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HOT AND COLD WINDS BLOW AT WIND FARM HEARING

By John Holdsworth

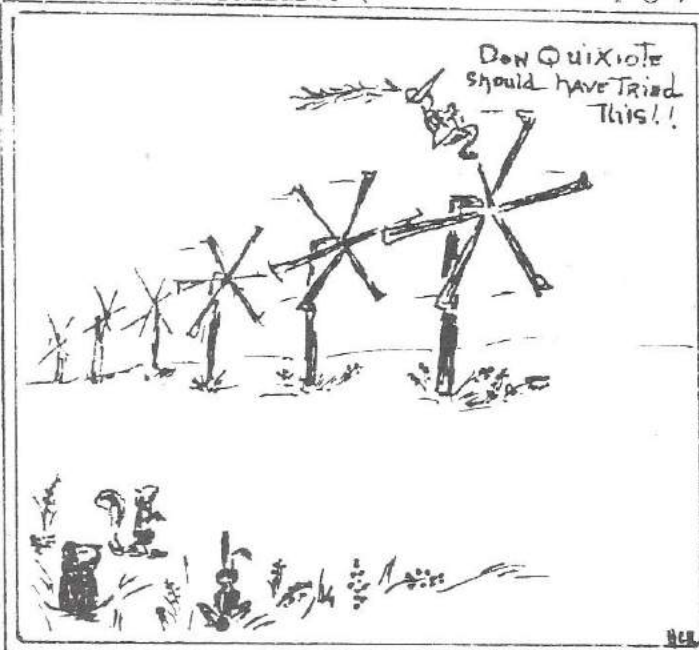
When the last Planning Board report was written for the HEATH HERALD, few, if any, people in town had heard of U.S. Windpower, Inc. Early in April representatives of that company came to Heath, viewed Tripp's blueberry farm on Burnt Hill, and met with town officials and interested citizens to discuss the possibility of erecting a windfarm of 100 windmills on the Tripp farm. Town zoning bylaws indicated a special permit would have to be issued by the Planning Board before such a project could be implemented. In a series of public meetings, held jointly by the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, assistance and suggestions were received from the Assessors, the Finance Committee, the Selectmen, and many other townspeople that will help provide the flesh on the bones of the special permit. Much guidance was also forthcoming from the Franklin County Planning Department.

A public hearing was held on Thursday, May 8, to enable U.S. Windpower, Inc. to formally present their proposal to the town and to allow the townspeople to direct questions to the company and to the Planning Board. Since that meeting, the Board has not been able to progress with the permit procedure because it still lacks engineering and site data that U.S. Windpower must provide.

The situation at present is: USW wishes to erect 100 windmills, some on guyed, wooden super poles, and some on unguyed, fiberglass poles, on 150-175 acres on Burnt Hill; each windmill would have a horizontal shaft with a 56 foot diameter rotor of three fiberglass blades on a 60 foot pole; each would generate 30 KW of electricity and operate in winds from 10 to 22 MPH (withstand winds of 125 MPH). The wind-

mills would be painted some suitable color, would not have aircraft warning lights, would present a minimum hazard to wildlife, would produce about 44 dbA noise level at $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles from the windfarm (this is estimated to be about the ambient noise level of a rural, agricultural community in windy conditions), and would have no effect on radio or TV reception.

In addition to guarantees and restrictions on the above details, a special permit would probably include statements on the following: responsibility for road repair; payments for costs incurred in the permit procedure; responsibility for on-site security; establishment of an off-site viewing area; map of windfarm perimeter with indications of windmill positions; responsibility of USW to maintain the windfarm; requirement for new permit to be issued for any other company to maintain or operate the windmills; requirement for protection against voltage surge in town power lines; responsibility in event of corporate failure. (cont'd on next page)



MILESTONES

Jesse Thomas was born to Juliet and Charles Seaver on April 9.

Amy Elizabeth was born to Susie and Ed Croteau on June 3.

Robert E. Smith of Greenfield and Heath died suddenly on May 24. He leaves his wife, Ruth Cromack, four children, and four grandchildren.

Joseph Cote of Number Nine Road died on May 21. He leaves several nieces and nephews in town.

