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SOPHIE DOBZHANSKY COE - A MEMOIR

by Michael D. Coe

Sophie was the daughter of scientists, and it is fitting that our lifelong partnership began in an anthropology laboratory at Harvard back in 1954. There she was sitting across the lab table from me, a blonde Radcliffe undergraduate. We were both engaged in filling up human skulls with mustard seeds, in an exercise to measure their cranial capacity. It did not take long for me to invite her out to dinner that night. But I already knew who she was, the offspring of the world-famous geneticist Theodosius Dobzhansky, and I knew that she was the Radcliffe girl who kept a tarantula in a bottle in her room -- a relic of biological collecting expeditions with her father in Brazil. The following spring we married, and stayed happily married for the next 39 years, until death took her away.

Her parents were Russian exiles, "non-returnees" in the parlance of the Stalinists who ran the USSR that they had left in 1927. Sophie was born in Pasadena, California, where her father taught at Cal Tech, but in 1940 she moved with her parents to New York City when her father took a professorship at Columbia. Every summer, though, they went back to the mountains of California on field trips to collect the fruit flies (*Drosophila*) that her father studied, and she became an excellent lab technician, horseback rider, and camp cook during these magical summers. Sophie grew up speaking two languages, Russian with her parents and their fellow exiles, and English with her American friends. I learned through our long marriage that while she was thoroughly American on the surface, there was always a Russian soul under that surface.

Our wedding took place in a now-demolished Russian Orthodox church on upper Madison Avenue in New York, complete with choir, hundreds of candles, a richly robed Russian priest, and crowns held above our heads. It was on Pentecost, and the church was strewn with highly flammable green boughs in honor of that occasion; in one of the wedding photos, the fire commissioner of New York, a good friend of my parents, can be seen looking very much askance at the scene. In Sophie's family, scholarship was the supreme value, and the day after our wedding she took the final exam in Byzantine history! Needless to say, she graduated *magna cum laude*.

Now we were both graduate students in anthropology at Harvard, but Sophie selflessly devoted herself to being a

housewife and mother, for our first child was born in 1957. Eventually, though, she *did* get her doctorate. Our second child was born in Tennessee, where I had my first teaching job; life in the South, though, was never to her liking, and she was very happy to move with me to New Haven, where our other three children were born. My own career took me to archaeological fieldwork in Mexico and Central America, and Sophie set up our temporary households there, while placing herself (at no pay) in charge of all the lab work -- she must have hand-labeled tens of thousands of broken pieces of pottery over the years. I would have gotten nowhere as a scholar and educator without her, for Sophie was an unerring judge of people as well as more intellectual matters.

We ended up with two homes, for in 1970 we purchased our farm in North Heath from Mildred Crowningshield. This gave Sophie the opportunity to indulge her twin passions of gardening (she had a definite green thumb for it) and cooking. Many considered Sophie one of the two finest cooks in New Haven (the other being her close friend Vivian Wu, who taught her how to cook Shanghai style). She began to exhibit her vegetables, jams, fruits, and needlework at the Heath Fair. As she told Alli Thane, in a final missive dictated from her sickbed, the day that she was invited by Evelyn Hillman to be in charge of the Exhibits Hall at the Fair was one of the most thrilling moments of her life, and she threw herself into this task with expertise and gusto. Meanwhile, she ran our New Haven household, educated our children, and fed my hungry graduate students and visiting colleagues. Her annual Russian

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MICHAEL AND SOPHIE COE
IN VENICE, ITALY
(Family Photo)

ARTS LOTTERY REPORT

by Jayne Hare Dane

The Cultural Council approved \$2,000 in grant monies for the Heath Arts Lottery Council. Approved was \$225 for a permance of songs and stories by Davis Bates, \$450 for a concert by the Northside Saxophone Quartet. \$200 will be given for a poetry reading and talk by local writer Gene Zeiger. Rochelle Wildfong received \$125 to tell stories at the annual preschool open house, \$175 was given to Michael Wald for the comedy/magic act which took place at the Halloween party. The Academy at Charlemont received \$200 to help support a winter production of The Merry Wives of Windsor. \$225 was given for dance and art classes held after school in the old Charlemont Meetinghouse. These were organized by Karen Brooks. The Mary Lyon Fund received \$400 for the 2nd Children's Literature Festival to be held the first week in August.

Applications for the next cycle are due October 14. For information contact Jayne Hare Dane, 337-5736.

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MILESTONES

by Edith Royer

Tina Smith, daughter of Mary Smith, of Heath and David Shippee, son of Muriel and Edward Shippee of Buckland were married May 9, 1994. They are living on South Street in Buckland.

Jessie (Allen) Housner, 84, of Northampton died June 30. She was the mother of Richard Housner of Heath. She enjoyed crafts and traveling. Survivors include her son, a daughter, Barbara Marion of Hartsdale, NY, three brothers and a sister as well as four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held at the Center Cemetery in Heath.

Harriet (Carpenter) Read, 84, of Greenfield died July 17 in the Franklin Medical Center. She and her husband, the late John A. Read made their home at Plover Hill, their former summer home in Heath until Mr. Read's death in 1987. While a resident of Heath, she was active in community affairs and helped establish the *Heath Herald*. She was a member of the Heath Historical Society. Survivors include a cousin, Helen Horan of Winter Park, FL. There were no services and burial will be private in the Arms Cemetery in Shelburne Falls.

Alan A. Dun, MD, a summer resident of Heath, died at his home in Farmington, CT on July 14. He was the son of Bishop Angus Dun and Catherine Dun. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Sara R. (Sally) Dun, a daughter Susan Bausch of Silver Spring, MD, a son Anthony W. of Reno, NV, a brother Rev. Angus Dun II of Carmel, CA, a nephew Angus Dun III (Terry) of Shelburne, a niece and 2 grandchildren. Services were private. A memorial service was held July 21 in Hartford. The Dun family were summer residents of Heath for many years.

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by Alan Nichols

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* through July 28, 1994

Now amidst all this heat and humidity is a good time to consider the snowfall last winter. We received 86.3'' which is 98% of the norm of 88.3''.

The cool wet spring, a good snowfall and heaven knows what else has produced a good crop of hay which has been **HARD TO HARVEST**. In July we have had measurable precipitation 17 days out of 28.

Easter party was considered one of the events of the year by my students and fellow faculty members.

Travel and reading were other joys to Sophie (she detested television and computers, and never went to the movies). She read in every European language except German and Scandinavian, especially memoirs and Russian novels (in the original). We regularly traveled all over the world, but our favorite foreign country was always Italy, where we returned time and again, especially to Rome and our beloved Venice.

Once our children were grown up and had fled the nest, it was only natural that she remain true to her upbringing, and return to the world of scholarship. And it was only natural that this be concerned with food and cuisines, especially those of the early peoples of the Western Hemisphere. Over the course of the past decade, she became the leading authority on the culinary history of the Pre-Columbian world, giving lectures in many countries, especially at the annual Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery. But she published, too, and her last book *America's First Cuisines*, has been a critical success (its reception greatly cheered her during her final months). She left behind her major work on the history of chocolate, a book which I will finish.

