



VOLUME 14 NUMBER 3

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1992

HEATH HERALD

HEATH'S FIRST NEWSPAPER 50¢

HEATH FAIR NEWS

by Mike Peters

Now that the Heath Fair is here again we have something to look forward to that promises fun for everyone.

With posters, flyers and books out already, we will spare you most of the details of our 75th fair. But we will tell you that this year's fair has an approximate cost to us of twenty-five thousand dollars, and definitely will be the biggest and the best fair we have seen yet.

There is a record number of concessions and arts and crafts coming this year which is very encouraging and also a good sign. This year's horse pull has twice the normal cash prizes being awarded, and is expected to bring record numbers of pulling teams that promise an exciting show rain or shine. Another big addition is the huge fireworks show coming for this year only. We have got more than twice the normal amount of money normally spent on fireworks, and the addition of a rain date on Sunday to make sure our 75th anniversary is well remembered. Besides, now that we have heard our request for perfect weather has been granted, we shouldn't have anything to worry about.

For the first year ever, the Heath Fair tee shirt design and artwork have mysteriously leaked out, and have appeared early on all the premium books and posters printed of the Heath Fair. We advise everyone in town to save their money to buy several of this year's tee shirts which are said to be printed in six beautiful colors !!!

The fairgrounds have had Bob Gear's personal care and attention, are ready to see at least twelve thousand new smiling faces once again this year. Glowing right in the middle are Bonnie Wodin's flowers in the stone planter that are just exploding with color. And out near the main road is the fair's newly completed stone plaque, finished with the care and talent of Heath's own Joe Kincannon. There is a story of how that beautiful quartz stone was placed at the corner of the fairgrounds many years ago, in the hopes of writing on it to honor the people who have worked hard, to build the fair to what it is today. It is long over-do and should be a beautiful addition to the fairgrounds.

We look forward to a very active Heath Fair that will bring enjoyment to everyone young and old.

HAVE A GREAT TIME!!!

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

by Pegge Howland

Everyone is cordially invited to the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Heath Historical Society, which will be held on Saturday, August 15.

The events include:

5:30 PM - Old Town House Museum open for viewing with a new display of family portraits.

6:30 PM - Potluck Supper downstairs in the Community Hall. Please bring a salad, a main dish, breads or a dessert.

7:30 PM - Business Meeting downstairs in the Community Hall. It's election time again.

8:00 PM - Program, "Paupers and Poor Farms", downstairs in the Community Hall.

Our speaker this year will be Louise Minks, authorcontinued on page 5



DR. REINHOLD NIEBUHR HOLDS THE ATTENTION OF HIS AUDIENCE AT A HEATH FAIR CIRCUS PRESENTATION IN THE MID-1940'S

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing on behalf of the Heath Public Preschool Community Support Committee.

First of all, I would like to say thank-you to the townspeople of Heath and Rowe for the generous town contributions voted to the preschool. The funds contributed by the towns along with anticipated state, level-funding and tuition should cover the basic operating costs for the upcoming year.

With the increased support from the towns, fundraising efforts can now be focused on providing money for scholarships and enhancements to the program. As this is a public preschool, our first priority is to see that all eligible Heath and Rowe children be able to attend. By fundraising scholarship money, it will be possible to help with tuition for those families who need it. Secondly, now money can be fundraised for equipment, supplies, field trips, and other things which the basic operating budget has not been able to cover in the past.

Next, I would like to say that our preschool is fortunate to have the community's support behind it. It seems clear that the people do want and need the preschool in our community. They do recognize the importance and value of the program in the education of our children. I am proud and honored to be a member of such a supportive community. I only hope that our efforts and commitment will inspire other towns to come forward and give their children the same benefits that we now offer ours.

Michele Cutter, Chairperson
Community Support Committee
Heath Public Preschool

MILESTONES

by Edith Royer

A son, Joshua Christopher, was born July 7. His parents are Vicki (Gilbert) and Christopher Therien of Norfolk, VA. He is the grandson of Pamela and Joseph Gilbert of Charlemont and Linda and Bernard Gonyer of Greenfield. His great grandparents are Alice and Lawrence Gilbert of Colrain and Odette and Francis Rice of Heath. Joshua is the great-great grandson of Lois Rice of Greenfield and Edna Cobb of Colrain.

Mary Avis, a daughter, was born July 10 to Sheri-Lyn (Lawrence) and William James Mahon III of West Granby, CT. Grandparents are Joyce and James Lawrence of Heath and William James Mahon, Jr. of West Granby, CT. Her great grandmother is Avis P. Lawrence of Glastonbury, CT.

On July 22, a son, Michael Raymond, was born to Melissa (Swope) and Michael J. Churchill of Greenfield. He is the grandson of Rosetta and John Kiablick of Buckland, James Swope of Ludlow and Janie and Donald Churchill of Heath. Great grandparents are Bernice and William Underwood of Buckland, Helen Swope of Merrill, Wisconsin, Hazel Churchill of Shelburne Falls and Ellen Miller of Colrain. Geneva Purington of Greenfield is his great-great grandmother.

Heidi Crowningshield, daughter of Howard and Jeanette Crowningshield and Kelly Griswold, son of Kenneth and Joyce Griswold of Shelburne, were married June 20 in the Heath Union Church with the Rev. Roger Peace officiating. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in Rowe. The newlyweds took a wedding trip to Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. They are making their home in Heath.

Gilbert and Alice Smith of North Heath celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 6 at the Phases Restaurant in Bernardston. All seven of their children, several grandchildren, and original wedding party including: Best Man, Louis Smith of Heath, Matron of Honor, Louise May, of Miami, FL, and Flower Girl, Rita Shensky of Los Angeles, CA, attended.

Martha (Ekwall) Beasley of Newburyport died June 26. She leaves her husband, Earle Beasley and son, Cyrus and a daughter Sarah of Newburyport, a brother, Richard Ekwall of Stratford, VT. They spent many summers in Heath.

Clarence M. Syriac, of Mohawk Beach Drive, died July 20 at the Franciscan Medical Center. He lived in Chicopee before moving to Heath eleven years ago. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, the former Jeanette G. Brissonette and his parents, Louis and Genevieve Syriac. He also leaves 3 sons, Robert of Ware, Ronald J. of Warren and Kenneth W. of Chicopee; two daughters, Victoria C. Beiry of West Warren and Donna M. Garstka of Southampton. There are 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. There were no services.

HEATH PRECIPITATION

by Ralph H. Dickinson

Observer for Mass. Division of Water Resources

During the month of June, the precipitation was 4.9 inches. In July, the total precipitation was 4.28 inches making the total for 1992 24.98 inches.

Frequent showers make the gardens grow -- and haying very difficult.



HEATH HERALD

HEATH'S FIRST NEWSPAPER

VOLUME 14 NUMBER 2 AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1992

Managing Editor	Susan Silvester
General Editing & Layout	Pegge Howland
Copy Editor	David Gibbons
Staff Reporters	Edith Royer

Beverly denOuden

Todd Sumner

Karen Brooks

Columnists

Elsa Bakalar

Michael D. Coe

Bill Lattrell

Carroll Stowe

Pat Leuchtman

Staff Photographer

Michael Peters

Advertising

Ray Pettengill

Circulation & Business

Terry Pettengill

Typography

Arlene Markert

The **HEATH HERALD** is published six times a year in April, June, August, October, December and February.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE - One year, \$4.50 (payable in advance by check or money order.)

ADVERTISING RATES - Display ads: \$4.50 per column inch (Discounts on six or more insertions.)

CLASSIFIED ADS: \$2.00 per line.

Send all correspondence to Box 54, Heath, MA 01346

HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Marlene Housner, of Heath, member of the professional staff at the University of Massachusetts Fine Arts Center, who has served as program assistant to the UMass Arts Council since 1988, was named program coordinator of the Council. A painter and artist, Housner studied at Hunter College in New York and her work has been exhibited in Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, New Jersey and Florida. As program coordinator she is responsible for coordinating all the day-to-day operations of the Arts Council. Before 1988, Ms. Housner was administrative assistant at the University Gallery and at WFCR-FM.

