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Painting by Judith Russell

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

LETTERS

To the Editor:

As Selectmen for the town of Heath we are responding to two letters to the Editor about local matters that were brought to our attention just before publication of the *Heath Herald*. There appears to be three issues: 1) the recent discussion to purchase a used truck, 2) the legal action against Ray Galipo, the Road Superintendent and 3) the Selectmen's role in administering these matters.

First, all Massachusetts towns and cities are now covered by M.G.L. Chapter 30 B relative to procurement procedures for local governments. It requires that we obtain only documented telephone bids from at least three sources for purchases up to \$10,000. (We reviewed this with counsel.) The purchase of a used truck involved replacing the alleged vandalized truck and investigation of same by law enforcement personnel. After considerable work no evidence of vandalism was found and the insurance company refused coverage. Monies for repairs were in the Machinery Account, but we decided the estimated cost of repairs, some \$10,000 was excessive considering the history of said truck. Because of on-coming winter conditions and the need for appropriate equipment, we believed it best to obtain bids for another used truck. The best purchase was one for \$7,000, that was the same model as the old one; thus, parts can be cannibalized to maintain the "new" truck except for the gas engine. The old truck is diesel. The other bids were well over \$10,000 and had many more miles on them. There is no change in the budget, and the Finance Committee concurred with the decisions made only this past week.

Secondly, the indictment of Ray Galipo by the Grand Jury is just that, an indictment. It is for inappropriate use of town funds. When the charges first came to our attention, we engaged Town Counsel and began to investigate in accordance with state laws. Almost immediately the matter was taken out of our hands by the District Attorney. We cooperated with the Grand Jury, which is a secret process. Also, Executive Sessions have been held by us in accordance with proper procedures. The minutes of such hearings are not made public until legal reason for keeping the discussions and actions closed no longer exist. Mr. Galipo is not represented by Town Counsel. He has not been convicted nor do we believe we have sufficient information/facts available to render a judgement. Counsel has been involved every step of the way out of concern for the legal interests of the Town as well as out of fairness to Mr. Galipo. His day in court is still pending. The Board of Selectmen decided unanimously not to take action at this time pending further information and that we would monitor closely the activities of Mr. Galipo and the work of the Highway Department. We have no reason to believe the town is endangered by this action.

Thirdly, the Selectmen meet nearly every Tuesday night throughout the year at 7:30 PM in Sawyer Hall. At nearly all meetings there is press and Finance Committee representation. The meetings are open to the public, minutes (more detailed now than ever before) are posted and reports are written for the *Heath Herald*. The voters elect Selectmen to make often difficult decisions in the best interests of the Town. The present Board has three very active members with different points of view on most issues, but we work together for the Town. We hope the citizens will use informed discretion in their interpretation of news and reports in the interest of fairness to all. Some rumors are bound to occur, but we believe it is part of our job to be sure the rights of others are respected. We have communicated all that can be communicated at this time. We appreciate the positive comments about the improved condition of our Town's roads.

David Howland, Chair
Arthur Schwenger
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Heath Board of Selectmen

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HEATH PRECIPITATION

by Ralph H. Dickinson
Observer for Mass. Division of Water Resources

The August precipitation was 9.32 inches, September, 2.49 inches, October 6.54 inches and during November total precipitation was 3.37 inches. The first snowfall came on November 8 in the amount of 2.5 inches. Total precipitation for this year, January through November, is 53.11 inches. During the past 23 years our average annual precipitation is 51 inches. Only once during that time has either August or October been wetter.



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LETTERS

To the Editor:

I am very disturbed by the lack of any substantial response from the Board of Selectmen concerning the indictment by the Grand Jury of Ray Galipo, Road Superintendent.

The Selectmen owe a serious and lengthy explanation to the taxpayers of the town. Contrary to what the Selectmen told me it very much is the concern of us all. WE PAY THE BILLS! This not only involves the well-being of the town but our thread-bare pockets as well.

Dave Howland stated in *The Recorder* last week that the Selectmen "had no facts". Surely he doesn't expect us to believe the indictment dropped out of the sky. Something led up to it. We have a right to know what it was.

The Grand Jury obviously had enough facts to hand down an indictment and one would assume that the Selectmen are co-operating with the Grand Jury. Why then, do the Selectmen have "no facts"?

Why is Mr. Galipo still working for the town? We certainly have a right to know what led up to that decision. What else is going on that the Selectmen feel the taxpayers don't have the right to know? What does "monitoring things closely" mean? What "things"? The Selectmen have always met with the Road Superintendent every week for his weekly report. Why is this being presented to the town as some new and innovative method of conducting town business?


Rumors are flying all over town. I feel the Selectmen are hiding something. The only way to combat rumors is with the plain unvarnished truth, before this incident rips the town apart.

There is a vandalized truck engine. Did the insurance company pay off? If not, why not? How are the Selectmen able to appropriate/transfer money for a used truck without going to town meeting? Is the truck to replace the one with the bad engine?

It has been 2 months now since the indictment, and unknown amount of time since the investigation uncovered wrongdoing, certainly time to get whatever facts are needed and report them in a timely manner to the town.

Any person who cares about the town of Heath should call, write or go to the Tuesday night Selectmen's meeting and insist that the Selectmen do what they talk about doing, but don't - communicate the truth.

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To the Editor:

First of all let me state that I believe that the Road Superintendent, Ray Galipo, has done an excellent job of road repairs and maintenance. Culverts and ditches are open, lead aways dug out, dirt roads are crowned, brush and trees are cut back for a clear view, and the roads and banks are open to more sunlight. All these things have saved the town monies from future road wash-out due to heavy rains and fast melted snow.

There is a serious problem in town with the Grand Jury indictment of Ray Galipo. The Board of Selectmen, which is the servant of the town, as well as overseer of town government, should have come forward with an explanation of what they are doing about this situation. By not doing so, they are seriously damaging the credibility of an open board. The townspeople one by one should not have to go and ask the Board what they are doing about it. Tolerating this incident and putting it on the back burner has only made the situation worse. By now they should have investigated the facts in order to let the people know what action is being taken. No statement from the Board appears like no action has been taken.

Several questions need to be addressed.

1. Did the Board cooperate fully with the Grand Jury?

2. Is Town Counsel being used to protect the town?

3. Is Ray using Town Counsel? If the answer is yes, then why?

These issues should be addressed and presented to the townspeople.

Another question needing an answer is, how can the Board authorize purchasing a truck with monies appropriated for the repair of the old truck without going to town meeting and without going out to bid if the purchase price is over \$4,000? No matter how good a deal it is, the Board has to remember that it is the servant of the town, and not the ruler of the town.

A decision has to be made no matter how distasteful it is. This won't be the first time it has happened and it won't be the last. One cannot let personal sentiment interfere with the good of the town. Otherwise, the town will be widely divided and the trust in town government will be lost and be hard to attain again.

Respectfully,
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CONNECTIONS

by
BONNIE WODIN

THE MUSACCHIO FAMILY

Sometimes people find their spot in the world and when they do, whatever they do, everything they do is right. Such a family is the Musacchio family.

Back in the Sixties, John's brother Andy found the land on the corner of Swamp Road and Colrain Stage Road ... on two corners in fact. The land included an abandoned tree farm. Andy, a youngster at the time, and his father Dominic bought the land in conjunction with their greenhouse business in Greenfield, the Greenfield Open Air Market. They walked the land and came to love it.

They began to manage the trees. As a family they built the log house on the southwest corner. Some time later Dominic bought the land on the southeast corner. The log house presided over by Dominic and Mafalda and the land itself became a focus of family activity. Says Wanda, John's wife, "When I first met John, I thought he lived in Heath because he spent so much time there."

When John and Wanda built their house on the southeast corner two years ago, it was a dream come true. John and Wanda designed it, and Dominic and John built it "night and day along with hired carpenters". "It was exciting," John said, "to clear the land, bring the wood to the mill. We were using the old traditions and our own lumber is in the cabinetry and trim." Dominic, who did the fine finish work, furniture and glass work, was a major contributor to the project. Recalls Wanda, "There's no coffee break with John and Dominic." The building took from June until Thanksgiving. And Mafalda fed and nurtured them though it all. Now John, Wanda, their daughter Sadie (18) and son Dominic (8) are resident caretakers.