PRECIPITATION

By Ralph H. Dickinson, Observer
for Mass. Water Resources Commission

April had 5.54 inches of rain, but May only 1.82 inches. April 1973 with 6.19 inches was the only April in over 15 years wetter than this year. Over the same time period, this past month was the driest May. (In 1972 we had 8.89 inches of rain in May) Total precipitation for the first five months of 1980 is 17.81 inches, a little below normal.

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It now appears that USW will be at least partially liable for local property taxes, but this and some possible payment in lieu of taxes must still be worked out. These would be designed to cover all town expenses related to the project.

It is hoped there will be some temporary construction jobs and some permanent maintenance jobs available for current Heath residents.

Another item of major interest to all of us is the possible extension of primary calling areas for telephone exchanges in the County. New England Telephone had planned, throughout Massachusetts, to provide Extended Local Service (ELS), a service that would allow unlimited toll-free calls from one to some or all adjoining towns and to some non-adjoining towns. This plan was terminated because of expense, and another plan was formulated - Expanded Community Calling Service (ECCS). This service, aimed at individuals rather than towns, would provide for two hours per month of cumulative calling time to certain designated exchanges at a monthly rate of \$1.00; any calling time over the two hour total would be charged at the additional rate of \$.04 per minute. It appears that ELS would be considerably cheaper. The Franklin County Planning Board is examining these services and soon should have more information on them for individual towns.

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COVERING THE DUMP

By Alli Thane

At the May Town Meeting the lack of proper maintenance and covering at the refuse landfill was a major concern of many irate citizens. As a result the Town voted down the \$3000 appropriation for the landfill and the selectmen were instructed to write a letter to the Landfill Committee demanding corrective action.

Soon after this the State Dept. of Public Health inspected the dump and found many violations of the sanitary code and that the area had not been covered for many months. Chairman of the Landfill Committee, Sherman Pike of Charlemont, met in Amherst on June 3 with the State Health Dept. to answer these charges. He explained the bulldozer was in such poor repair that the dump covering had been neglected. The state authorities, as reported by Pike, were understanding and indicated they would inspect again in one month. They also said that the Heath site was one of the best in the county, and with proper care should last the three towns for ten years.

At a recent meeting of the Landfill Committee (with all members present) all of these problems were reviewed. To replace the worn out tracks on the bulldozer would cost \$2000, but because Bernardston Equipment sold the machine they would charge \$1700. The committee now feels that perhaps contracting the dozer work to a private operator might be cheaper than maintaining the equipment and they will look further into the matter. The committee also decided that the state suggestion of terracing, with a berm on the edge to hold back the water, would be tried. Also some completely filled areas will be loamed and seeded.

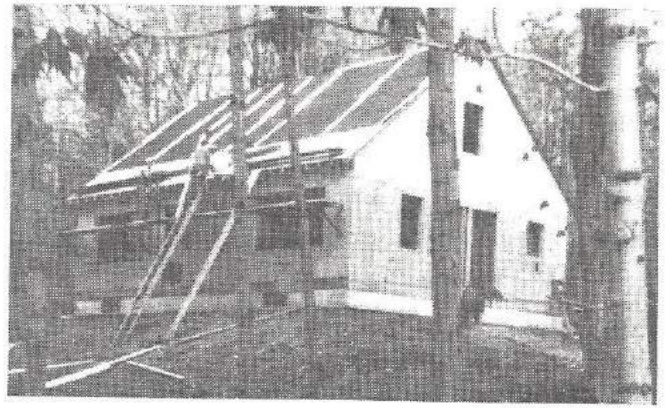
An inquiry into compacting refuse was quoted to the Town of Charlemont alone at a price of \$30,000 a year. The cost of maintaining the present dump for the three towns is presently \$12,000 per year.

It now appears that some action is being taken to correct some of the problems that have been at the 3-town landfill for a long time.

