunny weekend to make ends meet financially. The Fair Committee would like to give many thanks to Richard Sumner for making all this possible by donating all labor costs for him and Eric to install our new wiring system, and supplying all materials needed at his cost. It was a deal one doesn't often see in this world. Sheila Litchfield also helped us greatly by securing a \$2000 donation from Yankee Atomic earmarked for this job. Thanks to her and Yankee for their support.

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ELECTION TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 15

A town election to fill the position of Selectman vacated by the resignation of Richard Glard will take place on Thursday, September 15. At the same time the State Primary Election will be held. The polls will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM at Sawyer Hall. Any Heath citizens who have not yet registered with the Town Clerk to vote are urged to do so. Dates for registration of voters are listed below.

In the town election two candidates, David F. Howland and Paul L. Lively, have filed the necessary nomination papers and their names will appear on the ballot. However, the name of any other candidate can be written in, if the voter so chooses.

Statements from each of the two candidates for Selectman were submitted to the HERALD and are printed on page 4 of this issue.

Registration Dates

Saturday, Aug. 13 9 AM - 5 PM	Required Saturday Registration At Town Clerk's Home, Ledges Rd.
Thursday, Aug. 18 9 AM - 10 PM	Last day to register to vote in State Primary at Town Clerk's home
Saturday, Aug. 20 9 AM - 5 PM	Required Saturday Registration for Town Election - at Heath Fairgrounds
Friday, Aug 26. 9 AM - 10 PM	Last day to register to vote in Town Elections - at Clerk's home
Thursday, Sept. 15 7 AM - 8 PM	Town Election and State Primary Town Hall



WEIGHING IN AT THE FAIR

(Photo by Jay Kaiser)

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ERRATUM

The Editors apologize for omitting the name of Justinia Tanner in the listing of the graduating class from the Rowe Elementary School in June.

The next number of the HEATH HERALD will be printed on October 3. Deadline for copy will be Friday, September 23.



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LETTER

To the Citizens of Heath:

It has been an honor and a pleasure for me to serve the Town in the position of Selectman. For me it is the highest honor a town can give one of its citizens. It is a position one should not take lightly or for granted, but serve with the idea of trying to make the Town a safer and better place to live in and to make improvements wherever and whenever possible that would be beneficial economically to the Town.

This is what I tried to do while serving on the Board. The Board has for the past year advocated improvement to the road system as its number one priority. But when the first opportunity comes along, the Board, in my opinion, turns it down for personal reasons rather than town benefit by voting not to completely realign the section of Colrain Stage Road that contains the three bridges and not to remove a bad corner on the east end bridge when replacing them with box culverts. The grant to replace the bridges with box culverts is approximately \$220,000 for about 1000 feet of road.

I am unable to accept the idea of doing a little straightening instead of a complete realignment. This would mean purchasing the Fred Herzig property to do a decent job. I feel since the house is already gone we are not removing anyone from their home, which gives the town an ideal chance to do the improvement to the road.

This decision and only this decision was the reason for my resignation. I have tried not to let my private life interfere with adequately serving in this position. I felt unable to serve on the Board as I couldn't accept its vote.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the many people who signed the petitions and called asking me to reconsider. This made it harder to stay with my decision.

DICK GIARD

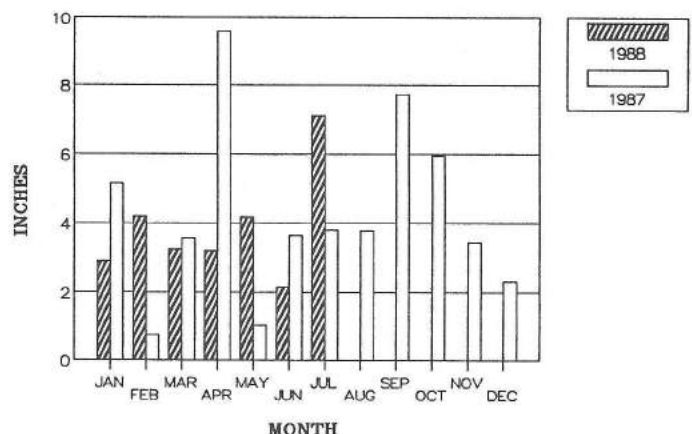
HEATH PRECIPITATION

by Ralph Dickinson, Observer
for Massachusetts Water Resources Commission

June precipitation was 2.16 inches. July precipitation was 7.10 inches.

Total precipitation for the first seven months of 1988 was 26.99 inches. It was the driest June in over 20 years, so the rains in the last half of July were very welcome.

HEATH PRECIPITATION CHART



LETTER

ANOTHER OPINION ABOUT ZONING

To the Editors:

Some facts about Heath. The whole tax burden of our town is carried by property owners. There is no business or industry here now and no reason to think any is coming. Our school age population is rising and the taxes paid by one property owner do not cover the cost of educating even one child. The existing bylaw of 1 1/2 acre and a 200 foot frontage invites development and speculation, especially with large parcels coming on the market.

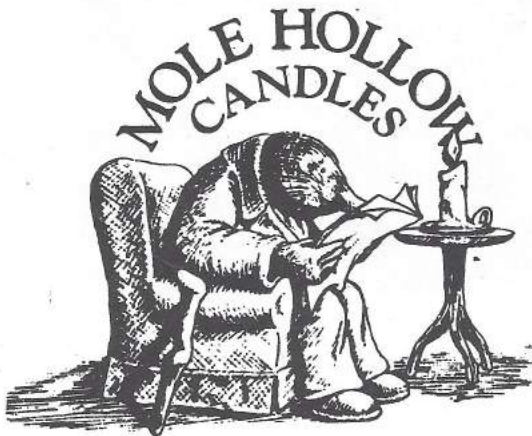
Development means more people, more children, more real estate agents, more bulldozers, rising property values, more quick profit for the few and more long-term tax burden for the many. Cluster development is just another way of locating the new houses. Everyone's taxes will go up to subsidize the new arrivals. If the development of Heath catches on, eventually only the upper middle class will live here. All others will be squeezed out because of inability to meet the rapidly growing tax burdens.

The irony is that to stop development, quick profits for the few, and rising tax burdens for the many, while maintaining our rural way of life and our lovely countryside, we must stop subdivisions. Practically, this means:

- a) restrict mobile homes to Mohawk Estates
- b) restrict perc tests to the wet spring months
- c) prohibit the development of new roads
- d) introduce a housing code for appearance
- e) maximize lot size but especially road frontage to at least 1000 feet except for existing lots.

It will take great courage for landowners to consider this proposal. But, if passed, it would stabilize land and property values, keep developers and speculators away and allow each piece of property to be passed on in its own good time either to a new owner at an affordable price or to our children who will be able to afford the inheritance tax.

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HEATH HERALD MAY DISSOLVE IN APRIL 1989

Ten years ago Harriet and John Read, Caroline and Newland Smith, Pegge Howland, Michael Bakalar, Alli Thane and Terry Pettengill formed a volunteer, not-for-profit organization to publish a newspaper for the Town of Heath. They named this bi-monthly publication the **HEATH HERALD**.

