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VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4TH!

By Caroline C. Smith

All Heath registered voters will have the opportunity to vote in a national and state election on November 4 from 10 AM to 8 PM at the Community Hall. In the last Presidential election a record 240 votes were cast in Heath out of the 287 voters then registered. Town Clerk Catherine Nichols reports there are now 302 names registered, as of Sept. 22, and she hopes for a turnout at least as high as in 1976.

Everyone knows of the candidates running at the national level for President and Vice President. Congressional Representative Silvio O. Conte (R) will be vying for a 12th term against Helen Poppy Doyle (D) of Ashfield.

However, the candidates and issues on the state level may be more obscure. The following is a run down of these candidates:

Governor's Councillor -

Edward M. O'Brien (D)

State Senator - John W. Olver (D)

State Representative -

Jonathan L. Healy (R)

John P. Coderre (D)

County Commissioner - (vote for two)

Margaret H. Herlihy (R)

John F. Bassett (D)

Sheriff - Donald J. McQuade (D)

In addition, there are four issues to be voted:

Question 1

Legislative Constitutional Amendment prohibiting discrimination against the handicapped.

Question 2

Laws prepared by initiative petition limiting local taxes ("Proposition 2½")

Question 3

Laws prepared by initiative petition limiting state and local taxes and increasing the state share of education costs.

Question 4

Referendum on an existing law increasing salaries for certain state officials.

Details on all of the above questions, with arguments for and against each issue, are well presented in a booklet "Massachusetts Information for Voters" which was mailed to each residence and is also available at the Library.

VOTER REGISTRATION

The last chance for voters to register for the November 4 election is on Tuesday Oct. 7, from 2 PM to 4 PM and 7 PM to 10 PM at the home of the Town Clerk.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

(At Town Hall unless otherwise noted)

Selectmen: Mondays 8 PM

Assessors: Mondays 8 PM

Planning Board: 2nd Monday of month 8 PM

Heath School Committee:

2nd Tuesday of month 7 PM

Town Clerk and Treasurer:

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Thursdays & Fridays 8:30 AM-12 Noon

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Mondays & Wednesdays 9 AM-12 Noon

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HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

John and Arlene Ausikaitis have bought and moved into the house formerly owned by Stanley and Carol Maynard on Brunelle Road. The Ausikaitis' family consists of six children - Deja, age 6½; Simaya, 6; Zarrick, 5½; Melina, 3; Damien, 3; and Aurelia, 1.

The large object on the Nichols' property on South Road is a cider press which Alan Nichols is building for his brother who lives in Vermont.

Marlene and Richard Housner were feted by their daughter, Marisa, at a surprise party September 11 to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary.

Charles Goff attended the annual convention of the American Society of Dowsters in Danville, Vermont last month.

Paul Turnbull will have an exhibit of his black and white photographs entitled "New England Landscape" at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield during the entire month of November.

PRECIPITATION

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

Rainfall in August: 2.06 inches
from Sept. 1 - Sept. 26: 2.46 inches.
Total Jan. 1 - Sept. 26: 30.39 inches.
The past three months have been dry with less than 2½ inches of rain each month. So far this year we have had 12½ inches less precipitation than in the similar period of last year.

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A BORDERLINE CASE

By Jim Coursey

(Second in a series of articles
about older houses in Heath)

Had the HEATH HERALD arrived in April 1779 instead of April 1979, the Manse would not have been ripe for inclusion, because it was not in town then.

Commissioned, or at least proposed, as an inducement (and perhaps the major one) for a then itinerant minister to settle permanently in the town of Charlemont, the construction began in 1767. At the end of 1768, it was ready for occupancy, but probably far from finished.

Parson Jonathan Leavitt was the first householder owner. Whether a common practice or not, this first Minister was given the house and its land as his personal property to have and hold forever. After 1776 Leavitt's relationship with the town of Charlemont deteriorated steadily until finally he was removed from office. So ugly were the events surrounding his dismissal that the town restructured its boundaries to exclude the Leavitt property. Briefly Mr. Leavitt became minister in Heath, taking his house and land with him - so to speak. Three wives and a country dozen children later, he exchanged this life for immortality early in the 19th century.

