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## THE MARY LYON EDUCATION FUND

by Susan Silvester, Executive Director

Last fall as the dark clouds of financial distress began to gather and multiply over our beleaguered school district, the business manager and superintendent sought creative ideas to help solve the fiscal crisis. Through a series of discussions the nebulous concept of an autonomous, benevolent foundation emerged. This idea was promulgated when a professional journal simultaneously published an article describing the concept of a local education fund or LEF. There were, according to the article, 57 such LEFs nationwide, each with the overall goal of supporting excellence in local public education. I wrote to all 57 organizations requesting information about their most successful programs, their administrative structure, budget process and funding sources. The overwhelming response resulted in an enormous chart which outlined the basic structure of each organization and presented us with an indication of what a successful LEF looked like.

Business Manager David Newell and Superintendent Bruce Willard were instrumental in convening a powerful coalition of officers and members of local organizations which supported our public schools. The inexhaustible dedication and determination of this group of people brought the organization into existence in little more than a few months. Between November and February the impossible had been accomplished: by-laws had been written, a Board of Directors named, officers elected, a name selected, goals established and financial backing for \$10,000 in start-up costs secured.

The Mary Lyon Education Fund, Inc. may indeed become the silver lining in the cloud. Since its inception this unique and ambitious organization has been blessed with success. The exceedingly generous donation of a \$5,000 challenge grant from local lottery winner Gordon Russ initiated contributions totalling \$10,000 for our initial start-up costs. The next miracle manifested itself in the form of a telephone call from California when Arms Academy graduate Russell Munch called to pledge a half million dollars in planned giving. This bequest is in the form of an irrevocable trust established in the name of the Mary Lyon Education Fund and will be the cornerstone of a planned 5 million dollar endowment.

Mr. Munch has also established the Student Assistance Fund which will enable children in grades K-12 who attend local schools to receive financial aid for medical and dental expenses, clothing and other necessities which would help them succeed in school.

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SON WOOTEN  
(Family Photo)

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Heath students graduating from Mohawk Trail Regional School this year:

Son Wooten, Melanie Poisson, Christine Gilbert, Heather Gruen, Jenny Gulyban, Brian Sackett, Joseph Shattuck and Theresa Tuturice.

Melanie has been active in gymnastics since she was three, has played tennis and the flute. Next year she will attend GCC.

Son has played varsity tennis, varsity soccer and hosted students from Germany and England. He will attend the University of Massachusetts at Amherst next year.



MELANIE POISSON  
(Family Photo)

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## HEATH PRECIPITATION

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

During the month of April there was 4.15 inches of precipitation with 1 inch of snowfall. May precipitation was 4.79 inches. The total precipitation from January through May 1991 was 18.36 inches. The total snowfall for the 1990-91 season was 46 inches. Only two years since 1969 have had less snowfall.

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The fund has recently paid for a hospital hearing test for a youngster without medical insurance, sneakers to allow a boy to participate on the track team and eyeglasses for a little girl.

Other programs administered by the MLEF include the Mark Fogarty Wilderness Project which will sponsor outdoor wilderness activities for students and a Mini-Grants Program awarded on a competitive basis to teachers for innovative classroom projects.

Grant writing is one of the most important activities that this organization supports. The first grant written at the beginning of the 1990-91 school year was just funded; \$10,000 from the Ronald MacDonald Children's Charities has been awarded to the MLEF for the purpose of purchasing drug and alcohol abuse prevention material for the school district. The United States Tennis Association has given us a \$1,000 grant for a summer tennis program for students in grades 2-8 as well as 150 tennis rackets, scores of balls, inservice workshops and curriculum guides for teachers. The Best Western Hotel chain sent the school district 2,160 atlases for distribution to every student and staff member, and Forbes Snyder Business Products has loaned a coin operated photocopier to the high school library to allow students doing research to copy reference material. Yankee Atomic in Rowe has plans to provide a science center for the school district, speaker's bureau and funding for mini-grants.

The MLEF has sponsored visits from Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Charles Sposato, who addressed the Mohawk faculty at the annual National Library Week Tea Party and Carol Hurst, nationally acclaimed storyteller and book reviewer, who spent a half day each at the Rowe and Hawlemont Elementary School recently.



MARION TAYLOR, MTR SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON,  
GUEST, MASSACHUSETTS TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
CHARLES SPOSATO AND  
SUPERINTENDENT BRUCE WILLARD  
(Photo by Susan Silvester)

The MLEF supports local public education through such avenues as grant writing, formation of school and business partnerships, planned giving, alumnae solicitation, gift catalogs, donations, district-wide fundraising and collaboration with institutions of higher learning such as Greenfield Community College, Mount Holyoke College, North Adams State College and the University of Massachusetts. One of its basic goals is simply to "identify, secure and direct resources and expertise into the public schools."

If anyone is interested in receiving additional information regarding this private, non-profit organization or assisting it in any way, please write to The Mary Lyon Education Fund, Inc., P. O. Box 184, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370 or call Susan Silvester at Mohawk Trail Regional School (413-625-9811) or at home (413-337-4491).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JUNE EVENTS

- 1 Read for a Spell Library  
summer reading program begins
- 15 Special Town Meeting,  
8:45 AM, Community Hall
- Annual Town Meeting  
9 AM, Community Hall
- 17 6th Grade Graduation  
Rowe School, 7 PM
- 17-21 Vacation Bible School  
Heath Union Church
- 18 Last day of school
- 29 West County Garden Tour

### JULY EVENTS

- 1 New Transfer Station Stickers  
now required
- 8-19 Musical Theatre Camp, Academy  
at Charlemont
- 17, 24, 31 Origami class, 1-3 PM, Library
- 22-26 Environmental Science Camp,  
Academy at Charlemont
- 27 Heath Church/Ladies Aid  
Annual Craft Fair  
10 AM - 4 PM, Fairgrounds
- 29-Aug. 2 Academy Lacrosse Camp  
Academy at Charlemont

### AUGUST EVENTS

- 10 Summer Reading program ends  
Heath Public Library
- 16-18 Heath Fair

**SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!**

# A TRIBUTE TO THE SHIPPEES

## PART II

by Susan Silvester

In the last issue I wrote about the wonderful memories I have of being here in Heath with Eleanor and Fay Shippee, my aunt and uncle. Their summer place on Colrain Stage Road was a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of downtown Shelburne Falls, so each weekend we made the trek up into the hills of Heath, where it was always 10 degrees cooler, the grass a little greener and the sky a special shade of blue.

After the mud season it was time to plant petunias in the window boxes along the terrace and set out bright red geraniums in front of the house. School was out, and it was time to be in Heath for the summer. Time to rent a horse named Sassafra from Carol Malone and go galloping down a dusty road, time to pick daisies in the hayfield and arrange them in an old china pitcher. Time to lie in the hammock and imagine creatures dancing in the fleecy white clouds that passed overhead. Time to pick blueberries on Burnt Hill and gaze in wonder at the universe that lay stretched out before us.

Heath had magical qualities in those days. I never remember anyone being sick or tired at the farmhouse. There was a healing, refreshing peace that cast its spell on all those who stayed there. I remember well the poem on the plaque in the bedroom that read,

"Guest, you are welcome here.  
Be at your ease.  
Go to bed when you are ready,  
Get up when you please.  
Happy to share with you  
Such as we've got:  
The leak in the roof,  
The soup in the pot.  
You don't have to thank us  
Or laugh at our jokes.  
Sit deep and come often;  
You're one of the folks."

And so it was that all the guests made themselves at home and stayed as long as they could. The room at the top of the stairs was called 'Lizzie's Room' and that belonged to Uncle John, who came each summer from Florida. My little downstairs bedroom was called 'the Black Room' because of the black wallpaper with tiny flowers on it. Aunt Eleanor and Uncle Fay filled

the rest of the farmhouse with people. It seems as if there were always picnics and birthday parties ...

Once in a while Uncle Fay would make an excursion down to the center of town where we would visit the general store in the house where the Gruens now live. The greatest treat was buying penny candy out of the huge glass containers. I would sit and wait for Uncle Fay on the steps of the old store, deciding which of my 5 pieces of candy I would eat first, for he always gave me 5 pennies. In the early 1950's you could still buy an ice cream cone for 5 cents, and each trip back to Shelburne took us past Streeter's store in Griswoldville where we always stopped for a nickel ice cream cone. At Peters Store in North Heath, Aunt Eleanor stocked up on fresh cheese, homemade pickles and plenty of local news along with anything else she forgot to bring from Shelburne. Aunt Eleanor always carried a big fancy basket with swivel handles when she travelled back and forth between the Shelburne house and the farmhouse, and I think she usually forgot something on purpose so that we could have the fun of visiting Peters Store.

Summer was also a time for the Heath Fair, and since Uncle Fay, who was quite a versatile musician, played in the Shelburne Falls Military Band and the "German Band", we accompanied him to the Heath Fair which was held in the oak grove beside the Dickinson Farm. I remember Uncle Fay with his "Heine's German Band" all dressed up in Bavarian attire delighting audiences young and old with the familiar oohm pa pa sounds. The corner of the farmhouse living room stored his summertime instruments - an accordion, organ and banjo, while his more serious musical endeavors were reserved for the music room on Mechanic Street!

The summer passed all too soon, and before we knew it, we were packing things up to return to Shelburne. Closing the farmhouse was done in stages, because we continued to come back for weekends all during the fall. The cellar windows were covered, picnic tables and chairs were stacked and put away, the "jitterbug" was tucked into the garage for the winter and the hammocks were rolled up and stood on end in the closet.

During those last few weekends before the snow came, we took walks around the field and visited the springhouse one last time. Finally the water was turned off and the house was locked up.

And so it was that the seasons came and went, and the farmhouse stood there through it all. And for 36 years Aunt Eleanor and Uncle Fay drove up and down the mountain from Shelburne to Heath and back again. And for 36 years they loved and cared for the old farmhouse on the four corners. I miss them a great deal, but find great comfort in the fact that I am at home in their wonderful old farmhouse with memories of the happiest childhood that anyone could ever have had.