I have mentioned that Sophie was at heart a Russian -- this was often revealed to me in her typically Russian disregard for time; in her no-nonsense approach to people and things; in her disdain for pretension and hypocrisy; and, above all, in her warmth and generosity. Like most Russians, she was a stoic and realist, and she faced her certain end with courage. As her time drew to a close, she gave me explicit instructions about the memorial service that she wanted: it was to be in a Russian Orthodox church, and everyone there was to have in their hands a printed translation of the Old Slavonic text (the language of Russian Orthodoxy).

As the choir sang for her soul during the beautiful liturgy for the dead, my mind went back to that June day almost four decades ago when we entered into the happiest of marriages. Death had indeed parted us, but Sophie will live in her children and grandchildren, in her works, and in the memories of those who knew her.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This issue of the Heath Herald is dedicated to Sophie Coe in remembrance of her work on behalf of the Heath Fair.

FRANKLIN MEDICAL CENTER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR HOSPICE

Hospice in Franklin County, a program of Franklin Medical Center, is seeking individuals interested in becoming volunteers and is offering a free, 10-week evening training program for prospective volunteers beginning the week of September 11.

The program will cover a variety of subjects ranging from listening skills to the psychological and social aspects of terminal illness. Graduates of the program will become certified Hospice volunteers. As such, they will assist patients and their families who are dealing with a terminal illness.

"We are looking for caring people who are willing to take the time to learn the skills necessary to become effective Hospice volunteers, make a time commitment to their patients, and who can maintain strict confidentiality," says Jayne Allen, Hospice volunteer coordinator.

Hospice needs volunteers for assignments throughout Franklin County, especially in the outlying towns and communities.

"Volunteers usually take one patient at a time and work with that patient throughout the course of the illness," Allen explains.

Hospice in Franklin County has approximately 65 certified volunteers, each of whom has completed the 30-hour Hospice training program.

The volunteers typically work from two to five hours per week. During that time they provide companionship, offer supportive listening, run errands, read aloud to patients, assist in meal preparation, provide a temporary respite for family care givers, and often assist in bereavement support.

Persons interested in registering for the training program, or in learning more about being a Hospice volunteer should contact Jayne Allen, Hospice volunteer coordinator, at Franklin Medical Center, (413) 773-2320.

For information about other hospital programs and services, contact "The Professionals at Franklin Medical Center" at: (413) 773-8557, or, if calling from outside the area: 1-800-377-HEALTH. Calls will be answered seven days a week: Monday - Friday, 7 AM - 10 PM and weekends and holidays, 8 AM - 5 PM.

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HEATH PRESCHOOL NEWS

by Suzanne Crawford, Director

Summertime greetings! We hope that all are enjoying the summer. This is a quiet time of year for the Heath Preschool. All the materials are packed up and put away and the children are engaged full-time in enjoying the pleasures of summer as only children can.

Many of the preschool's funding arrangements are finalized over the summer. Many thanks to the voters of Heath for once again showing their support of the preschool at the June town meeting! Rowe also voted to contribute money to the preschool at their May town meeting. We anticipate that we will hear from the state Department of Education about the community Partnerships for Children Early Childhood grant in late August.

The Heath Fair is traditionally the preschool's major fund raiser. This year we are having a raffle of 17 great children's items, as follows: 2 hand stenciled sweat suits, a cotton romper and reversible jacket, a family wagon ride with Carroll Stowe, an antique wooden puppet from Java, 4 gift bags with assorted toys for girls and boys ages 3 to 12, a leather horse, a wooden rabbit bank, a knotty pine doll cradle, 20 Guatemalan note cards, a leather-waist pouch, a wooden toy chest, a children's activity pack, a child's Adirondack chair, and a large paper mache pig. It is a great selection of wonderful prizes, many of which were made by local artisans and craft people. The items will be on display in the Franklin Ware office window in Shelburne Falls the month before the fair. Tickets are \$1, and are available before the Heath Fair from Deborah Phillips (337-8513), Becky Bradley (339-0107) or from Magical Child in Shelburne Falls. Tickets will also be available at the Heath Fair, and the drawing will be there at 3 PM on Sunday, August 21. Please consider buying some tickets to take a chance at great gifts for the children or grandchildren in your life and support the preschool at the same time. Our special thanks go to all the generous friends of the preschool who donated these great prizes.

In addition to the raffle at the Heath Fair, the preschool will have an entry in the parade, a booth with cool refreshments



PRESCHOOLER FACE PAINTING FUN
(Photo by Sue Crawford)

and trail mix, and a dunking booth. Don't miss this opportunity to try your skill at dunking some of Heath's finest citizens. And, if there's anyone who would like to join the fun of taunting your friends from the "wet" seat, give me a call and we'll arrange to fit you into our line up! (Sue Crawford, 339-4265).

This spring the preschool was fortunate to receive some money from the state Early Childhood Quality Enhancement Grant designated to be used for materials. We have ordered some new materials for the children as well as some books for parents. I believe the preschoolers will really enjoy these new materials.

We have begun to work on pre-registration for the 1994-95 school year. We have contacted the families of all eligible children that we know. If you know of any children in Heath or Rowe who will be 3 or 4 years old by August 31, 1994 that I may have missed, please give me a call at 339-4265. I will contact families in late August to finalize registration. We are looking forward to another great year!

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

by Deborah Phillips

On June 1, full plans and about two inches of required documentation were presented to the Department of Education by our project architect Brian DeVriese of Margo Jones, Architects. Three weeks later we received a pleasantly surprising letter from the Department of Education. As expected, our project met their standards and was therefore approved by them. The surprising, but great news is that they "priority ranked" our project for possible funding on the FY95 cycle. This means that we might receive our state funding two years earlier than we had thought. If this is the case we might be able to begin construction during the spring of 1995, again about two years earlier than we had expected. By the end of the summer we should know the exact timing of our state grant. Evidently the "priority ranking" came about because of the fact that we have zero square feet of classroom space while other communities that have applied for state grants at least have something.

Another piece of very positive financial news broke a little later that same week. For a while we had been talking with representatives of the Farmers Home Administration about the possibility of using their money to fund some or all of our project. As of July 1, 1995 we have a loan for the full cost of our project reserved, at an interest rate of only five percent (that rate cannot be increased).

All-in-all the end of June was a lot of fun for the members of the School Building Committee. There is still a lot of work to be done but good news like this certainly helps keep up our spirits.

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RUNABOUTS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

by Bonnie Wodin

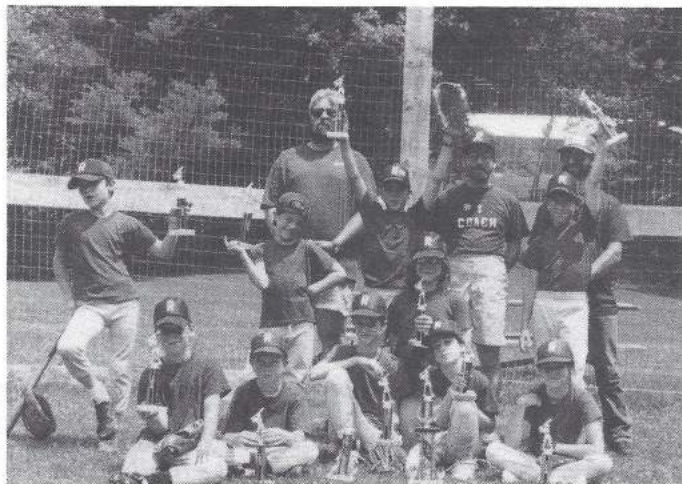
The Heath/Rowe Runabouts are the West County Pee Wee League Champions. Bringing home the league trophy for the first time in many years, this team and their coaches have a lot to be proud about; their teamwork and good spirit certainly helped them carry the season.

