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CHUCK KADES INTERVIEWED BY JAPANESE

by Caroline Smith

It is little known that here in Heath we have a neighbor who played an important role in the original drafting of the Japanese constitution at the end of the second World War.

Charles (Chuck) L. Kades of Colrain Stage Road was recently interviewed at his home in Heath by Prof. Eiji Takemae of the Tokyo University of Economics. The interview was in connection with Chuck's role in drafting the Japanese Constitution promulgated in November 1946 and is an integral part of a 12 year \$250 million project based in Washington. The project is designed to code and microfilm all of the estimated 30 million pages of declassified documents collected by the headquarters of Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAP), General Douglas MacArthur, during the post-World War II occupation of Japan.

After serving with the First Airborne Task Force in the invasion of southern France, Col. Kades was transferred to Japan at the conclusion of the war. There, as deputy chief of the Government Section of SCAP, he was in a position to be influential in almost all of the reforms instituted during the initial stages of occupation. Among these was the new Constitution drafted almost entirely by the staff of the Government Section. It is historically significant that Chuck, with two other members of the steering committee, none of whom were Japan specialists, could complete the draft of the Constitution in one intensive week. They worked from a memo consisting of only three articles handed down from General MacArthur. The three members all graduated from the Harvard Law School during the 30s, the heyday of liberalism, and the high-minded idealism that permeates the post-war Constitution, reflects in some measure their common educational background. Their utopian enthusiasm for reform compensated for their lack of knowledge and experience. The draft of the constitution was approved almost unanimously by both houses of the Japanese Diet and was promulgated by the Emperor in November 1946. It is interesting to note that since then not a word of the constitution has been altered.

Article Nine, renouncing war as an instrument of national policy, was an important segment of the constitution and Chuck personally undertook the task of drafting this clause. He drew upon sentiments inspired by the Kellogg-Briand Pact of 1928 (the Pact of Paris), a treaty that renounced war, which Chuck had admired since law school days. In 1945 the Emperor Hirohito had publicly committed himself to the renunciation of war, not of arms. There is much debate over the meaning of Article 9, but there is no question that it has served to slow down substantially the post-war rearmament of Japan.

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LIBRARY LINES

by John Holdsworth, Librarian

Before I was appointed the Librarian, I knew there was much more to the job than people imagined; since my appointment, I have come to believe that there is more to it than even the trustees imagined.

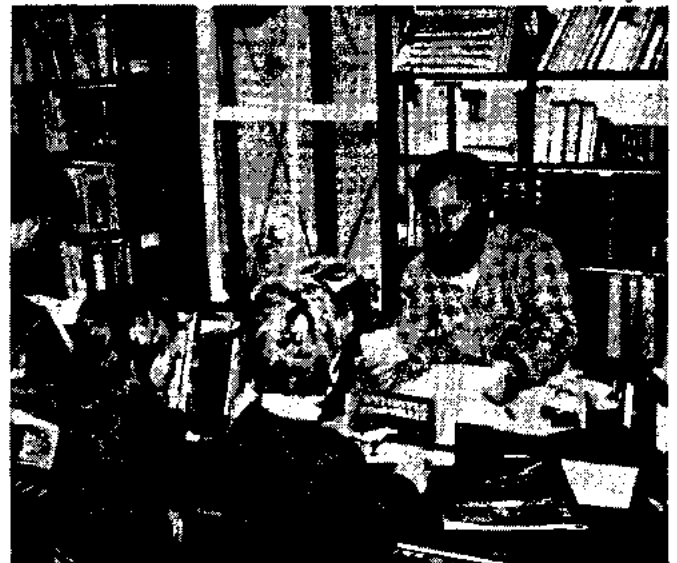
I hope soon to finish the cataloging and shelving of new books (adult and juvenile non-fiction and children's fiction) received in the last few months. After that, I have many plans, all directed toward making the library more accessible to everyone and providing materials that will satisfy the needs of all library patrons:

Children's Story Hour: I am continuing to have a children's story hour at 2:30 each Wednesday afternoon. All children are welcome. On occasion, older children (4th grade and up) who like to read may be asked to read with groups of two or three younger children. A short film will also be shown as part of the program.