Dr. Martha R. McDonough of Des Moines, Iowa, formerly of Heath, recently spent a weekend with her parents, Elmer and Mary Sherman of Heath while she attended the 30th reunion of her class of Charlemont High School.

She was Chief Resident of the Family Practice Program at Des Moines General Hospital in 1992 and has now joined Family Practice Associates of Indianola in July.

Kris Nartowicz was presented with an autographed Mariah Carey Picasso jacket from WCAT radio in Athol. Kris was the grand prize winner in one of the station's contests. The jacket features a self-portrait of the singer, plus her words "O.K. so I'm not Picasso, or even reasonable close... But I like to doodle. Love and kisses, Mariah." Kris is the daughter of Dot and Ken Stetson of Heath.

Academy teacher, David L. Gibbons, is having a busy summer. He finished up a year-long project with a final week of classes at UMass for an NSF funded teacher enrichment program called Spacemet. Then, after a week's break, it was back to UMass for a week of work on a new chemistry resource called Chem-Source that is being developed by the American Chemical Society. From there he went to Concord Academy for a week-long computer training as part of the preparation for the Academy at Charlemont's new computer program (see related article). Finally there is a week at the University of South Carolina in August for training in a new chemistry curriculum being adopted by the Academy.

Heath residents Catherine Wilkins, a teacher at the Academy at Charlemont, and Bob Gruen, a teacher at the Butterfield School in Orange, were among forty western Massachusetts teachers who participated in the Five College Education in the Earth's Energy, Environment and Ecology program. The program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation and run by the Five College Consortium, started with three weeks of work at UMass. The participants will work cooperatively on projects over the next year and reassemble next summer to wrap things up.

ADAGIO

by BETSEY SILVESTER

LOLLAPALOOZA PREVIEW

Last summer the vision of Perry Farrell, former lead singer of Jane's Addiction, came to life when the Lollapalooza tour kicked off. This summer Lollapalooza '92 is well underway. Twenty-one cities across the United States will be host to this cultural entourage of music, art, and political awareness. Bands such as Ministry, Soundgarden, and Lush will perform in addition to headlining act the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Besides great musical entertainment, booths and displays at Lollapalooza will give concertgoers an opportunity to get information about such organizations as Rock the Vote and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Artists will also be exhibiting their work. These are only a few of the many attractions of Lollapalooza '92. I would strongly suggest catching the show when it stops near you.

A.L. AVERY & SON

GENERAL STORE

Charlemont • 339-4915

TEL: DAYS 413-624-8843

NIGHTS 624-3783



STONE'S SUNOCO

COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE
VARIETY STORE
24 HOUR TOWING

ROD STONE

ROUTE #112
COLRAIN, MA 01340

Richard Loomis
PLANO TUNER

(413) 625-2392 • 772-6357

BEFORE AND AFTER

Feel Young Again

The difference from before and after chiropractic treatment is like night and day. If you are suffering from back pain don't delay. Call us today.

Chiropractors... We Can Help

**SHELBURNE FALLS
CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE**
Dr. Michael A. Boyle

10 Kratt Avenue • Shelburne Falls, MA • 625-6359



WILD RAMBLINGS

by BILL LATTRELL

THE LONELY ONE

From my doorstep in Heath, I can hear the lonely wail of an eastern coyote. It is about 10 PM and the moon, nearly full, creates silhouettes of each nearby tree. The sound fills me with feelings of quiet solitude. I am content to wait and listen for the next howling. Some moments later the cry is heard; this time from a slightly different location and at a slightly different pitch. The howling continues. Each time the two different cries seem closer together. I somehow feel a part of the excitement as a yipping-like sound begins in the distance. The two partners have located each other and greet one another with excitement. Then there is a long silence. I soon notice that I miss the lonely wail, and the feeling of solitude that it gives me.

My first up close experience with coyotes was in Wyoming some twenty years ago this very year. I was camping with a friend near the Green River when as dusk approached the howling began. I still can feel the shivers of excitement that I felt at that time knowing how close these coyotes were. At first there was one, then two, and soon an entire symphony from a group of twelve or more. Like this night, the moon was nearly full. But the terrain of Wyoming is much different than here in the Berkshires. Wide open spaces give the appearance of things being much closer than they really are. I remember seeing the shadowy figures of the coyotes, probably 100 yards away next to a pine stand. They would dart back and forth, in and out of the pine stand. My heart became still many times as one would venture out into the meadow. They were fully aware of us being there. We were dumbfounded that they showed so little regard for our presence. After about an hour of watching them, the largest individual went over and stood at the far end of the meadow, near an overhang above the Green River. He gave three or four yips and the entire group swept across the field and down a path towards the river. We could hear or see them no more.

The eastern coyote is quite a bit larger than the western coyote. Some biologists consider it to be a separate species, although this remains the subject of much debate. The eastern coyote is relatively new to our generation, having disappeared from the northeast for more than one hundred years. We can only guess as to why it has reappeared. Some think it is because of the return of a vast forest and a more varied habitat. Others think the eastern coyote has migrated north over the Canadian border, breeding with wolves and dogs along the way, creating a slightly larger animal with slightly different habits. These biologists reason that it has migrated recently because of intense pressure on its range in western states. No matter what the reason, the coyote is here to stay, and it is certain to have a major impact on how all of us see the wilds around us.

There is still little original scientific research on the eastern coyote. More myth surrounds this effective predator than actual fact. People need not fear this animal, even in numbers unless it is cornered. Its primary will is to survive, and part of this scheme does not include battles with the mentally superior species homo sapiens. Coyotes can be very bold, but

they generally will make themselves scarce when it comes to human contact. If one word had to be used to describe the coyote it would be sly. For over one hundred years man and coyote have competed for the use of the same open range in the west. Man has tried to trap, poison, and hunt the coyote to extinction. If anything the coyote has increased in numbers, despite the fact that over 200,000 are killed annually. The coyote has survived by its memory alone. Seldom will a coyote make the same mistake twice. If it survives the error, it will most likely not be repeated. It is as if the coyote had an ability to reason.

Coyotes mate between late January and early May. They have a two month gestation period, and produce litters of three to twelve pups. During this time the coyote stays in a den that can take several forms. The two most common types of dens are earth excavated dens and the use of a fallen, hollow tree. The earthen dens are two to six feet deep with a secondary entrance used as an escape exit. The dens can be excavated from the dwelling of another mammal such as a fox or groundhog, or it can be dug by the coyote for the purpose of a den for its new family. The hollow log den is a bit more uncommon. It must have at least a secondary exit for escape. Both parents participate in raising the pups, bring fresh kills allowing the pups the best portion of meat. The coyote is omnivorous, with a strong favor for fresh meat. This predator has the ability to hunt for anything from mice to deer. Rabbits are among its favorite foods.

Two winters ago after taking a long, cold hike in the woods off Sumner-Stetson Road in Heath, I saw two coyotes while driving home. They were only about ten feet off the road and trying to drag a fresh deer carcass into the woods. I marveled at their power and cooperation in moving the dead deer. They quickly and methodically worked together to drag the carcass out of sight in only a minute or two. The next day I went back to the site and trailed the drag through the snow. They had moved it nearly a quarter of a mile. Even though it was only the following day the carcass was nearly bare, leaving only bones and hair to view.

Many people think that coyotes have seriously impacted the local deer population. Nothing could be further from the truth. Through the 1980's as the coyote population has increased so has the deer population. The density of deer is impacted at a much greater level by man's destruction of habitat and heavy winters than any predation by the coyote. This is a myth that should be put to rest. The coyote simply helps to maintain the balance of nature.

The coyote population, like that of the fox, seems to follow not only available prey, but the spread of the mange. As populations increase so does the spread of this dreaded canine disease. As populations decrease so does the mange. It seems to be a never-ending cycle, and partially a natural population control. Although man may choose to think that it is necessary for him to help control the population of the coyote, we probably have little real impact on the population of this animal once it is established in an area. Man likes to believe that he must be in control of everything.

So tonight I will once again go outside and listen for the coyote. If I am lucky I will catch its sound in the distance. And while the coyote might be calling to locate its mate or simply to hear itself sing, I will be left to my own thoughts and solitude. Perhaps I will feel a bit lonely, but not so alone, knowing that I will share the world with this wonderful animal.