With a record of nine wins and one loss during the regular season, the Runabouts met with the Zoar team for the play-offs on June 22. Because both teams had identical win-loss records, the game was played at Colrain, a neutral field. Zoar won the coin toss and became the 'home team' of the evening.

Josh Beckwith, Zoar's starting pitcher, got his team off to a great start allowing only one hit and three strike outs. Tim Bradley, the Runabouts opening pitcher, struck out the Zoar team after allowing two runs to cross the plate. But the Runabouts came back with a strong second inning including eight runs. Zoar scored two more runs in the second inning and the Runabouts collected a total of 16 runs by the time the game was called after 4 innings. The final score was Runabouts 16 and Zoar 4.

Pitchers for the Runabouts were Tim Bradley and Steven Smead. Tim pitched 7 strike outs and Steven pitched three. Other highlights included home runs by Olin Schwenger-Sartz and Liam Lattrell and a triple by Olin. Joe Lively went 3 for 3, Tim Bradley hit 2 doubles and Liam Lattrell went 3 for 3 with a double as well as his homer. Zoar's pitchers were Josh Beckwith, Jeremy Lanoue and Justin Clark. Jeremy pitched three strike outs and Justin pitched two. Josh Beckwith hit a triple for his team.

The Championship game was played with the Baker's Bombers at Vets Field in Shelburne Falls on June 25. A coin toss gave the Runabouts home team status. This exciting game went into extra innings, a Runabout first. The final score was Runabouts 13 and the Bombers 12. The game began with a recording of the traditional Star Spangled Banner and the entire game was announced, adding to the excitement of the day.



THE CHAMPIONS
(Photo by Bonnie Wodin)

Pitchers for the Runabouts were Tim Bradley who allowed only 2 runs over three innings and 7 strike outs; Steven Smead with 9 strike outs and Olin Schwenger-Sartz with 3 strike outs. Pitchers for the Bombers were Scott Rae with 4 strike outs; Joe Reagy, 2 strike outs; Liam Wheeler, 8 strike outs and Adam Philips with 2 strike outs to his credit.

Other highlights included a double and a single by Joe Lively, a grand slam by Liam Lattrell, a double by Tim Bradley and a single and double by Diedre Gleason. A walk by Sarah Jane Wodin-Schwartz forced the winning run across the plate.

The entire season was one of challenge and successes. Rookie, Maya Rocke, became a dependable hitter with five solid singles, two doubles, a number of RBI's and 7 runs. Her great running and solid back-up in the outfield was an asset to the team. Diedre Gleason, who also played for her first year hit five singles and a double with 3 RBI's. She scored 10 runs. Abby Lively, a Runabout veteran, contributed outstanding fielding at shortstop and heads-up running as well as a single, a double and 8 runs scored. More than one team rally was sparked by Abby's attentive playing.

Sarah Jane Wodin-Schwartz showed solid fielding on second base throughout the season. She hit 4 singles, but her good eye and many walks forced a number of RBI's and crossed home plate herself 10 times.

We didn't have to wait long for rookie Eugene Marcotte to show his stuff. His first hit, a single, came in the second game. With his consistent good eye and attention to the game, he finished the season with two singles, 14 walks, and scored 11 runs. Ben Foberg, another rookie, also shows promise for future years. With 16 walks and two singles, Ben crossed the plate to score 11 runs his first season.

The coaching staff deserves our appreciation. Their own dedicated team work was the perfect role model for this team. David Schwartz shared the responsibility with Mike Smead and Bill Lattrell. They each received Most Valuable Coach T-shirts for their dedication, caring and plain hard work. Our thanks to them and congratulations to the entire team for their great championship season.

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FOREIGN TRAVEL CLUB TRIP TO ITALY

by Susan Silvester, Advisor

On June 27 the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Foreign Travel club left for its annual trip, this year to Italy for ten days. Highlights of the tour included a gondola ride in Venice, visit to the ruins of Pompeii, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, lake district of Lugano, Michelangelo's David in Florence, and Sistine Chapel and Pieta in Rome, the Coliseum, underground Christian catacombs, and ancient Forum in Rome. The twenty-six members of the group included Gary, April and Sharon Hudson, Phyllis Volland of Rowe, Dr. Thomas, Cynthia, Betsey, Seth and Jon Cranston, Betsey Beebe and Susan McGowan from Ashfield, Carla Bernier from Greenfield, Wesley, Tiffany, Linda and Donald Goscinski from Leverett, Tara Herzig and Irene Michaud from Shelburne, Lisa and Ruth Clary from Boston, Donal and Connie March from Florida, their daughter Donna Sacon from Hawaii, and Guy, Betsey and Susan Silvester from Heath. A party was held recently to exchange photographs and memories of the trip; each participant received a souvenir booklet of the tour. Possible destinations for next year include China, Australia/New Zealand or Scandinavia. Registration and deposits of \$85 are due in the early fall. For more information contact the Foreign Travel Club at Mohawk Trail Regional School.



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\$2,500 GRANT AWARDED TO MARY LYON EDUCATION FUND

by Susan Silvester, Director

The International Paper Company Foundation through the Veratec Company in Colrain recently announced a grant presented to the Mary Lyon Education Fund for their U.N.Y.T.E. program, formerly the Wilderness Adventure outdoor programs for local teenagers. Albert Sheridan, plant manager of Veratec, invited the Mary Lyon Education Fund to apply for the next round of funding. A previous grant in the same amount also enabled the Mary Lyon Education Fund to purchase equipment for the program.

MOHAWK TRAIL HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: High honors - Jennifer Gilbert

JUNIORS: High honors - Adam Almeida; Honors - James Cerone, Emily Nichols, Mary Tuturice

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Litchfield, Tim Porter-DeVriese, Gabriel Porter-Henry

SOPHOMORES: Honors - Tara Kuehl, Nicole Rainville

EIGHTH GRADERS: Honors - Lauren Kuehl

SEVENTH GRADERS: Honors - Chris Pettengill, Kathleen Tuturice

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2/3 c. sugar 2 c. floured blueberries

1/4 c. shortening Topping:

1 egg 1/2 c. sugar

1/2 c. milk 1/3 c. flour

2 c. flour 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1 1/2 tsp. baking powder 1/4 c. cold butter or

1 tsp. salt margarine

Mix sugar and shortening thoroughly. Add egg and mix well. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Beginning and ending with flour mix, add flour mix and milk alternately to the sugar mix. Fold in blueberries - not with a mixer. Pour batter into greased and floured 9" pan. Blend together ingredients for topping. Cold butter will prevent it from becoming pasty - make it crumbly. Sprinkle topping on batter. Bake 45 min. (more if berries are frozen) in 350 degree oven. Enjoy!

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CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL

by Susan Silvester

Fifty children attended the annual Children's Literature Festival sponsored by the Mary Lyon Education Fund and area Cultural Councils held during the first week of August at the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School. The Heath Cultural Council granted \$400 for the program along with other town councils in the area. Highlights of the week included Davis Bates, renowned storyteller, Robert McClung children's author, a "free" book fair, lunch provided by McDonald's Restaurant in Greenfield, and the construction of life-sized paper mache animals which will be on display in local stores during the remainder of August. Lynda Hodson of Gill supervised the building of these magnificent creatures. The theme for the week was endangered species.



