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HEIDI CROWNSHIELD IS SALUTATORIAN

by Valerie Belval

Heidi Crowningshield, daughter of Howard and Jeannette Crowningshield of West Branch Road, is this year's Salutatorian at the Franklin County Technical School in Turners Falls. She has been a student there since the ninth grade and has really enjoyed it.

Heidi chose Tech not just to get an education, but also to learn a trade. This year she was the Vice-President of the National Honor Society. She is also involved in Student Council and is the Vice-President of her class. Heidi's favorite subject is Geometry.

Heidi is not just an excellent person in school, but when she is out of school she's one of the Sunday School teachers for the Heath Union Church.

Heidi attended Tech until February of this year and then went to work for Phoenix Mutual in Greenfield where she works in the collection department. She says she enjoys her job a great deal and is going to continue.

Heidi, we are all proud of you! Congratulations and good luck!



HEIDI CROWNSHIELD
SALUTATORIAN AT FRANKLIN COUNTY
TECHNICAL SCHOOL

OVERRIDE EXPECTED FOR SCHOOL BUDGET

by D. F. Howland, Selectman

In the *Heath Herald* issue of June/July 1989 the Board of Selectment reported that it was "... very likely that we will have to have a substantial override next year ..." because of measures taken to keep the Heath/Rowe school budget down for FY90. The Town's FY90 school budget was \$121,664, whereas the full cost of the operation was \$266,930. We were able to do this by accessing \$78,866 in Equal Opportunity money, \$58,000 in Free Cash and obtaining a reduction \$8,400 in transportation costs. The use of Free Cash and Equal Opportunity money is based on maintenance of effort criteria established by the State. We no longer can do this because our spending level exceeds the State's average figure. In any event it helped us tremendously in the current year (FY90) and over the years we have obtained more than a quarter of a million dollars that helped keep our taxes down.

Now comes FY91 with an expected shortfall in state aid, rising Franklin County Tech and Mohawk School budgets and doubtful access to any more Equal Opportunity money. The Selectmen and Finance Committee have made an initial pass at the budget for next year, but because of the above uncertainties it seemed advisable to wait as long as possible to allow the issues to resolve themselves. The state legislature is now (finally) coping with its problems. Whether we can expect any state aid by the middle of June is not known. At this time we are planning on 3% less in state aid, a number suggested by the Department of Revenue. The Franklin County Technical School level funded their budget and actually discontinued a couple of programs so there is not much we can do about it. Their enrollment fell substantially overall and Heath's enrollment increased by two so the budget for FY91 is \$71,935, up from \$54,028. The Mohawk Trail High School budget was proposed at \$159,200, then reduced to \$135,337 and, after difficult but cooperative efforts by all the towns, the final number is \$97,460. This is \$11,433 less than for the current year's budget of \$108,893.

The Heath/Rowe school budget is unique because of what was done this year and because it is a non-operating system, ie, not a regional school system. We think it is worth the effort to ask the state Department of Education to waive the maintenance of effort criteria, because of the extreme rise in school costs that Heath has experienced in recent years. The school's budget for FY91 is \$288,605! Only a few years ago it was less than \$100,000. While we regret the situation, we have little choice but to ask for an override. We hope you will support it. Kathy Con-

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LETTERS

To the Editor:

I hope it is spring in Heath. You sure earned an early and long spring. Our winter here was only in December and the natives just about froze. Me, I enjoyed it, but the best part of winter here is NO SNOW or so little it is gone within a few hours. That suits me fine, cold weather and snow that only falls on the grass.

We all do so enjoy the paper but why didn't you raise it to \$5. Thanks again for bringing me news of a very unusual and much loved town.

Marian Patterson

HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Bob Gruen played the title role in *The Foreigner* at the River Valley Playhouse in Putney, VT, to sold out houses this April and early May. He will be on stage again in July appearing in *Born Yesterday*.

John P. McDonough, Chief Anesthetist with Anesthesiologists Affiliated of Des Moines, Iowa, was Greenfield Community College alumnus of the year. McDonough, the first annual recipient of that designation, was the keynote speaker at GCC's commencement on June 3. He is the husband of Martha Sherman formerly of Heath and the son-in-law of Mary and Elmer Sherman of Heath.

HEATH PRECIPITATION

by Ralph H. Dickinson

Observer for Mass. Division of Water Resources

April precipitation was 4.77 inches while May had 1.92 inches. Total precipitation for the first five months of 1990 is 26.38 inches. The average for this period is 23.5 inches. In the past 23 years only twice has May been wetter; in 1972 and 1984.



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LETTERS

To the Editor:

At the 1989 edition of the Heath Fair, there were a few old tractors around that had been in the parade, and I got the idea that it would be rather interesting to have a tractor show this year. The last weekend in April was set as the date, and we had a show. It was a small one but it held promise of something bigger and better for next year. A lot of old tractors work most every day and are depended upon, but others are used as show pieces. We had one old single cylinder gas engine at the show and it ran to the interest of all who saw it. George Morse's Fordson tractors and his 1922 "Case" stationary baler were there and created a lot of interest.

It was my wish to have an old tractor show along with a swap meet where folks could trade pieces of old iron for something someone else had. This didn't happen.

The only swapping that was done was that those attending had a chance to exchange information about people and places who might have a bit of iron and where it was located. If one person gleaned a bit of insight or direction as to the whereabouts of a rare part, the show was a success.

The Briggs family and the Tanners provided a delicious supply of food to the enjoyment of all who sampled it.

Having a tractor show is not a sign that I've lost interest in flesh-covered horse power, but that I have a great respect for the old equipment that was there everyday to help make someone an honest living pulling its own weight. I am able to remember with great pleasure the sight of a fine team of horses standing beside a rather sassy old Farmall as it provided the belt power to chop and blow bundled corn into a silo. I've even seen a tremendous yoke of cattle there, too. This was a very efficient mix of satisfactory power to do a most important task. I will always cherish the memories of those days in my earlier years. Thus, the tractor show to help keep those memories alive. We can only hope for a more extensive look at the past in 1991.