A decade has now passed since this dedicated group of Heath residents set the wheels of the press in motion with the purpose of bringing local town news, happenings in town government and other town activities available to all town residents and landowners. At the present time five of the original eight members are still active in the publication of the paper. Michael Bakalar, who originally handled the supportive advertisers, resigned to start the Shelburne Falls and West County News; Harriet Read, who designed the **HERALD** in our masthead and did regular artwork, also resigned; John Read as business manager for a number of years also contributed many news stories about Heath and was a willing driver to our printer in Adams until his death last year.

Three newer staff members (Bev denOuden, Alastair Maitland, Sue Silvester) now assist the original group in their endeavors, but additional volunteers are needed. Presently many of the regular reports are written by town officers giving news of the various departments. However, it does take considerable staff time to request these stories, follow up and get them in by deadline, edit and put them in a form for typing. Then after entering on a wordprocessor the copy must again be checked, further edited and verified. This important process requires a person with some typing skill and access to a computer with a letter-quality printer. However, other important and interesting aspects of the paper are the gathering of news and writing articles.

The original staff of the Heath Herald has contributed many years of service to the community and has devoted the time and effort to publish it for almost ten years. Since Caroline and Newland Smith and Alli Thane are retiring from the staff with the 10th anniversary issue next April, it is time now for the residents of Heath to step forward with some new ideas, fresh energy and rededication to the goal of providing our growing community with a newspaper of which we can all be proud. If no volunteers can be found to carry on these activities, the **HEATH HERALD** will be dissolved at that time.

If you would like to help in any part of the publication process, please contact a member of the **HEATH HERALD** staff.

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STATEMENT OF DAVID F. HOWLAND

As a property owner in Heath for 25 years, a resident for over 10 years and a member of the Finance Committee for 8 years and the Growth Task Force for nearly 2 years, I will, if elected, work with Walt Gleason and Art Schwenger to respond to the needs of the people of Heath.

STATEMENT OF PAUL L. LIVELY

In the near future I will send you a presentation that will delve into the matters that I have alluded to here.

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## BEAUDOIN'S HORSE WINS AWARDS

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has been hard at work lining up a big raffle with many great prizes that were donated locally, to aid with our new but much needed expenses. Hopefully between the two we'll come out close to even financially after Fair time.

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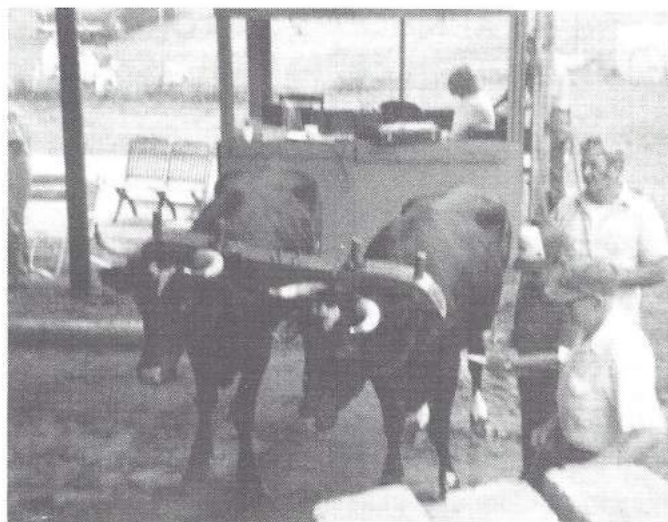
Other changes include the rebuilding of the hamburger booth by Howard Crowningshield and his crew. I guess the only way to sum it up is to call it a complete facelift. New counters, new floor, new windows, service windows all rebuilt with one added, a new wall between the booth and the rest of the building, new paint job plus many other little added goodies. A much deserved thank you for a generous donation from all of us.

Due to the state's failure to test and debug their famous fair program, it is useless to fairs in its present form, and therefore countless hours were wasted preparing for its use (the state strikes again). Because of the time being spent on the computer, this year's ads for the premium book were sold by Edith Royer. Edith has also been faithfully organizing and preparing all the food that's sold at the square dances every other Saturday night for the benefit of the Fair Association. Calling on town residents one by one to do the selling part, she completely prepares the sandwiches, brownies, cakes and whatever else is on the menu, delivers the soda and makes the coffee so the sellers have nothing to do but sell. She makes roughly \$1600 a year for the Fair. A long past due Thank You from the committee to Edith for her faithfulness and dedication, and to all the people who help run it.

Several new poles have been placed all over the grounds mostly for the use of added lighting. Hopefully by Fair time some 27 outside floodlights will have been placed to light up the action-filled Fair. This was part of the package deal with the electricity upgrading. The four wheel drive event needed several added lights to light up the track which was extended from 100 feet to 350 feet. Paul Lively has done an exceptional job building this larger track. With donations of labor, machinery, and clay material (to mix with 35 yards of stone dust donated by the Tru Corp) he has built us a first class track for this exciting event. Many thanks to Paul from the committee for his continued support.

Work bees have been held every Thursday for the past two months, and a lot has been accomplished in preparation for August 19, 20 and 21. Only two weeks to go, and it looks like it's going to be close, but we'll be ready once again to break previous years' records. The Fair seems to be the only one place where all Heath residents do indeed work and enjoy being together. If we could only pay off mother nature for a perfect weekend like last year, we could sit back and not worry about bills. Keep your fingers crossed for no rain. We'll see you there.

**REMINDER:** THERE WAS A PRINTING ERROR ON THE SCHEDULES AND POSTERS PRINTED UP FOR THE FAIR. THE OX PULL IS ON SUNDAY, WITH THE HORSE PULL ON SATURDAY, AND NOT VICE VERSA AS LISTED ON PROGRAMS.



**READY TO PULL AT THE FAIR**

(Photo by Jay Kaiser)

## HERZIG FAMILY UPDATE

The many friends of the Jimmy and Sandy Herzig family, who lost their home in a fire last winter, will be pleased to know that after much deliberation this spring and summer a perc test was conducted in mid July and a foundation will be built near their original home site on the Colrain Stage Road this fall. Although plans for the new home are not complete, it is their intent to finish the foundation and cap it for the winter, resuming rebuilding in the spring. Until then they will reside in Rowe.

Donations to help with the construction of their new house are still being accepted by the United Savings Bank in Shelburne Falls.

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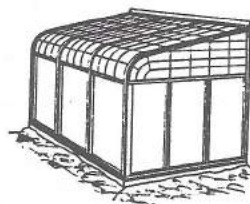
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## A FARMHOUSE'S STORY: CLEARWATER FARM, HEATH, MASS.

by Leighton M. McCutchen

### Part I of a two-part article

Jacob Chapin, brother of Isaac, put a house of some description on the current site in 1785. Since that time, owners have added to the place or taken away from it. But who did what to it, and when, is not yet fully known. This is a prologue to that fuller story of a house, a farm-house for most of its life, a house always changing its owners and being changed by them.