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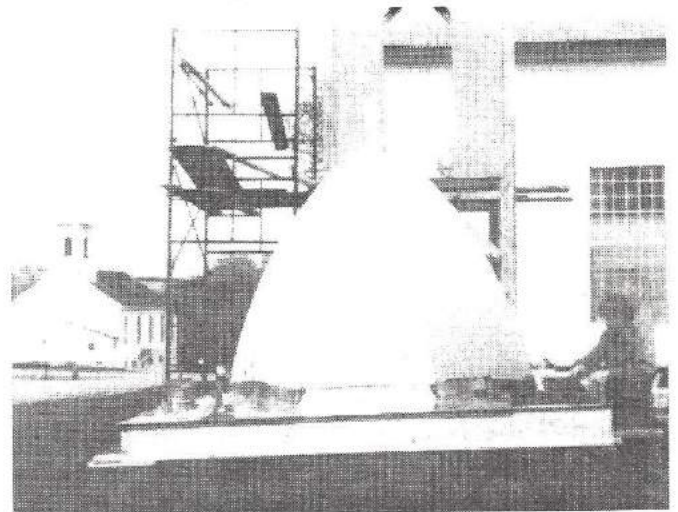
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CHURCH CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The new steeple for the Heath Church is fast taking shape on the ground. The dome for the steeple is being prepared with a copper coating and will soon be in its place.

The new parsonage on Bray Road was quickly raised under the supervision of a diligent building committee. The time and talents of many are showing results.



HEATH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Bazaar and Flea Market sponsored by the Society in 1978 and 1979 was such a success that it is planned to repeat the event again this year on July 4th 11AM to 4PM on the Common. Dolly Churchill is in charge of all arrangements (337-6680). Donations of articles in good repair to be sold by the Society will be much appreciated and there will be vendors' tables of flea market items as well as delicious refreshments. In event of rain, tables will be set up in the Community Hall. Both of the historical museums will be open, so come and have a good time with your friends.

The annual meeting of the Society is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, in the Community Hall at 8 PM.

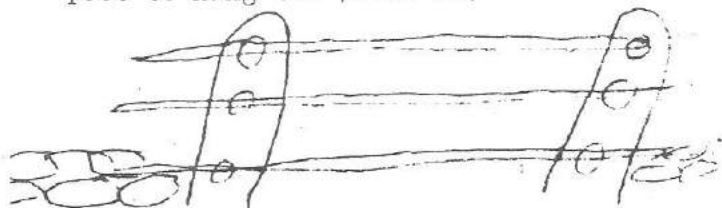
BAR-WAYS AND STONE WALLS

By Carroll Stowe

For some time I have been thinking about doing a story about stone walls and most especially the gap-ways or bar-ways in the stone walls. I feel that these gap-ways have a rather pleasant story to tell. When I can take time to study a bar-way, I am able to read all sorts of ideas into the break in the wall. In this part of the country there are countless stone walls or stone fences. In years past when a wall was built there had to be a place to get through the wall with oxen, horses, and related farm machinery. Sometimes tall stones were set in the ground with several holes in each one so that poles could be put through them to close the opening.



Thus they were called bar-ways. Or sometimes horseshoes were nailed to a wooden post to hang the poles on.



Sometimes a wire gate was used. It all depended on the person making the closure.

If, after reading this, you care to study a bar-way, go out and look for one most anywhere.

Some bar-ways have the most interesting roads leading up to and away from them. If you look them over quite often you will see that the road has a very gentle sloping curve away up a hill in order to make it easier on the draft animals negotiating these crude trails.

I can almost hear a teamster talking to a nice team of horses or a placid cud-chewing yoke of cattle. While you stand there contemplating this, you can almost hear the jingle of the tug chains or the creak of an ox yoke. It is difficult to reason the use of some gap-ways because, at the places they are in the stone walls, you can see no sign of a road to or from them.

There will be bar-ways where possibly many years ago a little boy with his dog has gone barefooted to get cows for milking. I have done it myself, so hopefully others have.

Other places you can see an old sugar house and a bar-way through which many tubfuls of sap have passed.

Through some bar-ways you might find some piece of nostalgia, the remains of an old wagon, a nearly rotten sled, an old hay rake, or mowing machine.

I can't help but wonder if when these things were left in their final resting place, the farmer realized that he wouldn't be back again.

If you like, go wander beyond a gap-way and try to realize the tremendous amount of work that went in the clearing of a field. Today that same field has trees in it big enough for sawlogs. The possibilities are as endless as the stonewalls themselves - the hopes and dreams that came and went through these bar-ways!