....continued from page 1

of "Leverett, Massachusetts: A Study of Poverty in the 19th Century", published in the American Legal Studies Association Journal, *Forum*, Fall 1983, and "The Missing Poor Farm" published in *History in the Making* by the Amherst Local History Project in 1984. Louise will present a workshop called "Paupers and Poor Farms" which will show how Massachusetts towns treated the poor in the 19th century by having participants take on real people's identities. For instance if you were a pauper, you would be put up for bid at the annual town meeting and placed in the "care" of the person whose bid was the lowest. Though some towns continued the practice into the 1880's, the "pauper system" began to disappear after the Quincy Commission report of 1822, which recommended the "poor farm system" as a more humane way to deal with the needy. Poor farms sprang up all around the Commonwealth, and nearly every town had one by the middle of the century.

Louise Minks is the Coordinator of the Pioneer Valley Institute at Greenfield Community College. She has an M.A. degree in American History from Indiana University, and was the keynote speaker and workshop leader at the 1990 Connecticut Conference on Human Services, where she first presented "Paupers and Poor Farms".

The events are free and open to the public. All are welcome. See you there!

FRESH WINDS FARM

Paul & Marcella Lively & Sons

Excavating - Loam - Sand Stone 337-4331

****SCREENED LOAM A SPECIALTY****

Shepherd Excavation



Rte. 8A, Heath, MA

(413) 337-4215

"Scooping
Bart's Ice Cream"

Open Daily 7 AM - 9 PM
All Summer long.

at the Bridge of Flowers!



MCCUSKER'S
MARKET & DELI
SHELBURNE FALLS, MASSACHUSETTS

Quality Foods

CALL 625-9411 for Deli Orders



The Way It Is In The Country

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

by **CARROLL STOWE**

PERSONALITIES

As I've experienced my life, I have had the opportunity to enjoy a variety of personalities. I never look back at the teams of pure horsepower that I have had the privilege to draw a line over but what I can remember their attitude towards the task at hand. A team on a mowing machine could really display their personality as they followed the swath and made the corners at the end. There's not much more enjoyable an operation than to mow with a team in tune with one another and their friends on the seat.

I've sat at the controls of a good number of trucks as I made my way through life and every one had a personality that while those units were most unfeeling, after a few days you would develop a certain feeling for each. How those rigs came on to a load as the clutch connected the engine to the drive line and started everything under motion. How the transmission felt as you took it through the gears. Some are truly a pleasure to take up and down and others seem to have an unpleasant feel to them. These various feelings all go towards the trucks taking on a true personality.

The old tractor at our farm in Colrain had a loader on it at times and when the bucket rolled back to engage the latch pin, it created the most friendly and pleasant sound. That latch pin closing the bucket was just another added feature that gave that old power unit so much personality it would have taken a lot of buckets to have carried it in. All of these descriptions of the horses and equipment that I felt had lots of personality might well have left others without that same feeling.

I will always cherish the friendship of those I've know, those still with us and those not on earth anymore. Our late, dear friend, Howard Thompson, had so much personality that it would have been hard for ten people to have lugged it around.

Everywhere that people use animals, or machinery to put together a country style living and are willing to talk about their feelings of things familiar to them, be it a yoke of oxen, a chain saw, tractor, dump truck, team of horses or mules or a woodshod sled, the evidence of personality will always show to them.

Gulf
Gas

UCF
Feeds

Moritz
Trailers

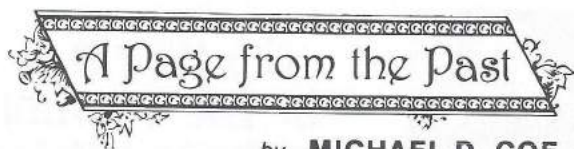
CHANDLER'S

GENERAL STORE
Jacksonville Road
Colrain, MA 01340
413-624-3406
David W. Nims, Owner

Maple Syrup
Cheese

Groceries
Hot Coffee

Seedway
Asgrow
Funk
Seeds



LOOKING THROUGH THE KEYHOLE: WHAT THE HISTORIAN SAW

How would you like to look through a keyhole, and spy on the private lives of people who lived one, two, or three hundred years ago? Impossible, you say? Not impossible, say social historians, historical archaeologists, and other students of the American past. The keyhole through which they look is that remarkable document, the household inventory, a gold mine of information on many aspects of the daily life of our antecedents in Colonial and post-Colonial New England (including, of course, Heath).

Under English and American law (until the Civil War period), when a person died, a detailed inventory had to be made of his or her estate before the will could be settled. Usually, three appraisers appointed by the Probate Court would show up at the house of the deceased, and go through room by room, describing and evaluating everything, including furniture, clothing, kitchen utensils, pictures and books (if any), and the like; they would also make a tour of the outbuildings, and note the livestock, wagons and farm tools, as well as set a value on all the buildings and land.

What does this tell us? For one thing, it enables culture historians, preservationists, and others to literally put together the complete furnishings of houses as they were at a particular point in time. Take, for instance, the house of Theophilus Eaton, one of the Puritan founders of New Haven, who died in the mid-17th century: the house itself has disappeared entirely, but one can wander through its rooms in one's mind, following the path of Eaton's appraisers as they passed from one room into another. You can easily imagine what a tool this is for restorers of period rooms in such historical museum-villages as Plimoth Plantation or Historic Deerfield.

Secondly, through probate inventories, one can see and evaluate some of the immense changes that came about in American material culture as the centuries passed. One of these great transitions can be seen in the pioneering book by Abbott Lowell Cummings, Rural Household Inventories, which covers Essex County in northeastern Massachusetts. It is abundantly clear from these documents that during the 17th century, daily life and material culture were completely medieval: furniture was scarce and rudimentary, numbers of householders lived and slept in the same room, and largely ate off pewter plates and wooden trenchers. By the mid-18th century, all this had changed: vast quantities of high-quality English ceramics were being imported, the better-off citizens had silver and glass on their tables, textiles were largely imported rather than being made on home looms, and refined beverages like wine, tea, and chocolate were imbibed in place of the beer of the Puritan pioneers.

Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, household inventories allow the social historian a unique view into social differences in the life style of early Americans. This is a hot issue among historians, with much current discussion and dispute about the extent to which class differences may have played a role in such happenings as the American Revolution

or Shays' Rebellion, or even in the kinds of disagreements to be seen in rural communities like early 19th-century Heath, with its endless wrangles over its ministers.

Such issues came to mind as soon as I laid hands on a copy of the estate inventory of Samuel Kendrick, dated May 31, 1834, and preserved (as are all other Heath inventories) in the Franklin County Court House in Greenfield. Samuel was the poor farmer who built our house in North Heath about 1815; he died on March 31, 1834, leaving his widow Sally Gleason Kendrick and seven children. He must have been improvident, for he died intestate. Two months later the court-appointed appraisers showed up, and began their work, probably watched by the apprehensive and near-destitute Sally. The inventory list shows that they began with the barn and other outbuildings. Other than the main house and land (appraised at \$632), the most valuable item in his estate was his team of 3-year old oxen, valued at \$46. Samuel was a subsistence (or "general") farmer, and in place of the large dairy herds of recent Heath history had only one cow, a heifer, and a calf. His 13-year-old mare was surely only for transportation (he had a wagon and a sleigh), and he must have done all his plowing with his pair of oxen.

After they had noted and valued all of the farm tools and equipment, the appraisers came into the house. Let me briefly describe the layout of our house, which is a so-called "Cape", with a large central chimney stack and three fireplaces. Its two largest rooms were the kitchen and general work area on the left or west side, and the parlor on the right; to the back was the bedroom (the children probably slept in the upstairs attic (which must have been bitterly cold in the long Heath winters). The appraisers started with the kitchen-cum-dining room, and enumerated the "kittles" (kettles) and "spiders" (frying pans). Remember, in those days, a housewife like Sally would have done all her cooking in the large kitchen fireplace, for stoves did not enter rural households until decades later. The Kendrick family ate together in this room, for in the list are "9 dining chairs". Almost all of the sparse furniture in the house is described as "old", and the only item which was worth much more than a dollar was the clock, which was valued at four dollars.