HEINE'S GERMAN BAND - HEATH FAIR, 1956  
(Shippee Family Photo)



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## Green Thoughts

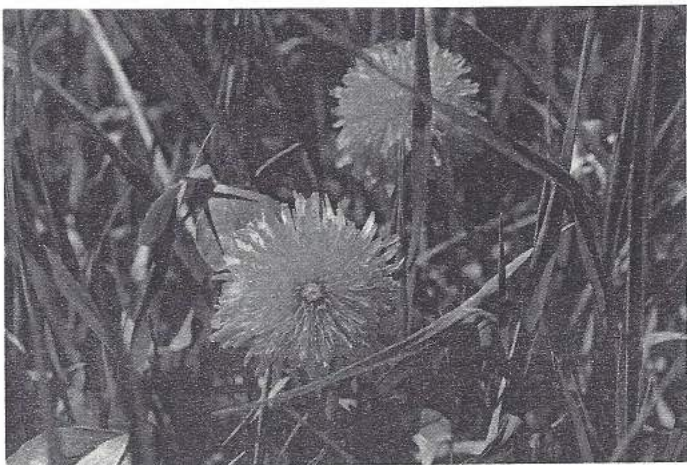
by  
ELSA BAKALAR

Was there ever a spring like the one just past? Surprising both people and plants with sudden warmth, it coaxed bulbs and shrubs into early bloom, while tree branches went from bare to laden in a matter of days.

I don't know about you, but in the flower garden, some of the early beauties went by too fast for me. Lilacs and peonies and oriental poppies, always with us for too short a time, opened and closed in two or three days. But the green - the green everywhere! The leaf canopy seems too heavy for the trees, grass grows mercilessly and the noise of the mower is heard in the land.

There is a marvelous rose to be seen all over Heath in early June, and this year it showered gardens from one end of town to the other with its fresh clear yellow flowers. If only we could know who brought it to Heath, and how long ago, and if only that Johnny Appleseed of the rose world could see how it has prospered. It is a shrub rose, fiercely prickly, with delicate gray-green foliage and small yellow flowers that smell of apricots. I know for a fact it has survived fire and flood and - in many cases - over-zealous mowing. I have it on a color slide, for lectures, and when asked for its proper name (by a horticulturally savvy audience, their pencils poised over notebooks) had to say it was "That-Old-Yellow-Rose-That-Comes-Up-Everywhere-in-Heath".

Early in the century there were some beautiful gardens in Heath, and we were fortunate enough to see some of them before they disappeared. I remember especially Mrs. Robbins' terraced gardens. It was there, in 1957, that I saw for the first time a number of perennials quite unfamiliar to me. I now make sure to grow them in my hilltop borders. There were other gardens, long since left to disappear under weeds and scrub growth, but even there, in those forlorn places, there were survivors. There were lilacs among tumbled stone walls, little pink roses, blue columbines, irises, tawny daylilies, and the occasional peony that had long outlived the gardener who planted it.



PROFUSION OF EARLY BLOSSOMS  
(Photo by Mike Peters)

But enough nostalgia; it's not all remembrance of things past. Keep your eyes open as you drive (also please watch the road) and you'll see some exciting developments. We have many new keen gardeners determined to have some of the beauty of garden flowers in addition to the beauty of the natural landscape around them. The Franklin Land Trust is offering its annual West County Farm-and-Garden Tour this year on Saturday, June 29. Two of the gardens, each enhancing the beauty of an eighteenth century house, are in Heath. I like to think that there may be more, year by year, and that in the same way that families look forward to an annual trek up the mountain to Heath Fair, they may come to think of us as the town with lovely flower gardens.

## RUTH JOHNSON RETIRES

by Arlene Markert

Few children and residents of the towns of Rowe and Heath do not know Ruth Johnson. During her 23 years as a Kindergarten teacher at Rowe Elementary School, she has touched the lives of many children and their families. Her fellow staff members have come to depend on her ideas, support and encouragement. Karen Fournier, 2nd grade teacher, says about Ruth, "She was able to state her beliefs and stick by them!" - not an easy task and rarely seen in these times of rapidly changing values and immense pressures. Always a staunch supporter of the family/child/school relationship, Ruth has provided opportunities for communication and involvement with families. How rare it is to find someone who cares so much about families!

Ruth is a lifetime resident of Heath and still lives at the old homestead where she grew up. After teaching at Charlemont High School as a math and science teacher, she spent 2 years at Arms Academy. At Rowe Elementary she has taught 6th grade for 1 year and was a full-time environmental science teacher. Later, when she became the Kindergarten teacher, she taught Kindergarten mornings and science and social studies to other classes in the afternoon. The last two years she has worked with Marty Rice, the Title I specialist, teaching remedial reading in the afternoon. According to Marty who will "miss those good times working together with Ruth", she has "made a great contribution to the kids and school".

During her tenure at Rowe, Ruth initiated the environmental camp at the Cape held at the Coast Guard Station in Eastham, implemented and taught environmental science and was instrumental in the selection and construction of the play-structure. Just a few things were left unfinished according to Ruth. "I really wanted to do more to develop a nature and fitness trail on school grounds." She also felt strongly that a continuation of environmental programs is important.

Asked about any parting thoughts, Ruth had several. "I have made many good friends while at Rowe. The staff is very easy to work with and Rowe has set very good standards for what's best for the kids' education". She also hopes to see a child-centered, developmental program continue at the Kindergarten level. "That's how I think little ones should grow!"

Ruth and her husband Russ have plans to travel, to spend time with family and relax! We all wish her well and hope to see her often!

## PUTTING HEATH ON THE MAP

by Michael D. Coe

Maps have fascinated me ever since I was a school-boy in Southborough, inventing "Treasure Islands" and the like, complete with black crosses marking buried pirate loot. As an archaeologist, maps are my meat and drink: the first thing an archaeologist does upon arriving at a new site is not digging, but mapping the place so that whatever he does can be fixed in space for all time. It is a common mistake, however, to think that maps somehow or other represent reality -- all maps are abstractions in which information is selected and interpreted, then presented in visual space in ways that may be useful for certain classes of viewers.

An example of abstraction is that droll and distorted map of the United States as perceived by a Bostonian, in which Cape Cod looms as large as all of the U. W. west of the Appalachians. This map is as valid as any other, given its premises. You could use it to navigate the Boston mind-set, but not to plot the "real" distance between Brookline and Chicago. Map-making and map interpretation are a world of their own. It is sometimes not even necessary to be literate to "read" a map; 40 years ago I successfully taught a map reading course to a group of Chinese Nationalist troops, and it turned out that only a handful of them could read and write their own language.

For a map maven like myself, good atlases are a veritable feast, so that I was very happy the other day to receive a copy of the Historical Atlas Of Massachusetts by Richard W. Wilkie and Jack Tager, just issued by the University of Massachusetts Press. This large-format, 152 page volume is a must for anyone interested in New England history, taking one all the way from Paleo-Indian beginnings over 12 thousand years ago, right down to modern Massachusetts ethnic voting patterns. The authors promise a second atlas which is to cover the natural history of the state, but I suspect that its appearance will have to wait on an economic upturn. The maps are beautifully produced and printed; some of them are topologically distorted like the famous one mentioned above, by taking population into account; it is sobering to see, when space is adjusted in this way, how very small that part of the state lying to the west of the Connecticut River really is!

The majority of the later maps in the Atlas include the boundaries of Massachusetts' hundreds of towns, and I was of course interested to find out how Heath appeared in the larger picture. Based on 1980 census data, population-wise, Heath is one of the smallest towns in the state: it ranks 339 out of 416 towns. In 1985, it was relatively poor: with an estimated per capita income of \$8,695, it was the eighth poorest town, with a high percentage of families living below the poverty level.

Small size and reduced circumstances may explain Heath's status on some of the other contemporary maps in the Atlas. For example, Heath shows up as a town in which over 40% of the households heat with wood; conversely, in a state in which most houses are heated with oil or gas, it has one of the lowest percentages heating with oil, gas, or electricity. Sadly, infant mortality is relatively high for Heath, as well as for Colrain and Charlemont. This might be connected with the fact that, away from the cities, western Massachusetts has very few physicians per 1,000 population. But it should also be noted that the 1980 death rate for Heath is far lower than for the Boston

area (a favorable statistic shared with Rowe and Colrain, but not with Charlemont which is inexplicably high).

The most unsettling map covers the incidence of reported crime. Here, Heath is unusually high -- in fact, it appears to have the highest crime rate in Franklin County, suggesting that over the years our police chiefs have not been "crying wolf" in their reports to the *Heath Herald*. Granted, there are areas of higher incidence elsewhere in the state, largely in cities like Springfield and the greater Boston area, but for a rural town like Heath the picture is a bit unnerving. A warning to those contemplating flight eastward from crime-ridden Heath: the maps make it plain that Cape Cod and the Islands are hotbeds of outlawry!

Ethnically, Heath, like most small towns in the Commonwealth, is predominantly of English descent, with the French Canadians or French the next highest in number (a perusal of the telephone directory would have told the same story, but taken you a lot longer). Curiously, the male/female sex ratio is one of the highest in the state, with more than 110 males for every 100 females -- not a good place for wife-hunters. There was a high number of divorced persons living here in 1980, but paradoxically a high fertility rate (fertility and poverty are closely correlated worldwide, and they may be here, too).

One of the most intriguing maps rates towns along a scale from extremely liberal to extremely conservative, based on statewide election results from 1978 through 1984. Like it or not, Heath is among the most liberal. Heath was in favor of the 1948 birth control bill (but see above!) and the 1982 bottle bill, and against Proposition 2 1/2 in 1980. In the 1976 referendum, Heath voted overwhelmingly for the Equal Rights Amendment; contrast this with 1919, in which under 25% of the voters supported the 19th Amendment (Woman's Suffrage). In the "good old days", women were apparently kept in their place, since one of the maps shows that prior to 1910, Heath had one of the lowest rates of female (as measured against male) literacy. How does one reconcile this with Heath's seven schoolhouses during the 19th century?