The original cellar of field stone, well laid and sturdy, in spite of an added hole in one wall for a crawl space, is about square, twenty feet on a side. Three of the present walls rest securely on that good foundation. But on the west side, the bearing weight of a wall dividing the present house rests on nothing at all. It is about twenty inches inside the old foundation, which makes the floor in the dining room slope smartly down to the wall.

One would suppose that Chapin built some small cape-like structure which fitted those four walls but later was burned or destroyed. The nails in the present building are not old enough to be original. But they fit with the idea of a second building of about 1830 or 1840. It was comprised of a central chimney (which we rebuilt, but the foundation was old), foyer, two rooms off to the right and one to the left, with the kitchen probably behind the chimney in what is now a small down-stairs bedroom.

An old man named Maurice Fontaine who lived here at the turn of the century confirmed that the present large living room was two rooms; you can still see the "seam" in the floor. And there was no field-stone chimney, until this century probably, at the east end of the house.

What is now the kitchen and pantries with a small bedroom or loft, were added to the main house in the second half of the 19th century. The dividing wall between dining room and kitchen is a large thick outside wall. All these, and the dining room and downstairs bathroom, lie over a crawl space. The big wide pine floors are old, with huge cracks between them through which considerable amounts of cold cellar air once passed. Some owner tacked insulation to the sub-floor on the underside. While this stopped the cold air somewhat, it caused many of the small timbers to rot by trapping moisture in the joists.

In fact, when we moved into the house in 1973, the kitchen floor had such a cant to it that a glass would roll the entire width from main door to back without stopping. After tearing up the floor, Paul Burrington put in a new sill and sub-floor for us. He found a cherry hardwood floor added onto the sub-floor; no sign of the wide pine in this room. The kitchen serves as the center of the farm house, as most people enter, talk, cook, eat and socialize in it.

Who did these additions we do not yet know. But we do know that during the time of Chaplain Graebner, from whom we bought, the look of the house as seen today emerged. He hired first Will Rainville and then Bruce Cromack to do two things: to turn the old woodshed on the back of the house into a room, and to lift up some dormers for bedrooms on the second floor of the main house. One of the most amazing patterns you will find in any old house involves the rafter supports used to put in these long dormers: double x'es twelve feet in length running across the entire length of the attic on both sides of the building.

So the house has been put together a little at a time. This makes for a ramble as one goes from room to room within it. At first we tried to heat the house with wood, using first one and then two wood stoves. Neighbors got a laugh out of our city ignorance about many things, including the fact that I proudly showed the back room which we had finished on the inside (buying a shell on the outside of what Chaplain Graebner had hoped to be his downstairs bedroom), only to have George Riggan of Rowe point out the total lack of a ceiling - roof boards showing - that would certainly mean I was heating a small part of the acreage around the house.

After a try with air-tight stoves, supplemented by a wood cook-stove in the kitchen, we finally installed an oil-wood furnace. Jerry Jubinville converted the old steam radiators for pressurized hot water, resulting in unusually even and steady heat throughout. We have had one chimney fire in the "docked" chimney in the kitchen. The name refers to the fact that the chimney rests on the plate holding the ceiling of the kitchen: it is high if not dry. It often collects rain in spite of the slate "cap" on top. It gathered creosote too, much sooner than we knew, leading to a scary situation for us and the fire department. With the main chimney and the docked one, we have four chimneys counting a concrete block one, used now only occasionally in the back room.

Water to the house used to be a problem. Evidently Lee Shepherd and his father solved that with the present water line. It runs a thousand feet through ledge and soil west and north to a tiny seven by seven plot of land on Jim Buechl's and Joan Dolan's property. From a junction box behind the house, a second line continues to the "school house" on the corner, their main supply. . . continued on page 7



The McCutchen's house.

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Before that, owners tried to get water from one or two springs, always plentiful in supply that lie directly west of the house in a copse of pines. The old cloth pipe was still lying around when we cleared the field between the house and the stream. But the springs are about the same elevation as the house making pumping necessary, rather than gravity feed which we currently have.

These springs fed the "yurt" (built on adjacent property in the seventies) through a long iron pipe, an arrangement which lasted several years after we moved here. It was always stopping up. Even our present long line is subject to interruption. I once borrowed an old pressure pump and blew out a six-inch fat salamander from the spring end.

We put in water to the barn, running a line from the old basement across 8A and into the runway of the barn. It is located precisely east and south of the house to foil prevailing breezes carrying smells to the kitchen. In other days, another lead pipe ran into a vat in one room of the barn with the date 1936 inscribed on it.

And while still on water, we found remnants of a very small gauge track which ran from the barn south to a pond near the house which Tink Warriner built. Evidently people cut ice, drew it up on little trucks on the track into a large room filled with sawdust at the west end of the barn, saving for summer. That room was double-walled and sturdy, holding up even without a foundation or upright support, when we moved in. We altered it somewhat into a sawdust bin and a tool shed, building the beams with mortise and tenon, using old type tools such as auger and chisel, trying to keep the style of the old barn.

The barn itself underwent less change than the house over its 150 year life. Except for replacing most of the roof boards, taking out some fake flooring in the horse stalls, and replacing the boards a couple of times under the stanchions in the cow-shed, it is as it was. A couple of years ago we added a garage on the west side of it, extending the roof line.

When the kids were here, we installed an old-time sky-hook on a long track the length of the ridge pole inside the large hay-mow. The track and hook were found and dismantled in a barn in Colrain. We then got hold of a hay-lifter and a wagon undercarriage from Carroll Stowe and brought the hay in loose, using grappling hooks to hold a bundle, and a pulley and rope (pulled by the truck) to lift the bundle and run it over to the mow. It took two of us to do it, but there is nothing as satisfying as getting in, smelling, and then feeding out loose hay. We learned to salt the hay to reduce the risk of fire.

. . . To be continued . . . .

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## TOWN NURSE

by Sharleen Moffatt, R.N.

A recent report released by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, cited "Salmonella Enteritidis" as the leading cause of gastroenteritis in the northeast. Salmonella enteritidis is caused by a bacteria contained in contaminated meats and eggs. The report centered around the use of raw eggs and the danger of contamination. There were many suggestions listed to avoid this. I have attempted to encapsulate a few of these below.

1. Treat all foods as though they were contaminated. Cook all meats and eggs thoroughly; i.e., to an internal temperature of 165° F.
2. Avoid recipes that call for raw eggs such as Caesar salad, homemade mayonnaise, Hollandaise sauce. If necessary, substitute pasteurized egg products.
3. Do not consider raw eggs "health food."
4. Refrigerate all eggs and meats immediately.
5. Keep refrigerated until ready for immediate use.
6. Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator rather than leaving items at room temperature for a period of time.

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Note: There will be no nursing hours on Wednesday, August 24. My daughter, Kerri-Anne, will be having surgery on that date and I will be with her in the hospital for the remainder of that week. I'm sorry for any inconvenience this might cause.