In its two hundred and eleven year history, the Manse has been in the hands of only five families (Leavitt 1769-1848, Bassett 1848-1898, Wells 1898-1906, Paine-Moors 1906-1954, Coursey 1976-) which must in some measure account for the fact that the house today looks pretty much as it always has. But there have been some changes. In 1906 a young Boston lady, Ethel Lyman Paine, who had previously summered at Myrifiield, decided to buy property and found a badly run down somewhat large residence on Bassett Road to her liking.

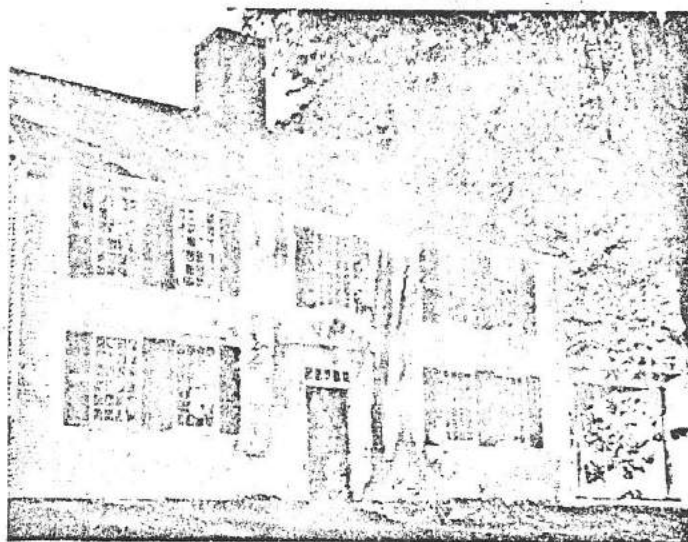
A photograph dated 1908 suggests that much of the needed refurbishing was done immediately after this purchase. Obvious exterior changes at that time include a covered porch on the south side of the house, which necessitated moving the then cellarway to the north. The wing was also done over and enlarged.

Perhaps the most unique feature of the house, which reappeared recently, is the slightly curved arch of the original Keeping Room fireplace - a detail not common to New England houses of the period.

The doorway with its unbroken pediment and carved pilasters is almost identical to several houses in Deerfield, among them the Sheldon-Hawkes and Allen houses. It is similar to that of Hall Tavern, which began life in Charlemont. One wonders if some of the Deerfield craftsmen drifted slightly north and to the left.

Centered on the second floor rear of the main part of the house was almost certainly a very large room, judging from the paneling still in existence. Fantasies about restoring this area are easily kept in check by the ongoing convenience of indoor plumbing fixtures now taking up the space.

For over two hundred years, the Manse has sheltered and been a friend to many, and at seemingly appropriate times gained key friends in the process. Patterns well established are likely to continue.



The Manse

GIRL SCOUT CAMP A SUCCESS

By Brenda Sumner

Eighteen Girl Scouts participated in the annual camping trip in Rowe on August 12-14. Girls worked on craft projects, and all earned at least one badge. The Scouts were responsible for keeping the camping area clean, erecting and dismantling their tents, and preparing meals.

On Friday, September 5th the older Girl Scouts manned the Western Mass. Girl Scout booth at the Roundhouse during the Franklin County Fair.

The annual meeting and pot-luck supper of the Heath Friends of the Library was held on August 21, 1980. Nine adults and two children enjoyed a delicious meal.

President Susan Gleason called the meeting to order at 9 pm. Karen Chrisman was nominated and voted in as the new secretary with the other officers remaining the same.

The last sentence in Article 4 of the By-laws, "no officer shall be eligible for more than two years", was deleted by unanimous vote due to the fact that there seems to be difficulty in finding people willing to serve.

Anyone is welcome to join the Friends of the Library. There is no membership fee, however any and all donations are more than appreciated from members or others.

It was voted to allow Mrs. Edith Gleason to purchase a much needed record rack, and a paperback/magazine rack for the library and present the bill to treasurer Ray Pettengill. This will delete the treasury quite a bit and it was decided that it could be replenished by allowing members to run individual projects rather than involving the entire organization. There have been several suggestions from members and perhaps time wise this would work out better.

A huge vote of thanks to members John Holdsworth, Walter Gleason and Alan Nichols for all their work in the new library and to the Heath Grange for their donation to the "Friends" upon disbanding.