While I have concentrated on the more modern maps for the interesting, albeit sometimes depressing, light they throw on Heath, this is an Atlas to browse through with pleasure. Its coverage of the economic, political, and cultural life of pre-Colonial, Colonial, and post-Revolutionary Massachusetts is exemplary, although I would have wished for a more detailed treatment of the French and Indian Wars including our "Line of Forts". I do hope and pray that when the current recession bottoms out, the next volume may see the light of day.

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# WILD RAMBLINGS

by Bill Lattrell

Looking through my binoculars, I could see one Great Blue Heron perched high in a deadwood in the middle of the swamp. It was standing watch over three nests clustered closely together in three separate trees. I was well hidden, so the heron had no idea I was observing him. The early morning sun highlighted the bird's blue-grey feathers. I was struck with his majestic stature as he watched quietly over the beaver swamp. It sat perfectly still for what seemed to be hours. His grey color blended with the dead tree. This, combined with the sharp angles of the heron's beak, leg joints, and feathers, made the bird appear as an extension of the branch on which he sat.

A nesting Canada Goose began honking in a hysterical manner across the pond. The Great Blue Heron swung his head and peered towards the opposite end of the beaver pond. As I focused my binoculars on that area I noticed five Great Blue's flying together as if in a squadron. Each of their long necks were folded back neatly against their bodies, exposing the large head and long beak so prominent in this species. They flew only three or four feet off the water, artfully dodging the deadwood forest. They looked somehow prehistoric with their long beaks, gliding, powerful wing strokes, and large bodies, all silhouetted against a steamy swamp in the early morning sun. They circled the swamp in a counter clockwise direction flying closely to the water. As they approached my position I could hear their powerful wings moving the air; the rhythm seeming melodic. Continuing past me they turned sharply to the left and flew directly to the nesting area. All five landed in the tree of their respective nests. Three nestled in to incubate the eggs. The lone individual heron that had been watching over the nests flew to the east, over the treetops, presumably to a nearby pond where it would find its breakfast.

The goose across the pond continued to make a very noisy fuss. Bringing my attention back to that corner of the swamp I refocused my binoculars. I saw a quick movement in the rushes. A moment later I saw another quick movement. This time it appeared as a small brown blur. Despite the great magnification my sea glasses were providing I was having a difficult time identifying the prowler that was causing the mother goose so much alarm. A third time I caught a glimpse of the animal between a section of rushes and cattails. He darted about quickly, nervously. There was little doubt that it was a mink. What happened next I was surprised to see. The mink approached the goose nest. At first it appeared the mother would abandon the nest. She briefly entered the water faking a broken wing. The mink would not be fooled and quickly moved towards the nest. The mother goose abandoned her strategy and with amazing speed and grace positioned herself between the nest and the mink. Her neck was fully extended and her head lowered. She extended her wings to make herself look as large as possible. I didn't think the mink would even bat an eye, but he stopped dead in his tracks, reflecting for a second to size up the situation. The mink feigned to the left and then quickly moved to the right, but the mother goose could cover too much territory with her large size and honorable intent. She charged forward and the mink quickly retreated into the water. He swam for a short distance and then disappeared under the water. I waited for him to reappear from a different

position to try an attack from a different angle, but he never reappeared. I then realized that during this whole affair the noise created was much too loud for just one goose. I had been so focused on the mother goose and the mink that I did not notice two other geese; one to the left and one to the right. Each of them was in the aggressive posture standing between where the mink had been and their own nest. The mink had been surrounded and realized that breakfast could be had more easily somewhere else with a lot less risk of a debilitating injury.

After several minutes the geese quieted down and nervously settled back onto their nests. They remained very alert, ready to defend their young with their lives if necessary. Marveling at this whole series of events it was hard to refocus my attention back to the Great Blue Heron nest. It was obvious that the Herons had been watching the action. For the moment, perhaps they felt safe, nestled high above the wetland. But as with all animals in the wild they probably sensed that they too would have their moments when heroic efforts would be necessary. Perhaps it would be a redtail hawk, perhaps an owl, but certainly some other animal had adapted to prey on these magnificent birds and their young, just as the Heron has adapted to prey on the bullfrog and yellow perch. That is the way of nature.

## MAY DAY

by David Gibbons

About fifty people, most of them rather small, gathered on Heath Common on May Day to welcome in the spring.

The celebration started with a time of singing led by Pam Porter and David and Nan Gibbons. Then came the Maypole. It may not have been the most traditional of dances but the children certainly had a lot of fun, and the free-form pattern they wove was very pretty.

Afterwards several families went over to the playground to visit and play.

This is the third year that the preschool has put on the May Day celebration. If you haven't caught one yet, watch out for next year's.



MAY DAY CELEBRATION  
(Photo by Mike Peters)

## LIBRARY LINES

by Alli Thane

Spring has sprung and with it comes thoughts of gardening. We, at the library, have many gardening books and magazines to inspire you. Keep Heath Fair in mind when you plant your flowers and vegetables.

Spring also brings thoughts of school vacation. The Western Massachusetts Regional Library has sent us the new summer reading program. It is called READ FOR A SPELL and comes complete with ideas, material, and some free passes for local events. Come in and sign up. The contest runs from June 1 to August 10 and winners will be announced at the Heath Fair.

New books at the library include:

Trials of Life and The First Eden - David Attenborough

The Secret Pilgrim - John LeCarre

The Eagle Has Flown - Jack Higgins

A Stranger in the Kingdom - Howard Frank Moshier

Tucker's Last Stand - William F. Buckley, Jr.

Tokaido Road - Lucia St. Clair Robson

Lyddie - Katherine Paterson

Country Folk Medicine - Elizabeth Janos

Jurassic Park - Michael Crichton

Cecil's Story - Ella Lyon

Contract on America - David E. Scheim

Living up Country - Don Mitchell

Feathers for Lunch - Lois Ehlert

Birdwatching-Kids' First Book - Scott Weidensaul

Nicole Rainville will be doing an origami class at the library on Wednesday, July 17, 24, 31, from 1-3 PM. The class is open to children ages 8 and up.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

by Pat Leuchtman

The Friends of the Heath Public Library have already begun their major season of events and fundraising. Pat Leuchtman has given talks on Everyday Life in China to a women's group in Bernardston and to the Shelburne Falls Women's Club, and will be speaking to other groups later this year. She has donated her speaking fees to the Friends, and the Encyclopedia Fund has been given a boost.

Elsa Bakalar is also a most generous Friend. Elsa has the groups who came to visit her famous garden on Hosmer Road make a donation to the Friends and we are very grateful to her for these contributions.

The Friends held a bake sale at the Library on Memorial Day weekend. Many thanks to all the bakers - and to all the buyers.

As usual, the Friends will hold their Annual Book and Bake sale at the Heath Fair. Please think of us as you clean or reorganize your bookshelves and drop books for the sale off at the Library. We will also be soliciting goodies to sell at the bake sale, so be prepared for our call.

Anyone interested in becoming a new Friend should call Pat Leuchtman, 337-4316, Joanne Fortune, or talk to Alli Thane. The Library is an important part of our life in Heath, providing entertainment as well as education, and it takes the efforts of the whole community to keep it strong.

## CHURCH NEWS

by Pastor Roger Peace

On May 26 the church put on an Appreciation Dinner for everyone who helped build our Sunday School rooms. I believe one of the reasons our Sunday School program has grown so much this year is because of these rooms. I also want to acknowledge the fine work done by our superintendent and teachers. The youth class had the most visitors in April and for their reward Kirk and Sandy Pettengill had them over to their house for a pool party with hot dogs and hamburgers. The water was a little cold, but everyone had a fun time.

The Youth Group has been selling candy bars this past month. If you haven't been asked to purchase any, there are still more to be sold. All profits will go towards the youth group. We are also in the beginning stages of our puppet ministry. Any donations of materials would be greatly appreciated. There is a whole list of needed supplies, just call Pastor Roger or Rhodessa at 337-5755. A few ladies have already started making puppets and some supplies have been donated, so thank you from the Youth Group.

Vacation Bible School will begin on June 17-21. I understand school will be in session for two of those days, but these plans were made months ago, and it was the only week the group from Maryland would be available. There will be classes for all ages between two years old to seniors in high school. Watch for further details and times; this will be a fun time for all.

On July 27 from 10 AM to 4 PM the Heath Church will join with the Heath Ladies Aid for our annual craft fair. Exhibitors will consist solely of Heath residents and the Ladies Aid. Everyone is invited to come and see how many different talents there are in Heath. Be sure to bring some money, as many of these items will be for sale. There will also be baked goods for sale and a food and drink stand. No admission fee is charged - how can you beat that? This is the first year the two groups join together, so pass the word and come out to support them at the Fairgrounds.

Hope and pray you all have a healthy and happy summer. If you get a chance, stop by the church Sunday at 10 AM. We would love to have you join our service.

God Bless.

## HEATH LADIES AID

by Edith Royer

We will not be having our sale and church supper at the Community Hall this summer. Instead we are having our sale at the Church Craft Fair, July 27 at the Heath Fairgrounds.



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## SUMMER CAMPS

by Mary Kay Hoffman

The Academy at Charlemont is sponsoring summer camps in environmental science, lacrosse and musical theatre during July at The Academy, Mohawk Trail, Charlemont.

A two week Musical Theatre Camp will debut this summer, July 8 through July 19. Young people ages 10-16 will have the opportunity to act, dance, sing, build sets, work on stage and tech crews during this two week experience which will culminate in a musical theatre production. Campers will meet Monday-Friday each week, 9 AM to 4:30 PM at the Academy.

The Musical Theatre Camp will be directed by Swish White who teaches theatre at the Rectory School in Pomfret, CT. Mrs. White has extensive experience working with children to produce high quality theatre. Campers need no experience to participate in the theatre workshop. Fee for the two week camp is \$238 (minimum enrollment of 16) which includes a non-refundable registration fee of \$10. Campers will need to bring a lunch each day.