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## GLASNOSTALGIA

by Alastair Maitland

The Town is the poorer for the resignation of Richard Giard from the Board of Selectmen.

It is not easy - some say it is impossible - to exercise leadership within a government structure where the principle of the separation of powers can too often be applied in such a way as to produce administrative grid-lock. Richard Giard saw that the Board of Selectmen could give a lead by opening up the processes of town government. As Chairman he instituted the Round Table, in order to give Town Board members, as well as ordinary citizens, the opportunity to get together from time to time and to exchange information and views on some particular issue, or a whole range of issues. The left hand was thus enabled to learn what the right hand was doing. And the citizenry had a chance to contribute their two bits worth. We had our share of glasnost.

Richard Giard also introduced an element of perestroika. Through the device of the Task Force the Town government engaged the active participation of townspeople in tackling some of the more important and urgent problems facing all of us. And the resources of government were thereby greatly enhanced and expanded.

I do not know whether Richard Giard saw any particular significance in the term "Selectman." Did it imply that the Board of Selectmen, in the over-all Town government set-up, was *primus inter pares*? The point need not be pressed. Richard Giard understood the subtleties of the situation, and the Town was well led during his long and unusually busy term of public service. Amongst his other qualities were the reasonableness and courtesy with which he presented a case and responded to those who held different views.

We must all be grateful to him for what he achieved and for the example he set.

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## H.C. ROBBINS LANDON

H.C. Robbins Landon has recently written a book "1791 - Mozart's Last Years" which was well reviewed in the July 2 New York Times. Robbins Landon is a well known musicologist, the founder of the Haydn Society and an editor of Mozart's collected works. In this book he refutes many of the notions advanced in "Amadeus" and he examines other bits of folklore adhering to the composer's life.

Robbins Landon is the son of Dorothea and William Landon who owned Myrafield [Landon spelling] in Heath and spent many summers here. Robbins Landon is named after his uncle, Howard Chandler Robbins who was Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and who also summered in Heath for many years.

Robbins now lives in Southern France near Toulouse with his wife and has been a visiting lecturer at Middlebury College, Vermont. This summer he received a degree from the New England Conservatory of Music.

## COMMUNITY CONCERT HELD

by Beverly denOuden

A number of Heath songwriter/singers participated in a concert on July 31 at the Charlemont Federated Church.

Al Canali, backed up with the Small Change Group, sang some original rock and roll music. Mike Chrisman presented music with his light-hearted unpredictable lyrics and Karen Brooks sang music from the folk tradition.

The focus of the program was to provide a setting which enables local musicians to share their original music with a larger audience. Funding was provided by the Charlemont Arts Lottery Council.

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## A HEATH PAGEANT OF DAVID - 1921

by Beverly denOuden

In perusing a family scrapbook recently, Rachel Sumner came across an old newspaper clipping dating from 1921 which described the elaborate "Drama of David" presented that summer in Heath. The play, presented out of doors in a natural amphitheater just off Avery Brook Road below the present Hurlburt house, was written and staged by Miss Flora White of Plover Hill.

A large number of Heath people participated in the pageant. Edith Royer and Ralph and Esther Dickinson were small children at the time but did their parts as "extras" in the play. Ralph says that the dump carts masquerading as chariots clattered loudly as they rolled through the woods. Edith states that she remembers only that she rode with the Dickinson in one of those chariots.

We share with you the following reminiscence of the "Drama of David" taken from parts of this newspaper report:

About 200 people journeyed to Heath Saturday to witness the presentation of the biblical pageant, the "Drama of David." ... There were parties from Boston and other places in the eastern part of the state, interested to see the presentation on which so much labor and effort had been put forth for many weeks and to aid the starving children of Europe for whose benefit the pageant was given...

With ideal weather conditions the presentation went off smoothly and with a finish that met with the praise of the audience. The people of Heath and nearby towns had taken hold with a will to make the pageant a success....

There have been pageants staged by people up and down the Connecticut valley, many of them produced at a cost of hundreds of dollars; masters of pageantry have been imported from universities and art centers; all to assist this or that community to put on its pageant in a presentable form.

Yet there in Heath, a community of perhaps 400 or 500 souls, miles distant from the art centers, and even off the casally traveled automobile roads, a most impressive and well executed pageant was staged by local talent....

The "Drama of David," depicted the life of the son of Jesse. The lines of the characters were taken verbatim from the pages of the Old Testament....

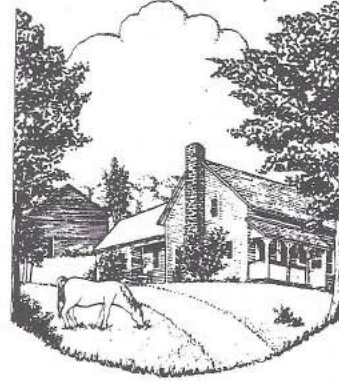
More than 100 residents of Heath participated in the pageant and they were attired in costumes designed, made and even dyed by people of Heath, who also constructed the swords, helmets, banners, shields and chariots included among the many "properties" necessary for the successful staging of the pageant. It was distinctly a community effort....

The chorus singing so effectively arranged and drilled by Albert Snow, organist of the Boston Symphony orchestra and summer resident of Heath, was in perfect keeping with the understanding of the Israelite character of the biblical text... Mrs. Dana Malone, as a strolling singer, intensified this effect with acting and singing from which all affectation had been studiously erased...

There was not so large an audience as was anticipated. Many who were disappointed by the postponement on account of rain on Friday were unable to be present Saturday.

The following Heath residents were listed in the cast of principals: Miss Mary Robbins...Saul; Horatio Dickinson...Samuel; Arthur Cook...David's brother; Oscar Thompson...Asaph; Herbert Stetson...Abiather; William Burrington...Jesse; Frank Burrington, Arthur Sumner, Wilson Hillman, Ernest Kinsman, Fred Coates... Sons of Jesse; Mrs. Frank Burrington, Mrs. Henry Churchill, Mrs. Hosmer, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Oscar Thompson, Mrs. Homer Tanner...Matrons; Miss Sarah Stetson, Miss Agnes Lively, Miss Ruth Thompson, Miss Evelyn Hillman, Miss Marion Hillman, Miss Pearl Gleason...Maidens.

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Budge Litchfield, Chairman  
Heath School Committee

Our schools are closed for the summer and vacations are in order. Beautiful graduations were held at both Mohawk and Rowe during June. Many graduating seniors received scholarships and a refreshingly high percentage of graduates will be entering the world of higher education in the fall. On a warm evening in the recently re-opened Rowe School gymnasium thirteen sixth graders became seventh graders. This class was praised as one of the most academically powerful classes to leave Rowe School in the past few years. Your school committee shares with the relatives and friends of these graduates a deep sense of pride in their accomplishments.