John and Wanda are both drawn by a spiritual quality they find in Heath. It has become a sanctuary of sorts, a place of permanence for them. "I get excited every night when I drive up to Heath," confides John. Says Wanda, "I fell in love

with John and I fell in love with Heath at the same time. It all came in one package."

Wanda is now librarian at Rowe Elementary School where Nick is in the third grade. She remembers waiting for the bus with him shortly after their move from Greenfield when he exploded with, "Thank God for Heath". He didn't want to live in the hub-bub anymore. Now Nick says, "I just love the back-ground", and he loves his kittens, the forest, his friends, all the details of his life. Even Sadie, who faced moving in her junior year, has grown to love the privacy she finds here.

They treasure the intimacy of the community. "Even two or three miles away and they are still you neighbor." And yet the Musacchios recognize and enjoy the diversity of age groups and lifestyles they find here. They are pleased to have a personal impact on their community.

WERE YOU THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER?

One hour of chain saw work donated to the Annual Heath Union Church auction this past summer by Carroll Stowe has still not been claimed. The successful bidder for this generous offer has never stepped forward, and despite Carroll's efforts to locate the person, he or she has remained a mystery. If you know who made the bid at the auction or you are that person, please claim your one hour of chain saw work by calling Carroll Stowe at 337-4498.

HEATH COUNCIL ON AGING

by David Gibbons

Sheila Litchfield reports that the Council on Aging has received the State Formula Grant again this year. The \$630 of the Grant will go to the Library for more large print books and talking books.

Gordon E. Taylor d/b/a



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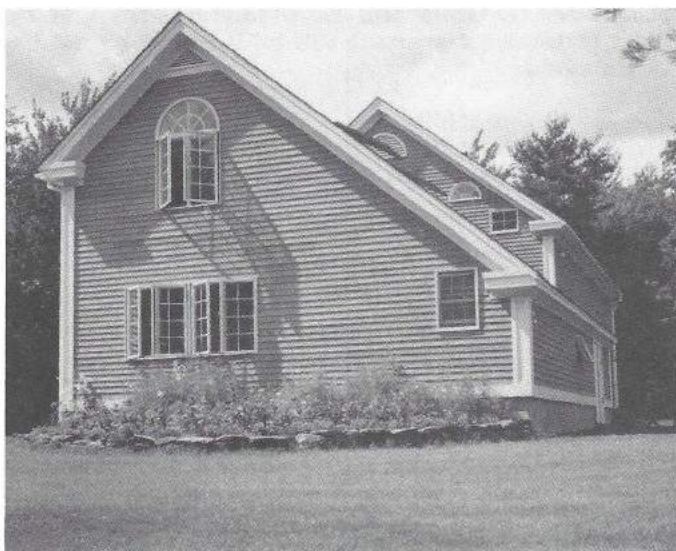
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The Way It Is In The Country

*"If it's old, works well and has a purpose in life,
don't change it".*

by **CARROLL STOWE**

The term 'dumb as' or 'as slow as an ox' has been around for many years, and to the uneducated these terms may seem true-but nothing could be less true.

The Clark family here in Heath are among the best to break cattle and train them to be steers, and in time, oxen. Bill Clark and his two sons, Nathan and Kyle, will take a pair of calves of most any breed and they will turn out a working pair of cattle that will work in the wood lot, the sugar bush or in the pulling pit.

Many pages could be written about the patience that all of the Clarks have when it comes to producing these working cattle.

People unaccustomed to the way cattle are controlled think that because these ox-men use a whip this constitutes abusive treatment, but this is far from true.

A whip is the contact that an ox person has with his yoke of cattle. The area of the animal's body that the lash makes contact with, plus the driver's voice command, tell the animal where to place himself and when to bear onto a load.

When like-thinking calves are taught to lead and get their voice commands learned, the learning process is a continuing thing. As the calves progress slowly they will receive new commands and build on them, thus the need for extreme patience and many hours of time.

Two years ago Bill and Kyle took 2 yoke of cattle to Washington, D.C. to show people about the use of working cattle. There were very few folks that saw Fred and Dick, Bill's cattle, and Ted and Toby, Kyle's cattle, perform for the week they were there that had any idea how privileged they were to have the opportunity to see working cattle.

The Clark cattle were shown logging in Rowe on T.V. this past winter. The WBZ PM Magazine came to Rowe one of the coldest days of the winter to film the program. Here again, the talent the Clark's have and use seem to be grossly short of appreciation.

To think of an ox as slow and dumb is to not understand them. On the skid road in the wood lot, or at work in the sugar bush, one can see and appreciate their speed and intelligence. Year after year folks faithfully attend ox pulls at various fairs, but the best pulls are always executed in the work-a-day life of a yoke of cattle. At every opportunity I try to encourage any and all who might need some wood lot, work done that they contact the Clark's and experience what a finished log job should look like.

I have written about the Clark's tremendous abilities with their, cattle both raising, training and working them, and in no way did I intend to take any credit from Roger Clark and Jason. Roger's talent is legend in the area and soon Jason will be in the woods and pull pit.

I can truly state that for all the professional ox pullers in the area I wish more time and talent could be expended in the pursuit of more useful tasks for these faithful beasts of burden. To those of you that do me the honor of reading this, I sincerely suggest that you try to schedule an appointment with the Clark's to watch their talent in application.

I wouldn't suggest this without first checking to see if a time could be agreed upon when your presence won't be a problem. As Smokey Bear says "Only you can prevent forest fires." and only you can keep oxen working.

I can state emphatically that I would be especially pleased to hear that this article resulted in a steady flow of requests and inquiries for jobs for oxen.

In some areas there are artists with a brush and colors. We in Heath have artists with oxen.

Photo by Dick Tower

ELECTION COVERAGE

by Todd Sumner

Two hundred ninety-six of Heath's three hundred ninety registered voters cast ballots on November 6. That works out to almost 76%, which was the eleventh highest percentage among Franklin County's twenty-six towns. Heath ranked third in West County.

In general, Republicans fared better than Democrats in town, winning eight of twelve partisan races. State Representative Jay Healy led the way, garnering 78% of the vote. The Weld/Cellucci ticket followed at 72%. Senator John Kerry got more votes than any other Democrat opposed by a Republican, beating Jim Rappaport 160-118. In the five open contests, those in which an incumbent was not running, Heath voters chose Republicans for Governor, Treasurer, and State Senator. They chose Democrats for Attorney General and County Commissioner.

Heath voters joined with the rest of the Commonwealth in abolishing the state census, making it easier for minor parties to get on the ballot, mandating that a certain percentage of state tax revenue be returned to cities and towns, and granting equal television and radio time to candidates. They were also in the mainstream when they rejected a petition to limit the state's use of consultants (Question 2). The tax-rollback petition (Question 3) got clobbered in town, losing 208-87.

All told, I don't see why Heath shouldn't be proud of its participation in this election. With three out of every four voters casting a ballot, one could call this a concerned electorate. In an age when political pundits and academics can make a living dissecting the body politic, it's refreshing to see that the process can still work, that people still believe their vote can make a difference.

(Statistics were compiled from *The Recorder* and the *West County News*)

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Green Thoughts

by

ELSA BAKALAR

At this writing (mid-November), I've just put the last garden to bed for the winter. And I don't mind telling you I didn't enjoy myself very much. Muffled up in sweaters, wearing extra socks and a woolen hat, I felt like the Michelin Tire man. The wind and the cold further paralyzed me, and a disloyal thought crossed my mind: perhaps I could be doing something else, something indoors; better still, something in a warm kitchen? I dismissed these craven thoughts and applied myself again to cutting down, raking and general cleaning up.

And then I saw them - thousands; well, hundreds; dozens, anyway - of tiny brown birds scurrying about under the long-past asters and black-eyed Susans. The seedheads above were skeletons already, but there was evidently a feast of seeds still on the ground. Seemingly unafraid, the little birds moved just ahead of me while, behind me, others clung to the tall seedheads of ligularia and snake-root. Feeling suddenly like a clumsy troublemaker in that garden, I remembered that for years I had been advising others to leave a little wildness in their gardens for birds, and that it wasn't bad advice, either; so I stopped.