A week long Environmental Science Camp will also debut this summer July 22-26. The camp is designed to excite youngsters, grades 5 through 8, about science, exploration and the environment by using the Deerfield River as a unifying theme to study aquatic and terrestrial habitats. Campers will participate in classroom activities, such as designing labs and tools used in aquatic studies, data collection, testing and analyzing samples, simple identification techniques for the fauna and flora being studied and using computers to enhance understanding of the findings. Afternoons will be spent developing map, compass and orienteering skills and exploring local resources such as Laughing Brook Educational Center, Northfield Mountain and Environmental Center and others.

The Environmental Science Camp, 9 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, is limited to an enrollment of 24 students (minimum enrollment of 16). Academy at Charlemont faculty member Cathy Wilkins of Heath will direct the camp. Fee for the week long camp is \$128 which includes a \$10 non-refundable registration fee. Limited scholarships are available. Campers are required to bring their lunch each day.

The Academy Lacrosse Camp, now in its second year, will be held Monday through Friday, July 29-August 2, 9 AM to 3:30 PM at the Academy. Fee for the camp is \$85 which includes a \$10 non-refundable registration fee. Campers, ages 8 to 13, needing equipment may rent from the school for an additional \$15 for the week.

Jeff Coulson, Lacrosse Coach at the Academy, will co-direct the camp. His teams have won 35 games, against 6 losses since 1988. Academy alumni who were coached by Coulson are now on varsity teams at Haverford, Swathmore, Drew and Williams.

John Heck who coached lacrosse at the Academy from 1984-1989 is the co-director of the camp. John played for Loyola High School, Baltimore, MD, Tufts University and Severna Park Lacrosse Club.

Academy alumni, Jen Jaros '88, David Jaros '90, Devon Evans '90, Gil MacLean '89, and Sean Dacus '88, will also help to coach in the camp. All are top lacrosse players at their respective colleges and all enjoy teaching young people the sport.

To register for The Academy at Charlemont's summer programs, call 413-339-4912 for an application form.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Budge Litchfield

Speaking for Sue Lively and Dick Gary, I would like to thank the people of Heath for their warm comments and wonderful support both at the annual town meeting and during the long study of regionalization with Rowe. We can not imagine a nicer group of people to serve, but, are each very thankful to have that particular service behind us. Thanks again.

At the June School Committee meeting what I guess we can call "Phase II" of long range educational planning will begin. The "old" long range educational planning committee, school committee and some interested citizens including selectmen and finance committee members will meet to discuss what to do about our long range educational needs now that we know that regionalization with Rowe is not an option. We already have a good deal of information about a school in Heath, the expansion of Mohawk to a K-12 district and we recognize that continued tuition agreements with Rowe are a possibility. We are also open to and looking for new ideas and energy.

**SCHOOL BUDGETS!!** Our children deserve and need our support! Please come to the town meeting in June and vote yes on the school budgets. Our Mohawk representative, Frank Brower, has put in many a long and difficult night working on the Mohawk budget. He feels (and Linda and I agree with him) that more than enough cuts have been made. To cut any more from the Mohawk budget will reduce the quality of our children's education. Yes, our Mohawk assessment is increasing dramatically but, as I described in the last issue, the reasons are not dramatic budget increases but a variety of other issues. It is possible that Heath will cast the deciding vote on the Mohawk budget. That makes it all that much more important that you show up and vote yes.

Thanks to a lot of hard work by the Superintendent, Business Manager and Administrative Assistant Catherine Heyl, Heath will receive an EEO (Equal Education Opportunity) Grant this year. Because of this we will prepay part of next year's elementary school budget and thereby reduce what was to have been a basically level funded budget. An enabling step in this process will be to vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum (approximately \$28,000) for elementary education in FY91 in order to get the roughly \$50,000 EEO Grant.

See you at the June town meeting.



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## REGIONALIZATION VOTE

by David Gibbons

Well, after two and a half years of very hard work on the part of the committee members, the regionalization issue is over. That's the good news, and unfortunately that's about all the good news. As most of you are probably aware by now the issue was put to the vote at both the Heath and the Rowe town meetings. Heath passed the idea by a 79-8 vote; Rowe voted it down 126-69.

Despite the fact that their work will not result in the formation of a regional school the town owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the people who served on our behalf on the committee. Budge Litchfield, Sue Lively and Dick Gary all gave inordinate amounts of time and effort, to say nothing of their emotional investment, to the project. By one estimate there were in excess of two hundred official meetings! Special thanks also go to Frank Brower who, although not an official member of the committee, attended the meetings and acted as secretary to the committee. We at the *Herald* would like to add our thanks to them for all their work. We should not forget the other members of the committee, Marion Franceschetti, Henry Dandeneau, and Jack Williams from Rowe, nor David Newell and Bruce Willard from Mohawk who also gave largely of their time and abilities.

The project was, in many ways, an uphill battle from the start. To take two such diverse towns and try to unite them in an equitable way was a gargantuan task. Yet they succeeded in coming up with a plan that was workable and fair. That the voters of Rowe turned it down is sad, but should in no way be seen as saying that this agreement was faulty. Rather the vote was against the idea of forming a regional at all.

Where does that leave us? For the next year, at least, the tuition agreement continues. As a long term solution, however, it leaves much to be desired. Do we really want our kids to be going to a school in which we have no say? And Rowe is looking into other options for its school (such as making it a magnet school with limited enrollment) that would leave our students largely out in the cold. The time to make plans against that eventuality is now, not when we are under the gun.

What we need are ideas. A lot of ideas. If a regional with Rowe is out of the question and tuition arrangements are, at most, second best, what can we do? The answer is we don't know. And we won't know until some people are willing to invest more time brainstorming and exploring new, perhaps radical, options. The process is even now underway. If you are interested in helping, or have ideas to contribute, contact a member of the school board.

Gordon E. Taylor d/b/a



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## NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY

by Todd Sumner

I had the pleasure the other day of reading the first edition of *The Charlemont Review*, a new student journal that touts itself as "a symposium of views both rational and passionate." Now this journal is not likely to win a Pulitzer anytime soon, and it is not the sort of thing that will circulate widely. Its inception is, I think, an interesting story.

As part of their Humanities Seminar, all seniors undertake an independent project of their own design. Topics this year ranged from "Depictions of Women in Wharton and James" to "Conversion and Rebirth: the Stories of Jacob and Paul". Two boys decided that the Academy needed a publication where "... a wide range of opinions and attitudes can be represented." They went on to explain that such a journal was needed not because the community is intolerant, but rather because "... the majority of students at The Academy tend to side with each other politically ... this breeds complacency and leads to lazy thinking." Bragging as lustily as Thoreau's chanticleer, these boys set out to create such a journal as part of their senior project.

Three months later, I was reading the result of their efforts. In the meantime, they had researched and formulated their own editorial policy, solicited contributions, raised funds, learned how to do desktop publishing, laid out and pasted up the paper, and finally gone to press. Their debut issue included an essay on the Tetons, poetry, fiction, and an essay on economic models. All of this was accomplished without regular faculty supervision.

Impressive as the product may be, it is, to my mind, less significant than their recognition that debate is essential, and that attitudes and opinions should be challenged regularly. They have founded a journal that provides a context in which such debate can take place; they have, in short, given their fellow students and their school a tremendous gift. As these boys head off to college, one to Williams, the other to Princeton, they leave behind them tangible evidence that they've learned their lessons well.

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**HEATH PRESCHOOLERS DISCOVER NEW WONDERS**  
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## ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Arlene Markert

Although the end of the school year is near, the staff and students at Rowe have done anything but slow down. Several special events and year-end activities have added greatly to the programs at Rowe.

Recently, Karen Fournier's second grade students, assisted by Arlene Markert, explored the effects of disabilities on a person's lifestyle. Students were given an opportunity to consider what problems are faced by someone confined to a wheelchair. In addition, they speculated about how adaptations are made by someone in this situation. After considerable discussion, Lynn Chilson, the school nurse, arranged for the class to see and use a wheelchair. Mrs. Chilson showed the class how to use the chair safely. In addition, she led a discussion about the feelings and needs of someone in a wheelchair. After these preparations, about half of the class had an opportunity to use the chair for 2 hours at a time. (The chair had to be returned for someone in need of it.) The children were to do their daily school activities from the chair, including get-ting in and out of doors, getting a drink from a fountain, going to lunch and figuring out how to get out the front door. (We learned that the school is not as wheelchair accessible as one would like). Comments heard were, "This is harder than I thought it would be", "Can you imagine spending your life in a wheelchair?", "I don't like the way everyone is looking at me."

On June 12 Kevin Hollister paid a visit to the class to show the children how people do adjust their lives when in a wheelchair. Mr. Hollister brought his wife and son and his boundless enthusiasm for life to show the class that the only disability people face is usually in their attitudes.



LONG HALLWAY FOR GREG CUTTER  
DAVID SESSIONS, BRIAN CROWNINGSHIELD  
LOOK ON  
(Photo by Rowe Staff)

## MTRS SCHOLARSHIPS TOTAL \$75,275

Scholarships awarded to Mohawk graduates living in Heath are as follows:

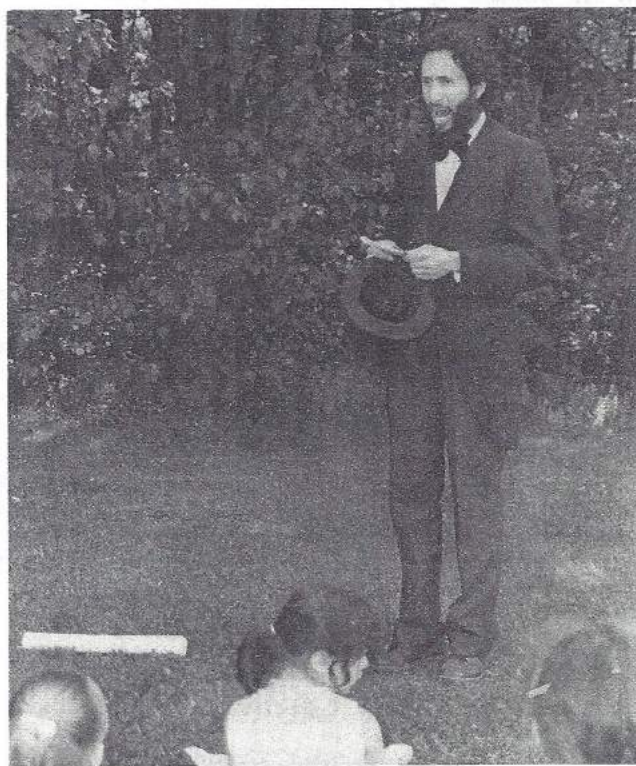
Christine Gilbert, Eric March Scholarship, \$100; Wilcox-Ware Fund, \$450; Carl Nilman Scholarship, \$500.