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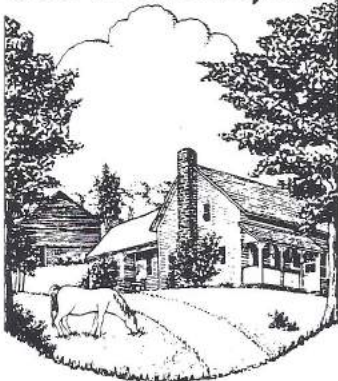
don, our shared administrative aide, Dave Newell, Business Manager of the Mohawk system, and I met recently to draft a letter asking for a waiver. Our legislators have been contacted to help in this regard. If we can get this waiver, it will mean \$55,212 in Equal Opportunity money to help reduce the budget. Our review of the overall budget suggests that approximately a \$95,000 override will be necessary if we get the EEO money; if not, then it will be about \$150,000. Now that the Mohawk School matter is settled we can focus on the Heath/Rowe situation. While we can't tell what the state aid package will be, we believe there is much political pressure being brought to do as well as possible with local aid. Within the next week or so we will have to have the budget ready for June 23. We will keep you informed through an information meeting prior to the date of the override vote which is Friday, June 22 between the hours of 12 noon and 7 PM.

We can't be certain just yet about any of the budget numbers as well as the impact on taxes. The new valuation has been approved. The total valuation is about \$49,500,000. This suggests a rate for FY90 in the \$11 range. The Recap Report is being worked on now to determine the specific rate so by the informational meeting we should have some good figures. In any event the override for the Heath/Rowe school budget can be expected to add \$2 to \$3 to the rate for FY91 depending on whether or not we obtain the EEO waiver. We expected this event would come to pass, and we hope you will support this budget proposal.

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CHURCH NEWS

by Pastor Roger Peace

By the time this comes to print we will already have brought twelve new members into Heath Union Church. Of course, five of those are my family, but we are very thankful and excited to have some very fine new members. Some of them have asked to be baptized outdoors, so sometime in July we are going to do just that. Maybe you have thought about joining us or hearing more about our church. If so, I would enjoy talking with you about such matters.

There are some special events coming up in June and July that I am sure you would enjoy. On June 9 at 7 PM Dr. Susan Armstrong is giving an organ concert at the church. There will be a \$3 charge, but you will hear the oldest Johnson pipe organ in use today. Dr. Armstrong will also be telling us some of the history of the organ. The proceeds will benefit the repair work needed on the organ. Then on June 30 we are having our church auction. We would be most appreciative of any donations toward this, and any purchases at the auction itself. On July 28 the church is hosting the second annual Craft Show. We would like to recognize all those talented people in Heath, and there are plenty, by giving them a day to bring whatever craft they make to be displayed and sold. Any Heath resident is welcome to participate - just call Rachel Sumner at 337-4302. Hope to see you at all these events.

Just a reminder, don't forget Father's Day - and most importantly, don't forget our Heavenly Father every day.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

by Todd Sumner, Secretary

The Heath Historical Society has several events planned for the upcoming season. The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, August 11. This event is open to the public and will be preceded by a potluck supper. Richard Little, Professor of Geology at Greenfield Community College and an expert on the geology of the Pioneer Valley, will be the keynote speaker. We are also planning to continue the tradition of sharing a booth at the Heath Fair with the *Herald*.

Dot Gary, of Avery Brook Road, was recently named Curator of the Society's collections. She succeeds Pegge Howland, who is currently serving as President. One of Mrs. Gary's first tasks will be to complete a preliminary survey of the collection. Her job will be a bit easier, for one piece, the "Emerson painting," is currently on loan to the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown. This family portrait is on display as part of an exhibition entitled "Between the Rivers: Nineteenth Century Itinerant Painters." The exhibition runs through July 22 - the portrait will then return to Heath.

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A HEATHEN ABROAD

by Deborah McCutchen

Australians are worried about overpopulation. In a country of only two people per square kilometer (as opposed to Bali's 200 per), they are finding that both their standard of living and their poor soil are seriously endangered. Erosion and salination are the obvious problems. Then the forests are getting ground into woodchips and sent to Japan, who also wants to negotiate for fishing rights and teach the Aussies how to grow fatter beef for export rather than their lovely low cholesterol range cattle. Japan is answering to its own overpopulation problems. Australians are also wondering what they can do before they end up in the fix the Americans are in. They've heard about our polluted shellfish and the bottom fish with rotted fins and ulcers, the mammals who have beached themselves and had PCB levels high enough to designate them as superfund clean-up sites. They shake their heads over it and dig into their own excellent tucker with all the more gusto.

They've always had water problems here. Not polluted groundwater yet, just not enough of it. Aussies use very little soap when washing dishes and generally don't rinse at all. They've always had to save, even in little ways, because it adds up fast. Every house has a huge rain tank on the side that collects water off the corrugated metal or tile roofs and directs it straight to the sink. No worries about acid rain, mate. Not yet. The very idea threatens their continued existence on the land. It's all the water they have. One little boy wanted to know if acid rain actually burned holes in the ground. He felt very sorry for us. They don't understand how we could let our garbage pollute anything as precious as a well. Others look at their own Derwent River and know that it's heading in the same direction.