All this is not to say there is nothing to be done in the garden in autumn. I had done the important things anyway, like cutting the peony foliage to the ground, and lifting the gladiolus and dahlias for storage over the winter months. There was one thing left to do, and that was pure pleasure - scatter some seed of annual poppies, larkspur, bachelors' buttons, and love-in-a-mist. For some reason, none of these do well for me if I seed them at the conventional time. But a late fall or early winter sowing gives me strong and lovely plants all summer.

Most stores have put away their seed racks for the year, but it may still be possible to buy a few packets from the big mail order seed houses, like Parks and Burpee (their 1991 catalogs are in the mail already). If snow comes (and let's hope it does this winter) before you get around to it - not to worry. Sprinkle the seeds on top of the snow; they'll make it, I promise. The only trouble - in a Heath winter with normal snow - might be remembering where the flower garden is.

The December issues of many garden magazines have tear-out cards for a lot of mail order plant and seed companies. Send for some. If you don't subscribe, check the library's magazine rack. Many nurseries charge for their catalogs; here are a couple that are free on request: Burpee and Co., Warminster, PA 18974 and Park Seed Co., Cokesbury Road, Greenwood, SC 29647. The pictures alone will help get you through the winter. Happy Holidays, and Think Green.

CHURCH NEWS

by Pastor Roger Peace

At the time I write this it is Thanksgiving week. All of us have so much to be thankful for - maybe we should make every day Thanksgiving? Our annual meeting was held just last week, and I believe a very exciting and successful meeting it was. On November 7 we began a Bible study entitled, "Examine the Evidence". We will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month, meeting now at the parsonage. On November 11 the youth group met to elect officers and set future plans. These young people have already agreed to help clear the paths for the ski race planned in February. I know you will be hearing more from them in the future. They are now planning a Christmas party for December 2.

Make sure you set aside Sunday, December 9 for the Gather-Round singers and the living Creche. The evening will begin at 4 PM. This year the *Heath Herald* will be handling the refreshments. The Sunday School is working on a musical for Christmas - scheduled for December 16 during the morning worship time. We will also be having our Christmas Eve Candlelight service December 24 at 7 PM. What a joyful and uplifting service this is; as we sing praises to God for the wonderful gift of His only Son - Jesus.

Yes, reflecting back and looking ahead, we have much to be thankful for. I want to say a special "Thank-you" to everyone who has been so willing to help in so many different ways. Let's make this entire holiday season one of Thanksgiving - to God.

May your holidays be filled with joy, peace, safety and love for Him and each other, and may it continue into the New Year.

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A PAGE FROM THE PAST:

THE PRIG FROM DELL

by Dr. Michael D. Coe

There is an interesting, instructive, and somewhat chilling story to be told about how Heath's "Dell", with its charming mill pond and dam, got its name. Its full name is "Holland's Dell", in honor of the most famous and financially successful writer in Victorian America: Josiah Gilbert Holland (1819-1881). Today few Americans have ever heard of this man. Why? Holland's story of meteoric success followed by post-mortem eclipse is told in Ed Calver's history of Heath and in a critical (in all senses of the word) 1940 biography by Harry Houston Peckham, and is worth further examination.

Holland was born in Belchertown, the son of Harrison Holland, a puritanically pious but totally improvident inventor and handyman. As Peckham says, "he (Holland) was conceived and suckled in Calvinistic piety". Harrison moved in 1822 to what was to be Dell, with his wife and children, including the 3-year old Josiah, and lived in a one-story house where he made wagon wheels for the carriage trade; but in 1832 he lost both his house and a 5-acre farm on a mortgage, and the 13-year old Josiah moved forever from Heath (the naming of this as his Dell was a retroactive tribute to his later fame, probably some time in the 1860's or 1870's).

On reaching maturity, the young Josiah decided to be a doctor (he was "Dr. Holland" all his life), and received a degree from Berkshire Medical College in Pittsfield, but practiced medicine in Massachusetts only until 1844. In 1847 he taught in a business college in Richmond, Virginia, then moved to Vicksburg, Mississippi, as Superintendent of Schools; notwithstanding his high moral stand about almost everything under the sun, Holland was out of sympathy with abolitionism and took a tolerant attitude towards slavery: he was quite unenthusiastic about Uncle Tom's Cabin. But Holland's inclination always led him towards the literary world, and in 1849 he returned to his native state and became assistant editor of the *Springfield Republican*, and later co-owner of the paper with Samuel Bowles.

Described in the sources as a kindly man with tall, erect figure, his black eyes and straight black hair gave him the appearance of an Indian chief, as his granddaughter Theodora Ward tells us; she also says that "his moral principles were as unyielding as an outcrop of rock in a New England pasture". In the house of Josiah and his wife Elizabeth, whiskey and cardplaying were unknown, and going to the theatre or prize fights forbidden. The Hollands clearly disapproved of the wine-tipping, smoking Bowles, but they got along famously with the Amherst poetess Emily Dickinson, whose correspondence with Elizabeth lasted until Emily's death in 1886 (these letters are currently the great man's only claim to fame).

Holland's strict principles carried over into his literary career. Under the pseudonym "Timothy Titcomb" he wrote articles giving moral advice to young bachelors, young maidens, and young married people, and this name became famous in household throughout the United States. I checked out a collection of these essays from the Yale Library, and they are pretty awful; I would certainly not advise any feminist to read them! At the same time, Holland was writing poetry, having instant success in 1858 with Bitter-Sweet, a saccharine narrative poem about

New England life that sold in larger numbers than any other American poem except Hiawatha! He was also writing novels full of his usual didactic moralizing, beginning with The Bay-Path, a tale of early Springfield drawn from materials which he had compiled in his History of Western Massachusetts (this is probably the only example of his prose still checked out of public libraries).

His literary success put him in great demand on the lecture circuit, where he specialized in right-minded homilies not very different from his "Timothy Titcomb" articles. To give an instance of his huge popularity, in January 1872 he lectured in the Opera House of Columbus, Ohio, where Mark Twain -- probably the greatest public speaker of the 19th century -- had spoken six nights earlier. Twain only received half as much newspaper attention as Holland!

In 1870, Holland moved to that den of iniquity, New York City, where he helped establish and became editor of *Scribner's Monthly*, editing this until his much-lamented death in 1881. Here he had a chance to express his critical opinions to a very wide audience. His fellow authors Henry James and W. D. Howells were airily dismissed as presenting "the lighter social topics and types". He detested certain other contemporaries, and stated

"... when the genuine geniuses of this period shall be appreciated at their full value ... their countrymen will have ceased discussing Poe and Thoreau and Walt Whitman."

Holland praised Longfellow as superior to both Byron and Poe, and thought the world of that fellow moralizer, Whittier. But his greatest enthusiasm was reserved for an English novelist named George MacDonald who now resides in the same literary oblivion as Holland himself.

When Holland died in 1881 and was buried under an elaborate obelisk in the Springfield Cemetery, the American newspapers were crowded with encomiums. He was the greatest American author of all time. Who now reads him? And what has happened to the reputation of his fellow American, the cigar-smoking, hard-drinking, profane, and irreverent Sam Clemens, whose life, opinions, and stories must have staggered the priggish Holland? Twain is one of history's immortals, and even if he couldn't command Holland's immense audiences or match his commercial success, he surely has had the last laugh on this prig from Dell.