How I would enjoy taking a sled load of sap, a load of logs or wood through a bar-way behind a team and feel the sled slide and bump against a frozen rut. The pleasures we can think of when we try.

I read a figure some time ago of fifty cents per rod for building a stone wall. When you think of pittance wages, this must be the lowest.

There are few things simpler than a stone wall bar-way but I enjoy them and I hope you will also.

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TOWN MEETING 1980

A well attended Town Meeting was convened by Moderator Edward Calver at 8PM, May 5, in the Community Hall.

The results of the elections were first announced. One hundred twenty-one or 43% of the registered voters turned out. In the only two contested races, Anne Steinbock was elected selectman over David Howland by a 65-54 vote, and Walter Gleason was elected to the finance committee over Bruce Cromack by 62-54 votes. Raymond Pettengill was elected to the assessors, Michael Christman as school committee member, Teresa Pettengill as library trustee, and Sheila Litchfield as tax collector. For two posts where there were no nominations, write-in votes elected Thomas Lively to be tree warden and Newland Smith to be auditor.

Discussion of Article 3, the budget, covered nearly two hours. Several items involving 4% increases to town officers, and a substantial increase to the Town Clerk/Treasurer were voted in against the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The school budget increase produced lively comments and was voted in against the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Concern about the proper care of the dump prompted that budget item to be voted out. It was suggested that the subject be reviewed at a special town meeting later. Some voters also disagreed with the lack of funding for mental health and for Dutch elm/insect control items; they could be reviewed at a special town meeting, also. The total approved budget was approximately \$381,500. It was pointed out that this will increase the tax rate by \$1 to \$2 per thousand, depending upon the next "cherry" sheet from the state.

Fund transfer articles to use "free cash" and for repairs on the Community Hall were approved. The Town voted to join the Franklin Co. Regional Transit Authority, which will not require funding unless actual participation occurs. Finally \$180 was appropriated to cover legal implications in the removal of the old town sheds across from the Post Office.

It was nearly 11 PM when the meeting was adjourned.

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YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

By Jennifer Fogel-Songer Corey

For the past several months this writer has had the opportunity of working with a number of Heath's young people in conjunction with the Heath Youth Group. This is a group of particularly bright young people that the town can well be proud of.

Since the dance marathon last fall (which earned \$100 for the parsonage fund), rehearsals have begun for a summer performance of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest". Opening night is slated for June 20th. It is hoped the townspeople will make a special effort to catch a performance. Not only is the group doing an exceptional job, but it is an outstanding comedy - certainly worth seeing.

The Youth Group has invented a new exercise--it's called the AMOEBA. Any member will be glad to demonstrate.

Future endeavors include taking the time for a camp-out retreat sort of event this summer. The group has been busy planning all of the ways that will make the camp-out an unforgettable experience for any adults who are brave enough to attend.

The group also hopes to sponsor a disco dance at the Community Hall one evening after a supper, with Wally Mead and a group of his friends providing an impersonation of the rock group KISS, to start things off ... a very big noise. Crystal Peters has offered to teach all disco dances. Does anyone happen to have a ballroom globe hanging around in their attic?

BOY SCOUTS CAMP OUT IN HEATH

By Todd Sumner

The Boy Scouts of Troop 86, with Scoutmaster Bill Thane, went on a very successful camping trip May 24-25, on the Thane property in Heath. After walking about a mile to the campsite along the old Branch Hill Road, most of the scouts had had enough and decided that the next time they wouldn't bring the kitchen sink, because it got awfully heavy by the time we were ready to stop. Saturday afternoon was spent fishing. Scott Porrovecchio caught the biggest fish, a 9½ inch Brown Trout, which became Sunday's breakfast. Sunday morning found us using triangulation to find distances using a compass. All in all it was a very good weekend and the Scouts appreciate the use of the Ernie Thane property.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

By Edith Gleason

Since my last report I have welcomed many of you to the Library. It has been a pleasure to see you. Some of you have enjoyed the new audio-visual materials and new books purchased through the LSCA grant.