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

by Pegge Howland, President

The Heath Historical Society's 1994 Annual Meeting and Barn Dedication will be held on Saturday, August 20 this year. Please note that the date is a week later than usual. Events will include:

1-4 PM - Old Town House open for viewing in Heath Center.

4:30 PM - Reception in the Solomon Temple Barn Museum on the Heath Fairgrounds.

5 PM - Dedication program for the Solomon Temple Barn Museum. Speakers will include Steven Kulik, Massachusetts Representative; Michael Peters, President of the Heath Agricultural Society; Bernard DenOuden, Professor of Philosophy, University of Hartford; and Carroll Stowe, Columnist for the *Heath Herald*.

6 PM - Short business meeting of the Historical Society. Everyone is welcome to all of these events.

The Society will not have a booth on the mid-way this year. Instead, we will be taking memberships and selling copies of our publications right in the Solomon Temple Barn Museum. The *Heath Herald* will also be available at our table in the Museum.

The Museum display will feature many agricultural implements and tools from Heath farms that have been gathered by Buck DenOuden, and perhaps an old delivery wagon formerly used by the Dickinson family.

PLEASE NOTE THESE REVISED Barn Museum hours during the fair. They are the same as the Exhibit Hall hours: Friday, August 19, 5-9PM; Saturday, August 20, 10AM-9 PM; and Sunday, August 21, 10AM-4PM.

There will be no potluck dinner this year, either. We felt that it would be better to have a reception prior to the dedication, and let people get their own supper after the meeting from the fair concessionaires.

The business portion of our Annual Meeting will take place at 6 PM after the Museum dedication. It will be short, but we do need to have an election of officers and directors. Society members should plan to stay and exercise their right to vote. See you on August 20.

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by **CARROLL STOWE**

THE RESCUE OF A SAILPLANE PILOT

Specific dates escape me as I recall the time some members of the Heath Fire Department helped a glider pilot. It was perhaps mid-summer of 1965 that this operation took place.

Howard Thompson was Fire Chief when this event transpired. Douglas Stetson's family was farming where Art, Carol and Olin now live. Doug saw this sailplane go into the trees just north of what is now Jeff Goldwasser's property. Doug, fearing the worst, went to see what he could do for the situation. He found the aircraft had made a faultless 3-point landing in the tops of 3 trees. When Doug found him the pilot was eating his lunch.

Doug told the fellow he would try to summon some help to get him and the craft down to earth. The pilot gave Douglas a phone number to call to have his wife come with the special trailer to get him and his craft.

The versatile Heath Fire Department was pressed into service and Howard Thompson, Howard Dickinson, Earl (Tink) Warriner, Carroll Stowe, plus Douglas were on hand to correct this fellow's problem. I had always had a great respect for Tink's fineness in these situations and his talent really showed through in this event.

Tink arrived on the scene with at least 3 long ropes. He may have had more but 3 were all he needed. I'm a bit confused as to how the pilot got to the ground but he did get out of the plane and onto the ground and proceeded to direct Tink's efforts. There were a few harsh words directed towards Mr. Warriner, and he offered to leave if they didn't allow him to do as he was planning.

With the unpleasantness over with the operation proceeded without a hitch. The pilot's wife didn't have to travel a great distance because she was soon there and she had a few words of wisdom for this backwoods department. Ralph Sumner had arrived on the scene and the pilot's wife soon invited him to leave, but he was on his own property. So much for the misunderstandings.

Lineman Warriner placed ropes around the wings near the fuselage and around the fuselage near the tail section. The ropes then went up over tree limbs above the craft and 3 of us on the ground had a rope. We pulled with some force and lifted the sailplane up and as we did Tink pushed on the structure to disalign it with its perch, and the air craft settled nicely to the forest floor.

I was on one of the ropes and didn't believe what I had just seen happen. I have to this day never been witness to a smoother operation.

Once the plane was on the ground we followed the owner's directions and disassembled the unit and carried it out through the trees to the awaiting transport vehicle. It was no small task to get it threaded between the trees and there was very little to

get ahold of. Those pieces were not meant to have to be carried far in those conditions.

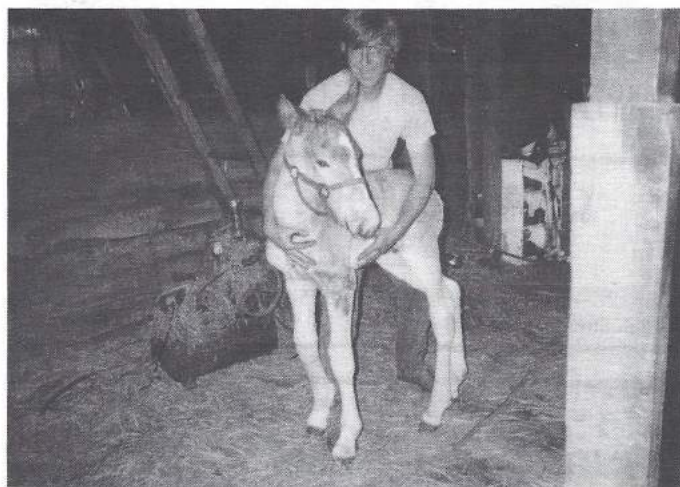
After it was all taken care of it seemed like the owner and his wife rather put their pride in their pocket and were aware of the tremendous talent that had so skillfully roped and lowered their fragile property. I will always be proud to have had a part in the sailplane recovery.

A NEW RESIDENT

by Robert Markert

On June 19 at 1 AM we were thrilled to welcome a new "resident" of Heath. One of our Belgian mares, Tammy, gave birth to a healthy, lively colt. We began our search for a suitable stud for our mares almost 1 1/2 years ago. After many phone calls to stud farms around the country we decided to use a stud from the Cinnabar Acres Farm in Ohio. Dr. Schmidt from Deerfield provided the reliable veterinary services to handle the artificial insemination process.

My wife and I have been present for the birth of calves on several occasions but this was our first experience with a horse. We knew that nature usually works well all by itself and that we would probably just be excited observers. On the other hand, when on those rare occasions that a horse has problems, they are usually big, serious problems and it is important to be prepared to assist. As it turned out, Tammy handled it pretty well and as a result we know own a fast-growing, healthy colt.



BOB MARKERT AND THE NEW ARRIVAL
(Photo by Sandy Kinsman)

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WILD RAMBLINGS

by **BILL LATTRELL**

WILD EXPECTATIONS

Each season brings to all of us a special perspective on the natural world. In New England, summer is the easiest of all seasons for most living species. With the struggles of winter behind, millions of birds migrate to our area for it is the breeding habitat for many songbird species that otherwise live in tropical climates. Each individual bird species requires specialized breeding and nesting habitat. For instance, the black throated green warbler nests in our thick hemlock groves, seldom seen but often heard. The bobolink requires old field that is not mown throughout the nesting season. The common flicker requires an area of standing deadwood with tree cavities in which it can build a nest. The robin prefers an edge habitat for nesting between hardwood forest and open field. In Heath we are particularly fortunate. We have many habitat types providing the appropriate environment for many bird species including open field, hardwood and conifer forest, wetlands, open field/forest edge, open water/forest edge, and many other habitat types.