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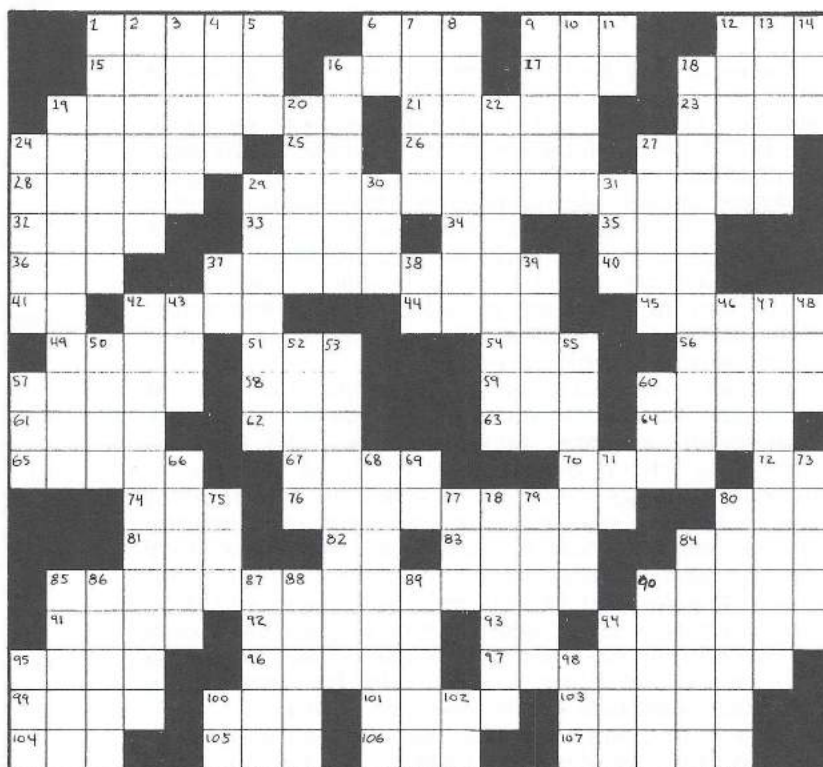
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6. 1105
9. ____ Angelico (Guido di Pietro)
12. Hasten
15. Caution
16. French artist, painter, illustrator (1833-1883)
17. "The Woman in ____"
18. Parisian pop
19. Old World rodent
21. Songwriters' org.
23. Soviet Sea
24. Writes in a dull, tiresome style
25. Before meals, to a pharmacist
26. Bucky Beaver's toothpaste
27. Dick and Jane's dog
28. Find one atop a helicopter
29. 1-772-2133
32. Founded New Harmony, Indiana
33. ____ Lisa
34. Find one in the ER
35. The lion
36. Iron lead-in
37. The 3rd weekend in August
40. Affirmative
41. Ocean vessel (abbr.)
42. Dread
44. Fernando, Duke of ____ (conqueror of Portugal)
45. Father of alternating current
49. Owl sound
51. Knight's title
54. Furnish weapons
56. Tax collector's recourse
57. British saltpeter
58. Pindar's Forte
59. Meadow
60. Annie's dog
61. "Thanks ____!"
62. Born
63. Male or female
64. A ship's timber
65. Endow with favor
67. ____ Cranston
70. Sagacious
72. Einsteinium (symbol)
74. Noah's second son
76. Heath Fire and Police ID number
80. Landing craft
81. Nigerian language
82. Curie (abbr.)
83. A charge
84. Challenge
85. Where the old dump is located
90. Chocolate beverage
91. Earthenware pot
92. Recent movie about WWII Greece
93. French article
94. An informal gathering
95. "Der ____"
96. Early Sanskrit
97. Joined up
99. Actor Calhoun
100. Write
101. Price
103. Choir voices
104. Jeff Davis' org.
105. Vita brevis est, ____ longa
106. ____ Anne de Beaupre
107. Begin

HEATH CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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1. Darted
2. Leavitt's title
3. Abalone shell
4. Old autos
5. Electrostatic unit
6. Show me state, USPS style
7. Roger __, 49'ers rusher
8. Evening prayer book
9. Senegalese cash
10. Make requital
11. Commercial
12. Seen in 18 down
13. Angry
14. Snakelike fish
16. Passable
18. Heath's largest body of water
19. Bray Road
20. American or Western
22. Man-eaters
24. Malayan sailboats
27. Bed covering
29. The family in Heath's famous portrait
30. College cheer
31. Wield, practice or traverse
37. Funny sound
38. The fourth tone
39. Peepshow
42. The Heath garrison
43. Summer in Nice
46. Trigonometric function
47. Creamery Ave.
48. Some
50. Slovan language
52. Thoughts
53. Put back into office
55. Heath's own Hugh

DOWN CONT.

57. Collar
60. Draft org.
66. Native-born Israeli
68. The science of electronics and aeronautics
69. Neon (symbol)
71. Not out
73. Me, in Rouen
77. Utmost
78. A dressing table
79. Woman's name
80. Filmiest
84. Profession of father in 29 down
85. Machetes
86. Extreme
87. Not ever
88. Valleys
89. Sent tobacco to Catherine de Medicis
90. A rib
94. Sedimentary material
95. A portion of a circle
98. Vegas
100. A kettle
102. Selenium (symbol)

LIBRARY LINES

by Alli Thane

The holidays are upon us and we have a good selection of craft books to use. Now is the time to find ideas for Christmas baking and craft-making.

Rhodesa Peace continues to keep our library bright with decorations for each month and holiday.

Helen Mackie donated a wonderful selection of Sesame Street cassettes-with-books for children. These are something new for our library and much appreciated.

New books since the last *Heath Herald*:

Crockett's Flower Garden, James Crockett
Harvest, Belva Plain

The Edge of Light, Joan Wolf

The Book of Beads, Janet Coles

The Perfect Resume, Tom Jackson

Plains of Passage, Jean Auel

Christmas Keepsakes, Leisure Arts

Cardinal of Virtue, Andrew Greeley

Into the Darkness, Barbara Michaels

Message from Nam, Danielle Steele

Black Candle, Catherine Cookson

Essential Guide to Prescription Drugs, 1990

Longshot, Dick Francis

Mayo Clinic Health Book

Rabbit at Rest, John Updike

Memories of Midnight, Sidney Sheldon

The Women in his Life, Barbara Taylor Brad ford

Babar's Birthday Surprise, DeBrunhoff

Berenstein Bears and the Prize Pumpkin, Jan

and Stan Berenstein

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MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

by Valerie Belval

Did you know there are only seven months left of school? The first quarter is already over and everyone I have talked with has been pretty satisfied with their classes.

The sports have been successful. The overall outcome of fall sports this year is as follows: Varsity Field Hockey - five wins, five losses and two ties; Football - four wins, four losses, and one tie; Girls' Soccer - eleven wins and three losses which put them into the tournament. They lost the tournament but still came through standing sturdy at eleven wins and four losses. Boys' Soccer - no wins, thirteen losses and one tie; Girls' Cross Country - ten wins, no losses; Boys' Cross Country - five wins and five losses; Volleyball - five wins and fifteen losses; Junior Varsity Field Hockey - six wins, four losses and one tie; Middle School Football - four wins and three losses; Soccer - one win, nine losses and two ties. Good job this season, athletes. Keep up the good work!

I would also like to thank the people who made the Halloween Party a success. Thank you Debbie Crowningshield, Dolly Churchill, Sue Croteau, Donna Hyytinen and Donna Tanner. I would also like to thank my helpers from the area: Jenny Gulyban, Theresa Shattuck, April and Justinia Tanner. Without your time and energy put into this it would have never been a success.

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HONOR ROLL

Seniors - Honors: Christine Gilbert; Juniors - Honors: John Tuturice; Sophomore - Honors: Theresa Shattuck; Freshmen - Honors: Chris Hyytinen; 8th grade - Honors: James Cerone, Mary Tuturice; 7th grade - Honors: Jeremy Gilbert, Tara Kuehl and Nicole Rainville.

NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY

by David Gibbons

The first trimester ended just before Thanksgiving with the inevitable exams. Students are now (eagerly?) awaiting their results and grades.

The next few weeks, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, are going to be very busy ones. On December 14 and 15 we will be putting on a Chaucerian Madrigal Dinner. This is a major, co-operative effort of the school community. Steve Morganelli is, as usual, coordinating the food; Todd Sumner and his creative writing group are scripting the evening; Pat McKay and art students are transforming the recital hall and Jayne Dane is working with both singers and instrumentalists on the music. It promises to be a wonderful couple of evenings.

The following week will see the Academy host the local senior citizens for a Christmas dinner, an annual event that is much enjoyed by both the senior citizens and the students.



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ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Philip O'Reilley, Principal

Health Education used to mean learning that germs cause disease and memorizing the four food groups. However, times have changed, and so have the needs of our children.

One of the health-related topics we teach in all grades at Rowe School presently is drug and alcohol abuse. To assist us with that effort, we have decided to participate in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. The D.A.R.E. program will be taught by Officer Steven Walker of Buckland who will be spending quite a few hours with our present sixth graders. Steve will attempt to further the children's knowledge about drugs while also talking to the children about the choices that they will be forced to make as they grow older. Steve is excited about his upcoming work in the school. He looks forward to the contact that he will have with our sixth graders.

The D.A.R.E. program is a nationally recognized program which each of the district's elementary schools presently uses.