Son Wooten, Charlemont Lions Club, \$300; Charlemont High School Alumni, \$200; Wilcox-Ware Fund, \$250; Carl Nilman Scholarship, \$800; Fred Wells Fund.

Heather Gruen, Wilcox-Ware Fund, \$450.

On May 26, the school took part in Memorial Day ceremonies at the cemetery in Rowe. Lenny Schoenfeld, 5th grade teacher, dressed as Abe Lincoln and recited the Gettysburg Address. Nick VanAken and Jessie Seaver played taps before the children laid flowers on the graves. Kindergarten children placed flags on some of the sites. It was a very moving and sensitive experience.

For a period of about 2 months, children in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades danced, sang and acted daily in preparation for their performance of Pinocchio on May 29. The production was an enormous success with more than 300 people in attendance. More than 60 children were involved in this operetta. Lorraine Cetto, Karen Fournier, Johanna Weinstein, Ed Hines, and Wanda Musacchio all assisted in the directing, music and costuming. Paty Lentz of Heath received an Arts Lottery Grant for the scenery and costuming of this play. Children took part in all aspects of the production including making the scenery. The fifth graders were responsible for the lighting and scenery changes.



LENNY SCHOENFELD AS ABE LINCOLN  
(Photo by Rowe Staff)

## FCTS GRADUATES RECEIVE AWARDS

Franklin County Technical School graduates from Heath this year are Kevin Purington and James Thane, who received the Technical Drawing Award of Excellence as well as the Machine Trades Most Improved Student award.

## MTRS SENIOR AWARDS

At the Mohawk Trail Regional High School Senior Awards Night on May 30, 1991, the following awards were given to Heath students:

Heather Herzig, former Heath resident, Clerical Award, Twirling, and Career Exploration; Jen Gulyban, Accounting Award and Journalism; Christine Gilbert, Heath Herald Literary Award.

## CHILDREN'S WRITING:

### EASTER MORNING

by Greg Nichols, Grade 5

I got up in the morning and I poked at my clock. It was 5:40 AM. Actually this was amazing as I saw Dances With Wolves the other night and got home at about 12:00 AM.

I went downstairs to make sure my clock was right. Trying not to look at my basket, I checked the time. 5:43. Close enough. I proceeded with caution making sure nobody saw me. (I proceed with caution to keep in practice).

Sneaking upstairs with my goodies I looked at my prizes. I found the usual candy, a tin mailbox, graph paper (for mapping, although I said it was for math), and a Dragonlance adventure. What a find! I spent the next confusing 15 minutes eating candy and getting all messed up in the events of Krynn. I went downstairs and bugged my mother and ate candy. My mom went to church and I sailed my wooden toy boats in the pond.

### SNOWFLAKE AND TED

by Corey Lopes, Grade 3

I had two bunnies named Snowflake and Ted. Ted is gray. Snowflake was white. One day I noticed that Snowflake was dead in his cage. He was frozen near the gate. I almost started crying. I yelled to my mom and she said she suspected he would die. She said he fell out of the cage when she was feeding the rabbits. Snowflake fell out and landed on his back. A few days later Ted fell but he landed on all four feet. He made the screeching sound that rabbits make when they are frightened. I picked him up and he screeched again. So I put him back in the cage. I'm glad that Ted didn't die, too.

### THE CABIN

by Bree Richter, Grade 5

There is a cabin next to my house. Last summer Missy, my best friend, and I fixed it up and made it into a clubhouse.

First we cleaned all the junk out of it and put it in the other room. Then we swept the floors and got all the cobwebs and bugs off the ceiling.

My mom had an old rug in the shed and she said we could have it. We cut the rug so it would fit and then we laid it out. Next we got a shelf and we put plants, earrings and a phone on it.

After that, we decided to sleep in it. We got some foam mattresses and sleeping bags. Then we made a huge bowl of popcorn.

Finally, we went into the cabin. We talked and played Trivial Pursuit for about two hours and tried to go to sleep. Then we heard a car drive in. It was Tommy and Lucas, my brothers. Tommy started to bang on the cabin windows and make ghosts' sounds. In the morning we yelled at Tommy for keeping us awake.

## HEATH FAIR HISTORY CHAPTER ONE - 1916-1918

By Mike Peters

This is the first article in a series on the history of the Heath Fair from it's origin in 1916. The facts are from a combination of the original Heath Fair minutes and other fair records, research from microfilm of old Greenfield Recorder newspapers, and facts learned from several "old timers" living in Heath.

Parenthesis ("") will inform you of exact wording from the original fair minutes.

Unfortunately, these old records were discovered after Ester Dickinson wrote her chapter about the Heath Fair in the "Book of Heath". These interesting original minutes would have been very appropriate in her story.

I also discovered that many notes were lost when past secretary Homer Tanner's house burned to the ground. I was lucky enough to find this out from his son Richard Tanner, before he died recently.

Time and space permitting there will be an article in every issue of the *Heath Herald*.

Heath, MA, August 1916

An informal "celebration day" was held on the town common for townspeople only. Exhibits of several kinds were on display in the town hall for all to see. Livestock, mostly cows, were in the "grove" at Dickinsons. This site will later be known as the Heath fairgrounds for quite some time.

Heath, MA, October 23, 1916

"At a meeting of the citizens of Heath, called together for the sole purpose of organizing a society for the promotion of agriculture, Arthur Sumner was chosen Chairman and Ernest N. Payne Secretary. Afterwards Arthur Sumner was elected president, and a nominating committee consisting of Victor Landstrom and Frank Burrington was also chosen".

"E.N. Payne, George Peon, and Earl Hamilton were elected to act as committee to draw up by-laws".

Signed

Ernest N. Payne, Sec.

Heath, MA, November 25, 1916

"At a meeting of the committee on by-laws held this day, the following articles were agreed upon:

I. The officers to consist of:

President

2 Vice Presidents

Secretary

Treasurer

II For the provision of a fund for necessary expenses, the membership fee to be \$1.00

III The annual meeting to be held the first Saturday in January (later changed) and the annual exhibition to be in August.

IV Exhibitions to consist of livestock, farm produce of all kinds, and arts and crafts from the household.

V Competition on exhibits to be confined to Heath people.

VI Voted to send cards to each family in town giving notice of a "rally day" on January 6, 1917 to make plans for August's celebration".

Signed

E.N. Payne, Sec.

Heath, MA, January 6, 1917

"Meeting called to order by president Sumner in the chair. Secretary's report read and the list of articles for a constitution for the Heath Agricultural

Society read and adopted as read.

Adjourned for dinner which was partaken by 125 townspeople.

The afternoon was taken up by an address by J.H. Putnam of the Franklin County Farm Bureau.

Committee for the August celebration was chosen as follows: Frank Burrington, 1st vice pres., A.F. Smith, 2nd vice pres. and E.N. Payne, Treasurer.

Voted to leave the date of the fair with the executive committee".

Signed

E.N. Payne, Sec.

Heath, MA, July 20, 1917

"Executive committee met and decided upon August 30 - as the date of this year's celebration".

August 25, 1917

"A good number of men showed up to clean the grove for the fair".

August 30, 1917

"In spite of a pouring rain, about 500 people gathered for the second exhibition of the "Heath Agricultural Society".

86 head of fine cattle were shown in the grove, along with a few swine, poultry, and colts.

The hall exhibit, (which was a large tent) was excellent in quality, although because of the rain it was much smaller than it could have been. Collections of products from the farms of Arthur Sumner, Ernest Kinsman, Francis Thompson and Miss Ethel Paine were particularly fine. As was also the work of the Home Economics Club by the girls.

Because of the rain the program was held in the church and was carried out as follows: 1:00 PM Concert by Shelburne Falls Band.

Speaker Rev. Mr. Gilbert talking on the subject of Social Life in the Country.

Speaker Miss House from Penn School, North Carolina speaking on "The Nook of an Agricultural school in the South.

Speaker Mr. H. Putnam of the Farm Bureau.

All sang Jerusalem, My Happy Home.

Address of welcome by Rev. J.H. Childs.

Recitation by Clarence Gleason.

Duet by Alice Payne and Ester Temple.

Reading by Mrs. E.N. Payne

All sang Cousin Judediah

Recitation by Mrs. Nilsson Hillman

All sang Strike The Banner

Play by John Alden Priscilla

All sang Star Spangled Banner".

Premiums for the fair were awarded to the following people for the twenty-one different cattle classes: Arthur Sumner, Nilsson Hillman, Henry Stetson, E.N. Payne, Leon Lively, Levi Lively, and Medric Lively.

Swine class was won by: Jesse Thompson.

Poultry awards went to: F.N. Davenport, A.T. Tanner.

Butter award went to Mrs. Ellen Kinsman.

Maple syrup awards went to Nilsson Hillman, Oscar Thompson, and E.E. Kinsman.

Other Misc. exhibitors include: Francis Thompson, Robert Miller, N.H. Bolton, Omar Smith, Paul Smith, Levi Lively, Hugh L. Thompson, Hugh Maxwell, Grace Sumner, Maurice Maxwell, Nora Lively, Florence Newton, Rose Benson, Mrs Morris Childs, Grace Gleason, Ella Churchill, Vivian Thompson, Mrs Royer, Hazel Lively, Maud Gleason, Amy Lively, Clara Lively, Philpine Lively, Corinne Royer, Hellen Dwight, Ralph

Sumner, Francis Kinsman, Ernest Kinsman, and Fredrick Burrington.