It is our habitat diversity that provides species diversity in all of the plant and animal kingdoms. During my summer wild ramblings I go to certain habitats with the full expectation to see certain plant and animal species. Birds are no exception to this ecologic rule of thumb, and so I often prepare before I wander to a certain area by researching which birds I might expect to see and hear there.

Over the years I have learned that there would be no surprises without expectations. And this summer has proved to be no exception to this tidbit of life experience. During an early morning walk in a hardwood forest I observed a very large nest in a red maple tree. It resembled the nest of a great blue heron, known to only nest in open water areas in the tops of standing deadwood devoid of overhanging branches. As many people know, the great blue heron is a very large, gangly bird. Due to its size it requires an open landing and takeoff area into its very large nest. It is also a water bird, requiring open water for prey such as frogs, fish, large insects, small mammals. With this in mind, the open water standing deadwood habitat provides food, adequate open air space for takeoff and landings into the nest, and protection from many predators who would love to dine on heron chicks. Given these facts I was puzzled by the nest. It's size and structure indicated a heron, but its habitat placement defied logic.

I sat observing this nest for quite a spell. My brain rambled through hundreds of possibilities but failed to unscramble the mystery before me. Not having all day to solve this dilemma, I stood up and started to leave. I thought I might give this mystery one last perspective and walked through the thick underbrush to the opposite side of the tree. I was shocked by what I saw, especially given that I had walked this area perhaps 5 times previously. There before me was a new open

water beaver pond. A very small intermittent stream had been dammed up and the backwater was providing a 1 acre pond. The bases of dozens of trees were now water logged in perhaps 3-4 feet of water. I glanced up towards the red maple where I had observed the nest. From this angle I could see severe wind damage to the tree. All of the branches had been broken off, providing a narrow but adequate flyway through which a great blue heron could negotiate landing and taking off from the nest.

Just then a very large shadow appeared on the ground. Tilting my head upward I saw this pterodactyl-like bird artfully gliding through tree branches and landing on the branch above the nest. With one hop the huge bird gracefully placed itself on the nest edge and reached its long neck into the nest. I presumed it to be feeding the young chicks, although I could not actually see them from my low vantage point. I was still puzzled by the lack of a second bird guarding the nest.

It was time for me to go home and pursue some money making activities. I decided to walk in a more southerly direction which would get me back to my truck more directly. At the edge of the beaver pond I glanced one more time to get a glimpse of the heron's nest. For the first time I saw the second guard bird positioned nicely on the branch of a nearby yellow birch. No doubt he had watched me the entire time I was attempting to figure out what was going on.

Once again I was reminded that even adventuring into familiar territory can provide some unusual surprises. And while it is true that without expectations there would be no surprises, it is also true that the one constant in the natural world is change.

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Joanne Fortune 1995
John Musacchio 1996

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Karen Thereault 1997

Town Treasurer

Kristi Nartowicz (appointed) 1997

Tax Collector

Karen Thereault 1997

Moderator

Douglas Wilkins 1996

Constables

Charles Kaempfer 1995
Robert Markert 1995

MTR School Committee

Frank Brower 1997
Linda Marcotte 1995

Planning Board

Robert Dane 1999
Michael Smith 1995
Helen Mackie 1996
Robert Gruen 1997
Henry Leuchtman 1998

Finance Committee

Frank Rocchi 1997
Gerald Gilbert 1996
Karen Moore 1997
William Gran 1995
Leighton McCutchen 1996

Library Trustees

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Carolyn Armstrong 1995
Patricia Leuchtman 1996

Dog Officer

Carl Herzig (appointed) 1995

Fence Viewer

Assessors 1995

Tree Warden

Jack Cable 1995

Measurers of Wood & Bark

William Clark 1995
Alanson Nichols 1995
Paul Lively 1995

Field Drivers

Robert Gruen 1995
Budge Litchfield 1995
Eva Pazmino 1995

Sexton

Paul Lively 1995

Burial Agent

Paul Lively 1995

TOWN BOARDS APPOINTED BY

SELECTMEN

Board of Health

Walter Gleason 1997
Dawn Peters 1996

Brooks McCutcheon 1995

Board of Health Agent: Earl Gleason 1995

Zoning Board of Appeals

Carol Sartz 1997
Todd Sumner 1999
Dennis Peters 1996
Martha McCutcheon 1998
Hilma Ayers 1995
(Date = year term expires)

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

Fiscal Year 1994

Chairman, Selectmen	David Howland
Secretary, Selectmen	Hilma Ayers
Admin. Assistant	Joyce Karpinski
Accountant	June Day
Americans w/ Disabilities	David Howland
Animal Inspector	Paul Lively
Assessors Clerk	Karen Thereault
Assist. Tax Collector	Linda Marcotte
Assist. Treasurer	Eileen Tougas
Bldg. Mgr./Custodian	Dick Newton
Chief of Police	Thomas Rabbitt
Civil Defence Director	Earl Gleason
Cty. Planning Board Rep.	Richard Giard
Cty. Advisory Board Rep.	David Howland
Dump Committee Rep.	Richard Giard
	Dawn Peters
FCCIP Representative	Richard Giard
Fire Chief	Earl Gleason
Forest Fire Warden	Earl Gleason
FRTA Representative	Hilma Ayers
Highway Superintendent	John Cable
Highway Dept. Rep.	Richard Giard
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Inspector, Electrical	Edward Marchefka
Inspector, Plumbing & Gas	Paulin Bukowski
Licensing Board	Hilma Ayers
Police Officers	Melinda Dyer
	Carl Herzig
	Robert Markert
	Michael Smith
	Margo Newton
Post Office Manager	Marcella Lively
Registrars	Catherine Cromack
	Theresa Pettengill
	Alli Thane

Registrars, Alternate	Bruce Cromack
	Leonard Day
	Nan Gibbons
Safety Coordinator	Richard Giard
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Town Nurse	Dianne Rode
Veterans Agent	John Evans
Veterans Graves Officer	Dennis Peters
Veterans Representative	Richard Giard
Fred G. Wells Trustee	Todd Sumner

TOWN COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN (one-year terms)

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	Fred Burrington
	Mike Chrisman
	Julianne Hall
	Catherine Tallen
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	Richard Gary
	Clare Rabbitt
Computer Committee	Doug Wilkins
Comm. on Commercial Dev.	James Gleason
	Richard Voytko
	Elizabeth Canali
	Bruce Phillips
	Nancy Clark
Community Hall Committee	Dolores Churchill
	Donna Tanner
Conservation Commission	Brian DeVriese
	William Lattrell
	Ruth Johnson
	Dawn Peters
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Recycl./Refuse Com. Comm.	John Cable
	Charles Kades
	William Gran
Small Bus. Loan Comm.	Nancy Burrington
	Bruce Cromack
	Catherine Heyl
Shapiro Land St. Comm.	Brian DeVriese
	Fred Burrington
	Jerry Gilbert
	Jeffrey Goldwasser
	Mike Smith
	Harvey Carter
	Richards Steinbock
Tax Fairness Committee	Harvey Carter
	Jennifer Giandalone
	Leighton McCutcheon
	Deb Porter
	Arthur Schwenger

COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

School Building Committee	Linda Marcotte, Chair.
	Budge Litchfield
	Hilma Ayers
	Arthur Schwenger
	Frank Rocchi
	Robert Gruen
	Susan Lively
	John Henry
	Diane Cerone
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SOLOMON TEMPLE BARN UPDATE

by Pegge Howland

It's up! The Heath Historical Society's Solomon Temple Barn is standing on its own posts once again, thanks to the magnificent work of Bruce Cromack, Fred Burrington, Glen Lippard and Ed Croteau. The original frame has been reassembled from its parts that have been resting in a cow barn at the fairgrounds all winter. It was almost like a jigsaw puzzle, putting all those pieces back together again in the right places. But Fred Burrington had done a great job of marking the pieces and so the "bents" were assembled with specially carved pins and laid out on the pre-built foundation ready to be "raised" by the crane, operated by Walt Donelson. Finally the massive bents rose in the air and were secured with the 8" x 8" plates. The last step was to attach the original 40 foot purlins and ridge pole to form the roof structure. As we go to press new sheathing has been applied to the outside walls and new cedar shingles added to the roof. We will reuse as much of the original barn-board siding as we can, but, unfortunately, there isn't anywhere near enough for the whole building.