While on the topic of graduating and moving on comes the sad part of this report. Skip Venneri, who has worked long and hard as a school committee member and chairman, will be retiring from the committee when his term expires in May of '89. We will miss Skip. The projects he has undertaken for the benefit of our children's education are too numerous to be listed here. Replacing him will be hard, but replace him we must. The new member will be expected to be our high school representative. Because of the complex nature of our school system, I would encourage anyone interested in being the high school rep to begin attending committee meetings as soon as possible. Please contact Linda Marcotte, Skip or me, if you have any questions.

The Long Range Planning Committee is approaching a turning point. We have received an overwhelming amount of information and are currently trying to digest it. We have found no quick, easy solutions, but plan to make a report to the town in the early fall.

The Heath Public Preschool has completed its first year as a grant funded program. This year was a wonderful success. Many thanks to Pam Porter, her dedicated staff and the Advisory Council, for making this year work so well and for writing next year's grant application which has just been approved.

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## HEATH PRE-SCHOOL

by Pam Porter

The Heath Early Childhood Program has had its grant renewed for the 1988-89 school year. This means we will be able to offer a tuition-free preschool program for three and four year olds again this year. There are still spaces available for the morning and afternoon sessions. Now is the time to contact Pam Porter, program director, for information and/or enrollment forms. The number is 337-5525. The best times to call are mornings and evenings.

Because the grant was increased slightly we have funds to hire an additional staff person. We are adding a one day a week position to help with parent support and administration. If you would like more information call Pam.

Our program will be getting underway in September. We will schedule home visits in the early part of the month and will plan to begin classes once home visits are complete.

## MOHAWK TRAIL SCHOOL HONOR ROLL AT MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL

The following students were named to the fourth-quarter honor roll at Mohawk Trail Regional School:

Juniors: High Honors, Tanja Davin; Honors, Karen Venneri.

Seventh Graders: High Honors, Caroline Barry, Joel Porter-DeVries; Honors, Valerie Belval, April Tanner.

## CARPENTER AWARD

Betsey Silvester was awarded the Frank E. Carpenter Prize on her graduation from the Rowe Elementary School on June 21.

This prize is awarded annually to a Heath student who, through perseverance, attains academic and social success.



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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

by Pat Leuchtman

The past 12 months have been busy for the Friends of the Library. The Second Annual Book and Bake Sale that we held at the 1987 Heath Fair was a big success - and this is a good time to ask all of you to check your shelves for books that you can donate to the Third Annual Book and Bake Sale scheduled for this year's Fair. We are also looking for people to bake cookies, bread, rolls and cake for the Bake Sale on Fair Saturday, August 20. The Reading Tent will be open from 11 AM to 5 PM.

With the inspiration and help of Nancy and John Clark and their friends, Gil Goldstein and Dave Barger, the First Annual Heath Jazz Festival in October was held at the Heath Union Church. We are now beginning to talk about the Second Annual Jazz Festival, so stay tuned.

The proceeds of these events went to replenish the children's book collection at the library. We feel this was a doubly sound investment because there is a new generation of children readers every four of five years, so good children's fiction stays valuable a very long time. Secondly, if children learn that books hold knowledge and entertainment at an early age, they will be more successful students in school and happier in their leisure.

Heath came out of the winter and readied for spring at the Recharge Dance sponsored by the Hall Committee. The Friends were invited to sell refreshments which added another \$35 to our coffers.

We give Elsa Bakalar a special thank you. She has always been very generous, lending her time and garden to various community enterprises. Two groups visited her garden this spring and, instead of charging them, Elsa asked them to make a donation to the Friends of the Library, so the Friends are another \$60 richer. It is because of this kind of interest in the library that we can boast one of the best small libraries around.

We'll look forward to seeing you at the Fair. Bring your old books, your baked goodies and your annual dues - \$1 a year per family. Other donations are always accepted.

### THE GROWING DREAM AT THE HEATH LIBRARY

by Alli Thane

On Monday night, August 1, John Ausikaitis, who is writing a children's book entitled The Growing Dream, read to a group of 15 children at the Library. He asked his audience for suggestions, story improvement and ideas for illustrations. The children responded with interest and were rewarded with punch and cookies. We wish John the best of luck in his new endeavor.



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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

by Susan Silvester, Secretary

A work-bee was held on Saturday, July 16, to move artifacts from the Schoolhouse back to the newly renovated Town House on the Common. Dominic Musacchio, a member of the Board of Directors, planted juniper and rhododendrum bushes in front of the Town House earlier this summer. More recently he installed a new raised-panel door at the Schoolhouse Museum and constructed new door jams and casing.

The Town House Museum will be open to the public on Saturday, August 13, from 5 to 6:30 PM. The restoration of this important local building has been a major project of the Heath Historical Society for the past several years.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, August 13, at 8 PM in the Community Hall preceded by a traditional potluck supper at 6 PM downstairs in the same building.

Following a brief annual business meeting, Dr. David R. Starbuck of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, will deliver an illustrated lecture entitled "SARATOGA 1777: The Archaeology of America's Greatest Battle." Dr. Starbuck is one of the foremost archaeologists in the United States today. A graduate of Yale University, he has conducted many excavations at prehistoric and historic sites in New England and New York and has directed the major research project at Canterbury Shaker Village in New Hampshire.

The public is invited to attend.

## CHURCH NEWS

Mr. Roger Peace, who is supplied by the Village Missions organization, will become the next full time minister at the Heath Union Church. Mr. Peace with his wife and three sons arrived in Heath on August 7 and are getting settled in the church parsonage on Bray Road. The Peace family have been living in Maryland before moving to Heath.

Mr. Peace will conduct his first service in Heath on Sunday, August 14, at 11 AM. Following the service there will be a social time with refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, August 21, the church service will be held at the Heath Fairgrounds in the drawing area.

A very successful church auction was held at the Fairgrounds on July 16. This netted \$2000 for the Church. The Church supper held on July 27 was also a success serving to a full house. Catherine Cromack, who was in charge, and her helpers are to be congratulated.

Work is starting on the building of a garage at the parsonage.



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## PERCS, PERMITS AND TRANSFERS

June and July 1988

### Percolation Tests

Earl Gleason reports that there have been 29 percolation tests conducted during June and July. Of these 18 passed, 7 failed and 4 were repairs of existing systems. [Editors' note: In the last report two of the tests were repairs not repeats as indicated]

### Building Permits

George Tougas, Swamp Road, mobile home to replace trailer; Esther Gallup, Bellow Road, barn, storage shop; Robert Dane, Rowe Road, barn, storage shop; Deborah van de Bogart, Colrain Stage Road, enclosed porch on trailer; Dennis Kuehl, Ben Road, one family and garage; Robert Tripp, replace burned barn; Donald Emerson, Jr., Ben Road, addition on residence; Richard Gary, Avery Brook Road, add bathroom, enlarge bedroom; Stephen Lentz, South Road, move dwelling on to new foundation; Robert Dobeck, No. 9 Road, demolish barn; Jerry O'Connor, Westbrook Road, one family; Ed Boudreau, one family, garage; Armand Clavette, Shawnee Drive, enclose porch for sun room; Robert Spritzer, Deer Run Path, addition and deck on residence; Joan Clark, Colrain Brook Road, shed, workshop; Heath Union Church, Bray Road, garage; Caleb Kissling, Main Street, exterior renovation. Total, \$406,300.