Australians are proud of their odd animals: the shy Platypus, one of only two kinds of mammals that lays eggs and nurses its young. It has a duck-like beak, true to its mane, which is sensitive to the electromagnetic fields of small vertebrates that hide in the mud at the bottom of the river where it feeds. The Platypus holds a similar ecological niche to our North American Beaver, and is an indicator of pure water since it will not tolerate even trace toxins or sewage. The fishermen on the Huon River know they can put their fish farms wherever a Platypus has been seen and the fish will do well. For a season. Then the organic matter collects beneath the nets and suddenly there's not enough oxygen for the fish. It's never easy. Already on Sydney's famous Bondli Beach there are worried officials with notebooks taking the names of anyone brave - or ig-

norant - enough to actually get into the water. The startled swimmers are told whom to notify in case they get sick. And yet this is a wide-open country. The image of our wild west. Our OLD wild West. About 30% of the state of Tasmania alone is designated parkland. It's lovely, greener than the mainland. Tassie has huge eucalyptus forests filled with birds and animals. The wooded and rolling farmlands look like New England should look, used to look, still does in a few places. But when our population doubles it's going to be more than our standard of living down the tubes, so to speak.

Australians seem to be realizing that the changes have to start on the homefront. Most sincerely they admire the British and American cultures. Often they have followed our lead. They are a country of travelers, and their newscasts cover news in Asia and the Soviet Union that we rarely hear at home. Since they look around them, they are also aware they may have time to avoid mistakes they see the rest of the world ignoring. Their Green Party is growing in numbers and influence. They have a lovely commercial on T.V. where the blue earth is hanging alone in the black of space. Underneath a slogan appears: "If You Ignore It, It Will Go Away."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Debbie McCutchen will be returning shortly from Australia and has been invited to attend the Breadloaf Writers' Workshop in Vermont this summer.

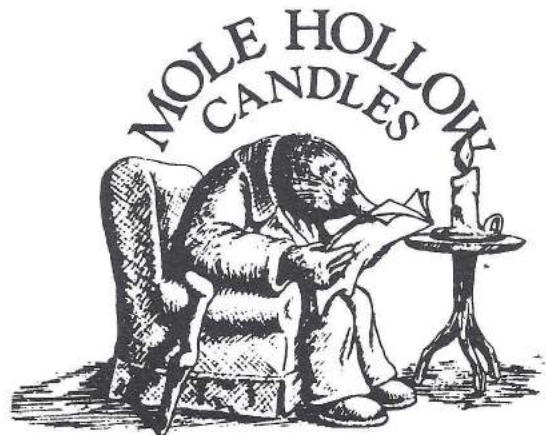
HEATH PARK COMMITTEE NEWS

by Judy Thrasher

As many of you may have noticed the basketball court is nearing completion. Many hours of fund raising and volunteer labor went into this project. It's a pleasure for us to see it completed. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped achieve this. We couldn't have done it without you. Special thanks to Charles Seaver for overseeing the installation of the poles and to Frank Rocchi for doing the fence. There will be another workbee on June 2 to finish the job. Come and enjoy the celebration on opening day - to be announced - and play some basketball.

The Park Committee is looking for new members. Anyone who may be interested please contact a committee member.

We would like to express our appreciation to Catherine Heyl-Nichols for her many years of dedication to the Heath Park Committee. We'll miss you.



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LOCAL FOOD SHARE EFFORT

by Buck denOuden

Many of you know that I have been involved for many years in programs which seek to address chronic problems of hunger and malnutrition. My work, for a greater part, has been in developing countries such as Egypt, India, Bangladesh and others. In particular, I have been committed to projects which make creative use of American, European and Canadian food surpluses. These foodstuffs are used to stave off hunger and to buy time, so that the most vulnerable of our fellow world citizens can counter the conditions that give rise to hunger and hunger-related diseases. I have had the good fortune of working for and with C.A.R.E., the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization, and the Catholic Relief Services.

In recent years, I have also tried to analyze and understand the plight of the working poor in America. As was the case during the Great Depression, the poor of the inner cities are far more vulnerable than rural people, in that they cannot grow their own food, and do not have access to relatively inexpensive firewood as you and I do. They also live in outrageously expensive housing, paying \$400 to \$600 per month for cold water flats. The working poor have either been ignored, or abusively castigated by ill-informed politicians with rhetoric that exploits and employs simple-minded clichés. One story or one anecdote is callously substituted for an attempt to understand the very complex set of circumstances that keep people impoverished. Even worse is the hypocrisy of many national politicians who have never made their own way, but claim most vociferously that everyone should float on their own bottom. I agree that we all should be self-supporting, but I don't think that helping people who are honestly trying to overcome poverty (often the working poor work a job-and-a-half) is a compromise or a contradiction.

This year, I am engaging in a small experiment. I am planning to plant an acre of potatoes on land which I have rented from Grace Crowningshield. I am also planting some sweet corn adjacent to it. In addition, I will sow some field corn to sell as silage to recoup some of the expenses related to this project. I will deliver the produce to Food Share in Hartford, which distributes surplus and damaged food to soup kitchens, shelters, and pantries for the needy. Food Share is meticulous about making sure that the food goes to those with genuine need. I have carefully observed their operation for a number of years.

If you care to help me by donating fifty pounds of potatoes for seed, or a bag of 10-10-10 fertilizer, I have set aside space in my garage with a pallet and a sign designating "Food Share". If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, that can easily be obtained. Just leave me a note with your address. If you care to donate by helping me with some of the work, that also would be greatly appreciated. In August, for example, I will need help picking sweet corn. Next week I will need help picking stones. There are many other ways to help, and if you are interested, please give me a call in the evening at 337-4002.

CLYDE CHURCHILL DECORATED VETERANS' GRAVES

by Todd Sumner

With Memorial day recently past, many Heathens have taken the time to pay their respects at one of the town's cemeteries. I've long been of the opinion that Heath's cemeteries participate in some Platonic ideal of what cemeteries should be. Bucolic, peaceful, and somewhat removed from what passes for bustle in Heath, one can find in the weathered, mossy stones a sense of continuity that allows one to achieve a degree of serenity even as one remembers the dead.