Volunteer support for the project continues to be outstanding. Buck Denouden and Carroll Stowe arranged for and moved all of the donated logs to Bill Clark's mill for sawing. To date we haven't had to buy any lumber at all!

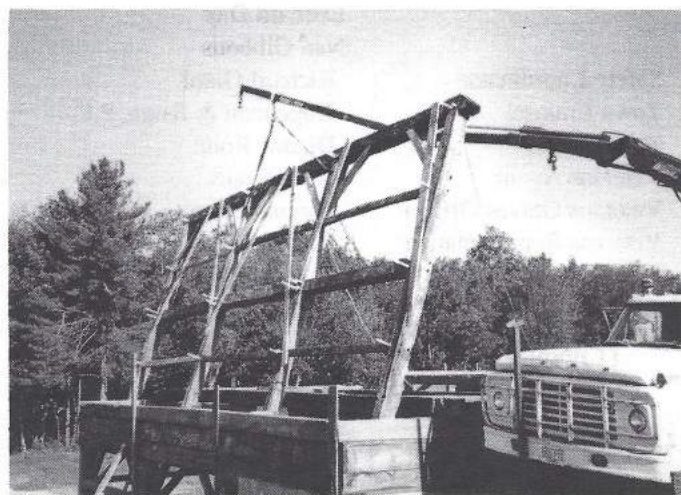
Also helping out with this phase of the project were Chris Burke, Eric Sumner, Mike Peters, and Dave Howland. Thank you all for your dedicated time and effort!

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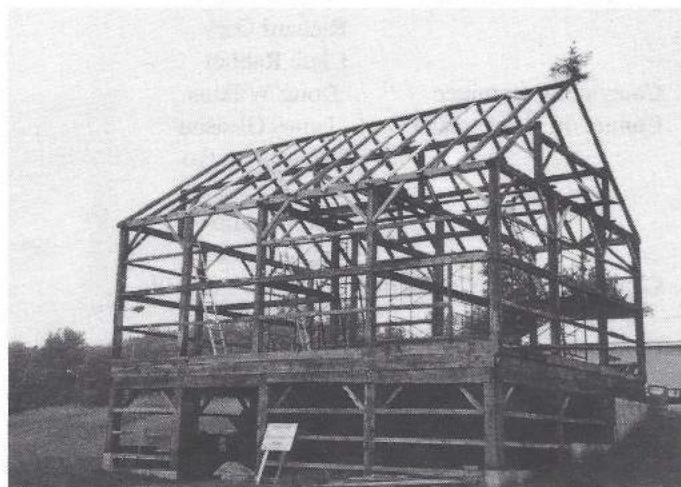
by Jesse Seaver

I am really looking forward to the fair this year. I'm even planning my vacations/jobs/events around it. I feel like I need to be here for the fair. It grows on you; it's actually "addictive". To tell you the truth, I would come home from California just to be here for the fair. What a blast it is, not just for the rides, food, art, tractors, truck pull, horse pull, what have you. It's everyone getting together and celebrating this once a year event. I've talked to people about their role in the fair, whether it be in the gallery or selling tickets or being a member of the Heath Agricultural Society. Selling tickets is my role in the event. I like to try and spend so much time every day, until my legs are burning. Anyway now that I've expressed and made my contribution to encourage coming to the fair, I'll gab about something else.

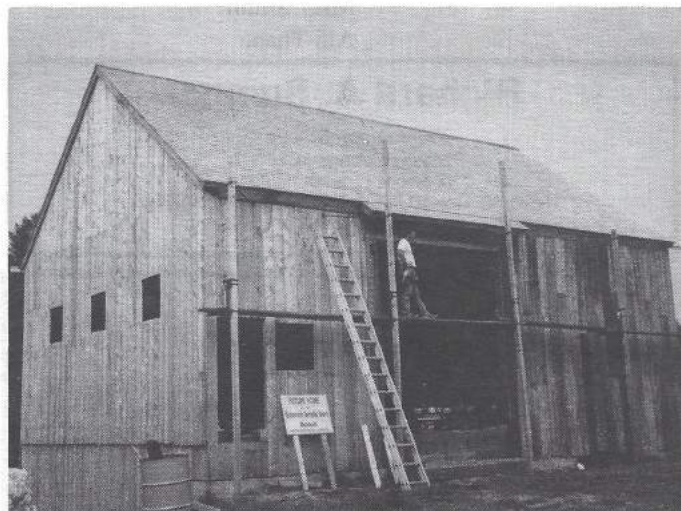
Well, if you've noticed more cows in Heath that might be because someone is putting them there. One of those people is Dave Freeman. I am working with him this summer, building fences, shrink wrapping round bales, which by the way is a whole whoop-it-up easier than the square bales, and taking care of the pastures. It's fun to help bring back farming, cows and fields to Heath. One thing about working with Dave is visiting and seeing Carroll Stowe, the Dickinsons and others and hearing their stories. Yes, the stories. I have heard the funniest, most horrible, and most exciting stories this summer.



RAISING THE "BENTS"
OF THE SOLOMON TEMPLE BARN
(Photo by Pegge Howland)



THE SOLOMON TEMPLE BARN
STANDING ON ITS OLD POSTS AGAIN
(Photo by Pegge Howland)



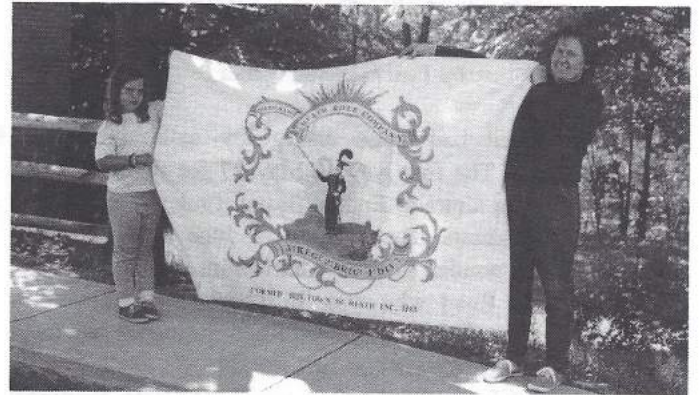
THE SOLOMON TEMPLE BARN WITH
NEW SHEATHING & SHINGLES, & OLD SIDING
(Photo by Pegge Howland)