### Deed Transfers

Elizabeth Fitt to Jonathan Fitt of Westminster, Deer Run Path, Mohawk Estates, Lot 36, \$1.

Michael and Cynthia Rose to Charles Cooley of Greenfield. Westbrook Drive, Mohawk Estates, Lot 162. \$7,500.

Eugene Leighton and Nydia Cantu to Carlos Gutierrez of Enfield CT, Mohawk Estates, Lots 15 and 16, \$4,000.

James and Jean Goyette to Alden and Celeste Daniels of North Adams, Mohawk Estates, Lots 14 and 15, \$3,500.

Joann Scott to David Whiteman of Montague, Old Stage Road, 2.5 acres, \$13,500.

John and Sharon Albee to Marvin and Cynthia Larivee of West Springfield, Mohawk Estates, Lot 13, \$3,000.

Charles Aschmann and Thomas Bowen to Eric and Esther Danielson of Canton Center, CT, Adamsville Road, 188 Acres, \$109,900.

Harley and Sue Hunkler to Roger and Roberta Purrington of Colrain, Avery Brook Road, buildings and land, \$100,000.

Mavis Prout to Nancy Prout Dilks of Chicopee, Mohawk Estates, Lot 21, \$1.

Gary Kelly to Kemsie and Teresa Barns of Chicopee, Lots 52 and 53, Shawnee Drive, \$3,500.

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Town Treasurer: Tuesday & Wednesday 9 - 11:30 AM  
Tax Collector: Mondays 8 - 10 PM  
Wednesdays 8 - 9 PM  
Also call 337-4260 for appointment

Finance Committee: As posted  
Planning Board: 2nd Monday of month 7 PM  
(other Mondays as posted)  
Conservation Commission: August 9 and September 20  
(thereafter on 3rd Tuesday of month)

Heath School Committee: 1st Tuesday of month  
7:30 PM  
Library Trustees: 3rd Monday of month 7:30 PM  
Library: Mondays 6 - 9 PM Wednesdays 1 - 5 PM  
Saturdays 9 AM - 1 PM  
Town Nurse: Wednesdays 8:45 - 10:45 AM  
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## HEATH LADIES AID

by Edith C. Royer

The Ladies Aid had a very successful Sale on July 27. About \$675 was made. I would like to thank everyone that helped in so many ways. We will start our meetings again in September, getting ready for our Christmas Sale.



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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Chief Earl Gleason

All emergency responses during the past two months were in June and all were medical emergencies. On June 4 several EMTs aided the Charlemont Ambulance in the case of an ill woman. The Charlemont Ambulance was also aided on June 7 with another case of an ill woman. A severe thunderstorm knocked out power and telephone in a large portion of the town. Lack of power shut down an oxygen machine for a man on Route 8A. A Heath EMT responded with a portable oxygen tank and mask. Because of the difficulty with communications the Charlemont Rescue Vehicle, which was then on Avery Brook Road in Charlemont, also responded at the request of Earl Gleason. The Fire Department then responded with an electric generator to run the man's machine. June 26 saw several responders aid the Colrain Ambulance to transport a very ill man on Number Nine Road.

The Chief, Heath's representative on the Ambulance Committee, met with sales reps of ambulance companies on June 16 and 20. On July 13 we travelled to Pittsfield to talk with the owner of an ambulance company that runs one of the ambulances we are considering. The regular meeting of the committee was held in Rowe on July 18. A fund drive will be held for the rescue equipment and also a recruitment for additional EMTs. A letter about these projects is forthcoming.

A CPR recertification was conducted by Sheila Litchfield at the Heath Fire Station for members of the Heath Fire Department, the Heath Police Department and the Colrain Police Department. Over 20 people attended.

A very successful mutual aid drill was held at the Colrain School on June 12. The simulated drill involved an explosion at the school with several victims. A search and rescue was conducted by the Colrain Fire Department and ambulance crew assisted by the Shelburne Falls Fire Department. At the same time the Colrain Fire Department started flowing water to the scene with a large diameter hose assisted by the Shelburne Falls and Charlemont Departments. A flow of 1750 gallons per minute was obtained. Meanwhile the tankers from Buckland, Shelburne, Heath and Leyden (they all arrived at the scene within one minute of each other) set up a tanker shuttle from Kendall Mills to a Halifax pumper at the school supplying an additional 500 gallons per minute. To add realism to the drill, the time was not announced and Colrain requested aid and each department was toned (by radio) and responded exactly as if it had been the real thing. Heavy Sunday traffic on Route 112 also added to the realism of the drill. Traffic control was handled by the Colrain Police. This drill was observed and critiqued by Joe Gervais of the Mass. Fire Academy. In addition the local Department drill was held on July 21 and each other Thursday has been spent working to get the new truck in service.

The Chief made three smoke detector inspections as well as one placement of smoke detectors for new construction, and attended two directors' meetings and the Fire Wardens' meeting.

A survey of weather alert radios was made recently. Those who wish radios or have radios that do not work may pick up radios at the Post Office or contact Chief Gleason. The Chief also has batteries if

## HEATH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

by Bill Lattrell, Chairman

The early summer months have kept the Heath Conservation Commission busy reviewing applications, doing site visits and, unfortunately, issuing enforcement orders.

In June the Commission issued an enforcement order to George Giard on a site at which he was working in Mohawk Estates. George had failed to file a Notice of Intent for construction within 100 feet of a stream. George fully rectified this matter by submitting a Notice of Intent which the Commission reviewed and voted to accept.

In July the Commission reviewed a Notice of Intent submitted by William and Lenore O'Connell of Colrain Brook Road. The application addressed development of a site within 100 feet of a stream. The application was accepted conditionally to mitigating measures.

Also in July the Commission issued an enforcement order to Ron Persons of Clearwater Drive in Mohawk Estates. Mr. Persons failed to submit a Notice of Intent in building a retaining wall along the edge of Papoose Lake. Mr. Persons will be filing a Notice by August 15 under order of the Commission.

In addition the Commission has made five site reviews for people who were concerned about wetlands issues. The early investigation by these individuals has saved them time and money. The Heath Commission welcomes inquiries and has found them extremely beneficial to the landowner and Commission alike.

Please call on one the Commissioners if you have any questions, suggestions or wetland violation complaints.

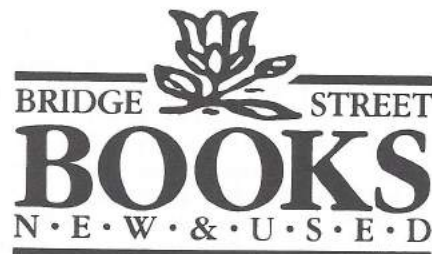
## POLICE REPORT

by Chief Guy Silvester

Since our last report the Heath Police Department has been busy. We have received calls regarding vandalism, ATV's (All Terrain Vehicles), breaking and entering, stolen motor vehicles and domestic problems.