HEATH RESIDENTS ON G.C.C. STAFF

By Caroline C. Smith

The Greenfield Community College has just issued its 1980-1981 catalog giving complete information on the staff, the many diversified courses offered, and admission requirements. Throughout the 98 pages of information, photographs are used extensively to illustrate college life and facilities.

Prominent in the listing of the staff are three Heath residents. Dawn Peters is listed as a member of the College Advisory Board. Margaret E. C. Howland is Director of Library/Learning Resources, and Elsa Bakalar is Director of Continuing Education and Community Services.

Pegge Howland was responsible for coordinating and putting together this large catalog as well as developing most of the other college publications.

By Edith Gleason

Many of you made it a busy summer at the Library. With the approach of the winter season may we help you in your indoor activities. We have a number of books on handicrafts and hobbies as well as recreational reading. Come in and see for yourself.

Our ISCA grant is about used up. The books which we purchased are all cataloged and on the shelves. There remains only a stereo cassette player to be delivered. Due to the delay, the supplier has loaned one for use until ours arrives.

A series of story hours for children through third grade began on September 24. Parents and friends are invited to take charge of a program. The story hours start right after the children get home from school and last about an hour. May we add your name to our list of story tellers or readers?

Our evening hours are now on Mondays to coincide with other town department meetings and is an effort to conserve fuel.

I want to thank all the volunteers who punched cards, shelved books, straightened material, supervised A-V showings, or whatever else needed to be done. You were a great help and it is appreciated!

I will mention only a few of the new books this time as the list is very long. They include: Crow No More Monday Mornings, Darcy Letty, Dauer, Bullfrog and Gertrude Go Camping, DiMona To the Eagles Nest, Donahue Donahue, Fischer Bargello Magic, Higgins Solo, Jones Home Workshop, McLeish Six Plays.

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THOUGHTS ON MOVING

By Rev. Ann E. Geer

We will move to Heath in October, staying at Bob and Sydney Brown's house until the new parsonage is finished. I'm especially pleased about our move because it will bring us in closer touch with the community. Moving uncovers a lot of stored-away memories as well as offering an opportunity to "weed-out" unnecessary trivia. In the family's catch-all cabinet most of the items fell into the latter category. I found a non-descript piece of plastic imbedded with irregular fragments of green, blue and brown quartz. I vaguely remembered it as a gift, perhaps one of the many given by my children; appreciated at the time but tucked away as its uselessness became apparent. It was round and about the size of a small mirror. As I picked it up and was about to toss it into the discard pile, a bright stream of light from the south window penetrated the disc and the colors suddenly burst to life. They flickered and reflected through the oval and as I held it closer to the window the tiny, watery world turned from deep aquamarine to twilight violet and finally to a soft midnight brown. It had become a keyhole to peep through into the ageless, shimmering underworld of the sea. All storage time was now lost, and when we move it will be carefully hung in a bright window of our home, there to remind me how I must more often take the time to find the hidden possibilities in all of God's world. Even the most trivial in life has the potential to glimmer with newly discovered beauty and meaning.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Cecelia Sherman

Transportation has been a major topic at many recent meetings of the School Committee, since a five year contract expired at the end of the past school year and a new contract had to be negotiated. The change in the economy over the past five years presented a possible tremendous increase in transportation costs. In light of a decrease in the number of Heath students to be transported to Rowe this year, it was possible to drop one feeder bus. Then there was an opportunity to save on transportation costs by sharing buses and drivers ("cojoining") with the Mohawk route. But this meant a 15 minute shift in school hours. When this matter was brought to the Rowe School Committee, its members willingly made the change, knowing that this would save Heath \$8000 per year. Also, this year for the second time, Heath and Rowe are cooperating in sharing the kindergarten bus route. The cooperation of the Rowe School Committee and everyone at the school is much appreciated.

The way the economy is going, the school will be faced with either tremendous increases in costs or cuts in services. There have been many problems to be worked on so far this school year in getting new bus routes and times straightened out. The drivers and the business manager have worked hard to find the best means to get the students home safely and as early as possible. But the reality is that cuts are being made and will continue to be made. The challenge for the Superintendent and the school committees is to make cuts in such a way as to minimize the impact on education.

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HEATH FAIR IN REVIEW

By Dot Scofield

The 1980 Heath Fair is but a memory. But for this newcomer to town, and my first Heath Fair, I must say I am very impressed with how everything came together for a very enjoyable weekend. Even the weather was 90% cooperative. There were so many interesting things including the sheep barn which had many different breeds, and the judging activities.