I know from our "backyard archaeology" collection that the Kendricks ate off imported English creamware plates and platters, and drank from Mocha mugs, but it is interesting that the only relevant entry on this subject was "crockery", lumped together at \$.50 -- just try to buy a Leeds feather-edged platter from today's antique dealers for under \$100!

Sally and Samuel slept in the back room in what is described as "1 light old feather bed bedstead & bedding", worth six dollars. In those days, a feather bed was a bit like a down sleeping bag, laid on the cord "springs" of the bedstead, and wonderfully warm. There were three other bedsteads in the house, two of them probably in the attic for the Kendrick offspring, but another perhaps in the east parlor. The single loom in the list may also have stood in the parlor (the attic would have been too cold in the winter), used by Sally to turn out coverlets and the like for her family.

Samuel's clothing collection was probably typical of a poor farmer of that era, but is nonetheless shockingly scanty. Against the Heath cold he had a greatcoat, as well as two other ordinary coats (probably equivalent to our jackets) and a vest, but he had only one pair of woolen pantaloons and three shirts.

If his feet got wet, too bad, for he owned but one pair of boots. On his head he wore a \$.50 cap, and around his neck a \$.25 handkerchief -- hardly the picture of early 19th century elegance.

The very last item in the inventory is revealing: a pew in the Congregational meeting house, valued at the princely sum of \$20, about the price of a good milk cow, and obviously a heavy financial burden for a hardscrabble, farming family like the Kendricks. But the Lord had said "Thou shalt not live by bread alone", and Heathens in those days took their religion very seriously indeed.

So, we have in a way peeked through the keyhole into the lives and livelihood of the Kendricks in their hilltop home, using one of the social historian's most powerful tools -- the household inventory, available to anyone with the time to search the probate records on file in the nearest courthouse.

RICHARD C. BISHOP

Attorney at Law

Admitted in Massachusetts & Florida

**SPECIALIZING IN WEST COUNTY
REAL ESTATE**

- Real Estate Closings
- Zoning and Land Use
- Taxation of Real Estate Transactions

LEVY - WINER, P.C.

625-2574

102 Bridge Street, Shelburne Falls, MA

HEATH ARTISTS' EXHIBITION

by Janice Boudreau

An exhibit featuring the various professional artists of Heath will be held at the Community Hall during the Heath Fair Weekend. The exhibit, sponsored by the Heath Arts Lottery Council, will open on Thursday evening, August 20, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and will include a performance by Heath musician Jon Clark. Refreshments will be served at the opening reception.

Participating artists includes Photographs by Janice Boudreau, Mark Brown, and Peter Brown; Painting, Fred Burrington; Jewelry, Liz Canali; Baskets, Jayne Dane; Glass sculpture, Robert Dane; Painting, Julie Hall; Pottery, Sara Hettlinger/Jim Gleason; Painting, Marlene Housner; Furniture, Alan Nichols; and Photography, Paul Turnbull.

Hours for the exhibit are: Thursday, August 20, 5:30 to 7:30 PM, Friday, August 21, 3 to 8 PM, Saturday August 22, 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, August 23, 10 AM - 6 PM.

BED & BREAKFAST

Y'ALL COME

Forest Way Farm

Heath, Massachusetts

Route 8A

413-337-8321

HEATH ARTISTS EXHIBITION

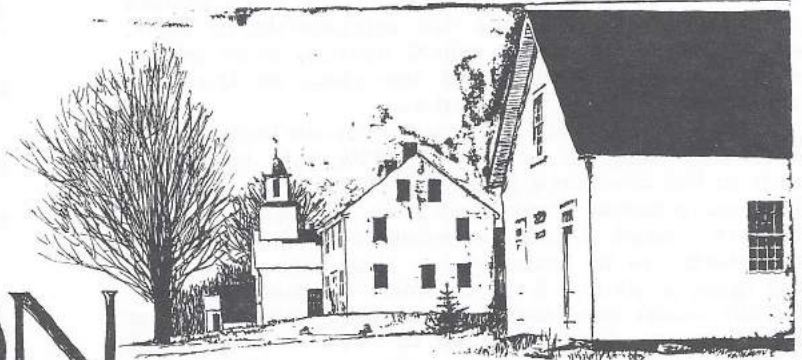
UPSTAIRS AT THE HEATH COMMUNITY HALL
OPENING THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH 5:30-7:30 PM
WITH MUSIC BY JOHN CLARK

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST FROM 3-8

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND FROM 10-5

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD FROM 10-6

SPONSORED BY A GRANT FROM THE MASS. ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL



CONNECTIONS

DICK GIARD

by Pat Leuchtman

Dick Giard was born and grew up on the family farm on Colrain Brook Road. This was land that he farmed himself until 1978, and he has seen Heath change from an agricultural community into something very different. Dick, like most Heath residents, sees the land as beautiful and valuable, but it is no longer able to provide a living for the families here.

Dick now works for Hardigg Industries in Deerfield, and he delivers mail for the Colrain Post Office, but for about 14 years now, he has served the town, as a volunteer fireman, as an assessor and as a selectman. In those positions he has seen other kinds of changes. "It used to be that there was 'home rule', but now there are so many state regulations that town officers had better leave a paper trail."

Dick said he really enjoyed the nine years he spent as assessor. "I got to go out and see people at their own homes, and talking to them on their own turf was very relaxed and comfortable. People felt very free to talk about what was on their minds. I felt I really got to know the townspeople. Since then the assessor's office has been saddled with more and more paperwork. That is one job that has changed drastically."

From 1984 to 1988 Dick served as selectman and grappled with those two eternal town problems, the schools and the roads. After a four year hiatus, he is back at the selectmen's table, and in many ways the problems haven't changed much. Education is still the biggest single expense in the town budget and the questions about our relationship to Rowe, and in fact, the whole school system, have gotten even more complicated and uncertain as the K-12 regionalization plan is looked at.

Dick is now the official contact person between the road crew and the selectmen. "We only have four men on the road crew full-time, although we get some temporary summer help, and they do a great job. I know it's hard to believe sometimes, but I do think the roads are in better shape than they have been for quite a while. A lot of work has been done on Colrain Brook Road and work on Avery Brook Road is progressing. Then we'll get to work on Branch Hill Road, from the fairgrounds on down toward the town garage. Our money will run out before we get there, but we'll go as far as we can. Plainfield, Hawley, Charlemont and Heath are working on a joint grant that might get us some money to renovate 8A, but even if we get it, that work is some distance off."

It is clear that town government gets more and more complicated and that the paperwork demanded by the state is more and more voluminous. "We are lucky to have Dave Howland who is willing to give up so much of his retirement to the town. There is so much work that has to be done during the business day. We also really depend on June Day who puts in so much time and helps the selectmen all the way through the process of having any job done. The first time I was selectman I used to depend heavily on Catherine Heyl who did a lot - way beyond her job description."

Dick has spent the first couple of months of his new term of office grappling with the budget, but now he is able to look ahead to other projects, in addition to roads and schools. There is the covering of the three-town landfill that needs to be completed, and town equipment needs to be upgraded and maintained.

The town meeting voted to give the selectmen a raise, but Dick says that while he appreciates the concern of the townspeople, he wants to serve because he loves Heath.