Tuesday nights we have a Chess game going during Library hours. Why not join in the fun? Organize your game and get a group together. We have games you can use such as Checkers, Chess, Dominos, and Cribbage as well as some jigsaw puzzles. Maybe you would rather watch a sound-filmstrip. A-V materials are available so feel free to request a showing. The children use them constantly, and we also have adult film strips.

We are continuing movies with a change in dates. They will be shown the first Saturday of the month instead of the third one. The first title is "Willie Wonka" followed by a short film if there is time. "I Heard An Owl Call My Name" is the movie scheduled for July, and in August "The Time Machine".

Watch for announcements of story hours which will be posted at Peters' Store and the Post Office.

On June 3, 24 children and three teachers from the first and second grades of Rowe School visited our Library. They enjoyed a Story Hour, watched a film-strip, and played with our new toys. A good time was had by all.

New books are Three Farms by Kramer, Herriot's Yorkshire by Herriot, Top of the Hill by Shaw, Creek Mary's Blood by Brown, and others. Sound film strips include Water the Worker, Communicating with Life in Space, Sasquatch, and Loch Ness Monster.

HEATH LIBRARY GETS GRANT

By Alli Thane

In June 1979, the library trustees and librarian, with the assistance of Richard Housner, applied for an LSCA Title I grant. The goal was to create a library media center for children and young adults who were being served inadequately by the library.

In August 1979, the application for a \$2600 grant was officially accepted, to be used between Oct. 1, 1979 and Oct. 1, 1980. This has been a beneficial addition to the library budget.

Two physical areas have been formed in the library, one for children ages 6-10 and another for ages 11-18. A stereo cassette center, with headsets and mobile stand; a sound/filmstrip projector, with listening station; and a cassette storage cabinet have been added to the library equipment.

The librarian has purchased several games, puzzles, cassettes, filmstrips, and books to supply each area. She plans to initiate programs of educational and recreational value during the summer months to introduce and encourage the use of these centers.

Volunteers have come forward to direct certain planned programs and to read for story hours. Other assistance and suggestions will be welcome.

It is hoped that these additions will encourage more young people to take advantage of the services that their library provides.

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AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PLANS FAIR

By Dot Scofield, Secretary

A meeting of the Heath Agricultural Society on May 13 started active plans for the 1980 Heath Fair to be held Aug. 15-17. Along with the traditional oxen and horse drawing contests and the Exhibit Hall, something new has been added this year. The first annual tractor pull will be held on Friday Aug. 15 making a very exciting first day at the Fair. There will be more information coming in the next issue of this paper.

This year the second Annual Fiddlers Contest will also be held on Sunday, Aug. 17. This happy, toe-tapping event will bring the 1980 Fair to a close.

But sandwiched in between will be all the wonderful, exciting rounds of country fair activity. So start now with plans to attend, and to participate with your home grown produce and flowers, your handiwork, and the small and large animals that no fair can be without.

The evening entertainment will include Dennis Avery and "Small Change" on Friday, "Bear" Aker on Saturday afternoon, and Stewart Brown as well as the "Stump-Jumpers" on Saturday night - your choice of two! Fun for all, and so close to home.

The Society has also planned to have ready a new small animal building for the poultry, rabbit, and other small animal exhibits, and also a display of baby animals. Everyone is looking forward to this added Fair improvement.

On April 29, thirteen members of the Society attended the 51st annual meeting of the Western Mass. Agricultural Fairs Assoc. After a dinner, Greg Finn, Information Director at the Mass. Farm Bureau, gave a talk. He emphasized the importance of Mass. agricultural fairs and gave a good pep talk to advertise the Fair early for high attendance.