Library Hours: The Library is open Monday evening, 6 to 8:30 PM; Wednesday afternoon, 1 to 5 PM; and Saturday, 9 AM to 1 PM. I am very willing to open the Library other hours for persons who are unable to come during these times. Call me at the Library (337-4934) or at home (337-6611) and let me know what hours would be more suitable.

Overdue Policy and Fines: There will be no overdue fines in October or November so everyone is urged to return library books during this period. I hope, with the trustees' assistance, to have reconciled all lists of cards and books by the end of November.

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New Librarian John Holdsworth
(Photo by John Read)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

by Amy C. Barry

On Saturday evening, September 8, about 50 people from the Rowe and Heath Historical Societies joined together for a pot luck supper at the Heath Community Hall. After supper Dr. William Wolf gave a most interesting talk on General William Heath, for whom the town of Heath was named. Dr Wolf gave evidence from Heath's autobiography and other sources to suggest that General Heath played a much more significant role in the American Revolution than has been acknowledged by historians. Before the potluck supper the Center Schoolhouse and the Old Town House museums were open for the visitors.

The Historical Society Bicentennial Committee met in early September to continue work on their plans for the bicentennial celebration next year. An old house tour is being organized by Pegge Howland and a garden tour by Pat Leuchtman. Other bicentennial projects now underway include the marking of historic sites, improvement of the Fort Shirley site, a Fort Shirley diorama based on authentic data, and communication with other towns named Heath, including one in England.

Of course, the 1985 Bicentennial Calendar will be a collector's item containing twelve old photographs of Heath. Be sure to get your copy at Peters' Store or at the Library - only \$6.00 each or by mail from Pat Leuchtman at \$7.00.

The directors of the Society have decided to publish a volume of essays on Heath for the Bicentennial. The essays are being written by Heath residents and cover a wide range of topics including the history of the Heath Fair, agriculture in Heath, Heath's French-Canadians, and Heath Missionaries. This project is being directed by Michael Coe.

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NEW PEOPLE IN HEATH

by Helen Nichols and Caroline Smith

David and Kimberlee Griswold, a recently married couple HAVE bought the Wayne Catalano house on South Road. David comes from Leverett and Kimberlee from Gloucester. He knew the Heath area and liked it so they looked for a house here. They are settled in and she had her first garden this summer.

David works for Deerfield Elevator, Inc. Kimberlee graduated from the University of Massachusetts and then worked as an accountant in the Amherst School Department. She is now a staff accountant at the Northfield Mt. Hermon School.

They asked about winter commuting and your reporter assured them that John Churchill did a great job of keeping the roads open.

David is an avid hunter and has a beautiful deer head mounted in his den. Kimberlee likes to quilt but has no time for it now, as they are busy finishing the interior of their lovely house.

The Kaisers bought Win Warriner's house in February of this year. They had previously bought some land by the power line adjacent to the Warriners and had cleared it last summer with the intent of building on it, but they are happy to be able to move into Win's home.

Chet had rented a saw mill in Buckland for seven to eight years and used to come up to Heath to help Win, his old friend, haul logs out of the woods. Chet had to park his equipment here and there, and his wife, Jay, did not like the noise in Buckland, so they are both delighted to be in the country where Chet is thriving and Jay has room for her animals. Jay has almost 300 chickens with 100 white leghorns in the barn and 12 Bard Rock as well as many "Heinz 57" varieties! She also has 14 turkeys, many of them sold for Thanksgiving, and geese for Christmas dinner. She sells eggs and has a regular route of steady customers. People also stop when they see her sign by the road.

The Kaisers have two children, Caroline in kindergarten at Rowe School, and AJ at Mohawk. AJ raises his own ducks.

Jay comes from the Boston area and has relatives in England whom she has visited a few times and who came to Heath this past summer. They loved it.

Chet, who comes from Conway, has been in the logging business for 28, years and here in Heath he runs the mill just as Win did. The only time he has advertised was in this year's Heath Fair book. Before entering the logging business Chet worked at Millers Falls Tool Company on Wells Street and before that at Pratt and Whitney in the Hamilton Division.

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HEATH PRECIPITATION

by Ralph Dickinson, Observer
for Mass. Water Resources Commission

August rainfall was 1.70 inches; September rainfall was 1.85 inches. Total precipitation, January 1 to September 30, 1984 was 48.02 inches.

Although the total precipitation for this part of the year is still above average, August and September have been dry.