1992 HEATH FAIR PROGRAM AUGUST 21, 22 and 23

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Exhibits accepted between 4 PM and 8 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 5 PM to 10 PM

Pony Pull - 2 PM

Exhibit Hall opens 5 PM - 9 PM

4 x 4 pull - 7 PM

"Country Comfort Band" 6 PM - 10 PM
(Nashville Country Music)

Flea Market

Concessions, Food, Midway & Rides
5 PM - 10 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 8:30 AM to MIDNIGHT

Adult Sheep Show - 10 AM

Exhibit Hall Opens to Public, 10 AM - 9 PM

Youth and Adult Rabbit Show - 10 AM

Adult Cattle Show - 11 AM

Horse Draw - 11 AM

Chicken Barbecue - 12 noon

Paradise City Jazz Band - 12 noon - 4 PM
(Dixieland & Oldtime Hot Jazz)

Woodsmen's Contest - 2 PM

Children's Games - 3 PM

Garden Tractor Pull - 7 PM

"Flipside" - 5 PM - 9:30 PM
(Country & Oldies Dance Music)

Square Dance - 8 PM - Midnight
(Catamount Mountain Boys
Doug Wilkins calling)

Fireworks!!! - 9:30 PM (Rain date, Sunday,
9:30 PM)

Midway, Concessions, Food, Rides, 8:30 AM to
midnight

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 9 AM to 8 PM

Horse Show - 8 AM to evening

Exhibit Hall, 10 AM - 4 PM

Ox Draw - 9 AM (Oxen Parade, following
the draw)

Church Service - 9:30 AM

Youth Sheep Show - 10 AM

Poultry Judging - 11 AM

Chicken Barbecue - 12 noon

Parade - 1 PM

The Hilltown Fiddlers & Bluegrass Review
with Winn Fay - 2 PM to early eve.

Shelburne Falls Military Band Concert - after
parade - Stanley Smithers, Conductor)

Border Collie Demonstration - 3 - 6 PM

Martial Arts Demonstration - 3 PM

Food, Concessions, Midway, Rides, 9 AM - 8 PM

ENTERTAINMENT ALL UNDER THE TENT COVER -
RAIN OR SHINE

WE CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF THE HEATH FAIR

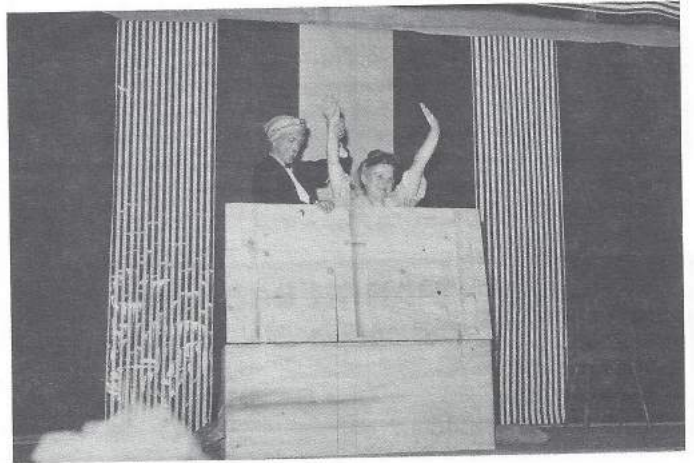
by Susan Silvester

During the past 75 years, the Heath Fair has evolved into a highly acclaimed annual event, earning its well deserved reputation as the highlight of the summer. From its original location in the Dickinson's oak grove to its present day home at the fairgrounds, such deeply-ingrained, beloved institutions as the Shelburne Falls Military Band, sale of baked goods and judging of cattle have remained an integral part of the fair.

These photographs, courtesy of Rachel Sumner, depict a Heath Fair circus presentation held at the community hall in the mid-1940's.



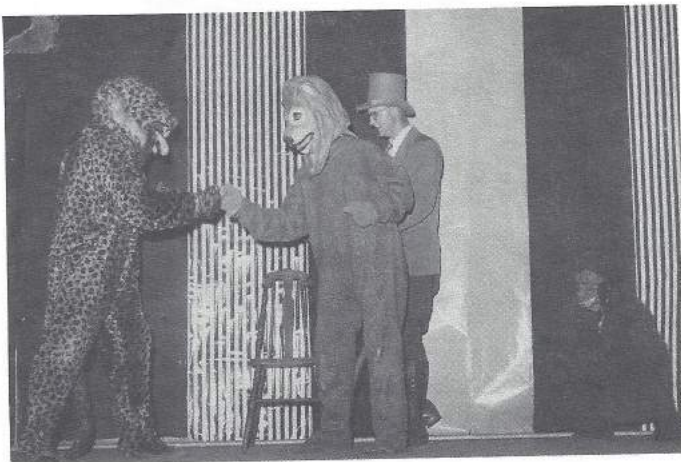
BISHOP DUN



MR. RANDOLF DYER AND PEARL TANNER



THE CAST OF PERFORMERS



BILL WOLF AND THE BEASTS



THE CURREY SISTERS



JULIET SEAVER, MsT, AcP
Therapeutic Massage & Acupressure

Relief from pain & stress

337-4866

"Feeling Better is Believing"

CHARLEMONT TV, INC.

Zenith

Sales & Service

High Street, Charlemont

Tel: 339-6685

Howard Crowningshield

Building & Remodeling

Tel: Heath 337-4406

P.O. Charlemont, Ma. 01339



Charlemont Pizza House

Main Street - Route 2

Charlemont, Mass.

Phone: 339-4472

WEST BRANCH BINDERY

Custom Binding

Phyllis Thane
Brunelle Road

Heath, Mass. 01346

413-337-4759

Richard A. Sumner

Journeyman Electrician

Mass. License #E22622

Vermont License #J1245

RFD #2 Box 517, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

413-625-8239

• FUEL OIL • KEROSENE • BURNER SERVICE

FRANKLIN-WARE

FUEL - OIL
PROPANE GAS

27 BRIDGE ST. SHELBURNE FALLS, MA

625-6470

NIGHTS, SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS - 774-2014



BONNIE WODIN

Custom Gardens & Landscapes

Design • Installation • Herbs • Perennials

(413) 337-5529



**NORTH RIVER
WINERY**



Jacksonville, Vt.

Come visit the winery, Take our short tour,
And then taste our locally made wines. (No charge)

May-Dec.
Open Seven Days
10 - 5

January-April
Open Fri., Sat. & Sun.
11 - 5

802-368-7557

**MOLE HOLLOW
CANDLES**



Downtown Shelburne Falls
Overlooking the Falls
and the "Glacial" Potholes
625-6337

"OPEN 7 DAYS"

CHURCH NEWS

by Pastor Roger Peace

It was another successful year for the Heath Ladies Aid and Heath Union Church working together at the Craft Fair. The Lord blesses us with special gifts and talents - it is then our duty to better them. That is why I enjoy the craft fair so much; so I can see the various talents in Heath. A great deal of thanks to all who participated and those who helped set-up. The hit of the day was Ron Corey's boom-erangs.

The Heath Youth Group is busy practicing their puppet skits that they will be doing for the Heath Fair. There will be two different times you can see them: one on Saturday, August 22 at 11 AM under the big tent, and the other at the Heath Union Church worship service at 9:30 AM on Sunday, August 23, again under the tent. Because of all their hard work and dedication, the youth will be going camping three days. We will leave August 28 and will return August 31.

For those of you who enjoy music, we have two concerts scheduled. Rollo Kinsman will be here August 29 to give a concert. Tickets will be on sale and all proceeds will benefit the Historical Organ Restoration Fund. For further information contact Eric Sumner at 337-4302. Then on September 20, Bert Britt from Word-of-Life will be here for a Sunday evening concert at 7 PM. Make sure you mark your calendars for these special events.

It will be our privilege to accept new members in August and September. Baptisms will be scheduled soon, so this is a very exciting time for the church.

Sunday School begins the first week of September. We hope you plan on attending this year. Last year we handed out seven perfect attendance pins. That takes a lot of dedication - so congratulations to those who had perfect attendance.

There will be a church picnic on September 12 at the fairgrounds. We will be having games, food and some great fellowship. The day will begin at 10 AM. This is open to anyone who wishes to join us, so we hope you can come.

HEATH LADIES AID

by Edith Royer

The Ladies Aid had a very successful sale at the Craft Fair on July 25, held at the Heath Fairgrounds. We will start meeting again in September. I would like to thank everyone that helped in any way.

Sawyer News Co.

Bridge St. • Shelburne Falls

Monday-Saturday 6:30am-5pm

Thursday 'til 7pm

Sunday & Holidays 5:30 am-12:30 pm

NEWSPAPERS • MAGAZINES
PAPERBACK BOOKS • CARDS
GIFTS • MOVIE RENTALS
ASSORTED CANDIES & FILM

Tel. 625-6686

Don & Kathleen Upton, Proprietors

NEW COMPUTER PROGRAM AT THE ACADEMY

by David Gibbons

Thanks to the generosity of a family new to the school and a matching grant program by IBM the Academy at Charlemont is getting some new computers. The grant program allows any IBM employee to donate money to a school and IBM will match it four-to-one. For the Academy that means five new PS-2 machines on a network.