The Playground Committee here at school is presently discussing ways we can improve the playground and fields. This group of parents met recently and brainstormed ideas for possible changes. Suggestions included improving the diamond of our baseball field, building new benches and also fixing our backstop. Other suggestions included adding on to our wooden structure, using the blacktop for various activities, and looking into the drainage problem in the yard.

The Enrichment Committee has also met to discuss possible enrichment activities for the students. The committee has reviewed many dance, theatre, music and science touring programs that could be presented at the school in late winter and spring. Each member of the committee has established two choices for possible events. These choices will be shared with the students and they will help the committee and the P.T.P. decide which events would be sponsored by the P.T.P.

Artist-in-residence Susan Boss has recently spent several hours with the children in Grades Three and Four. She has been working on a visual arts program with the children (sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council). Each child has designed and created an object made from 100 percent recycled materials. These will be on display at Rowe School for a while. In addition, children will have the opportunity to travel to Greenfield to view Ms. Boss' and other area artists' works.

Musician in residence Debbie Friedlander has recently spent three mornings working with the children in Grades Four, Five and Six. Debbie and each classroom composed their own song. Each song was then performed at an all school assembly.

Debbie is known throughout the area for her work with children. She has released an album which includes songs recently composed by other young students with whom she has conducted residencies.

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ROWE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

by Tremus Thompson

An ambitious new after school-project has been formed at the Rowe School. It is the Rowe School Drama Club. The club was started by Tremus Thompson, who has been residing in Heath with her husband and two children for the past four years. Mrs. Thompson, with the valuable help of Donna Tanner, also from Heath, will meet every Monday from 3:15 to 5 PM at Rowe School to give students an opportunity to learn to work together as a whole. The students will also learn the importance they have to one another in attaining goals. Mrs. Thompson's first goal is helping students utilize their individual creativity. The students, on the other hand, just want to have fun, but after a unanimous vote by the students to produce and star in the musical *The Wizard of Oz*, they have just barely started to realize how much work will have to come from each of them in order to fulfill their ambitious goal. The Drama Club wishes to invite anyone wishing to participate in any aspect of the upcoming production to please call Mrs. Thompson. We need a seamstress, assistance with scenery, and most desperately, a PIANIST. Mrs. Thompson has stated that you need not be a Liberace, but if you could donate your services for even one hour a week to help these students realize their goal, the reward of seeing thirty students blossom on opening night would be reward in itself. We could also use at least two other adults wishing to just be of general help to the students and we most certainly can work out an amicable time schedule. The time and day of the final performance will be in late March. Again, anyone wishing to participate in this innovative program, especially a PIANIST, please call Mrs. Thompson at 337-5775 between 9 AM and 10 PM.

HEATH PUBLIC PRESCHOOL NEWS

by David Gibbons

Four residents of the Anchorage Nursing Home, including Hannah Burrington, recently enjoyed a Thanksgiving snack at the preschool. The children made a tablecloth and centerpiece and also decorated napkins for the event. They also worked together on a pie for the event.

Fundraising efforts continue. Two upcoming events are craft fairs at Hawlemont School on December 1 and at the Heath Community Hall on December 8. The preschool will have tables at both events and will be selling bird houses, Christmas ornaments, jewelry and used toys.

Michele Cutter, the local Avon salesperson, has also announced that she will donate all profits from the sale of bubble bath and calendars to the preschool between now and Christmas.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN WRITE COVENANT

by Phillip O'Reilly, Principal

Children in Readiness/One through Grades Six have recently completed writing the Rowe School Covenant. This covenant is the result of several hours of work on the part of two or three children from each classroom and is a statement about how all people should act at Rowe Elementary School.

Last summer, I wrote to all students requesting volunteers for various jobs. Approximately 14 children volunteered to become this year's group of covenant writers. These children met and organized during the first week of school, deciding they needed to work with their own classroom peers in order to get the ideas for the school's first covenant. They met with their own classrooms, and then met as a group several more times, drafting this agreement. Finally, a product was agreed upon by all members of the group and teacher Karen Fournier transcribed it into calligraphy. It was then mounted and each person at the school had an opportunity to sign it. The covenant will be placed in the main foyer for the entire school year.

ROWE SCHOOL COVENANT

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We understand that when we say, do and think what we want, we need to be considerate of other's emotions and physical feelings.

We act honestly. We act respectably.

We listen and we try to understand peoples' ideas.

We discuss problems face to face without "fists" or "feet".

We use common sense when we don't know what to do.

We know if we want to keep a friend, we need to be a friend. We know if we want to be trusted, we need to be trusting.

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CHILDREN FROM ROWE SCHOOL CREATE NEW JOB

by Phillip O'Reilly, Principal

Children in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 have had the opportunity to do a job which no one else in the district has ever had the opportunity to do. Several students from each of these grades have become volunteer bus buddies. These older children have befriended younger students from Kindergarten and Readiness/One and have helped them adjust to being at school and riding the bus.

During the summer, sixteen students completed an application for the job of "Bus Buddy". These children met early in the school year and wrote a job description. Meanwhile, parents of younger children were told about the older helpers. Eventually, older students were matched with younger students.

Besides escorting children to and from school, older 'buddies' help teach the younger 'buddies' the rules at school. They may comfort them if problems arise. They may play with them at recess, but they are careful not to intrude or become bossy. As one older 'buddy' recently said, "We are not their mother or father ... we are their friend!"

The Bus Buddy program has been quite successful in easing fears of younger students at Rowe School this year. It has also given older children at the school a chance to feel good about themselves and the important job that they perform. HATS OFF TO A JOB WELL DONE!

AUSTRALIA PROJECT AT ROWE SCHOOL

by Phillip O'Reilly, Principal

The staff and students at Rowe Elementary School will be involved in a unit of study on Australia from January 28, 1991 to February 15, 1991. We are seeking volunteers who have knowledge of Australia to come in to share their expertise with us, as well as anyone willing to give time working with children on various projects we might be doing the second and third weeks. If you are able to assist us in any way, please call the school at 339-4734 and speak to Mrs. Cetto or Mrs. Johnson.

Also, several copies of *National Geographic's* February, 1979 and February, 1988 issues are needed for a class project. Anyone who can donate these issues is asked to contact Stacie Mackie at 337-4824.

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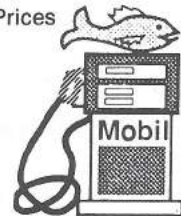
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Budge Litchfield

First, a big thank-you to everyone who voted no on question 3. Your support is greatly appreciated. Second, we hope that the cancellation of our November 6 meeting did not inconvenience anyone. With no power in the Community Hall and Sawyer Hall full of voters we really had no choice but to cancel. All in all October and November have been relatively quiet months. The preschool is open and adjusting to both budget cuts and the existence of a side-by-side type special education program in its midst. Rowe School is running smoothly although we will all miss Charlene Moffatt who has resigned as school nurse to take another school nurse position. The sixth grade is busy fundraising for their Washington trip. It's a big class, so please help them out any way you can.

The big news in Long Range Planning is that the long anticipated financial analysis is finished. David Newell has done an excellent and very thorough job. The fall financial analysis will be presented in the Regional School District Planning Board's final report, so I won't summarize it here. The Board has received and begun discussing the analysis. Town officials from Heath and Rowe (Selectmen, Finance and School Committees) received copies before Thanksgiving and attended a meeting to discuss the whole regional question on Wednesday, November 28.

THE MILLER'S SON

by Deidre Gleason, Grade 2

Once upon a time, long, long ago, there was a miller. That miller had three sons. One son was named Edward. He was the youngest and his brothers always picked on him.

Once day the miller died of old age. The oldest son took the house. The second son took the mill and all that was left for the third son was the mittens. "What good are mittens?" said Edward. The mittens understood all that the third son said. They said, "Well, you will see how good we are. You will see only if you will let us show you what we can do." "All right," said Edward. So they showed him what they could do.

They said, "Give us a bag and some feathers and you will see what we can do." They went off to the King.

The King loved the feathers and the mittens said, "These feathers came from our master." "Tell your master that I thank him very much and tell your master that I give him these clothes," said the King.

So the mittens went back to their master and said, "See what we can do? We made a golden suit for you." Their master said, "Thank you," and he put it on and went off to the King.