The number of cattle being shown this year was a disappointment, and it is hoped measures will be taken to remedy the situation as there are many fine cattle farms in this area, and the Fair should make an effort to bring this to the people.

The new small animal building was put to good use with lots of young people showing their favorite rabbits.

The Exhibition Hall had many displays of the talents of area people. Twenty-five young people will receive their prize money from the Fred W. Wells Fund this year for their outstanding work in the agricultural field.

The State Award Ribbon was awarded to the Western Mass. 4-H Ox Teamsters Club for their interesting whip-making display. The first annual Tractor Pull was a tremendous success with forty tractors pulling for prize money. The draft horses and draft oxen continue to be an exciting and vital part, drawing many spectators to see their pulling power. As they wait their turn, they stand erect, proud and magnificent anxious to show what they can do. The music, singing and dancing added entertainment for the whole weekend.

All the prize listings have been turned over to the respective paying agents and all winners will be receiving their payments directly.

So with the 1980 Heath Fair tucked away in the record books, the Society turns its thoughts to 1981 for a bigger and better Fair. I believe there will be some changes especially in the Premium Book and improvements to the Fairgrounds. The large number of young people who took an active part in the Fair should be noted with appreciation.

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4-H RABBIT CLUB

By Diane Stowe

Several members of the Clover Patch Rabbit Club won trophies, champion rosettes, and blue ribbons for their purebred and pet rabbits at the Heath Fair.

Winners are:

For Pets - Jenny Jeronimo, First and Best of Show.

For Purebreds - Netherland Dwarf blue winner and trophy, Diane Stowe. French Lop first prize, Jan Gallop with his Solid Black Lop Jr. Buck; Bradley Tombs, of Shelburne, first prize and best opposite with his Solid White French Lop Jr. Doe. English Lop first prize, Bradley Tombs of Shelburne. New Zealand Whites Todd Sumner best opposite in breed and first prize on his intermediate doe; Bradley Tombs of Shelburne, first prize, trophy, and best of show with his Senior Buck.

The officers of the Club are Mike Peters President; Jeff Croland, Vice President; Bradley Tombs, Secretary and Treasurer.

CHURCH NEWS

By Rev. Ann E. Geer

The Sunday School is off to a great start. The children join in the opening of the Church service and then go to their classes. The Church is proud of the teaching staff and finds that the curriculum is well adapted to our concept of offering to the Heath community a broad based and ecumenical religious education. The classes are open to all children from age 2 through the sixth grade. If you have any questions, you may call the Religious Education Director, Brenda Sumner.

Every year the three town ministry committee, with members from Charlemont, Heath, and Rowe, plan for an ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service. This year the Heath Union Church will host this service on November 26 at 7:00 PM. Clergy and laity from the Catholic and Protestant churches will participate, and Elaine Ostergrin of Charlemont will direct the choir. Call her if you would like to join. The offering is given to local mission needs. During this season of giving thanks for the blessings of the past year, it is meaningful to gather as a community of faith.

The Ladies Aid will hold a Christmas Sale on Saturday, November 1, starting at 10 AM at the Community Hall with luncheon also served.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

By Paul Lively
Chairman
Heath Board of Selectmen

Sawyer Hall The needed final corrections have been made by the electrical and carpentry contractors and they have been paid the final 10% of their contract amounts. Ed Gulyhan has completed the three steps he agreed to do. We decided to have him add another step rather than grade up to the present lower step.

Roads The Highway Department has been scraping and hot patching roads and cutting brush and trees along roadways with particular attention to improving visibility on corners and intersections. They are now preparing to improve the town bridges by repairing broken railings and painting rusted metal guard rails.

After the special town meeting (assuming the transfer and appropriation article is voted), the state "red tape" will be out of the way and the 100% reimbursable money will be available to cap a section of the Colrain Stage road as well as a section by the South Cemetery.

We have asked John Churchill to confer with DPW official Carl Marini in an attempt to get a project approved for an improvement to Dell road.

Cemeteries We have appointed Rev. William Wolf as chairman of a committee to carry out the layout and necessary development in the new sections of donated land at both the Center and South Cemeteries. He will select committee members to assist. His work will include a layout plan that will make better use of the land area compared with the newer section of the Center Cemetery which has 16' x 16' lots with four burial places.