New equipment means new opportunities, and we intend for these machines to get a lot of use. In addition to integrating computer use across the curriculum (a three to five year project), we will also be offering computer classes for students and adults after school.

The student program will run two afternoons a week right after school and will be open to Academy students and, for a small fee, to any other high school student interested in learning to use some of the best modern software in a "windows" environment. The details of these programs are still being worked out, but possible activities include powerful graphics programs like Corel-Draw, desk-top publishing with Pagemaker, and communications with modems.

The adult program is a new venture for the Academy. We see it as a great way to give back to the local community for all its support. Each trimester we will be offering courses for local people to upgrade their computer skills, whether they are complete novices or more advanced users, home users or business users. The courses will be five or ten weeks long (with, perhaps, a few shorter, more intensive ones) and run one evening a week for 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

For the first trimester the courses are two 5-week introductions to PC's, one for home users, one for business users, a 10-week course in word processing with Microsoft Word for Windows and a 10-week introduction to the Windows environment. Later offerings will include spreadsheets and databases, communications, graphics and presentation software and more.

More information on either the adult or student programs is available from the Academy at (413) 339-4912.

Transition

come change with us
625-6855

Hair Design

Tanning

Toning

Facial Waxing

Ear Piercing

"Manicures, Sculptured Nails, and Parafin Dip"

39 Bridge Street

Shelburne Falls, MA

BMP

BALD
MOUNTAIN
POTTERY

STONEWARE & PORCELAIN

Sarah Hettlinger

South Rd. Heath, MA 01346 (413) 337-4496
28 State St. (Near the Bridge of Flowers)
Shelburne Falls, MA (413) 625-8110

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

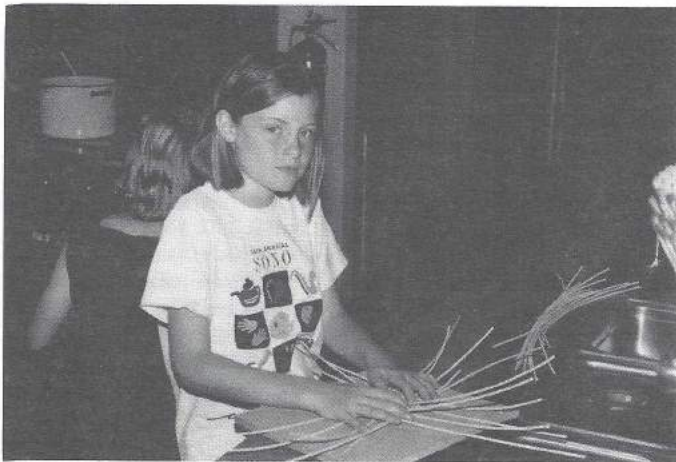
by Joanne Fortune

The Friends of the Heath Library has purchased the Encyclopedia Americana, several Weston Woods videos and many Reading Rainbow books for children. The Friends will also purchase prizes for the children's Summer Reading Program.

Pat Leuchtman is holding a children's Writing Workshop in which the children learn to write, revise and rewrite. A collection of their writings will be published at the end of the course and copies will be in the library.

We would like to express a sincere thank-you to Elsa Bakalar for having garden tours make donations to the Friends and for promoting the library during her tours. A special thank-you goes to those who have donated this year: Don Dekker, Elizabeth Dyer and Pat Leuchtman. We thank those who have worked at the book and bake sale at the Heath Fair and the people who worked for the Memorial Day bake sale.

The Friends have an on-going book sale at the town hall.



SARAH BURKE ENJOYS BASKET-MAKING
(Rowe School Photo)

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Phillip O'Reilly, Principal

The daVinci Project, an integrated art/science program offered to children at Rowe School this summer is complete. 24 students from grades 4, 5 and 6 participated in this 3 week experience. Students worked on a number of projects, many of which were art/science related studies. Basket making and weaving with natural fibers and dyes, a pond study, bird watching, and solar energy were among these activities. Students were also given the opportunity to explore independent or small group studies of various scientific principles. Chemistry, magnetism, robotics and various animal studies were conducted each day at the project. Students swam at Pelham Lake each day and also spent a day at the Boston Museum of Science.

Many of the students' projects will be exhibited at Rowe School during the months of August and September. My thanks to parent and area artist Paty Lentz for the energy and excitement brought to this new program.

Many of us at Rowe School have been tremendously busy this summer participating in professional education activities. Kindergarten teacher, Arlene Markert, has completed "Math Their Way" training, a program designed to make math a "hands-on" process for young learners. Arlene will also be taking part in a Massachusetts Department of Education program designed to help teachers mainstream exceptional children into the regular education classrooms. Fifth grade teacher Leonard Schoenfeld and sixth grade teacher, Karen Fournier, are participating in a mathematics workshop geared toward helping teachers use manipulatives when teaching math in the older grades. Special Education teacher Joanne Giguere will be completing her Masters Degree program in Special Education at Fitchburg this summer and I have recently completed a program of advanced graduate study at the University of Connecticut in Educational Leadership. In addition, fourth grade teacher, Johanna Weinstein is participating in the summer component of a year long science study at the University of Massachusetts.

Continued professional development in the field of education is important as many new theories and ideas should be explored. Learning is on-going and the staff is grateful for these opportunities that are available to us as educators.

MOHAWK MANOR REST HOME

45 Water Street
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
413-625-6860

Level IV Care Facility

Gail A. Bissell, Owner/Administrator

BURNT HILL FARM

Jack Cable



SWEET WILD BLUEBERRIES

Pick Your Own Berries
AUGUST 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 15 & 16
All Day Weekends.



The Baker
Pharmacy

Tel: 625-6324

Week Days 8:30AM - 8PM

Saturdays 8:30AM - 5PM

Sundays & Holidays 9AM - 12 Noon

52 Bridge Street

Shelburne Falls

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Budge Litchfield, Chairperson

Another school year has drawn to a close and the school committee congratulates Heath's graduating seniors and sixth graders. Congratulations are in order for the many Heath students on the Honor Roll at Mohawk. We wish to thank the teachers, administrators and others who have worked with our kids this past year.

In June, at town meeting voters approved a number of articles involving school spending. Not all were passed without debate or dissent but that is a fine and healthy reality in a democratic system. The discussions on preschool and school building committee spending pointed out some of the difficult and confusing dilemmas facing the school committee and town. Roughly 50% of Heath's budget is spent on education. It seems to make sense to use as much outside (ie: state) aid as possible. Unfortunately there are problems and risks associated with state aid; amounts can change, formulas can change and requirements can change. These changes can put programs and/or tax rates at risk. We try to do our best to balance all of these factors, many of which are out of our control, and we appreciate the comments made at town meeting. Clearly many people would like to see a broad based discussion of the preschool program and this will happen before the next annual town meeting. If you have any ideas about issues or format please contact us.

Perhaps the most difficult and confusing issues facing our town are the decisions relating to the future of elementary school education for Heath kids. A great deal of work has been done on this issue, is being done and has yet to be done. Some of the decisions can be made in Heath, but many of the important decisions will be made elsewhere. If you have questions or comments please come to a school committee (first Tuesday of the month) or school building committee (schedule posted in Sawyer Hall) meeting.

One issue that could greatly influence our decisions regarding the future of elementary education for our kids is the question of expanding Mohawk into a Kindergarten through twelfth grade district. Dave Howland and Budge Litchfield are our town's representatives on the committee working on this question. Currently the K-12 committee has been focusing on cost apportionment and is beginning to explore some issues specific to Heath's needs and realities. More detailed information on this matter will be coming to you in a letter and/or an article in the next *Herald*.

The school committee hopes everyone enjoys the summer, the 75th Heath Fair and is ready to start school on September 2, before Labor Day.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

by Susan Silvester

The Mary Lyon Education Fund again sponsored a summer enrichment program for area youngsters. Approximately 150 children participated in the two sessions of tennis lessons and the unique Japanese Visual and Culinary Arts program.