The King said, "Hello, how do you like your golden suit?" "I like it a lot!" said Edward. "Well, that's good that you like it too. It looks good on you."

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MTR MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

by Christine Gilbert

The Mohawk Middle School held its 10th Anniversary production, *Oliver*, on November 16-18.

The assistant director, Willow Cohen, said the play was a "big success". The tickets were almost sold out at the Sunday afternoon performance. Willow felt that the students worked well together and they basically put the play on themselves, that she was just there to assist them. Nicholas Waynelovich, the director of *Oliver* said the play was "the best ever".

Heath students that participated in the play were: Emily Nichols as Mrs. Corney, Nicole Rainville as a street person. Joel Porter-DeVriese was a stage manager and took care of tickets, John Tulerice was the assistant stage manager, Jeremiah Venneri was behind the scenes on the stage crew. Seth Brower, Melissa Gilbert, Lauren Kuehl, Gregory Nichols, Bryony Richter, Donna Tanner, Benjamin Cerone, Carrie Croteau, Amy Decker, Colin Gruen, Caroline Kaiser, Tucker Litchfield, Justin Lively, Magen MacDougall, Cory Rothwell, Janice Shattuck, Jason Vandeboncoeur, and Cammie Jo Wickline were among those in the 5th and 6th grade cast as orphans.

ABOUT MY DOG

by Christina Beaudoin, Grade 3

My dog was a Welsh Corgy. Her name was Cassy. She was very important to me. I loved her more than horseback riding.

We had lots of fun together. We ran together without a leash. In the truck she always wiped her cute, wet nose on the window.

Once during hunting season my dad was driving in his truck. Accidentally he hit Cassy. Luckily Brian Crowingshield's dad was behind my dad and stopped and picked Cassy up and laid Cassy on the side of the road. Then he stopped and told my dad.

I was at Olin's house playing trucks. My dad came down in the truck. Cassy was in her kennel on the front seat. I got in the truck and we drove off. I started to cry. When we got to the vet's, me and my dad got Cassy out. Cassy had to spend the night. I said "Good-bye" to Cassy and got in the truck. I started to cry again. I said, "I'll never love another dog more than Cassy if she dies."

The next morning we went to pick Cassy up. She was sore for awhile, but she got better so I was very happy.

One day I was invited to David Smead's house, so I went to his house and we played for awhile. Pretty soon it was night time. I was with my sister and my best friend, Sara Bess. We were going to sleep in the camping trailer.

My mom came over in the truck, crying. I said, "What's wrong?" My mom said, "Cassy is dead." I burst into tears. I left my sister. When we got home, I said I needed to see Cassy. When we were almost to where Cassy was laying, I let go of my mom's hand and screamed and ran away. I called my dad on the telephone to come and bury Cassy at his house. I wanted to bury her there because we were together there most of the time before my mom and dad were divorced. We buried her under an apple tree. She always climbed up into that tree and we could not find her. Now everytime I put flowers where she has been buried, I cry and cry.

CHRISTMAS PAST & PRESENT

by Marcella R. Lively

I hold in my memory many wonderful times
of Christmas Holidays past
when my family was young.
How excited they would be, eyes shining brightly
with hope in their hearts that whatever was under
the tree
was their hearts' delight!
Though our household holds one less son, visible
to us now,
he is always with us at Christmas time, at our
family table,
in the goodies and treats, in the opening of the
gifts,
the passing out of which is taken over by his
brother, Matthew.
Two more have been added since Malvin passed on,
Alexander and Maria, delightful gifts from God!
Yes, Malvin, you are very much missed,
but you dwell with us together in our memories,
at Christmastime, and other times, too, when love
is
among us, and for all eternity!
Actually, it is more than a memory, it is for real,
you see
Malvin hasn't forgotten us at all!
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLISHES GRAVESTONE RECORDS

by Pegge Howland

The Heath Historical Society is happy to announce that the long-awaited book Heath Gravestone Records has been published and is now available.

Originally started as a Heath Bicentennial project in 1985 by the Society, the effort was adopted and carried forward by Newland Smith.

The actual transcription of the gravestone inscriptions and epitaphs was done by a number of dedicated Heathens, including Esther and Ralph Dickinson, Betty and Carol Eldridge and Caroline Smith. Newland then compiled the records in a computer database, prepared maps of the cemeteries in town and arranged to have the 160 page document published. It is a beautiful job and we are indebted to Newland for his perseverance in seeing the project through to completion!

The book is arranged into two sections - a sequential listing by cemetery, and an alphabetical listing by name. These gravestone records will be of immense value to the town, family historians, genealogists and other researchers. Copies of Heath Gravestone Records can be purchased from the Heath Historical Society for \$18 (\$20 by mail). Send your orders to the attention of Pegge Howland.

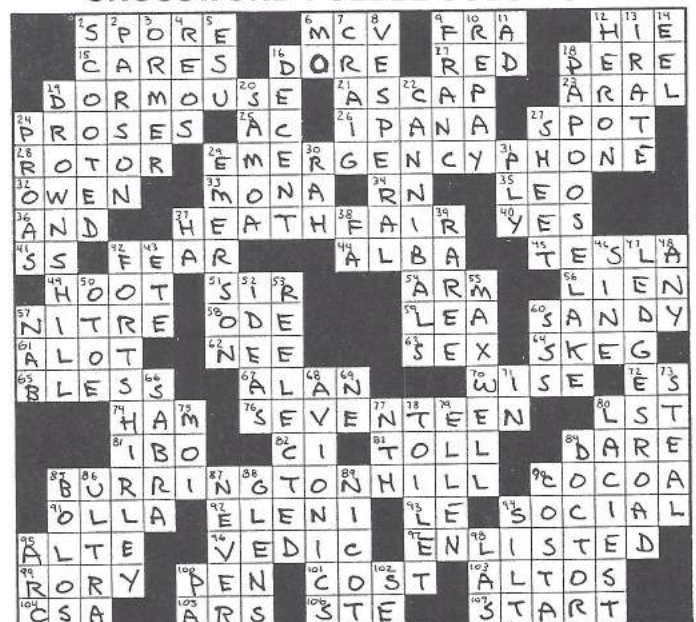
HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

by Todd Sumner, Secretary

After getting rained out once, the annual Fall Hike took place on October 20. Led by the ever-adventurous Mike Coe, the party trekked over portions of the old Mohawk Trail. The weather was not completely cooperative, so the views from Spruce Mountain were not as spectacular as they might have been. This annual hike is co-sponsored by the Rowe Historical Society.

The Historical Society invites one and all to join in the Christmas tree-lighting ceremony on December 9. Our co-sponsors for this holiday afternoon are the Heath Union Church and the Heath Herald. Other events include a concert by the Gather 'Round Singers and another staging of the Living Creche.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Earl Gleason, Chief

Twelve emergencies were responded to during the period. On September 23 seven personnel responded to aid Charlemont ambulance at a motorcycle accident on Route 8A. An unusual event at Yankee Atomic on September 27 triggered a response by the Civil Defense Director. This turned out to be an extremely small coolant leak. Six personnel on October 7 assisted Charlemont ambulance at a head injury on Flagg Hill Road. There was another unusual event at Yankee Atomic, again a small coolant leak, on October 15. Also a tree on the wires on A. L. Stetson Road that same day resulted in notifying the power company after investigation. A fire at the warehouse at American Fiber & Finishing at Griswoldville resulted with six firefighters and Engine III spending 2 1/4 hours standing by at the Colrain station. Ten personnel spent various amounts of time on November 6 putting up barricades and investigating trees on wires at several locations in town. In the middle of this incident, the firefighters were called to a chimney fire in Colrain as their department was involved in another incident. A structure fire on Colrain Stage Road resulted in considerable damage to the contents and some structural damage to a studio/barn. This November 12 fire was fought by 38 firefighters from Heath, Charlemont and Colrain. Engine I and II responded from Heath, with an engine from Charlemont and a tanker from Colrain. Rowe covered our station with an engine. Early morning of November 15 saw five personnel aid Charlemont ambulance on Hosmer Road with a lady with severe back pains. The next afternoon 2 engines and eight men responded to West Branch Road to a home where a light fixture had exploded and was smoking. Four personnel aided Charlemont ambulance on November 19 with a lady who had fallen at her Burrington Road home.