For the last decade, Clyde Churchill has been responsible for honoring the contributions made by veterans of foreign wars. Each spring Mr. Churchill placed some six dozen flags on Heath veterans' graves. Having served in the Air Force during World War II, Mr. Churchill was the local veterans' agent for many years. Decoration of veteran's graves is mandated by statute in Massachusetts, but each town is expected to take responsibility for its own graves. Working from a master list of veterans buried in Heath, Mr. Churchill would occasionally have trouble finding a given headstone. One such veteran turned out to have been buried in neighboring Whitingham.

As Mr. Churchill retires from this seasonal but important job, we take the time to thank him for his service to the town and to the memory of those who fought on behalf of their country. Selectmen Walt Gleason and Art Schwenger decorated the graves this spring, but the selectmen are interested in appointing someone to do this job on a regular basis. Interested parties should contact a selectman.



CLYDE CHURCHILL DECORATES VETERANS' GRAVES
(photo by Susan Silvester)

THE ACADEMY AT CHARLEMONT

by David Gibbons

On June third Commencement exercises were held, eighteen seniors graduated and the Academy at Charlemont ended its ninth year.

This year is a milestone in the Academy's history as it settles into its new campus on the Mohawk Trail, just east of Charlemont center. Many Heathens, however, know little if anything of the Academy. My own knowledge, prior to teaching there this year, was limited to its existence and location, facts any tourist could tell you after passing through town!

In fact, although none of this years students are from Heath, almost half of the faculty are. The Headmaster is Eric Grinnell, who teaches Latin and Humanities. His wife Dianne teaches English and Humanities as does Todd Sumner. Jayne Dane is in charge of the Academy's music program. Math and the Sciences are the areas of involvement for Cathy Wilkins and me. One other faculty member with strong ties to Heath, though now a Vermont resident, is Beverly Thane, the schools Librarian.

Two other Heath residents were recently added to the Academy family. The first has spent most of his time in the library but has not yet been seen to open a book: Christopher Wilkins, Cathy's new son, has been a very enjoyable presence for the last few weeks. The second addition is David Howland who is bringing his considerable know-how to bear on the Academy's finances.

The Academy is a special place, dedicated to providing a quality education at an affordable tuition, especially to local children. Its purpose is "to provide students with a classical education: to develop critical thinking, an enthusiasm for learning and a commitment to the pursuit of excellence." In order to do this the school is consciously limited in size. Presently serving eighty-four students in grades 5-12, the optimum student body size is projected as one hundred and twenty. This allows a very personal student-teacher ratio (less than 10:1) and class sizes of four to fifteen students.

The community nature of the school is heavily emphasized both overtly and in subtle ways. During "homeroom" for instance, the whole school meets together and students are responsible for the attendance. Important issues are decided by a weekly school meeting where students and faculty together discuss issues of concern and try to reach consensus. There are very few "rules". Instead the students developed an honor code by which everyone agrees to abide. Infractions of the code are dealt with first by the Honor Council - a student body - and only if that fails (which is rare) will the administration become involved.

The academic curriculum is a rigorous and demanding one. Great emphasis is placed on broad reading and demanding writing. Interdisciplinary or coordinated multi-disciplinary approaches are used wherever possible. The seniors must take a year long humanities seminar, including an individual project, which examines philosophical and ethical questions through great works of the past yet with a strong emphasis on the present.

There is an understanding that education involves more than the formal curriculum and many special events are created or embraced. The presence this year of Luthando Maphasa, a Black South African student, led to an intensive exploration of the issue of Apartheid for instance, including a "segregated" day at the school, a forum on South Africa in transi-

tion, and a concert of South African Liberation music.

My experience this year at the Academy has been a rich and rewarding one. If one of the hallmarks of a successful place of learning is that the teacher is a learner as well as the student, then the Academy certainly qualifies. In fact, the visiting committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges wrote that they were "extremely impressed with the vitality of the learning going on at the school, the maturity of exchange between students and faculty, the extensiveness of the programming and by the feeling of warmth and caring that was pervasive."

The Academy needs and values the support of the surrounding communities and welcomes visits and inquiries by its neighbors.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP TO TORONTO

by Valerie Belval

On Thursday, May 17, the Mohawk Middle School Jazz Band and Chorus went to Toronto, Canada, to compete at Canada's Wonderland Music Festival.

With their talented ability the chorus and band came in first place winning a silver medal. The Jazz band also won a grand champion trophy.

While they stayed in Toronto the students spent one day at an eight roller coaster theme park. The following day they went to the C.N. Tower, the world's tallest free standing building. There was a total of forty students on the trip.

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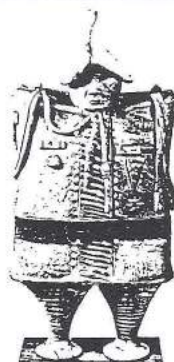
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MOHAWK SCHOOL NEWS

by Chrissy Gilbert

This spring Mohawk has had a winning season in sports. Brian Sackett, a junior, is our only Heath player on the golf team, and Ben Steinbock is our only Heath player on the Boys' Track team. The Track Team is 8-1 this season losing to Greenfield by only four points. Mark McMullin of Charlemont received the Senior Award.

Jeremiah Venneri was our only Heath player on the Middle School baseball team. Their record this season was 7-3.

On the Varsity Softball team, Christine Gilbert was the only Heath player. Sarah Reynolds of Charlemont received the Softball Award and Iron Women Awards went to Marcy Finck, Sarah Reynolds, Kristin Mellstrom, Tera Reynolds, Jen Clark, Christine Gilbert, Christie Brown and Karen Gesin.

Kathy Toupence and Mary Tuturice were our Heath players on the Girls' Track team. Son Wooten was on the Boys' Tennis Team.