Dump The next quarterly meeting of the Charlemont-Heath-Hawley Landfill Committee will be Monday Oct. 6, probably at the Charlemont town office at 8 PM.

Financial The first part of October we will receive the first quarterly report from the Treasurer on the status of the town accounts as well as a report from the Tax Collector on unpaid taxes. We will then compare this report with last years' and then make proper adjustments to keep within the budgeted amount. It already appears that the insurance account will be overdrawn.

While on financing and budgets, I might point out that we are following the progress of the Mohawk School budget subcommittee. We are concerned that students who take the road instruction as part of the driver education program are being asked to pay an \$18 fee. We feel that if there are to be fees, they should be imposed in the sports program which is a desirable program, but not essential or necessary.

PLAYGROUND PLANNED FOR HEATH

By Catherine Nichols

Anyone in Heath with children has probably wished often for a playground in town. The only way Heath can have one is if interested people get together and do it themselves. Instead of adding it to the town budget or looking for grant money, we propose a community project with volunteer labor and donations. So far 26 people have indicated they would support the project. The Fairgrounds is the tentative site.

We are planning initially for younger children: a sandbox, a climbing structure, swings, and benches for parents. Facilities for older kids (such a baseball or soccer) could come later.

When we have solidified our plans we will begin asking for contributions of materials (primarily wood and hardware), labor, and donations of money. If you have any questions or ideas contact Catherine Nichols or Ann Henderson.

TOWN OFFICERS ATTEND SCHOOL

Catherine Nichols, Treasurer, and Sheila Litchfield, Tax Collector, attended a four day school for Collectors and Treasurers held at the University of Mass. in August. This school sponsored by the Mass. Collectors and Treasurers Association, was attended by more than 300 town financial officers. More than 18 hours of classes were conducted in subjects varying from tax collection laws and systems through cash management and data processing systems. This was the first in a series of programs being conducted which will lead to examination and professional certification of Municipal Treasurers and Collectors.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

By John Holdsworth

Shortly after the last HEATH HERALD report, the Planning Board was informed by U.S. Windpower, Inc. that they would probably establish their windfarm at Otis AFB on Cape Cod. They withdrew the application for special permit in Heath, and went beyond their original agreement in paying, not only Planning Board expenses, but also full legal expenses. Windpower expressed their appreciation for the way in which the town received them and for the many thoughtful questions put forth by townspeople. It was a very educational experience for all of us.

The Board has obtained copies of the zoning bylaws of Colrain, Rowe, and Charlemont (proposed by the P.B. but not accepted by the town). It was recommended that the Board look at other bylaws prepared with legal counsel to insure that our phrasing of bylaws conform with accepted legal standards. Discussion of Heath zoning bylaws is on the agenda of the October meeting.

Some folks recall that the Planning Board surveyed townspeople early last year on various recreation, conservation and economic issues. One result was that many people expressed interest in creation of a playground in Heath. The most popular site was the Fairground. The survey result was reported but no further action was anticipated at that time.

Now a citizens group is showing renewed interest in the playground idea. Catherine Nichols is organizing a volunteer effort to develop a playground at no cost to the town. The Agricultural Society appears to be in favor of having it at the Fairground as do most people contacted by Mrs. Nichols. The Planning Board agrees with the need for a playground and supports the volunteer nature of this project.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

By Chief Earl Gleason

You may not recognize your Firemen the next time you see them at work! The Fireman's Association has purchased six yellow fire coats and they look real nice. In addition we have five new recruits.

Several firefighters signed up for the Mass. Fire Acadamey held in Conway Sept. 20, 21, 27, & 28. This Mini-Course covers most of the elementary skills of firefighting.

The Department made four runs during August and the first half of September. Two were to possible car fires, one to a suspected chimney fire, and a mutual aid call to Whitingham to aid in a house fire.

The Department will be starting its annual chimney cleaning work shortly. Anyone wishing to have a chimney cleaned should contact Chief Gleason at 337-4948. The Fire Association accepts donations for this service.

At least one young man has expressed interest in a Junior Fire Department. If you are interested, contact Chief Gleason. Chimney cleaning is a good time to learn about the equipment.

Drills will be held on the fourth Wednesday of October and at a date to be announced in November. Association meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month.