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<u>June 20</u> & 21	8PM	<u>Community Hall</u> "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, presented by the Youth Group.
<u>July 3</u>	4-7P	<u>Community Hall</u> Food Coop pick-up and order
<u>July 4</u>	11A-4P	<u>On the Common</u> Heath Historical Soc. Bazaar & Museums open
<u>July 11-12</u>		<u>Rowe - Old Home Days</u>
<u>July 13</u>	9:30A	<u>Rowe - Pelham Lake</u> Joint Church Service
<u>July 19</u>	11AM	<u>Fair Grounds</u> Church auction & food sale
<u>July 25-27</u> <u>July 30</u>		<u>Charlemont - Yankee Doodle</u> <u>Community Hall</u> 3PM Ladies Aid Fair
	5:30P	Ham supper
<u>July 31</u>	4-7P	<u>Community Hall</u> Food Coop pick-up and order
<u>Aug. 2</u>	8PM	<u>Community Hall</u> Heath Historical Society Annual Meeting
<u>Aug. 9</u>	5:30P	<u>Community Hall</u> Public supper
<u>Aug. 15</u> 16&17		<u>Fair Grounds</u> Heath Agricultural Soc. Fair
<u>Aug. 17</u>	9:30A	<u>Fair Grounds</u> Heath-Rowe Joint Church Serv
<u>Aug. 25</u> to 29	9AM - 12N	<u>Community Hall</u> Vacation Bible School
<u>Aug. 28</u>	4-7P	<u>Community Hall</u> Food Coop pick-up and order

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HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Wendy Scofield, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Scofield is home for the summer from South-eastern Mass. College where she is working for a nursing degree.

Get well cards will be welcomed by Mr. Leon Peters (P.O. Charlemont, MA 01339) who has not been feeling well of late and would appreciate hearing from his friends. M.P./E4 Kirk Pettengill recently left for Korea for a one year tour of duty.

Don and Lucia Finck were pleasantly surprised one recent Saturday by an unusual gift of four cords of wood, cut and stacked from forest to woodshed, by their five children and spouses.

Fred and Heather Law have returned with their daughter from five months in Reigate, England. They are now living on the Cape.

Cindy Cromack is recuperating from surgery at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Cromack.

DOG LICENSES

The Town Clerk has announced that a proof of rabies shot is no longer required to obtain a dog license and she asks that everyone obtain their dog license as soon as possible. She also points out that the revenue from the license is transferred to the Library.

HEATH REVENUE SHARING SURVEYS

The Town Treasurer reports that revenue sharing surveys for fiscal 1978 and 1979 were filed with the Bureau of the Census last December and January. Copies of these are available for public inspection at the Town Office.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

By Paul Lively

The Selectmen have made the following appointments for the coming year:

Chairman, Selectmen	Paul Lively
Secretary, Selectmen	Anne Steinbock
Selectmen's Clerk	Catherine Nichols
Chairman, Board of Health	Anne Steinbock
Veterans' Representative	Timothy Henderson
Landfill Committee Rep.	Paul Lively
	Anne Steinbock
Chairman, Liquor Com.	Timothy Henderson
Road Superintendent	John Churchill
Fire Chief	Earl Gleason
Police Chief	Lorin Gowdy
Forest Fire Warden	Earl Gleason
Civil Defense Director	Richard Giard
Veterans' Agent	Edward Russell
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Inspector of Wiring	John Rossi
Zoning Board of Appeals	Ralph Sumner (term exp. 1985)
Franklin Co. Transp. Assoc.	Anne Steinbock

As requested by the Town Meeting the Selectmen sent a letter to Sherman Pike, Chairman of the Landfill Committee, expressing the concerns of Heath citizens about conditions at the landfill. A new development on the landfill is that the state has made an inspection and found many violations of the State Sanitary Code. A meeting has been scheduled by the state in Amherst on June 3 for the Committee to show cause why the matter should not be turned over to the Attorney General's Office.

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ROWE PLANS OLD HOME DAYS

The 27th Annual Old Home Days will be held in Rowe on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 11-13. This affair is sponsored by the Ladies Guild of the Rowe Community Church. The theme this year is "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow".

A square dance to be held Friday evening will open the activities. On Saturday morning there will be a street parade. Float entries are welcome and prizes will be awarded. In the afternoon the Park Dept. will hold a fishing derby for all children through age 15. There will also be a band concert, flea market, refreshments, strawberry shortcake, a water polo match between fire departments of neighboring towns, a ball game, and arts & crafts at the Bench Tool Factory.

Saturday evening, after a chicken barbecue supper, there will be music, and fireworks. The closing event will be on Sunday morning at 9:30 when a joint Heath-Rowe church service will be held at Pelham Lake

GIRL SCOUTS

The Brownies and Girl Scouts have received and delivered 78 cases of Girl Scout cookies, with Scout Marisa Housner and Brownie Heidi Crowningshield selling the most.