There were no Heath players on the Varsity Baseball or Girls' Tennis teams.

I would like to congratulate Claudine Rice and Mark McMullin for receiving the Varsity M Scholarship for \$250. This scholarship is given to dedicated students who are planning on going to college.

I would also like to congratulate Liz Phillips and Tyler Gerry for receiving the Smith Award and Scott Zalinski for receiving the Bobby Wells award for being an "unsung hero". Jim Small and Jaime Nalepinski also received special awards.

The Senior Prom took place this spring at the Depot in Northampton. People first arrived about 7 PM and everyone helped themselves to a buffet. After dinner everyone just sat around and relaxed talking with their friends. Later in the evening a DJ played music and everyone danced. The prom ended around 11 PM. There were no big parties, but people just got together at their friends' houses. The theme was "A Time to Remember". I hope everyone had a great time.

Senior Awards night was held May 31 with the following Heath graduates receiving awards: Christine Rode - Presidential Fitness Award, Special Achievement in English, Excellence in Spanish and Certificate in Business; Tina Demech - Certificates for Yearbook and Peer Education; Chuck Shattuck - Peer Education Certificate.



MOHAWK SENIORS

Left to right back row: Patrick Tuturice, Joseph Canali, Charles Shattuck; Front row left to right: Tina Demech, Tina Rode. Absent: Thomas Pasquantonio.

(Photo by Pat Hinds)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Budge Litchfield

The School Committee's work recently has focused on budgets and long range planning. After a great deal of work Pam Porter has prepared, and we have adopted, a budget for the Heath Public Preschool. The state grant used to fund the preschool was cut last August and will remain at that lower level this year. That amount of money is insufficient for the operation of the preschool as we know it. The preschool parents and Advisory Council plan to make up some of the difference with fund raisers, but still more money would be needed. The following solution has been proposed: a snack fee is already charged (it completely pays for snacks), and a tuition charge will be added to this. In order to keep this tuition charge as low as possible we are requesting that the towns of Heath and Rowe contribute matching grants of \$2,086. We hope the voters of each town vote to support preschool education in this small way.

The elementary school budget was approved at the Rowe town meeting and the shared portion of it shows an increase of less than 10%.

Hopefully no further major cuts will be required at Mohawk. The alternate apportionment plan (Amendment X to the Regional Agreement) passed, and we thank the voters of all eight towns for their help in this matter.

On the long range planning front not much has been happening. The Regional School District Planning Board has not met in over a month. We are waiting for a final soil/site study from the Rowe Building Inspector, legal reviews and opinions and a financial analysis of the agreement. We hope to receive all this information in June. I am as frustrated with the delay as I am sure many of you are.

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Alicia Tripp of Colrain Brook Road travelled to the Soviet Union April 13-23 with the Mohawk Trail Regional School Foreign Travel club. Nineteen members of local communities including her friend Ann Rossi of Adams travelled from Leningrad to Moscow stopping briefly in Prague for a day. Highlights of the tour included a visit to the Kremlin, where St. Basil's Cathedral and the Armory's fabulous Faberge eggs could be seen, the Hermitage Museum, GUM Department Store, an overnight train ride, performances at the Moscow Circus and Leningrad Theater, Gorky Park and Petrodvorets, summer palace of the czars.

Foreign Travel Club Advisor Sue Silvester and her family, Betsey and Guy, were also on the trip. This summer the club is sponsoring a tour to Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

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Joseph Canali, son of Liz and Al Canali of Jacksonville Stage Road, has not decided what his future plans are; Christine Demech, daughter of Ralph and Pat Demech of Number Nine Road, is at home recovering from an automobile accident and plans to attend college in January; Thomas Pasquantonio, son of Neil and Julie Pasquantonio of Number Nine Road, is undecided about his plans next year; Christina Rode, daughter of Diane and Robert Rode of Stone Hill Road, will enter GCC in January and major in psychology; Charles Shattuck, son of Lea and Charles Shattuck of Number Nine Road, will take a year off and then plans to attend Wentworth Institute of Technology; Patrick Tuturice, son of James and Kathleen Tuturice of Ben Road, will attend GCC part-time and eventually transfer to UMass.

Franklin County Technical School

Heidi Crowningshield, daughter of Howard and Jeannette Crowningshield of West Branch Road, plans to work at Phoenix Mutual in Greenfield (see separate article); Jeremy Lively, son of Paul and Marcella Lively of Number Nine Road, is planning to work next year.

Deerfield Academy

Sadye White, daughter of John and Wanda Musacchio of Swamp Road, will attend Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania where she will major in foreign languages.

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ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Nicole Rainville and Joey Thane

On Friday, May 25 the sixth grade went to the Bear Swamp hydro-electric plant. Henry Dandeneau showed us around the plant.

On Friday, June 8 at 7 PM the sixth grade held a Science Fair. All of the sixth graders did one or two experiments.

We are deciding what to do with the extra money from the Washington, DC, trip. The trip was a great success. We would like to thank everyone who helped us go to Washington, DC. It was very exciting and everyone enjoyed it.

On Monday, June 18 the sixth grade will have graduation at 7 PM.

Under the direction of Lorraine Cetto, Karen Fournier, Wanda Musacchio, and music director, Ed Hines, the musical *Peter Pan* was performed on Thursday, May 31 by the second and third graders. Mrs. Weinstein's fourth grade assisted with props and stage production. The following Heath second graders were in the play: Dominic Musacchio, Laura Thane, Alan Markert, Corey Lopes, Christina Beau-doin, Benjamin Lentz, Christina O'Day, Katelyn Litchfield, Natasha Gulyban, Jillian Gilbert, Anna Deaver-Scanlon, Bonnie Thompson; third graders: Kelly Thompson, Amy Croteau, Shye Anne Brown, Nicole Brown, Kathleen Tuturice, Jenni Lively, Jesse Seaver, John Paul Almeida, Renee Boudreau, Mary Foster, Kalyun Uprichard.