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

by D. F. Howland

The major news is that on June 29 the Farmer's Home Loan Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded the Town of Heath a loan for the entire amount of the school construction program - \$3,378,400. The interest rate is five percent, or less should rates decline by the time construction starts. Dave Howland, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, signed the appropriate documents for the town. While there is a host of compliance regulations to contend with, the benefits and flexibility of this loan arrangement outweigh the costs and difficulties of floating a bond, i.e. up to 40 years to pay, only one audit for now anyway, less bond counsel costs and less complicated and risky financing problems. How did this event transpire after all the concern about bond ratings? Subsequent to the town's vote for the school, Richard O'Meara of the State Street Bank, the town's financial advisor who supported our bonding capability, wrote the Farmers Home Loan requesting full funding for the project because (1) there could be considerable delay in getting state money and (2) Heath had neither a credit rating nor experience with the national bond market place. Based on these assertions Heath qualified for a loan in the full amount. Fortunately the Farmers Home Loan had money available it wanted to commit immediately; consequently things proceeded rapidly so that by June 29 we had a loan. Since then the board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Building Committee have written the Department of Education asking that the rate of reimbursement, currently 71.3%, be increased. Also, the Department of Education approved the architect's plans and indicated that some priority for construction might be given to Heath. At the same time, Senator Jane Swift succeeded in having funds added to the Department of Education's school construction budget, which also might help in making construction monies available before FY99, the current date of commitment. One final note. The town has to gain the approval of the state's Emergency Finance Board proving that it can meet its financial obligations. This is because the cost of the school exceeds five percent of the town's valuation of about \$44,500,000. We expect this process will be initiated this summer. So, we'll see just how this all sorts itself out. (Please note that the amount of the Farmers Home Loan is \$43,400 higher than what the town authorized for the project due to an error in the Farmers Home Loan pre-application form. The Farmers Home Loan people did not want to change the amount after it had been approved. Obviously, the town will/can borrow only what has been voted.)

Other town business has kept the Board of Selectmen busy. Dick Giard, liaison to the Highway Department, has been working with Jack Cable in planning this year's road projects. He also has been coordinating negotiations relative to the closing of the three town dump. Hilma Ayers did the artwork and sewing of a flag for the state's Flag Day program. She is also working on a design project for a "Welcoming" sign to be located at the foot of Burrington Hill and Avery Brook Road.



SELECTMAN HILMA AYERS AND DAUGHTER RUTH
HOLD FLAG AYERS MADE FOR HEATH
(Family Photo)

The selectmen authorized the Police Department to bid on a more recent model of a cruiser being sold by Shelburne Falls. We won it with a bid of \$1,000.

A Tax Fairness Committee was established at the suggestion of Art Schwenger, former selectman, to study ways of reducing the tax burden on residential property owners. The members are Harvey Carter, chair, Art Schwenger, Debra Porter, Leighton McCutcheon and Jennifer Giandelone.

Joyce Karpinski has participated in several economic development plan meetings and Dave Howland attended a meeting of a proposed five town sub-regional economic partnership program. The towns are Shelburne Falls, Buckland, Colrain, Charlemont and Heath. Joyce and Dave were also appointed as the town's representatives for the American Disabilities Act. They have met and prepared data in advance of applying for a grant to help fund compliance activities.

June Day, town accountant, promoted a meeting with Joe Boudreau, our representative at the Department of Revenue in Springfield, Karen Therault, tax collector, Kris Nartowicz, treasurer, Joanne Fortune, Assessor, Joyce Karpinski, administrative assistant and Dave Howland, selectman. The purpose was to review organizational responsibilities and the communications network. Very helpful.

The Board of Selectmen met with the Planning Board and members of the Mohawk Estates Association to discuss certain changes in the zoning bylaws. These proposals will require a public hearing and a formal vote at a town meeting.

The Board of Selectmen made appointments for FY95. A complete list (to date) appears elsewhere in the *Heath Herald*.

Lastly, the Board of Selectmen did not schedule a meeting on July 12 so that they could attend a Selectmen's Association meeting at which Lieutenant Governor Cellucci was to speak. At the last minute only Hilma Ayers and Dave Howland could attend, because Dick Giard helped Bill Lattrell's cow with a difficult birth. All worked out fine. It was a girl.



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

by Earl Gleason, Chief

The Department had three emergency calls during the reporting period. The first was on May 27 for two tankers to a structure fire in Colrain. Engine 3 and Tanker 2 responded with three firefighters. The evening of June 3, three EMTs and one first responder assisted Charlemont Ambulance with a man on Judd Road who was ill. The next morning four firefighters responded to a South Road residence where a large hollow maple tree was on fire.

The months of June and July saw two Association meetings: one EMS Association meeting and three drills. The largest happened on Saturday, July 23. The Department assisted by departments from Whit-ingham, Rowe, Charlemont, Hawley, and Shelburne burned a large house and a medium sized barn. Roof ventilation and airpack drills were held early in the morning. Mid-morning saw eight live burns extinguished by interior attacks. An hour lunch and rest break was then taken. A luncheon was catered by a group raising money for the Rowe School sixth grade trip. After lunch, Class A Foam equipment was displayed and explained by Phil Gilmore and Bill care of the Department of Environmental Management (Forestry Service). A live interior burn was then put out using Class A Foam. The house and barn were then burned to the ground using a tanker shuttle for water supply cool the building to contain the heat. Tankers from Rowe, Shelburne and Heath were used in this evolution. Also used on the scene were rescue trucks from Charlemont (ropes etc.) and from Whitingham mainly for the refilling of air cylinders. Hawley sent a pumper that assisted Heath's Engine one during the final burn. Nearly thirty firefighters from the various departments attended. Tim Lively and Jen Giandalone served as EMTs on the scene.

The Department has been active in other areas also. Tanker 2 went to a New York concern to repair some leaking piping. The gasoline tank at the town garage underwent its leak test under the observation of the Department. The EMS group received a set of tapes used during certification of CPR. These were financed by the Franklin County EMS grant. The Department has obtained a very large generator and large air compressor from government surplus property. The only cost to the town is the cost of transporting the items. The generator is new and the compressor is newly reconditioned. Also the Municipal Emergency management plan has recently been updated. This eighty page plan is updated every three years so that the town is eligible for federal funds. The Department also catered a barbecue for about 170 guests at a wedding at the fairgrounds.

Eight meetings were attended by the Chief and he made seven inspections of various types.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

by Jack Cable, Superintendent

The transfer station has a face-lift. The building has been painted inside and out, new steps built, a new platform for the metals bin built and the fence and gates straightened and painted. We thank Jeremy Lively for doing a great job. Reminder that your dump sticker is due for renewal. See the Post Office for the sticker or Bud or Cleon will reject you. Also we are to be proud of our recycling effort. Keep it up. Save our environment. Some are not by dumping garbage and debris along our roads. If you see someone do this call Dispatch for arrest.

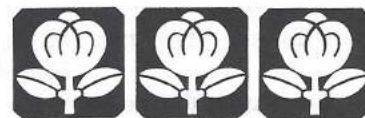
Not much is going on with the State Aid to Highways bond issue. It is still in the Ways and Means Committee. Unbelievable! There are 278 contracts (including Avery Brook Road bridges) worth \$358 million dollars that is included in this bond bill. In going to Cape Cod last week, I encountered no highway construction between Heath and Orleans - jobs, public safety and costs are taking a toll in Massachusetts. Our roads and bridges are deteriorating and with one year of construction passing us by the roads will be WORSE and UNSAFE. Speaking of unsafe - some persons think our construction is a joke as they are stealing and/or destroying our road construction signs and cones. Caution is advised as we may be on the road but the signs may be gone thus putting the crew and you in danger!