The Girl Scouts have spent two meetings beautifying their environment. They picked up roadside trash and brush and swept the tennis courts at Pelham Lake Park.

Five girls marched in the Memorial Day parade in Charlemont. On Tuesday, June 3, the Girl Scouts hosted the Brownies at a "fly-up" ceremony where the older Brownies became Girl Scouts.

Scheduled summer events include a 3-day camp out to be held in August.

ART NEWS

Many Heath residents have been involved in studying the arts this spring and summer. Jean Holdsworth and Karen Chrisman are enrolled in art classes at Greenfield Community College. Alli Thane, Millie Girard and Teresa Pettengill are taking studio classes in drawing and painting. Misha Petkevich has returned to Oxford, England for two months to continue his music studies. Marisa Housner has passed her R.A.D. (Royal Academy of Dance) examination with grade HONOURS and will be taking an intensive ballet course in Northampton this summer.

Bob Gruen directed "The Wonderful Tang: A Play in the Chinese Manner", an annual sixth grade event at Rowe School.

ASSESSORS CHALLENGE STATE VALUATIONS

By Richards Steinbock

We have been to Boston to meet with the state regarding their proposed 1980 equalized valuation of \$16,900,000 for Heath (our current value is \$11,500,000 - their 1978 equalized valuation was \$12,400,000). We thought a $4\frac{1}{2}$ million jump was a bit high, and proposed a 1980 figure of \$13,600,000.

The state sent a man out to look the town over and we spent a day with him. The upshot of the deal was that their new proposal is now \$15,200,000 - still too high. At the same time, their new figure for the H.O. Cook State Forest comes out to \$213 an acre. They tell us some of our poorer land should be up around \$1000 an acre!

Needless to say, we're not too happy with their double standard, and we are looking into taking the state to the appellate tax board.

Dennis Peters is our new secretary.

If it weren't for the state, this would n't be a half-bad job!

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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE NOTES

Congratulations are in order for the following students as they finish one school and go on to another. Graduating from the Rowe School in June and going on to Mohawk Regional High School are: James Boemer, Jay Boyington, Michael Churchill, Daniel Gleason, Marisa Housner, Roxann Howe, Todd Howe, Gerilyn Lawler, Sherry Lenois, Adam Lively, Virgil Rabbitt, and Melanie Tripp.

Hannah Lively and Martin Peters graduate from Mohawk Regional High School and Dawn Corey from the Charlemont Bible School.

On the college level Jennifer Corey and Lisa Cromack graduated with honors from Greenfield Community College receiving associate degrees. Jennifer obtained a degree in Graphic Design, and Lisa a degree in Business Management with a Concentration in Data Processing. Peter Law graduated from Berkshire Community College with an associate degree in Environmental Studies.

Norman Clark, Hannah Lively, and Martin Peters graduated from Mohawk Regional High School, and Dawn Corey from the Charlemont Bible School.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

By Chief Earl Gleason

The Department responded to four calls during April and May. Three were medical emergencies with our EMTs responding, and one was a grass fire. Two drills on grass fires were conducted and one drill advancing 2½ inch lines. Sheila Litchfield conducted a class for certifying CPR for the police, EMTs, and fire fighters. She will conduct a new class for people learning CPR on June 10, 11, 12. Anyone interested should contact Earl Gleason. Also two fire fighters attended Mass. Fire Academy weekend classes held May 17-18 at Greenfield.

The Department bought two chainsaws, one with a short blade for opening buildings, and one with a longer blade for cutting through ice in the winter. Two portable radios have been ordered and delivery is expected before July. The Fire Association has also ordered six fire coats. This may not seem like much equipment, but it represents an expenditure of approximately \$2750.

The Soil Conservation Service has sent the Department some of the criteria for constructing successful fire ponds. Those interested in constructing such ponds may contact Earl Gleason.

Dates to remember: Fire Assoc. Meetings, June 11 & July 9; Fire Department Drills, June 25 & July 23; Yankee Doodle Days Booth, July 25, 26, 27.

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