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PEGGY HOWLAND RECEIVES NEW GRANT

by Heath Herald Staff

Pegge Howland, Director of the Greenfield Community College Library and Curator of the Archibald MacLeish Collection has been awarded a two-year \$33,108 grant by the National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) to prepare and publish a Descriptive Catalog of the holdings of the Archibald MacLeish Collection. Plans call for completion of the project by the time of the MacLeish Centennial in May 1992.

The Collection was founded in 1974 by a group of six educators from Greenfield Community College to honor Archibald MacLeish (1892-1982), a resident of Conway who was a poet, playwright, lawyer, teacher, journalist, Librarian of Congress, and Assistant Secretary of State. The author of more than forty books of poems, plays, essays, and speeches, he won the Pulitzer Prize three times and received the National Medal for Literature and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The Collection includes not only most of MacLeish's published works and many of his manuscripts, but it also contains MacLeish's own personal library of poetry and prose by others which was bequeathed to the Collection in 1984 by the MacLeish heirs.

This library makes up the largest part of the nearly 5,000 items in the Collection. Together with the other books and periodicals, oral and visual material and memorabilia, it provides an exclusive index of MacLeish's personality, tastes, interests and loves.

Pegge points out that most of the material in the Collection has been bibliographically inaccessible to scholars and researchers up to now because it is either unaccessioned or uncataloged. The grant will make the Archibald MacLeish Collection fully accessible for the first time for study and research. Pegge will enter the Collection into two large international bibliographic data bases (OCLC and RLIN), develop a card catalog of the holdings and prepare a printed descriptive catalog of the Collection.

Pegge plans to retire in June from her position as Director of the Library at Greenfield Community College which she has held for 22 years. Work on cataloging the MacLeish Collection will begin in September 1990.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

by D. F. Howland, Chairman

The focus of the last two months has been on preparing for the Annual Town Meeting, coping with the fiscal problems caused by shortfalls in state aid and planning how to meet rising school costs with fewer resources. Then too, we have dealt with the range of our normal duties. I refer you to the article on the expected override on another page in this issue with respect to the budget proposed for the Annual Town Meeting recessed to June 23 at 9:30 AM and comment here only on some of the normal activities.

Matters related to solid waste disposal continue to occupy our time. A white metals container program was established with a fee schedule and schedule for pick-ups. We believe having a container available about four months out of the year will be sufficient for the town's needs. (The next period will be June 30 through July 30). Also, Springfield Resource Recovery, the firm that operates the incinerator we use for the transfer station's compactor, had differences of opinion over delivery and burning criteria with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that required our attention. Finally, the Three Town Dump Committee met and agreed to a "work bee" with the Highway Departments to clean up the dump site on Burrington Hill. This was accomplished on April 26 and 27. We now have to plan the final phase of "sealing" the area to meet DEP guidelines for formally closing the dump. We needed to clean up the area so that the transfer of the land from the Burrington family could be finalized at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Warren Pension Fund obligation is still being discussed. Representatives from Charlemont, Hawley, Heath and Rowe met to discuss the obligations of each town and tentatively agreed to research data that would support a 50%, 20%, 15% and 15% arrangement respectively, instead of the current 25% for each town. This is important because of the long term nature of the costs.

Clyde Churchill resigned his post as Veteran's Grave Officer after many years. We expressed our appreciation for his work and accepted his resignation with regret. Mowing at the North and South cemeteries will be done this year by Jeannette Crowningshield and the Center Cemetery by Anthony Lively. The Board of Health (BOH) reviewed a number of complaints filed by the Mohawk Estates Association. The Annual Town Meeting approved the establishment of an appointed three member BOH and we are now reviewing applications from potential candidates. Considerable time has been spent reviewing the Administrative support organization of the Town Hall. A proposal was put forth to the staff and to committee chairs establishing an Executive Secretary/Town Accountant position. Kathy Condon has resigned to accept a position with Northeast Utilities. She has contributed much to the town, and we accepted her resignation with regret. The idea of the proposed position is to meld her duties with the accounting process thereby improving communications with the selectmen on these matters while overall we hope to achieve greater stability and continuity in the organization.

We have also started to review candidates for the enlarged (3 to 5) member Finance Committee and began the planning process for this year's road work.

HEATH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

by Bill Lattrell, Chairman

During the last two months the Heath Conservation Commission has experienced an increase in applications. We have reviewed two Requests for Determinations and are in the process of reviewing two more and a local wetland by-law Notice of Intent. The Requests have been primarily for activity in a buffer zone of wetland resource area. The Notice of Intent, filed under the town by-law, requests permission for work to be done in an isolated wetland area in order to install two fire ponds.

In addition to this processing the Conservation Commission has completed five site visits in order to inspect wetland delineations or to determine if the Wetland Act applies to a proposed activity. The Heath Conservation Commission encourages any town resident, property owner, or contractor who thinks that they may be planning work that would be subject to either the state or town by-law to get in touch with the Conservation Commission well before any intended work begins. The law requires public hearings and processing that requires a considerable amount of time. It would be prudent to plan this sort of activity into your schedule if it applies.

It is common for a property owner to assume that there are no wetlands near a project area, when in fact there are. Wetlands are generally defined by hydrophytic vegetation, soils, and hydrology. It often takes an expert to determine if a wetland exists. Please contact Bill Lattrell, Chairman of the Heath Conservation Commission if there is any doubt whatsoever before any activity begins.

FARM AND GARDEN TOUR

by Caroline Smith

The third annual *Day in the Country, Farm and Garden Tour* sponsored by the Franklin Land Trust will be held on June 30 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Five farms and three gardens in the area will be open to visitors, including the Heath garden of Elsa Bakalar on Hosmer Road.