The Lively Store was selling soda and candy for the event.

Exhibit "tent" was run by Belle Dickinson, Nora Lively, and Grace Gleason.

Unfortunately, no financial records were saved until 1920, and some minutes are missing here and there. Also, some of these names are shown several times each throughout the judging sheets.

January 5, 1918

"Meeting called to order by President Sumner at 11:00 AM, Secretary's report read and accepted, Treasurers report read and accepted. After which the following officers were elected for 1918: A. Sumner-President, N. Hillman-Vice Pres., F. B. Burrington-Vice Pres., Mrs E.N. Payne-Secretary, E.N. Payne-Treasurer.

Adjourned at 12:30 PM for dinner. Called to order at 1:45 PM Opened by singing Star Spangled Banner. Address by J.H. Putnam. Closed by singing America. Attendance: 78. Dinner committee: Mr. and Mrs. Levi Lively, N.E. Gleason, and Myron Newton".

August 30, 1918

" We held our 3rd annual fair. Postponed from Aug. 29th because of the rain. The concert which was planned for the previous evening was held as scheduled. Miss Frances Nash was in charge of that and persuaded Mr. Bartholemen, who is a famous leader of Army and Navy singing, to come and lead community singing for the occasion. He made use of the most popular songs, and the songs that never grow old. He made an evening of entertainment to be long remembered. We must not forget Kemp Stilling, the Russian Violinist and Miss Nash herself at the piano".

"After the concert, the young people had a social dance in the hall".

"The program for the day began with a parade of varied features: Uncle Sam leading the Shelburne Falls Military Band, another band, The Lively Store, a Grange float, and different farms helped in other ways to make a fine showing. The forenoon was taken up by the stock judging, a drawing contest, etc.. After lunch there were speaking and music by the Shelburne Falls Band. Dean Howard C. Robbins acted as toast master and introduced the speakers in a very happy manner. Dr. E.S. Droun, Mr.J. Farmell Moors, and Sumner Dole of the Farm Bureau were the speakers of the day. Then Mr. B. Avery, our auctioneer from a neighboring town, sold the contributed articles for the benefit of the Red Cross. Mr. Avery was in one of his happy moods and contributed much to the fun of the occasion. The boys and men during the P.M. had a good ball game on a lot nearby. The young people had a second social hop in the hall to wind up the day. The Farm Bureau printed a nice notice of the event".

Signed

E.N. Payne, Sec.

Other new names of entrants not before mentioned were: Evelyn Hillman, Helen Dwight, Marion Hillman, Nellie Sumner, J.G. Thompson, S.E. Temple-judge, J.G. Thompson, Mrs. Moors, H. F. Dickinson, Geo Stetson, Earl Hamilton, M.N. Hosmer, Nill Cook, Roland Lively.

"Annual Meeting set for January 4th, 1919. Dinner committee chosen".

**SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!**

## HEATH FAIR NEWS

By Mike Peters, President

Plans for the 1991 Heath Fair have been in the making for seven months now, and finally, all our entertainment has been booked.

The only major change in this year's schedule is having the fireworks moved from Friday night to Saturday night. Instead of stopping in the middle of the truck pull to shoot them off, we'll be stopping in the middle of the garden tractor pull for the display.

Our last work bee concentrated on spreading hay and seed to get some grass growing on our newly landscaped fairgrounds. We have more of this to do. Next we will be rebuilding the exhibit hall from the roof to the tables and shelving inside. The building is about twenty years old now and needs some attention.

We have finally located and repaired a very annoying leak in our new water lines that go down the midway and to the animal pulling area. We now have more water available in these areas than ever before, all we need for the next few decades of growth in fair size and attendance.

We have new tenants moving in on July 1st. They are from Greenfield, and are looking forward to living in the peaceful hills of Heath for a few years.

We're hoping for some nice weather this year because now that the division of fairs has been eliminated, our state aid is gone completely. Because of this we have been advertising for donations of all sizes. We need to raise another \$5,000.00 profit annually to cover the amount of premiums we are now paying out to exhibitors. If this money cannot be raised, it will mean that premium money paid out will have to be drastically cut, which will severely affect the number of exhibits entered, which in turn will hurt the fair's reputation and affect attendance. It will be a big chain reaction that will directly affect the image of the fair and could make the exhibit hall a thing of the past. This is not something that may happen, this WILL happen starting next year if this money cannot be raised. Please help keep the fair alive and in it's present form. Donations can be mailed to Heath Agricultural Society, P.O. Box 10, Heath MA, 01346.

Over the last five years there has been some \$75,000.00 worth of improvements done on the fairgrounds. Let's not be like some of the other smaller fairs in the state, and lose everything, and have to put the fairgrounds up for sale. This has happened to others and it could happen to us if we're not careful. Our recent landscaping, electrical work, and plumbing work was the last major work we needed to do. It was the icing on the cake and the grounds look more beautiful than ever. It has been done in the hopes of making the fair more enjoyable and pleasurable for all townspeople, and is always available for reunions, parties, horse club meets or whatever for a small rental fee. Also, contrary to many rumors traveling around, the horse show ring IS there for the townspeople with horses to use whenever they want and needs no reservations, simply stop in and enjoy the best ring in the county. FAIR-TIME IS ONLY 2 MONTHS AWAY!

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## HEATH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

by Todd Sumner, Treasurer

It is time to think about the Heath Fair. No, it's not time to check your schedule and see when you can park cars, sell tickets, or volunteer for some other job. However, when you're planting your garden don't forget to put in the flowers and vegetables that you will wish you had planted come August and fair time rolls around. Showing flowers, fruits, and vegetables at the fair is also a good way to interest children in gardening.

As you may know, the Agricultural Society has in the past received monies from the state for premiums paid to exhibitors. These funds have been cut from the beleaguered state budget, which puts more pressure on local fair sponsors to raise money. We would like to keep premium levels where they are and simultaneously keep ticket prices affordable.

A work bee is planned to do some much needed work on the exhibit hall. Call Mike Peters if you'd like to help.

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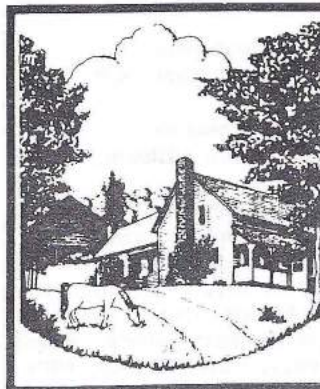
Exhibits accepted: Thursday, August 15  
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## The Way It Is In The Country

*"If it's old, works well and has a purpose in life,  
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by **CARROLL STOWE**

In my nearly 60 years of living I have spent the greatest part of said life not more than 5 miles from where I was born and raised.

I grew up on a small farm in the west part of Colrain, Adamsville to be exact, the next youngest of 4 sons to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stowe. I grew to enjoy the diversified type of farming that we conducted. At one time our farm raised a lot of apples. I've stood on an apple picking ladder with both basket and picking bag.

We were taught very early in life that hard work was to be enjoyed and a lot of our hard day's work was truly enjoyed. Some kinds of work were rather tedious. I will never admit to liking to pick cucumbers or turkeys. Those jobs were the most unpleasant as I recall as I learned that every task would not be enjoyable. I really liked to spread manure and would push myself to see how many spreader loads I could put out in a day's time. To like a task of that sort one just had to possess a strong back and a weak mind.

At times we had about 45 head of livestock and that many animals required a lot of bedding in the form of sawdust. This entailed a lot of trucking of sawdust. When portable sawmills were in the area it was no problem to find bedding, but as sawmills were fewer it became more difficult to find. We also trucked sawdust for other farms to gain a little extra income. A lot of extra cash could be earned trucking sawdust. I've been to a sawdust pile in Erving, MA, loaded a 3 1/2 cord load and come back to our area and unloaded for \$15. Now that's really making money! That sawdust all went onto the truck and off with a scoop shovel.

Sawdust piles would build up through the summer so sometimes after haying and before the rowen was ready to cut we would try to fill our sawdust storage and maybe another farm's storage. This was a welcome change from haying and cultivating corn.

In 1953 we bought a hay baler and this added to our income and our work load. We started out charging \$.10 a bale and at the last we got \$.20 per bale. Gas and twine were more reasonable then so it was a better deal than hauling sawdust. I well remember what an education it was to learn the inner workings of a field baler. You were in that field about all alone and if you ran into a problem it was up to you to dope it out and continue and you rather often had a dark thunder cloud coming over your shoulder.

Again, I liked to bale hay and look back over the field and see the nice neat rows of bales with hopefully not too many broken. Some years we baled about 12,000 bales including our own. That baler and tractor, a Model 45 International and an old H Farmall, were responsible for making hay available for a great many animals. I have the remains of the old baler and when I care to reminisce about long hard days, I go and look at that old relic and think of the roads and hay fields we traveled together.

## CATHERINE CROMACK RETIRES

Catherine Cromack retired on February 28 after ten years at The Phoenix in Greenfield. She was honored on March 29 at a retirement party held at the Community Hall. Roger Johnson provided wonderful music as family and friends chatted, danced and wished Cathy well. Although the date conflicted with many peoples' plans, well wishes came in from many who were unable to attend. Cathy plans to spend more time with her grandchildren and doing what "SHE" wants.



CATHERINE CROMACK AND FAMILY  
(Family Photo)

## MOOSE ON THE LOOSE

by Sheila Litchfield

At 6:15 AM on Tuesday, May 21, I was treated to a special sight on the way to work. I caught a glimpse of a large, dark animal in Kaiser's front yard. As I continued up 8A, the animal jogged along in the mowing towards Rocke's and soon it was clear this was a moose! She kicked up sod as she travelled along, came out Rocke's driveway and onto 8A until entering the woods again below McCutchen's. She seemed pretty much full-grown, compared to others we have seen in Maine.