The tennis program under the direction of coach Judy Shea offered daily lessons for two weeks for the nominal fee of \$10 per child. Two 2 week sessions were held at the Mohawk Trail Regional School tennis courts with instructors Bonnie MacAdam, Martha Edwards, John Musacchio and Judy Shea. A grant from the United States Tennis Association provided each participant with a special West County Tennis Association T-shirt and made scholarships available to anyone needing financial assistance.

Tennis Pro Janice Reardon from the USTA updated staff with a workshop prior to the commencement of the program. Rackets and balls, which were a gift to the Mary Lyon Education Fund last year and have been distributed to local schools, were loaned to children who needed a racket for the lessons.

A new component was added to the summer enrichment program this year. A Japanese Visual and Culinary Arts class taught by BSR art teacher Polly Anderson and nationally acclaimed author/illustrator Yoshi Kogo of Shelburne Falls was a highlight of the summer for approximately 30 children. The week long project combined an opportunity to learn about Japanese culture with an introduction to the aesthetic aspects of the visual and culinary arts of Japan. Students began by learning to write the numbers 1 - 10 in Japanese calligraphy and then made a counting book. Guests during the week included Zen Buddhist monk Issho Fujita from Charlemont and flutist Matthew Winer from Greenfield.

Artistic endeavors for the week included fabric painting, tie-dyeing, stencilling, calligraphy, origami, brush painting and bookbinding. Daily snacks were authentic Japanese foods such as yokan cakes and sushi.

This program was supported by a grant from the Heath Arts Lottery and the Mary Lyon Education Fund. Cost for the full week was \$15 per child with scholarships available to anyone requesting one.



JUDY SHEA (CENTER LEFT) AND JOHN MUSACCHIO (CENTER RIGHT) DISTRIBUTE T-SHIRTS AND RACKETS ON THE 1ST DAY OF TENNIS LESSONS
(Photo by Susan Silvester)

CHARLEMONT GETTY

Low Diesel & Cigarette Prices

U-Haul Rentals

"Propane Gas"

Fresh Seafood Available

3 days/week
call to place order

Erskine Palmer

339-4354



SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS - 1992

Chairman, Selectmen - David Howland
Secretary, Selectmen - Arthur Schwenger
Administrative Secretary, June Day
Accountant, June Day
Animal Inspector, Paul Lively
Assessors Clerk, Karen MacDougall
Assistant Tax Collector, Linda Marcotte
Assistant Treasurer, Karen MacDougall
Board of Health, Chair, F. Walter Gleason
Board of Health Agent, Earl Gleason
Chief of Police, Thomas Rabbitt
Civil Defense Director, Earl Gleason
County Planning Board Rep., Richard Giard
County Advisory Board Rep., David Howland
Custodian, Town Buildings, Deborah Gilbert
Dump Committee Rep., Richard Giard
FCCIP Representative, Arthur Schwenger
Fire Chief, Earl Gleason
Forest Fire Warden, Earl Gleason
FRTA Representative, Arthur Schwenger
Highway Superintendent, John Cable
Highway Department Liaison, Richard Giard
Inspector of Buildings, Victor Staley
Inspector, Electrical, Edward Marchefka
Inspector, Plumbing & Gas, Paulin Bukowski
Licensing Board, Arthur Schwenger
Police officers, Dennis Annear, Russell Denison, Sr.,
Arthur Dobias, Melinda Dyer, Carl Herzig, Robert
Markert
Post Office Manager, Marcella Lively
Registrars, Catherine Cromack, Theresa Pettengill,
Alli Thane
Registrars, Alternate, Bruce Cromack, Leonard Day,
Nan Gibbons, Paul Snyder
Safety Coordinator, Richard Giard
Town Counsel, Kopelman & Paige
Town Nurse, Dianne Rode
Veterans Agent, Eugene Balasz
Veterans Graves Office, Dennis Peters
Veterans Representative, Richard Giard
Fred G. Wells Trustee, Todd Sumner

TOWN COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN (ONE YEAR TERMS)

Arts Lottery Council, Jayne Dane, John Ausikaitis,
Fred Burrington, Mike Chrisman, Julianne Hall
Computer Committee, Doug Wilkins, Carl Chimi,
Catherine Heyl, Linda Marcotte
Community Hall Committee, Donna Hyytinen, Dolores
Churchill, Debbie Crowningshield, Donna Tanner
Conservation Commission, Brian DeVries, William Lat-
trell, Ruth Johnson, Dawn Peters, David Thane
Council on Aging, Sheila Litchfield, Ruth Fournier,
Ann Rocchi, Dorothy Sessions, Mary Smith, Alli Thane
Historical Commission, James Coursey, Fred
Burrington, Richard Gary, Margaret Howland, Phyllis
Kades
Interim Cemetery Committee, Roger Peace, Ron Corey,
Howard Crowningshield
Parks Commission, Judy Thrasher, Carol Sartz, Jef-
frey Goldwasser, Veronica Smead, Rhodesa Peace
Recycling/Refuse Compactor Committee, John Cable,
Charles Kades, Arthur Schwenger
Small Business Loan Committee, Nancy Burrington,
Bruce Cromack, Catherine Heyl

ADDITIONAL TOWN COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Board of Health, Brooks McCutcheon, 1992, Dawn
Peters, 1993, F. Walter Gleason, 1994
Zoning Board of Appeals, Carol Sartz, 1992, Todd
Sumner, 1992, Dennis Peters, 1992, Martha
McCutcheon, 1993, Robert Tripp, 1995

COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

School Building Committee, Linda Marcotte, Chair,
Budge Litchfield, Arthur Schwenger, Frank Rocchi,
Robert Dane, Susan Lively, Henry Leuchtman, Diane
Cerone

APPOINTED BY LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Librarian, Alli Thane
Assistant Librarian, Don Dekker

PERCS, PERMITS AND TRANSFERS

PERC TESTS

Earl Gleason reports there were two repairs con-
ducted since the last report. Percolation testing has
been suspended until April 1993, except for repairs.

BUILDING PERMITS

Harry Broadbrook, Sadoga Road, one family.
Leonard Day, Jr., Flagg Hill Road, addition to barn.
Michael Smead, Rowe Road, addition to residence.
TOTAL: \$138,820

DEED TRANSFERS

Lester and Phyllis E. Howe to Donald A. and Mary C.
Rivers of West Springfield, Waterfall Drive, Lot 12,
\$1,750.

Lester and Phyllis E. Howe to Donald A. and Mary C.
Rivers of West Springfield, Waterfall Drive, Lot 11,
\$1,750.

United Savings Bank to Clark A. and Cynthia M.
Johnson, South Road, \$55,000.

Henry L. Frappier to Clayton and Katherine G.
Herbert, Mohawk Estates, Lot 16, \$1,000.

Lawrence E. and Judith A. Morrison to Daniel J.
Kelly of South Hadley, Mohawk Estates, Lots 33 and
34, \$2,000.

Paul and Tremus Thompson to Gary M. and Donna L.
James, Rowe Road, 2.48 acres, \$85,000.

Truman R. and Jane N. Easton to Peter M. Powers of
Lawrence, NY, Mohawk Estates, Lot 10, \$3,500.

Lawrence L. Nareau to Deborah McGorry of East
Longmeadow, 6 West Brook Drive, \$100.

Paul H. Gilman to Paul T. and Debrah A. Plante,
Number Nine Road, Lot 27, \$1.

OLDE TYME LAWN CARE

SPRING AND FALL CLEANUP

LAWN CARE

PRUNING

BRUSH CUTTING

PETE ROYER 625-9059

7 AM to 9 PM

Do your Sleeping Bags, Quilts, Comforters,
Bedspreads, Small Area Rugs, Etc., in our
Large Front-Loading Machines.