Tickets at \$5.00 are valid at all of the eight places. These may be purchased at Bridge Street Books in Shelburne Falls, World Eye Book Store in Greenfield, Globe Book Store in Northampton and Odyssey in South Hadley.

Proceeds from this event will go to further the work of the Franklin Land Trust in the preservation of the rural areas of western Franklin County.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Earl Gleason, Chief

The department responded to six incidents during April and May. The first was a chimney fire on Avery Brook Road. This April eighth fire involved 13 firefighters. On April 14, five firefighters responded to a permit fire that was worrying the owner. Additional Firefighters responded and seven firefighters stayed for a couple of hours helping them finish the project. The fire Association wishes to thank the owners for their generous donation. Eight firefighters responded to a chimney fire on Sumner Stetson Road on April 22. Six days later six firefighters fought a car fire on Branch Hill Road. Two EMTs and three firefighters aided Charlemont Ambulance with a woman with an injured ankle and wrist on May 6. On May 17 two firefighters responded to a structure fire on Colrain Road. As no truck drivers were available, the dispatch center sent trucks from Charlemont and Colrain to the scene. A wall was damaged and the house was smoked up, but fortunately the house is still livable. It is reassuring to know that the dispatch back-up system works. When the town pagers are toned out by radio, the dispatch center waits three minutes for a department to reply and then retunes the pagers. Two minutes after the second paging, if the department has not responded, mutual aid from surrounding departments is toned to respond. This is what happened on May 17.

Eleven meetings were attended during the two months. Most were fairly routine. Two were with Civil Defense concerning the drill to be held in conjunction with Yankee Atomic later in the summer. Another was also with Civil Defense and was held in Pittsfield. This had to do with the town and town officials' liabilities and responsibilities as to hazardous materials. Two other meetings of interest involved Dr. Cross and dealt with physical exams for firefighters. Dr. Cross has contacted the Franklin Medical Center to provide this service at a greatly reduced charge.

A great deal of training has been available in the area recently. Chris Poisson, Roger Peace and Glenn Gleason completed the 24 hour Mini-Course at Turners Falls Fire Station. Bob Gruen completed two 3 hour courses, Building Construction and Wildfires, and Earl Gleason completed the 12 hour Incident Command course. These courses were presented at the county weekend that was held at the Mohawk School on May 12 and 13. Ten courses were offered and over 100 firefighters attended the two days. Several firefighters attended the 12 hour large diameter hose class held in Charlemont and Heath. thirty-two area firefighters attended the session held in Heath. The Chief was pleased to be invited to a 24 hour hazardous materials school sponsored by G.E. Safety systems of White Springs, Florida, conducted the course. The department wishes to thank G. E. for picking up the tab for the course. Also, two drills were presented locally. The April drill was presented by Dennis Annear on Hazardous Materials.

Two association meetings were held. The annual election was held in April. Michael Smith is the new President replacing long-time President Tom Lively. Richards Steinbock will remain as Secretary/Treasurer.

On April 27, four Cub Scouts and their leaders toured the firehouse. It is reported that the Chief had a good time and it is hoped that the Cub Scouts did as well.

Three members of the department attended the annual Tri-State Field Day held at the Mahar Regional School in Orange on May 6. A good display of fire apparatus and equipment was on display and viewed. About 200 firefighters enjoyed a roast beef dinner at noon, followed by a humorous talk on Down East humor given by Jack Denison. Incidentally Jack asked to be remembered to Clyde Churchill.

Two smoke detector inspections were made and one other inspection during the period.

Have a safe and fire-free summer.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

by June Day

TAX TIME!! That is not a happy thought for anyone, although it is true that those in the Town Office who have been inputting all property information into the computer in preparation for the in-house printing of tax bills are relieved to see that job coming to an end.

The final tax bills for Fiscal Year 1990 will be in the mail by the end of June. Estimated half year tax bills were sent out last fall based on the previous year's assessments. These new bills will reflect the revaluation and the new tax rate with the amount paid on the half-year estimated bills credited. Taxes are due 30 days from the date of mailing. Please pay promptly and keep me busy going to the bank!

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Percolation Tests

Percolation testing has resumed and will continue through June. Earl Gleason reports that two tests were conducted in April and May. One passed and one is incomplete.

Building Permits

No building permits were issued this period.

Deed Transfers

Sister May of the Immaculate Conception of Holyoke, Raymond A. Giard, George L. Giard and Donald A. Giard Sr., Rita Loillo, John A. Giard Sr., Linda Feury and Richard R. Giard to Richard R. Giard, Taylor Brook Road. No consideration.

Sister Mary of the Immaculate Conception of Holyoke, Raymond A. Giard, George L. Giard and Donald A. Giard Sr., Rita Loillo, John A. Giard Sr., Linda Feury, and Richard R. Giard to Richard R. Giard, Colrain Stage Road. (2 deeds) No consideration.

Raymond Fortier to Rene Veilleux of South Windsor, CT. Colrain Brook Road. \$1.

Rene Veilleux and Louise Veilleux to Rene Veilleux Jr., Linda V. Cloutier and Daniel Veilleux all of South Windsor, CT and Donald Veilleux of Hartford, CT and Michael Veilleux of South Glastonbury, CT. Colrain Brook Road. Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4. \$1.

Rene Veilleux to Linda V. Cloutier, Rene Veilleux, Jr. of South Windsor, CT, Daniel Veilleux and Michael Veilleux of Glastonbury, CT and Donald Veilleux of Hartford, CT. Colrain Brook Road. \$1.

Rene Veilleux and Louise Veilleux to Mario Giroux, Joanne Giroux, Ronald Guimond and Johanne Guimond of South Windsor, CT. Waterfall Drive, Lot 23. \$1.