We also now have our new police cruiser. It is a 1984 Ford formerly used by the Massachusetts State Police. The car is equipped with a new radio system so that the Department can communicate with the Fire Department, State Police and all county units.

We also have had all members of the Police Department re-certified in CPR, and additional training is scheduled after the Heath Fair.



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## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

by Bob Dane, Secretary

For the past two months the Planning Board and the Task Force have been meeting every Monday to work on the revision of our Zoning Bylaws. Other regular attendees have been Wally Upham and Gwen Hallsmith, the County Planner.

The first draft of the proposed Zoning Bylaws for Heath, submitted to us by LandUse, Inc., has come under close scrutiny. We have revised, eliminated or added to at least half of the material they gave us. As a result of these revisions, we have been making slower progress than originally hoped, but at this point we still anticipate holding the first public hearing in early fall.

So far we have covered the Purpose and Administration Section and the Definition Section. We are now working on the Use and Intensity regulations. Our last meeting was devoted to discussion of multi-family dwellings. In our next meeting we will be discussing environmental controls, wetlands and water supply protection with some members of the Conservation Commission.

We welcome any participation and input from you, the people of Heath. Our meetings are at 7 PM upstairs in Sawyer Hall, on the second Monday of each month.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

by Walter Gleason, Chairman  
Heath Board of Selectmen

As you all know, we have only two Selectmen. Dick Giard resigned. We accepted his resignation with disappointment and great regret after two meetings, hoping he would change his mind. An election will be held September 15 to choose a new Selectman.

The roads are taking a lot of our time. We have most of the FEMA work done. The other roads that come under the federal primary system are not done. The money, as we understand it, was handed down to the state to be allocated to the town. Now this money has been frozen. All work is to stop. We don't know what the outcome of all this will be but we have spent some money on these projects.

We voted to proceed with the box culverts on Colrain Stage Road with the suggested design of C.T. Male. We have done some work on the STRAP grant project on Route 8A.

The Three-Town Dump is now the Heath Dump under temporary extension of the site from the Burringtons. We will have it open only Monday and Saturday to reduce costs of operation.

AS soon as a few snags are removed, we will start construction on the transfer site. We have the site plan from the engineers. The plan calls for a driveway off the road with the compactor in a cut to the west of it so it will look neater from the road. We also hope to have plantings along the road to shield it from view.

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## ASSESSORS' REPORT

by Don Dekker

Until the time last May when I was elected to the Board of Assessors, the only connection I had with any assessors or assessing was a pleasant afternoon visit from Steiny and Dick Giard a few years back. When they left I thought their job seemed a good one to have. Now I realize that the job of viewing property, which often includes a visit with the owner, is a very small part of the assessors' work; actually the better part of the work.

Most of the time of an assessor is spent doing detailed paper work. The instructions from the state, which come in a manual, weighing at least ten pounds, first seemed written by an archeologist writing a report in hieroglyphics. The more I read, the more confused I became. It took Alan Nichols to translate this strange language. What is in the manual and weekly reports we receive from the state rather remind me of the "simplified" tax form we all got earlier this year.

After reviewing many properties, mostly in June, we are now busily trying to complete all the paper work. Our goal is to have all of the changes done and off to the computer so that the bills can be mailed on time in the fall. I am very thankful for Alan Nichols' help and patience during my introductory time. His knowledge of the town astounds me. He must have walked everywhere in Heath at one time or another. I am learning a lot and perhaps, after the introductory class I will take at the U. Mass in September, the language of the state will become clearer.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Linda Marcotte  
Town Treasurer

Much of the past month has been spent in closing out the Treasurer's books for the end of the fiscal year. A total of \$1,251,068.86 was deposited into the town's various accounts during the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1988.

The Treasurer's Reconciliation of Cash for the period ending June 30, 1988 shows \$335,812.35 in available cash (all accounts) of which \$54,359.89 is in the general funds.

Although this looks good, I will be borrowing \$125,000 on August 1 to ensure enough available cash on hand to pay regular bills. One reason we have to borrow is that the state in many cases (Chapter 90 road work) requires that the town spend funds up front and then they will reimburse the town. If all goes well, I hope this will be the only time we must borrow this year.

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# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by David F. Howland

The last Special Town Meeting of FY '88 was held on July 14, 1988. The primary purpose was to transfer monies to accounts that were overdrawn from accounts with surpluses so that all accounts would be brought within budget. There were 19 articles on the warrant, 17 of them dealt with the transfers that totalled about \$9700. The other two articles were for appropriations of \$9000 for painting and repairing the Town and Community Halls and \$9500 for the stabilization fund, a type of reserve account for capital expenditures. These monies were available because of overages in the Highway Materials and in the Insurance accounts. In addition, because of some late accounting adjustments, several other accounts were squared by transfers from the Reserve Account under authority of the FinCom. These totaled \$1588 and included some \$500 to make the total transfer to the Stabilization Fund an even \$10,000.

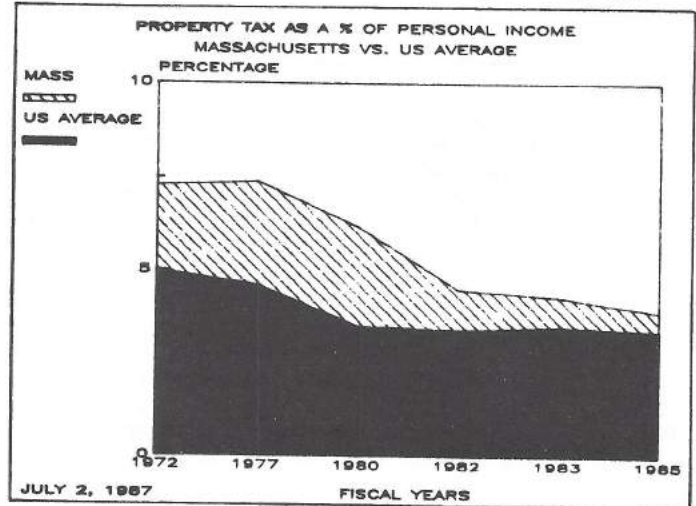
The Massachusetts Division of Local Services recently published a report containing data about Proposition 2 1/2, property valuation and town/city expenditures over the past five years. A few pertinent excerpts are reprinted here for your information.

**Property Tax Collections per Capita:** While the U.S. average property tax collections per capita rose from \$302.42 to \$381.46 (or 26% between FY80 and FY83, collections in Massachusetts dropped by 5.7 percent, from \$554.91 in FY80 to \$523.31 in FY83. As a result, Massachusetts' ranking among states in property tax collections fell from second to twelfth over this period. Although the per capita amount had increased to \$568 in FY85, the increase was less than the increase in the U.S. average (\$435 in FY85) and the ranking dropped to thirteenth.