Village Coin-Op Laundry

55 State Street
Shelburne Falls, MA
Tel. 625-2345

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

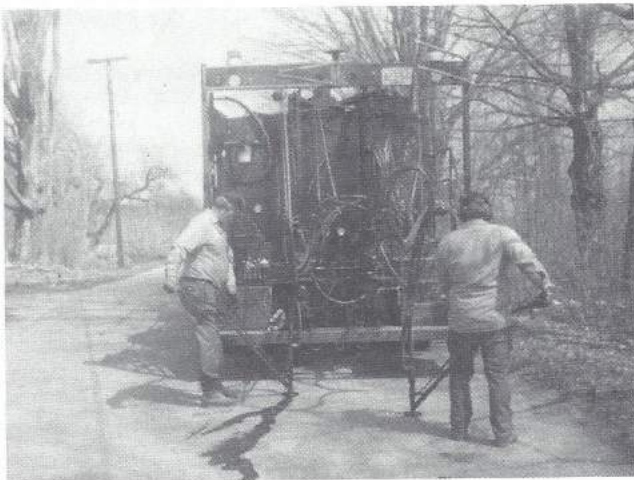
by Jack Cable, Highway Superintendent

Heath roads are improving in some areas and "going to pot" in others. Potholes are presently being addressed, although the weather could be more cooperative. Dirt roads have been graded and in some areas widened, ditched, and generally improved although gravel needs to be added to every dirt road! Crack-sealing was implemented this spring for the first time in recent memory to try to retain the roads we have. 8A from the Vermont line, Dell Road, and Bray Road were crack-sealed thus increasing pavement life by making the pavement impervious to water. We have also done some cut-back-removing dirt from shoulders of the roads to help water disperse from road surfaces.

Projects being done this season are: Colrain Stage Road from Kinsmen's to Colrain line. This area has been widened and graveled plus oil and stone on a major portion; Avery Brook Road - the area above the bridges is being improved. The bank has been sloped and seeded, new culverts installed and gravel will be put in place, then oil and stone. The bridges project is still pending state release of funds; Branch Hill Road from the fairgrounds to Cleon Peter's driveway will be reclaimed in the next few weeks. New culverts, graveled and oil and stone.

The transfer station operation is running smoothly. Our recycling is at a high percentage and we urge you to keep it up.

I would like to thank all people in Heath for their support and patience in getting the roads improved.



ROAD SEALING ON 8A
(Photo by Jack Cable)

Gordon E. Taylor d/b/a



BLACKMER INSURANCE AGENCY

R. E. Blackmer
Joseph J. Judd
Marion J. Taylor

On the Mohawk Trail
Shelburne, MA
Tel: 625-6527



RETHREADS

FINE NEW & USED CLOTHES

LARGE SELECTION OF MEN'S
WOMEN'S and CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

SEASONAL CONSIGNMENTS ACCEPTED
Tues-Sat 9-5 Thurs 9-8

14 Bridge St., Shelburne Falls, MA 625-9759

Bob DeLisle Electrician

Prompt, Courteous, Reasonable

Lic. #E34969

337-5716



SMITH & MOREY



CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR & SPORTING GOODS

43 BRIDGE STREET

SHELBERNE FALLS, MA 01370

PHONE/FAX: (413) 625-2443



PEN Y BRYN BED & BREAKFAST

John and Nancy Clark
Tel: (413) 337-6683 or (212) 310-2977

ROUTE 8A
JACKSONVILLE STAGE ROAD
Heath, Massachusetts

Your New Glasses Are Ready...
And Your Second Pair Is... FREE
Eye Exams Available

WITH THIS COUPON

FREE Second Pair of **EYEGLASSES**

(WITH PURCHASE OF A COMPLETE PAIR)

Buy one pair of glasses at our regular price and get the second pair of the same prescription from our special selection, **ABSOLUTELY FREE!**

Includes first quality frames and single vision, clear, uncoated, 1st and 2nd division lenses. Offer precludes previous discounts.

Hampshire Mall
(across from K-Mart)
Hadley
584-8324

**Vision
Showcase**

36 State St.
(near Bridge of Flowers)
Shelburne Falls
625-9898

POLICE REPORT

by Tom Rabbitt, Chief

The most important thing to discuss this time is some of the changes to the laws that might affect the citizens of Heath.

The first is a change in the motor vehicle laws. It is now against the law (Chapter 90, Section 13) to operate a pick-up truck at a speed greater than 5 mph for 5 miles with any person under 12 in the body of the truck. This excludes trucks that are part of a parade and garbage collectors among others. It also provides penalties for allowing anyone on roller skates, skateboards, etc., to hold onto a moving vehicle.

Another interesting new law (Chapter 85, Section 11B) requires children from age one to age four to wear an approved helmet when passengers on a bicycle. There is a fine for persons 18 and older and impoundment of the bicycle for 15 days for persons under 18.

I had also been asked recently about BB guns. The laws are very explicit on this matter. BB guns can only be provided to a youngster by their parents or legal guardian or a person in charge of a firing range as a part of instruction. The discharge from, across, or within 150 feet of a road; from or within 500 feet of a dwelling; or possession anywhere the public has a right or access without written permission from the Chief of Police are all against the law and carry stiff penalties. With BB guns, air rifles, pellet guns, etc., it is best to closely supervise your child whenever they have them.

Many signs are now in the center of town. It has definitely changed the "rural" flavor of the town. The one thing they have done is to really reduce the speed of the traffic in the center. I was sorry we had to resort to such drastic means to accomplish this, but it seemed that too many people could not resist exceeding the speed limits en route to wherever. We have received much input regarding the signs and are considering some of the suggestions.

I am still holding Office Hours at the Fire and Police Station on Friday nights. Sometimes other commitments and an occasional holiday have kept me from being there. If you plan on coming out to talk or whatever, please call first to make sure I'll be there. I'd love to meet you and hear from you about almost anything. Until then please have a safe and enjoyable summer.



MAIL TO:

Bulk Rate
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 11
Charlemont, MA 01339

HEATH HERALD Box 54, Heath, MA 01346

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

(At Town Hall unless otherwise specified)

<u>Selectmen:</u>	Tuesday 7:30 PM
<u>Accountant</u>	Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 1 PM
<u>Assessors:</u>	1st & 3rd Monday, 9:30 AM - 12 PM
<u>Town Clerk:</u>	Tuesday, 4 - 9 PM Saturday, 8 AM - 12 PM (call for appointment, 4 - 7 PM, 337-4268)
<u>Town Treasurer:</u>	Monday, 3 - 8 PM
<u>Tax Collector:</u>	Tuesday, 4 - 9 PM Saturday, 8 AM - 12 PM (call for appointment, 4 - 7 PM, 337-4268)
<u>Finance Committee:</u>	As posted
<u>Planning Board:</u>	2nd Monday of month 7 PM
<u>Conservation Commission:</u>	3rd Tuesday of month
<u>Heath School Committee:</u>	1st Tuesday of month 7:30 PM Community Hall
<u>Library Trustees:</u>	3rd Monday of month 7:30 PM
<u>Library:</u>	Monday 6-9 PM Wednesday 1-5 PM Saturday 9 AM - 1 PM
<u>Town Nurse:</u>	Wednesday 9 - 11 AM (call 337-4323 for appointment)
<u>Post Office:</u>	Monday through Saturday 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
<u>Transfer Station</u>	Monday 9 AM - 1 PM Wednesday 1 PM - 5 PM Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM
<u>Town Telephones:</u>	Town Hall 337-4934 Community Hall 337-4847 Town Garage 337-4462 Fire, Police & Ambulance 1-772-2133

PETERS GENERAL STORE

No. Nine Road, Heath, MA • 337-5501



LOCAL MAPLE SYRUP FOR SALE



Video Tapes and VCR Rentals
Movie Rentals - 2 for the price of 1 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays

• Wine	• Chips	• Ice Cream	• Cough Syrups
• Liquor	• Pretzels	• Frozen Foods	• Aspirin
• Soda	• Popcorn	• Breads	• Bandages
• Cheeses	• Crackers	• Meats	• and more

Deli Case • General Groceries
Snacks • Sunday Papers
Video Tapes & VCR Rentals • Gasoline • Diesel • Kerosene
• Worms and Crawlers • Blue Seal Feeds
Nuts, Bolts, Nails, General Hardware • Brookville Gloves

HOURS: Monday - Saturday 8 am - 7 pm
Sunday - 10 am - 7 pm

77 Years of Service to the Hilltowns - 1913-1990