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## PERCS, PERMITS AND TRANSFERS

### PERCOLATION TESTS

Earl Gleason reports that there were a total of 8 percolation tests in April and May. Three passed, 1 failed, 3 were repairs and 1 was incomplete.

### BUILDING PERMITS

John C. Becker Jr., Rowe Road, addition to mobile home, storage shed.

Joseph Corbeil, Teepee Lane, shed.

Russell Donelson, Sumner Stetson Road, demolish accessory buildings, renovation.

Allen Sessions, Route 8A, roof over mobile home.

Michael Smead, Rowe Road, screened-in deck.

Total, \$32,180.

### DEED TRANSFERS

Robert W. and Tara A. Henzel to Erwin Q. Elliott of Springfield, Wigwam Drive, Lot 14. \$3,000.

David P. and Debra J. Lavigne to Russell and Carmen Donelson of Colrain, Sumner Stetson Road. \$115,000.

Mildred E. Decker to Donna M. Tanner, County Road. No consideration.

Warren B. Wheeler to David B. Wheeler of Bristol, CT, Sadoga Road. Less than \$100.

Minor F. Marchese by the United Savings Bank to the United Savings Bank of Greenfield, Colrain Brook Road. \$81,402.

Alice Woznick of Columbus, OH, to Paul J. Dabrody, Jacksonville Stage Road. No consideration.

Raymond J. Galipo of Wilmington, VT and Pamela K. Galipo to Pamela K. Galipo, Branch Hill Road. Less than \$100.

Darryl L. Cutter to Darryl L. and Michelle Cutter, Royer Road. \$1.

Marguerite E. Savage estate by Judith A. Butterworth as executor to Darryl L. and Michelle Cutter, Royer Road. \$54,000.

Mathew G. and Cynthia A. Perry by the Greenfield Savings Bank to Greenfield Savings Bank, Colrain Brook Road, \$33,600.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

by Art Schwenger

Much of the activity by the Board of Selectmen since last report has focused on the preparation of the budget for FY92. Continuing uncertainty about the amount of support from the state has made the process complicated. Avoidance of another override and keeping the tax rate down has been the major objective. At present it appears that an override will not be necessary.

On May 28, the Selectmen received a resignation from highway superintendent Raymond Galipo. The Board is appreciative of the considerable progress in reconstruction and maintenance of the town's roads during Ray's tenure. A replacement is being advertised for. For the interim, Dohn Sherman is acting superintendent.

The Selectmen have had visits from representatives of insurance carriers from Massamont and from MIIA. After some study, the board decided to continue most of the town's insurance policies with MIIA.

Town counsel, Donna MacNicole, visited the Selectmen to explore the procedures and uses of her services by the town.

Transfer Station hours have been expanded for the summer season to the following: Monday, 9 AM - 1 PM, Wednesday, 1 - 5 PM, Saturday, 9 AM - 5 PM. Based on comments at the annual town meeting, the Selectmen continued the \$25 annual permit fee. FY92 permits must be obtained at Sawyer Hall in order to use the transfer station after July 1.

After seeking bids for the hauling contract for our trash, the board voted to change haulers from Berkshire Cleanway to George Morse. This change will lower our costs by more than \$900.

Chuck Mackie has spent considerable time and energy researching our contract with and various changes and amendments proposed by SRRI - the company receiving our trash in Springfield. Various options are being explored for reducing or eliminating any penalties due to underages in the amount of trash we are delivering due to the recycling effort.

The board is still in the process of selecting a new police chief. Carl Herzig continues to provide excellent coverage in his acting capacity assisted by Bob Markert.

The Selectmen received a letter from a resident indicating a possible suit against the town for alleged salt contamination of their well. Town counsel has been advising the board.

Jeffrey Goldwasser was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Heath Community Park Committee. Gerard Gilbert has been appointed to join Chuck Mackie, Jean Holdsworth, Frank Rocchi and Bill Gran to complete the new 5 member Finance Committee.

Jean Holdsworth has resigned as Heath's representative to the Fred W. Wells Trust and a replacement is being sought. Contact the Selectmen if you are interested.

Be sure to attend the June 15 continuation of the annual town meeting. The town needs your participation in deciding very important budget matters.

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## BUDGET AND TAXES FOR FY 1992

by D. F. Howland

Budgeting for town services and schools continues to be a constant, unfinished task of the Selectmen, Finance Committee and other town officials involved in the process. Only recently did we settle the FY91 budget and issue tax bills of which, I am told, taxpayers took particular notice. We sincerely wish we could have done better that a tax rate of \$13.91/\$1000 valuation, a 29.5% increase over last year's rate of \$10.74, but the devastating shortfalls in Local Aid of over \$90,000 prevented us from doing so. It was a shock to not receive some \$40,000 in Chapter 81 - Highway Assistance and then, we did not get Equal Educational Opportunity Grant money of over \$50,000. The cost of public schools in FY91 was \$458,240 or 54.2% of our total appropriation of \$845,167 exclusive of certain county and state required budgetary provisions. When such an important item in our budget is affected by Local Aid, any change impacts significantly on our tax rate. The only way we were able to keep the appropriation figure as low as it was required the use of Free Cash and the reduction of other budgets such as the Highway Department snow removal and salary accounts, which a light winter made possible.

However, as we head for the reconvened annual town meeting on Saturday, June 15 at 9 AM we have some encouraging news to report. We have received verbal approval from the Department of Education that we will be awarded \$53,016 in Equal Educational Opportunity Grant funds which we can use for the Heath/Rowe Elementary School budget for FY92. To access this money we will have to appropriate \$28,879 from Free Cash at a special town meeting to be convened at 8:45 AM on June 15. There will be one other item on that agenda, a provision to set the stage for establishing a Cemetery Commission vote in May 1992. Thus the Heath/Rowe School budget will be reduced by \$81,895. We also can further reduce that budget by \$7,600 because of lower enrollment. So, instead of a request for \$286,810 for the Heath/Rowe School, the amount will be \$197,315. While this is very good news, the Mohawk School budget is up \$76,980, from \$97,700 this year to \$174,680 for next year. This increase is due largely to the fact that last year Heath benefited substantially by the other town's willingness to amend the allocation formula for one year only to help out Charlemont and Heath. This year the other towns do not feel they can do that. Further, the loss of state aid has severely affected regional schools everywhere and Mohawk, Hawlemont, Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne and Plainfield are no exception. Also, Heath's average enrollment at Mohawk continues to climb which increases our obligation. Franklin County Tech's budget is down \$20,453 from \$71,935 to \$51,482 due to lower enrollment.

This roller coaster effect is compounded by the lack of information from the state on Local Aid. We may lose some \$4800 in Lottery money, for example. In any event the Legislature has passed so many amendments to the State's budget that the Department of Revenue cannot tell anyone what is forecast for FY92. It is worth noting, I think, that the House legislators acted by voice vote on Local Aid reductions thereby avoiding individual responsibility for their role in this sensitive budget issue. The Senate has yet to confirm the House actions.

There are other relatively minor changes in the town's budget for FY92 which will be reviewed at the reconvened annual town meetings. Suffice it to say

that the Selectmen and Finance Committee are sensitive to those on fixed and/or limited incomes and that we will do what we can to thwart the adverse effects of the loss of State Aid. With the recent changes in our fortunes we believe that we can hold the FY92 tax rate in the vicinity of that of FY91. With a little more favorable school budget or income news, which is possible, we might do a little better. There should not be a need for an override vote. We appreciate everyone's patience and support of the town's activities in these uncertain times.

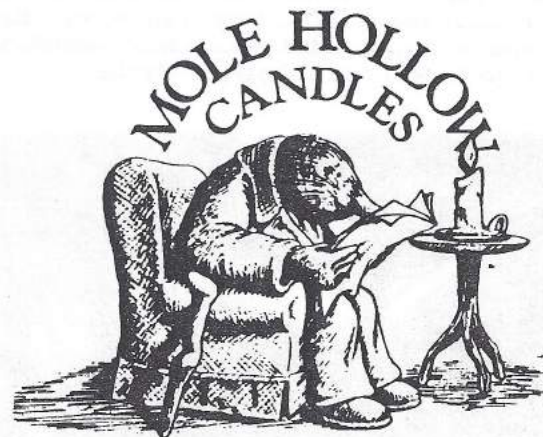
## ASSESSORS' REPORT

by Don Dekker

When looking at new cars and seeing their prices, potential buyers suffer "sticker shock" when they discover the high prices. Heath residents are now suffering "tax shock" upon receiving their FY91 tax bills. The tax rate has gone up 30% from 10.74 per thousand to 13.91 per thousand. The increase is due to the override vote passed a year ago, the usual 2 1/2 increase, and a correction made at the insistence of the State Department of Revenue (DOR). Somehow the total of exempt properties was counted as revenue properties, lowering the tax rate. Now that this has been corrected, the tax rate has gone up to reflect this. (From 13.4 to 13.9 - so not a huge difference).

The increase is due to the increase of the school age population and the decline in State aid for the most part. There has been no change in valuation of property.

As advised by the DOR the Board of Assessors has entered the Accelerated Revaluation Program. The town will no longer be inspected totally every three years. The Board will inspect 1/5 of the town every year - about 200 parcels. So every five years every property in town will have been inspected. We will be in touch with you when it is your turn. Every three years the Board will still do the paperwork to determine the new value of property. This process is now pretty well laid out and made standard by DOR. The new procedures will mean more control by the State and less freedom for the town to determine how it will raise its own tax monies. Hopefully it will help create a very fair system of determining values, especially since the tax rates are now as high as they are.