The biennial Yankee Atomic Radiological Emergency Response Drill was held on September 25. Eight personnel responded to this drill which lasted about seven hours. During the period the junior firefighters met on four occasions and two full department drills were conducted. On October 20 and 21 a weekend fire school was held in Dover, VT. Bob Giard, Ed Croteau, and Keith Sherman completed the rookie course. Bob Dane, Budge Litchfield, and James Thane took the 2 and 3 man firefighting course, and Mike Smith and Ken Thane completed the Fire Investigation course. Also Budge and Bob Gruen attended four evening courses in South Deerfield.

Several firefighters were seen climbing chimneys on November 3 and 4. Grimy faces attested to the fact that some of the chimneys must be somewhat cleaner. Remember that just because we cleaned your chimney, you still may have a chimney fire. Constant cleaning and proper operation are also

needed.

The Chief conducted 5 inspections and permits were granted. Two local Civil Defense meetings were attended and ten various meetings out of town of which the most interesting was the organizational meeting of Call/Volunteer Firefighters. This meeting was held in West Boylston, MA. This is an organization formed to represent and promote the welfare of part-time firefighters on a state level. 90 departments and over 3,000 firefighters were represented at this meeting. It is interesting to note that we in Massachusetts are just starting and the Vermont Volunteer Firefighters Association celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1989.

As a closure, I would like to call to your attention the tremendous amount of time your volunteer firefighters give. The activities (from 1-1-90 to 11-20-90) include emergency responses: 47, non-emergency responses 15, 10 fire schools, 32 drills, and numerous work bees and equipment checks.

To put this in perspective, it equals 2-4 forty hour weeks of time put in by each of your active volunteers. I hope you will share in my appreciation for this dedication.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Chuck Mackie

The past two months have been busy for the Heath Finance Committee. Working with the Selectmen and the Town Clerk, another Article was placed on a Special Town Meeting agenda clarifying the expansion of the Finance Committee membership from three to five. This was in response to a suggestion by the State Elections Division. The Article was approved and the Town Clerk has asked the Attorney General's office for review and approval.

Frank Rocchi and the writer attended all day sessions at the Annual Association of Finance Committees in Framingham, and at the STAM Budget Workshop in Northampton in the past month. Ideas, programs and frustrations were shared among representatives from all over the Commonwealth concerning the economy.

Our last two regularly scheduled meetings were very informative, thanks to the efforts and cooperation of Don Dekker, who outlined for us the role of the board of Assessors, followed by a productive exchange of ideas; and at our last meeting Budge Litchfield and Frank Brower brought us up to date on the status of the School Committee efforts, from preschool through High School. Particular emphasis was placed on the Elementary School options available to the Town, and the "progress" being made in this regard. It is believed that the next month or two will be critical for the Town deliberations with the Town of Rowe to reach a possible accord for elementary education and the Mohawk School District in a revision to the Regional format of education as it now stands.

The next Finance Committee meeting is December 3, at which time the Town Treasurer, Town Accountant, and Tax Collector will be our guests.

Preliminary budget preparation will begin all over again for the next Fiscal Year, in cooperation with the Board of Selectmen, in about two months. In the meantime, we, like all other communities, are awaiting State action to release Highway Funds, in the form of Cherry Sheet monies to help us balance the present budget.



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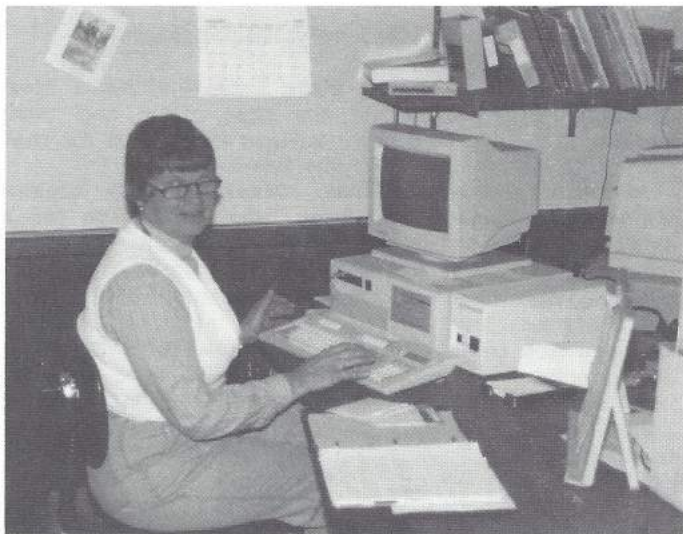
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY/ TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

by June Day

I started spending my mornings (and some afternoons) at the town office on September 4 in my new capacity as Administrative Secretary/Town Accountant. As a newcomer to Heath I am enjoying the opportunity of getting acquainted, and as an apprentice in town government, I am learning much about the complexity of running a town.

Being Administrative Secretary involves working with our fine selectmen, taking the minutes, and providing research and secretarial support on current activities. Please take advantage of the minutes posted in the Post Office hallway and at Peters Store so that you can observe and comment upon the wide-ranging issues discussed by our selectmen.

As Town Accountant I prepare the warrant on the bills and payroll to be paid that week for the selectmen's approval. Municipal (fund) accounting is certainly a challenge. My aim is to become familiar with all aspects. The Balance Sheet is completed and submitted to the state. Schedule A, which is an operating statement recorded on a 50-page form, looms large and is the next task.



**JUNE DAY: NEW ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY/TOWN ACCOUNTANT**
(Photo by Mike Peters)

HEATH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

by Bill Lattrell

During the last two months, the Heath Conservation Commission reviewed two Notices of Intent, and one Request for Determination. The two Notices were filed by James Cerone on behalf of two families wishing to build on their Number Nine Road lots. Both applications were for work to be done in the 100 foot discretionary buffer zone. One of the applications was approved with modifications to increase the setback from the adjacent wetland. The other was approved with no alterations.

A Request for Determination was filed by a family on Avery Brook Road. The applicant wished to put an addition on the existing residence within the 100 foot discretionary buffer zone of a brook. The Conservation Commission determined that there would be no potential harm to the resource areas with the erection of a siltation barrier. A negative determination was therefore issued.

We are aware of several Notices of Intent coming before our Commission this winter. If any resident of Heath is planning any work near a wetland resource area next spring, please contact us early to prevent your project from being delayed. No work may begin under the State or Town By-Law provisions until the application and the processing is complete.

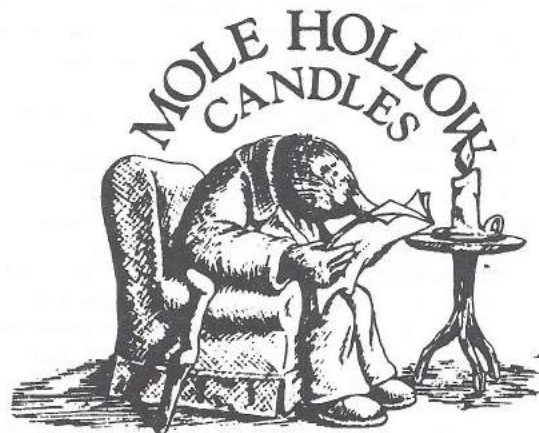
The Conservation Commission wishes all Heath residents a healthful and happy holiday season. We encourage all to brighten this festive season with outdoor walks. Heath has much beauty to behold.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

by David Gibbons

Bud Kaempfer reports that even though it is almost six months into the new sticker year there are still a lot of people in town who haven't purchased their FY91 sticker. Everyone who has trash that ends up in the transfer station needs a sticker, even if someone else brings it.

With Christmas coming up, a reminder that the transfer station will not accept old Christmas trees.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

by Art Schwenger

With the continuing agenda-setting and organizational effort of the chairman and the capable assistance of the Accountant/Selectman's Administrative Secretary, good progress has been made in the decision-making, implementation and follow-through of numerous issues that have come before the Board. Some of the developments are listed below:

The box culverts on Colrain Stage Road are now installed and guard rails are being placed. Paving will take place next year which will complete this major road-building project.

Engineering studies for three more culverts have been contracted with the Dufresne-Henry Company. These culverts would replace old and damaged bridges on Avery Brook Road. Grants under the State's small bridge repair program will then be sought to pay for the project.