David S. Green to David S. Green and Virginia Shaw of Branford, CT. Route 8A. \$1.

R. Norman Peters, trustee, Properties of America Inc. Bankrupt to Robert N. Duclos of Suffield, CT. Sadoga Road, Lot 13 and part of Lot 23. 25 acres, \$14,218.

Walter H. Phillips and Bruce C. Phillips to Bruce Phillips and Deborah L. Phillips. Route 8A, assuming mortgage and \$1.

John A. Roethel and Margaret Roethel to Alfred M. McGloin and Phyllis A. McGloin of New Preston, CT. Underwood Hill Road. Lot 5B. 4.370 acres, \$20,000.

Donald E. Emerson Jr. to Michele B. Swope of Shelburne Falls. Ben Road. No consideration.

Michele B. Swope to Kenneth J. Royer and Kristine M. Royer of Shelburne Falls. Ben Road. \$54,000.

Alex Golowczyk and Margaret Golowczyk to Paul Fournier and Joan Fournier of Ferryville, CT. Waterfall Drive. Lots 30 and 31. \$85,000.

John R. Toczydolowski and Helen A. Toczydolowski to Cameron J. Dupuette of Holyoke. Mohawk Estates. Lot 28, \$1,700.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

by Wendy Luckhurst

After much ado, the long awaited State Certification for the revaluation has finally arrived.

Within the next two weeks, we hope to submit, and have approved, our tax rate. Our final bill for the 1989/90 tax year should be in the mail to you by the end of June. This bill will reflect the amount paid on the estimated bills sent at the end of last year.

We also want to notify the town that we have changed our hours. Beginning June 1, we will be available the first and third Monday of the month.

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TOWN ELECTIONS AND MEETING

by David Gibbons

It was a very light turnout for the Town Election this year, with just under 40% of the Town's 375 registered voters participating.

Incumbents Linda Marcotte (School Committee), David Howland (Selectman), Alan Nichols (Assessor), Doug Wilkins (Moderator), Richard Giard (Finance Committee), Charles Kaempier and Robert Markert (Constables) and Thomas Lively (Tree Warden) were all re-elected. June Day was also elected to continue as Tax Collector, a position she was appointed to fill this winter when the previous tax collector resigned.

Pat Leuchtman was elected as the new Library Trustee and Wallace Upham as the Planning Board member. Full results are posted in the foyer of Sawyer Hall.

Voters also decided that a new Board of Health, separate from the Selectmen, should be an appointed, not an elected body, this by a 2-1 majority.

The May 12 Town Meeting was also fairly lightly attended, which may have been due to the fact that the town budget was not at issue. Due to the uncertainties about state funding and school funding the Selectmen recommended putting off that discussion until June 23. It is almost certain that an override will be needed at that time, even if the most optimistic estimates are realized.

Several important issues were decided at the meeting. An amendment to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Budget was passed which will alter the way the costs are distributed among the member towns. Heath was the last town to approve the amendment and could see a \$37,000 reduction in its assessment.

Three zoning amendments were also passed. These will require parking lots for more than ten cars to be set back at least 15 feet from a road, corner lots to have the required road frontage on both roads and non-residential buildings over 1,000 square feet to use the site review process.

An article about the so-called peace dividend got the most debate. The article, which finally passed by a large majority, requires the town to send a letter to President Bush stating that Heath is in favor of cutting the military budget and that the savings should go to fund domestic programs.



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In order to dispose of your waste metals, a ticket must be purchased at the Town Clerks Office or the Post Office prior to acceptance at the Transfer Station.

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3. Special Rates	arrangements may be made with the Recycling/Transfer Station attendant for items not listed above so that a cost can be assigned according to the size and amount of material to be disposed of. These items may include; car parts, (no oil in parts please), scrap metal, metal pipes, wire, etc.

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Josephine Jean Marie, a daughter, was born April 6 to Gina Tetreault and Bernard Barnhardt of Hawley. Granddaughter of Gloria and Douglas Decker of Hawley and Great Granddaughter of Mildred Decker of Heath.

Desiree Daniel, a daughter, was born April 7 to Melissa Six and Kyle Decker of Greenfield. Granddaughter of Gloria and Douglas Decker of Hawley and Great Granddaughter of Mildred Decker of Heath.

Christopher Joseph, a son, was born April 16 to Catherine and Douglas Wilkins of Underwood Hill Road, Heath.

Brian William and Daniel Raymond, twin sons, were born April 27 to Sandra and Mitchell Clark of Deerfield. Great Grandsons of Rudolph Fournier of Heath.

Sarah Wilson, a daughter, was born May 20 to Marilyn and Bradley Bates of Sterling. Granddaughter of Hazel and Gilbert Wilson of East Charlemont and Great Granddaughter of Elizabeth Wilson of Heath.

Robin Law and Arthur Knapp, Jr. of Barnstable, MA, announce their engagement. Robin is the daughter of Ruth Johnson of Heath and Robert Law of Winterhaven, FL. Arthur is the son of Arthur and Violet Knapp of Northfield, Ma.

Aldie C. Gregoire died April 23 in the Franklin Medical Center. He was an arranger of music and his wife was a professional pianist and harpsichordist. They lived in Heath several years before retiring.



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POLICE REPORT

by Guy Silvester, Chief

Warm weather is here, and we will soon have increased motor vehicle traffic. Please exercise extreme caution, especially on our more narrow roads. The Heath Police Department will be utilizing radar to help insure traffic safety.

House breaks are once again on the rise. If you see any suspicious activity, please call dispatch at 1-772-2133. In general the spring season was fairly quiet with only a moderate number of domestic problems, recreational vehicle and traffic violations.

The Heath Police Department is patrolling the town on a regular basis and continues to work closely with other Franklin County towns regarding problems related to alcohol.

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