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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Earl Gleason, Chief

Ten emergency calls were responded to starting with a permit fire out of control on March 21. Engine II and eight firefighters controlled this South Road fire. That evening nineteen firefighters and Engine I responded to a chimney fire on Rowe Road. On April 4, nine firefighters and Engine II assisted burning a blueberry lot after the wind came up. The next response was to a permit fire that got away on Avery Brook Road. Engine I responded from the station and Engine II responded from assisting another blueberry burn. Fifteen firefighters responded with the two apparatus. April 14 saw 1 EMT, 2 firefighters, 2 junior firefighters and a nurse aid Charlemont Ambulance with a lady on Number Nine Road who was ill. Although no officers responded to an April 28 five acre fire, it was controlled in a very effective and workmanlike manner by the fifteen firefighters in attendance. Mutual aid was called to cover our station. This is the way the system is supposed to work and the Chief is very proud of the way the firefighters take over when he is not present. The next incident was a mutual aid call to Charlemont to a train derailment on May 5. Sixteen firefighters responded to Charlemont and three firefighters stayed at our fire station during the three hour incident. Engine I was assigned to draft water from the river under the long bridge and feed a relay of 4" hose to the scene. Although no water flowed, the line was activated. The scene approaching Charlemont was rather spectacular and full of potential for a disaster, although the actual incident was rather dull. Companies from Rowe, Shelburne Falls, Colrain and Ashfield also responded with apparatus. Shelburne Center responded with additional air cylinders and Turners Falls responded with their Haz. Mat. Truck. Approximately 800 gallons of diesel fuel were pumped out of one of the train engine's ruptured fuel tanks.

On May 21 one EMT and two firefighters responded to Avery Brook Road to assist Charlemont Ambulance with a man experiencing dizzy spells. The next call was also to Avery Brook Road on May 25. The report was for an unresponsive man in a car. It is suspected that the unresponsiveness was caused by the empty bottle as the man became quite responsive as the police applied the handcuffs. The last run was on May 27 when three EMTs, EMT trainee, two firefighters and a nurse aided Charlemont ambulance with a man on 8A who had suffered a stroke.



DERAILMENT IN CHARLEMONT  
(Photo by Mike Peters)

Training also involved considerable time. Five evenings were devoted to CPR training. Two fire department drills were held as were two Fire Association meetings. The junior firefighters also met on three occasions. Bob Giard and the Chief attended a two day Massachusetts Fire Academy class held in Dalton on pumps and hydraulics. The Chief also attended a three day Hazardous Materials class at G. E. in Pittsfield sponsored by Safety Systems of White Springs, Florida. This course costs several hundred dollars for each student and the bill was paid by G. E.

April fifth was a busy day at the station. In addition to the previously mentioned brush fire and assisting with a blueberry burn on Burnt Hill, the department had an open house to provide free batteries for smoke detectors and at the same time had a work-bee to do some of those jobs that need doing. Although only about five batteries were given out, much was accomplished at the work bee.

Meetings still continue with eight out of town meetings and four at our station. One of the meetings at our station that is of interest to the townspeople was with a gentleman from ISO (Insurance Services Office). This is the group that sets the rates for fire insurance and they rate the departments as to what rate class Heath will be in. After his inspection he said we should continue with the present rating. He is to send us material as to how we might get into a lower rate bracket.

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## TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS

by Todd Sumner

The first half of the annual town meeting took place on Saturday, May 11. Since budgetary matters were tabled until June 15, the biggest item on the agenda was the elementary school regionalization proposal, which passed overwhelmingly. This vote turned out to be in vain when Rowe rejected the proposal at their subsequent meeting.

Voters present at the meeting went through the formalities of accepting state Equal Education Opportunity Grants and observed tradition by dedicating Dog Fund monies for use by the public library. Some discussion was generated by Article 13, which authorized the sale of logs cut by the Highway Department within the town's right of way. Citizens voted to receive the enhanced 911 telephone service being promoted by the state. They set aside \$5,000 in the Stabilization Fund to be used to purchase a fire truck at some point in the future. Article 18, which was approved, raised the fines to be paid by owners of delinquent dogs. Dick Gary got some laughs when he suggested that perhaps stray cats should be corralled in a "cat house."

The following people were elected by ballot to fill various town offices:

Selectman: Art Schwenger  
Town Clerk: Karen MacDougall  
Assessor: Don Dekker  
Finance Committee: Jean Holdsworth, William Gran, Frank Rocchi  
School Committee: Budge Litchfield  
Planning Board: Helen Mackie  
Treasurer: Linda Marcotte  
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Constable: Robert Markert, Bud Kaempfer

## SUMMER DAY CAMPS

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## POLICE REPORT

by Carl Herzig, Acting Chief

The warmer weather and beginning of summer require our attention to several problems. Heath residents should continue to be watchful of their neighborhoods for any unusual traffic or activities. If you have seen or know of any suspicious activities be sure to contact the police. Only through our combined efforts can we control break-ins and vandalism to your properties.

Since the town of Heath has established a transfer and recycling station, illegal dumping has become a major problem. Citizens are reminded that there are high fines for the illegal dumping on public and private properties. Be sure to report any dumping to the police.

Finally, residents are reminded that school will soon be out for the summer. Extreme care should be used when driving on our roads during this time to ensure the safety of our children. Parents are encouraged to inform children of safety rules when using the roads for biking, walking and horseback riding. Let's all work together to have a safe and crime-free town.

## HEATH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

by Bill Lattrell

In April, the Heath Conservation Commission did one site visit, on a property proposed for subdivision between Stone Hill Road, and Number Nine Road. This site visit was scheduled jointly with the Planning Board and Board of Health. The site plan revealed large areas of flood plain and wetlands. Currently this subdivision has been denied by the Planning Board due to inconsistencies with town by-laws, but if it is resubmitted it will require extensive wetlands filings to deal with buffer zone issues, work-in-wetland issues, replacement area issues, and floodplain issues. The Conservation Commission will visit the site once again, in late May or early June to examine the existing delineation.

In May the Conservation Commission did a site visit on a Rowe Road property to determine if either the town or state wetland regulations were in effect. This site visit will be discussed at our June meeting to determine if a filing is appropriate or not.

The Conservation Commission reminds Heath residents that if you have questions as to whether a project is subject to any wetlands protection, the Heath Conservation Commission will be glad to review your project or site to help you make that determination. An ounce of prevention, in this case, is worth far more than a pound of cure. Wetland restorations are very expensive.

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## MILESTONES

by Edith Royer

A son, Reed Lockhart, was born April 18 to Bruce and Deborah Philips of Route 8A. He is the grandson of Betty and Charles Lockhart of Cape Cod and Walter and Joan Philips of Harpswell, ME.

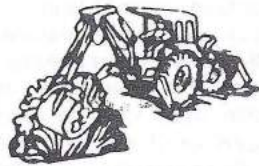
On April 28, Luke Lyle, a son, was born to Mack and Vicky Patenaude of Number Nine Road. His grandparents are Gordon and Janice Griswold of Hawley and Lyle and Arlene Patenaude of Shelburne. Lewis and Eunice Griswold of Shelburne, Virginia Taylor of Charlemont, Nelda Patenaude of Greenfield and Persis Goldthwaite of Shelburne are great-grandparents.

Melissa Swope of Buckland and Michael Churchill of Heath were married March 22 in the Living Waters Assembly of God Church in Greenfield. The bride is the daughter of Rose and John Kiablick of Buckland. Michael is the son of Janie and Donald Churchill of Colrain Brook Road.

Ruth A. Whipple, 85, of South Schoolhouse Road, died April 12 at home. Survivors include her husband of 48 years, Olin, a son Arlon Adams of Syracuse, NY, and two daughters, Ann Burzynski of Washington, DC, and Ruth Milsop of Monson. She also left 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held in the Heath Church with burial in the South Cemetery. The Whipples have lived in Heath for many years.

Francis Mills Rice, of Buckland died May 28 at the Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield. She is survived by her husband, Donald, four sons, Frank Wenzler of Greenville, NH, Peter Wenzler of Buckland, Kurt Wenzler of Greenfield and Karl Wenzler of Brattleboro, VT; five daughters, Nancy Munter of Heath, Jean Barnes of Hawthorne, NV, Lois Brown of Leyden, Susan Harris of Waltham, Lynn Libby of Waltham; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Rae of Greenfield; two stepsons, James Rae of Buckland and Joseph Rae of Shelburne.

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## HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Olga Peters, granddaughter of Ernie and Alli Thane, has been awarded an Edward E. Jameson Scholarship through the Experiment in International Training of Brattleboro, VT. This is given to achieving students in Windham County, VT. Olga will be in Italy from June 25 through August 1.

Anne Steinbock spent a month in Italy with her sister recently.

Nicole denOuden graduated Cum Laude from the University of Hartford on May 19. She majored in English composition. Her writing skills were recognized by the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society in the category of Psychological Criticism, receiving a \$300 prize. Nicole will be taking a year off after graduation before attending graduate school at the University of Massachusetts, Boston where she will enter a three year Masters and Ph.D. program in the field of teaching writing.

Sp 4 Sandra Tougas Tatchell ended her five month tour of duty in the Persian Gulf and returned to Stuttgart, Germany, on April 22, 1991. While in the Persian Gulf, Sp Tatchell was assigned to the VII Corps and lived in a desert compound by the border of Kuwait lending support to both VIII Corps and the British "Desert Rats". At the end of the war, Sp Tatchell, a flute and piccolo player assigned to the 84th Army Band, played at various functions through-out the Persian Gulf and for many troop departures.

Her parents, George and Eileen Tougas of Swamp Road and her grandmother, Agnes Gingras of Colrain Brook Road are anxiously awaiting Sp Tatchell's three week visit during the month of August when they plan a "welcome home" celebration.

Pegge Howland gave an illustrated talk on sanded Majolica on May 5 in Springfield at the Third Annual Meeting of the Majolica International Society, of which she is a member. Pegge has been collecting sanded Majolica for twenty years and has over 700 pieces of this richly decorated, Victorian pottery.

Robert Markert completed the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Course on June 4. As a result of more than 94 hours of classroom work and first aid/CPR training, Robert is now a certified police officer. A graduation ceremony was held June 13 at Greenfield Community College for the successful participants in this program. Robert is currently a provisional police officer for the Town of Heath Police Department.

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