## HEATH FISCAL FACTS

|                                      | FY85       | FY86       | FY87       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; SPENDING</b> | 516,467 \$ | 567,829 \$ | 618,003    |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>                     |            |            |            |
| Tax Levy                             | 347,942    | 381,395    | 392,122    |
| Cherry Sheet Aid                     | 103,233    | 97,687     | 136,468    |
| Local Receipts                       | 25,400     | 26,850     | 56,727     |
| Other Available Funds                | 39,892     | 61,896     | 32,687     |
| <b>SPENDING:</b>                     |            |            |            |
| Appropriations                       | 490,036    | 542,989    | 549,145    |
| Other Local Expend                   | 1,250      | 1,250      | 33,773     |
| State & County Charges               | 16,863     | 16,021     | 16,358     |
| Overlay                              | 8,318      | 7,568      | 18,726     |
| <b>Tax Rate(s)</b>                   |            |            |            |
| Residential                          | 16.60 \$   | 18.00 \$   | 13.70      |
| Open Space                           | 16.60      | 18.00      | 13.70      |
| Commercial                           | 16.60      | 18.00      | 13.70      |
| Industrial                           | 16.60      | 18.00      | 13.70      |
| Personal                             | 16.60      | 18.00      | 13.70      |
| <b>Equalized Tax Rate:</b>           | 19.60      | 21.50      |            |
| <b>Total Assessed Valuation:</b>     | 20,960,350 | 21,188,630 | 28,622,021 |
| <b>By Class:</b>                     |            |            |            |
| Residential                          | 18,749,155 | 19,006,895 | 25,888,943 |
| Open Space                           | 257,320    | 256,060    | 374,625    |
| Commercial                           | 791,795    | 747,535    | 973,807    |
| Industrial                           | 4,940      | 4,940      | 8,875      |
| Personal                             | 1,157,140  | 1,173,200  | 1,374,771  |

**Property Tax as A Percentage of Personal Income:** In 1972, property tax in Massachusetts equalled 7.3 percent of personal income, 46 percent higher than the U.S. average of five percent. In 1980, the year in which Proposition 2 1/2 was passed, property tax as a percentage of personal income in Massachusetts was 6.2 percent, 77 percent higher than the U.S. average. After 2 1/2, both the absolute percentage and the gap between the Massachusetts and U.S. average percentage dropped: in FY85, property tax as a percentage of personal income had fallen to 3.9 percent, only 14.7 percent higher than the national average of 3.4 percent.



## PROPERTY TAX AS A PERCENTAGE OF PERSONAL INCOME MASSACHUSETTS VS. U.S. AVERAGE

| FY | MASS | U.S. AVG. |
|----|------|-----------|
| 79 | 7.3% | 5.0%      |
| 80 | 7.4% | 4.6%      |
| 81 | 6.2% | 3.5%      |
| 82 | 4.5% | 3.4%      |
| 83 | 4.3% | 3.5%      |
| 85 | 3.9% | 3.4%      |

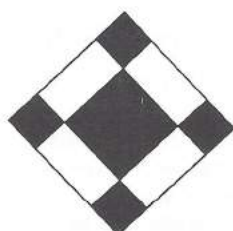
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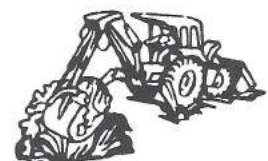


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## HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Roberta M. Tripp was named to the Dean's List at the American International College for the sixth consecutive semester. Roberta is majoring in education and psychology and will practice teaching at Blueberry Hill School in Longmeadow this fall.

Timothy J. Smith, son of Alice and Gilbert Smith, has been promoted to Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Timothy is a weather technician at Fort Ord, CA.

Carolyn Holstein was among those performing classical and modern music at the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House Museum in Hadley on July 16. The Holsteins, who live in Amherst, have a summer home on Branch Hill Road. Carolyn frequently is the organist in the Heath Church.

Clyde Churchill has been working on the update of the old Charlemont High School records and is very knowledgeable about the school and alumni activities.

Bruce Cromack, Dorothy Stetson and Bruce Patterson attended the 40th reunion of the Arms Academy Class of 1948. Bruce Cromack and Dorothy Stetson live in Heath while Bruce Patterson, grandson of Marion Patterson, formerly of Heath, came from Burke, VA.

Sarah Hettlinger was chosen to participate in the 12th Annual American Crafts Festival held at Lincoln Center in New York in July. Sarah and her husband Jim Gleason are owners of Bald Mountain Pottery located at the Salmon Falls Market Place. When they are not working in their shop they can be found busy renovating the house they recently bought on Colrain Stage Road.

Nicole Fogarty won an all-expense-paid trip to Indianapolis and a chance to compete there this month against some of the best runners in the country. She finished seventh in the qualifying race for the Olympic trials at Northeastern University in Dedham. She did not make the Olympic team this time but she believes the experience has moved her closer to becoming a member of the 1992 Olympic team.

Alfred "AJ" Moore, son of Mrs. Jay Kaiser, entered the Army National Guard and is now stationed at Ft. Benning Georgia. "AJ" graduates from Boot Camp on August 19 but will return in time for the Fair. He will complete his senior year at Mohawk Trail Regional High School starting in fall.

Bob Dane has been given a fellowship award from the Massachusetts Arts Council for his outstanding work in glass sculpture.

Ralph Sumner is in the Mary Hitchcock Hospital for tests. He welcomes receiving cards.



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## MILESTONES

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Anna Lisa was born on May 27 to Carolyn and Michael Armstrong of Rowe Road.

Cody Philip was born on June 27 to Lisa and Denis Guilbault of Turners Falls. Cody is the great grandson of Mary and Elmer Sherman of Judd Road.

Sarah Anne was born on July 3 to Marleene and Frederick Perry of Rowe Road.

Nicholas Adam was born on July 6 to Amy and Mark Giard of Colrain. Nicholas is the great grandson of Wilbert Rainville of Heath.

Jillian Eileen was born on July 10 to Michele and Donald Emerson of Ben Road.

Carolyn Elizabeth was born to Marilyn and Brad Bates of Sterling. Carolyn is the great granddaughter of Elizabeth Wilson of Heath.

Kayla Marie was born on July 12 to Melissa Six and Kyle Decker. Kayla is the great granddaughter of Mildred Decker of Heath.

Jennifer Ann was born on August 4 to Cynthia and Allan Smith of Shelburne. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Catherine and Bruce Cromack and the great granddaughter of Hannah Burrington.

Clifford and Bertha Wheeler of Dell and Ormand Beach, Florida, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this summer. They were married on July 7, 1928.

Ralph and Rachel Sumner celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 8. They received hundreds of cards and best wishes from all of their friends and neighbors.

Robert Schwenger of Kensington, MD died on July 11. He leaves a son, Arthur, and a grandson, Olin, of Heath and several other relatives. He was a frequent visitor to Heath.

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