The Selectmen voted to participate in mercury "button" battery recycling. In an effort to reduce mercury emissions at the incinerator where our trash is taken, these small items must be removed from the solid waste stream. The batteries are the small button-sized batteries used for hearing aids, cameras and watches. A container will be placed at the transfer station for disposal by our recycling company. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

The Selectmen are still exploring recycling of plastics.

Revised Personnel Policies were finalized and distributed to town employees.

Robert Giard was hired to fill the vacancy on the highway department left by Michael Devers-Scanlon.

The Selectmen requested the Assessors to issue estimated tax bills to help speed up the town's revenue flow and reduce the amount of borrowing needed.

A report of the town's financial status was prepared and submitted November 1 in an effort to secure \$53,000 in FY91 of Equal Education Opportunity funding (EEO). We are now waiting on a decision by the state. This effort involved considerable time and energy by the School Committee, the Selectmen, the Treasurer, the Accountant, the Superintendent of Schools and School Business Manager. Among other things, we're keeping our fingers crossed.

A new plan is being tried for handling the town's sand and salt used for snow removal. In an effort to keep as much under cover as possible, smaller quantities will be ordered and storage and mixing will take place inside the Salt Shed.

The Selectmen are still in search of a new dog officer for the town.

Alicia Tripp was appointed as Heath's representative to the Carl Nilman Scholarship Fund. Karen MacDougal was appointed tax collector. Linda Marcotte was appointed assistant tax collector.

June Day completed and submitted the balance sheet to get our certified free cash statement. The books are up to date. With her help, the Selectmen's minutes are now more comprehensive and posted in Sawyer Hall on a more timely basis.

The Board has appreciated the continuing support and involvement of the citizens in the multitude of activities in our little town. The Board wishes you a safe and unstressful holiday season.



DOHN SHERMAN AND FRED LIVELY
WORK ON GUARD RAIL INSTALLATION
ON COLRAIN STAGE ROAD
(Photo by Mike Peters)

HEATH POST OFFICE NEWS

by Marcella R. Lively, Postmistress

I was quite surprised after I arrived home from Springfield to learn that our post office had been broken into. My daughter-in-law, Moni, told me that Debbie Gilbert called with the news.

It could have been worse. Other than the broken window, no damage had been done, and save for a small C.O.D. package, nothing was taken, or rifled with! Of course, I felt bad for the loss of the package, but was thankful that no one was hurt or that no money was lost!

There are talks going on with the U.S.P.S. about our contract renewal, which has been long in coming, and perhaps installing another set of lock boxes, which is sorely needed. Also, the Selectmen have been discussing ways in which our security could be tightened up.

I wish at this time to thank the Selectmen for their granting me a nice safe of my own, and also thanks to Debbie Gilbert, who so readily steps in for me when I feel a vacation coming on or when I get my finger caught in the Ladies Room door!



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POLICE REPORT

by Guy Silvester, Chief

This fall has been extremely busy for the Heath Police Department. We have responded to accidents, house breaks, domestic problems, storm damage, medical emergencies and deerjacking. We have also assisted the District Attorney's Office on investigations concerning the Town of Heath. This activity has resulted in grand jury indictments, court summons, motor vehicle citations and one arrest.

The last two months have also seen the 1984 police cruiser break down on two occasions. These two mechanical problems left the Town without a police cruiser for a total of eight days. The cruiser is currently operating, but its age is apparently starting to show.

In addition to the above we have also done the usual paper work, court duties and issued firearm permits as required.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

by Don Dekker

Since the town's budget was imbalanced due to State funding unknowns, we had to send out Estimated Tax Bills. This means we used the same property valuation and tax rate from last year. The new valuation and rate will be reflected in the bills due in the spring. We did revise the personal property taxes for the town which will be reflected also. We thank the townspeople who sent in the forms. Much thanks to Wendy Luckhurst for faxing forms to the State and dealing so patiently with all the bureaucratic barriers.

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PERCS, PERMITS AND TRANSFERS

PERC TESTS

Percolation testing has been suspended until April except for repairs.

BUILDING PERMITS

Robert Spritzer, Deer Run Path, deck on residence.

Murray Newman, Number Nine Road, storage space to living space.

Robert Sessions, Bray Road, one-family, garage.

Patricia Poisson, South Road, storage shed.

Heath Union church, Main Street, interior renovation to hall.

Robert Barclay, Rowe Road, rebuild tractor shed.

Total, \$97,430.

DEED TRANSFERS

Leon H. and Mallischa Babbitt to Leon H. Babbitt Jr. of Granby. Mohawk Estates, Lot 12. Gift.

Audrey A. Yacinski to H. Russell Baker Jr. and Marie Marin of Southington, CT. 5 Cascade Drive, \$3,500.

Henry A. and Mildred M. Hevey to Daniel A. Hevey and Susan Hevey of Chicopee. Cheyenne Street. Lots 15 and 16. No consideration.

Beatrice W. Hagist estate, William J. Hagist, executor and Charles F. Hagist of Windsor Locks, CT. Mohawk Estates. Lot 7. \$1.

Richard L. Grogan Jr. to Nicholas O'Hara of Ashland. 10 Judd Road. Less than \$100.

Edward T. Culver to Robert Hudson and Kathleen Stein-Hudson of Newton. Saunders Road. \$55,000.

James A. and Olivia M. Wilson of Charlotte, NC to David L. and Nan A.K. Gibbons. Rowe Road. \$22,000.



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DECEMBER EVENTS

- 6 Planning meeting for Ski Race
7 PM at the Community Hall
- 7 MTRS Middle School dance
7 - 10 PM
- 8 Jayne and Bob Dane's 6th Annual
Open Studio and Sale at the new
studio on Rowe Road
10 AM - 4 PM
Heath Christmas Fair at the
Community Hall 10 AM - 4 PM
- 9 Heath Center Christmas activities
commence at 4 PM in Heath Union
Church with the Gather 'Round
Singers; the living creche on the
town common at 4:45 PM followed
by the Christmas tree lighting at
5:30 PM and refreshments in the
Community Hall. Storm date is
December 16.
- 14-15 Chaucerian Madrigal Dinner at the
Academy at Charlemont. Tickets are
\$15; reservations must be made by
December 7 by calling 339-4912.
- 15 Sunday School musical presentation
at Heath Union Church during reg-
ular 10 AM church service.
MTRS holiday concert and ham dinner
at 6 PM in the Mohawk cafeteria.
- 20 Deadline for payment of tax bills
before interest will be charged.
- 21 MTRS Music Department holiday
concert.
- 24 Christmas Eve candlelight service
7 PM in the Heath Union Church.

JANUARY EVENTS

- 20 Articles due for February/March
issue of the *Heath Herald*.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 3 Annual Ski Race

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MILESTONES

by Edith Royer

Mark David, a son, was born September 22. Parents are Judith and Joseph Almeida of Ben Road.

Tyler Nathaniel, a son, was born November 11 to Gretchen and Peter Law of Pocumtuck Drive, South Deerfield. He is the grandson of Ruth and Russell Johnson, of Heath and Marilyn and Robert Law of Winter Haven, FL. He is also the grandson of Jeanne and Richard Bole of Shelburne and Lorraine and Kenneth Barrie of West Harwich.

Christine J. Evert and Arthur Crosby Smith were married on October 6 at the Chapel of St. John the Divine, Seabury-Western Episcopal Theological Seminary, in Evanston, IL. Arthur is the grandson of Caroline and Newland Smith. Chris and Arthur, who are each Computer Science graduates, are employed in developing digital switching systems at the Bell Telephone Laboratories. They have just moved into their new house in Aurora, IL.

Pamela Galipo, of Heath, and Raymond Galipo, of Wilmington, VT announce the marriage of their daughter, Sandi to Scott Garvie of North Adams. Sandi is also the granddaughter of Nora Galipo of Shelburne Falls. A December 1 wedding was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Decker, Sr., of Jacksonville Stage Road, announce the engagement of their daughter Rebecca Lynn to Thomas Hatch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hatch of Old Winchester Road, Warwick. An August 3, 1991 wedding is planned.

Anna R. Kinsman, 92, formerly of Heath died October 9 at the Anchorage Nursing Home. She and her sons operated a turkey farm in Heath for many years. She was also actively involved in town affairs for a long time. She leaves a son, Francis Rollo in Alexandria, VA and a daughter, Eleanor Gooley of Colrain. She also leaves nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

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