Many of you signed a petition recently pertaining to the gasoline tax sponsored by the Coalition to Save Our Roads and Bridges. Thanks to these petitions the gasoline tax which we want used only for roads and bridges will be on the ballot this fall. QUESTION 8 - YES!

The Asplundh Tree Co. is still in town so if you see an arborist problem, call me. They expect to finish Heath this fall.

We notice many people still traveling too fast. Please slow down. Hurting someone is not a pleasant memory. We are trying our best to make the roads better. Thank you for your waves and smiles.

See you at the Heath Fair or at the blueberry lot. I've got the "picking blues" this month.



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ASSESSORS' REPORT

by Don Dekker

With high taxes and taxes going up, there has been increased questions about putting land in Chapter 61; or some other method of lowering taxes on non-residential land.

We Assessors have very little control over setting the value of vacant land. It is determined by land sales covering a two year period to revaluation. By using the sales prices and a set mathematical formula, values are established and must be maintained.

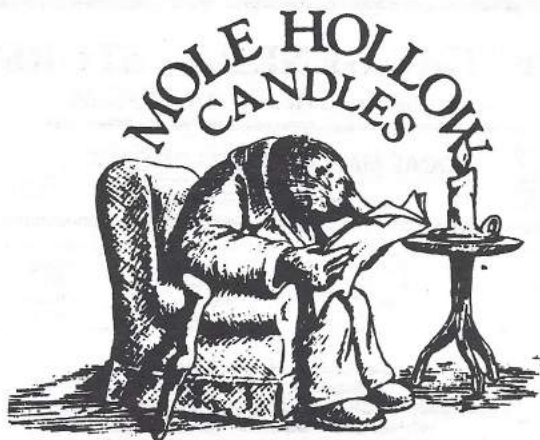
Really the only way to lower taxes on vacant land is to apply and fulfill the requirements of either Chapter 61 or Chapter 61A. Chapter 61, in brief, protects forest land and does lower taxation a lot. It applies to 10 acres or more, requires a plan approved by a designated State Forester, and a lien is placed on land for a ten year period. If land is withdrawn before 10 years the owner has to pay back tax savings, and interest at 18%.

Chapter 61A is designed to protect agricultural land and cuts the value for taxation roughly in half. It applies to land used for agricultural purposes of annual gross sales of at least \$500. It must be 5 acres or more. The annual application is due by October 1, and a lien is placed on the property.

There exists also Chapter 61B for recreational land devoted to a recreational use and available to the public or members of a non-profit organization. We also set a policy that unless something specific is done to attract the public (parking space, signs, etc.) just open land, (hunting, hiking, etc.) will not qualify.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT

by D. F. Howland

On Saturday, June 25 the Annual Town Meeting was reconvened primarily to address the budget for FY95. It was preceded by a Special Town Meeting to take care of year-end transfer of funds to settle accounts. While attendance at the Special Town Meeting met the required five percent of voters, about 23 people, there was a mad scramble to get the required ten percent for the Annual Town Meeting. After calls to friends and neighbors the meeting was called to order a half-hour late, 9:30 AM. Article 3, the main budget article, was approved as were articles for saving for a fire truck - \$5,000, preschool - \$10,000 and a new truck for the Highway Department - \$25,000. The total budget was \$1,047,439. Assuming current property valuation numbers the tax rate, exclusive of school construction costs, is expected to be in the vicinity of \$20/\$1,000 valuation.

One other article received considerable discussion - the proposed Recall Vote Petition for the State Legislature. After lengthy pro and con views it was passed over. The Selectmen agreed to establish a committee to review the matter and bring it back to the town's next Special Town Meeting expected to be this fall.

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PERCS, PERMITS AND TRANSFERS

PERCOLATION TESTS

Earl Gleason reports that there were six perc tests performed this period: four new that passed, one new that failed and one repeat.

BUILDING PERMITS

There are no building permits to report at this time.

DEED TRANSFERS

Edna H. Anthes to Stonybrook Properties, Inc. of Hadley, Burrington Road. 50 acres. \$40,000.

George L. and Judith F. Salg to Paul R. Desrosiers of Ludlow, Shawnee Drive, lots 19-25. \$7,000.

Rene M. and Kay E. Laviolette to Rene M. Laviolette, Mohawk Estates, lots 5 and 18. No consideration.

David G. and Caroline E. Carter to Carter Living Trust, David G. and Caroline E. Carter as trustees. Knott Road and Rowe Road. No consideration.

Liv. O. Pertzoff to Alexander C. Pertzoff of Northampton, South Road, Royer Road and off South Road. No consideration.

J. Gilbert Wilson, Jr. to J. Gilbert and Hazel D. Wilson of Shelburne Falls, Sumner Stetson Road. 116 acres more or less. No consideration.

Donald A. Braga to Mohawk Estates Property Owners Association, Inc. Mohawk Estates. Lot 34. \$1.

Frank B. and Maureen E. Bulczynski to Frances W. Charles and Scott G. Bryant of Gilbertville. Flagg Hill Road, lots 1 & 2. \$105,000.

Joel J. Marchand to Nelson R. and Mary Anne Tetreault of Colrain. Underwood Hill Road, lot 7. \$18,000.

Stonybrook properties, Inc. of Hadley to Charles H. and Lisa A. Cornish of Enfield, CT. Burrington Road, 50 acres more or less. \$64,900.

Earle C. Beasley to Robert P. Viarengo and Delores A. Viarengo, Bray Road. \$42,156.

Mohawk Estates Property Owners Association, Inc. to Alan J. and Diana L. Boucher of North Adams, Mohawk Estates, Lot 17. \$3,000.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

On June 4, 1994, Daniel T. Levitch, son of Cathy Tallen, was honored at the Young Students Talent Search. Daniel was one of two hundred-sixty fifth and sixth graders and one of only five students from Western Massachusetts honored for outstanding verbal and/or mathematical ability. This talent search is conducted annually by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth in Baltimore.

Anne Shattuck was one of twenty-nine students from area high schools to receive a Student Health Explorer certificate from Franklin Medical Center and The Great Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Students of the program met twice each month to explore the workings and opportunities within a medical center. Students were brought into contact with Physical Therapy, the Operating Room, Nursing, Clinical Engineering, Cardiopulmonary, Nutrition, Laboratory work and much more.

Two local artisans, Sara Hettlinger of Bald Mountain Pottery and Robert Dane both had ornaments accepted for the 1993 White House Christmas tree. The artists were selected by invitation only and each received a special letter of thanks from the President and Hillary Clinton.

Nationally acclaimed Heath gardener Elsa Bakalar was featured on the CBS "Sunday Morning" program, scheduled at press time to air July 31. A crew of three including the producer, cameraman and soundman spent a day in Heath with Elsa, coincidentally the same day 30 members of the Woodstock Vermont Garden Club visited her.

Jack and Beverly Cable attended Jack's parent's 60th anniversary party at the Captain Linnell House in Orleans on July 24. All five children of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Cable were together for the first time in many years. The Cables moved from Torrington, CT to Cape Cod 19 years ago.



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