Do you know about Mutual Aid? This is a formal agreement between Departments whereby, at the request of the officer in charge, an engine and five men will be sent to standby a station or stations emptied by an emergency. Heath, being a border town, belongs to two Mutual Aids: Tri-State, which has 45 Departments in Mass., Vermont, and New Hampshire; and Deerfield Valley with 10 Departments including Heath and Rowe. This gives Heath access to equipment which we could never afford on our own at a cost of only \$75 a year. For instance, the Departments bordering Heath could move equipment into our town within minutes that would take more than 3/4 million dollars to purchase.

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ASSESSOR'S REPORT

By Richards Steinbock

The assessors are now meeting on Monday nights at 8 PM. If you would like to see us but cannot make a Monday meeting, call me at 337-4746 to arrange for a convenient time.

In August, Richard Giard and Ray Pettengill attended a meeting dealing with this year's tax recap sheet, the form we send to the state so that they can approve our tax rate.

In September, Assessors Giard and Steinbock spent a week at University of Mass. attending the annual school for assessors, brushing up on their knowledge of the job and learning what's new in the field. It's hoped that a passing grade on the exam will count towards our being certified by the state as competent to do the job under Chapter 797. All assessors will soon need to be certified.

We are working two nights a week at present to update our listings and evaluations with the goal of getting the tax bills out before the end of October. Once that job is out of the way, we plan to spend the winter working with the new tax maps so that land values can be raised to somewhere near full and fair cash value. When that point is reached, we face the necessary but odious chore of classifying the town under Chapter 797.

This year, on or about January 1, you will receive a "Form of List". A detailed explanation will accompany it, but basically it requires you to list personal property and return it to the Assessors by March 1. There are penalties for failure to return it. We are now reinstating this practice in the hope that the personal property tax burden will be spread as equitably and fairly as possible. As mentioned, a more detailed explanation will arrive with the form.

Official notice has been received of our settlement with the state regarding the H.O. Cook Forest, resulting in \$2125 more state aid to the town.

A notice has also been received indicating the effect passage of Proposition 2½ would have on the town. If our budget stays in the same range, the only effect at this point would be a loss of \$14,969 in motor vehicle excise tax from the state

which would have to be made up by the town somehow. My own personal opinion is that Proposition 2½ is putting the cart before the horse. What should be done to reduce taxes is to cut out some of the unnecessary spending which those "ninnies" on Beacon Hill are indulging in.

The following dates are to be kept in mind:

1. Deadline to file application for abatement - 30 days from issuance (not receipt) of tax bill.
2. Deadline to file for exemptions under Clauses 22D - Widows of Quemoy Vets; 41A - Persons over 65; 42 - Widows of Firemen/Police; 43 - Children of Firemen/Police;
- 30 days from issuance of bills.
3. Deadline for filing for exemptions under Clauses 17 - Widows; 22 - Veterans; 22A,B,C,E - all Veterans; 37 - Blind; 41 - Persons over 70;
- 3 months from issuance of bills.

OLD TOWN SHEDS REMOVED

You probably have noticed that the old town sheds on Rowe road opposite the Post Office are no longer there. There is a definite improvement in visibility along the roadway as well as the elimination of a possible fire hazard.

A vote of the last annual town meeting cleared the way for the removal of this old building, which for many years provided shelter for the horse and carriages of townspeople attending church or business in the Center.

It is good to note that the sheds have not been destroyed, as Alan Nichols laboriously removed all boards, timbers, and even shingles piece by piece. He plans to erect the building again on his father's property on South Road where he hopes to use it for storage with his woodworking activities. It is hoped he can assemble the roof shingles in the same order so that the letters spelling HEATH may again be seen by low flying planes!

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Mrs. Ethel Schmidt died on September 3. She leaves a son Timothy, a daughter Julie, three grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Louisa Bakalar of White Plains N.Y. died on August 10. She was the mother of Michael Bakalar.

John Crowningshield of Colrain died on August 6. He leaves a brother Kenneth and also his step-mother Martha Crowningshield.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Police Chief Lorin Gowdy spent two weeks at Smith & Wesson Academy in Springfield attending courses in "Police Officers Survival Training" and "Advanced Firearms Training". He also spent a week at Camp Curtis Guild in Wakefield for a refresher course in "Police Firearms Instructor".

Niel Raymond has been sworn in as a police officer of Heath.

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