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Thereafter, I will be more insistent that people honor the three-week borrowing period and renew their books if they wish to keep them longer. There will be no limit on the number of renewals if there are no other requests for a book.

Acquisitions: I would like to make acquisitions in response to patron requests. I am always interested in receiving suggestions for authors and titles. I am planning to keep a record of magazine circulation and will consider cancelling any subscriptions for magazines that are not used. Suggestions for new magazines are very welcome.

Bookmobile/ Inter-library Loan: Bookmobile operators have asked us to limit the number of people on the bookmobile. I will try to work out a plan that will allow all interested persons to make their own selections. Also, I will be happy to make selections for anyone who wants to let me know authors, titles, subjects or areas of interest. Requests may be made at any time, and books can be obtained through Inter-library loan as well as bookmobile.

Use of Library for Meetings: I am happy to have individuals or groups use the Library outside of regular hours. Just check with me before any one-time use or before the first of any regularly held meetings. Use will be on a first come, first served basis regardless of affiliation. If books are to be used by the groups or individual, they are to be left on the designated shelf of the book cart, or they can be checked out by following the appropriate procedures.

Plants: Terry Pettengill has potted some healthy new plants for the Library; one of my goals is to keep them in good health.

I am looking forward to seeing all my old friends and making many new ones at the Library.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Chief Earl Gleason

Only one emergency call was received during August and September. On August 18 several firefighters responded from the Heath Fair to the sighting of smoke on Royer Road. It turned out to be a cooking fire.

The Department had a successful barbeque at the Fair as well as several departments participating in the Firemen's games and the parade. The First Aid Booth was remarkably quiet.

The Annual Radiological Emergency Response Drill in conjunction with Yankee Atomic Electric plant was held on August 22. This is a joint venture of the Civil Defense, Police and Fire Departments. Observers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Mass. Civil Defense came to our station to watch the exercise.

Forty-seven members of the Western Mass. Fire Wardens' Association met for a spaghetti supper and business meeting at the Community Hall. There are monthly meetings held at various towns in Hamden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties.

Two smoke detector inspections have been made recently. This has been a busy year for property transfers.

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Using a rotating team of researchers from Japan, the project will provide the parliamentary library (the Japanese equivalent of the Library of Congress) with the most accessible and extensive files on post-war Japan ever seen and may present a clearer portrait of the birth of an economic superpower.

This is a very exciting project which is about half completed. It will offer the Japanese people their first look behind "the bamboo curtain" and it is interesting to know that a Heath resident played such an important part in this history.

Editors' Note: Information for the above article was supplemented by the following references: "General Douglas MacArthur and the Constitutional Disarmament of Japan" by Theodore McNelly in The Transactions of the Asiatic Society of Japan, vol 17, 1982; The Japanese Interpreter, vol 10, 1976; and "Japanese Look Behind 'Curtain' of Occupation" by Norman D. Atkins in The Washington Post, August 12, 1984.

MOHAWK MEDICAL CENTER UPDATE

by Sheila Litchfield, RN
Program Coordinator

The Medical Center "Health Thyself" Program Calendar has recently been mailed. Many people are taking advantage of opportunities to increase their health and their awareness of health issues.

Take advantage of some of these programs and "Health Thyself" to a healthier lifestyle. Stress Management, Smokers' Liberation, Personalized Exercise Programming and Weight Loss for Teens will each be held this season for your benefit. First Aid and Safety Programs offered include CPR, Standard First Aid, Pediatric First Aid, and "Home on your Own" Training for Children and their Parents. Support and information will be available in the Men's and Women's Discussion Groups on life changes, "How to Talk to Your Kids will Listen", and "Rainy Day Fun." The Holistic Health Series will feature a talk on "Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture", "Non-Medicated Pain Relief" and "Touch for Health."

These courses are offered once each from now until January. Call 625-2503 for more information and for a copy of the program calendar. The Medical Center strives to maintain health services and health education in our area of the highest quality while keeping costs down.

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BICENTENNIAL X-COUNTRY SKI RACE

The Heath Bicentennial Nordic Ski Race will be held on Sunday, February 10, 1985 (snow date February 24) at 2:00 PM. It will be a 15 kilometer loop (approximately 9 miles) beginning and ending in Heath Center. Preparations have been underway since this spring. In another few weeks the trail should be entirely cleared of brush.

Volunteers will be needed to work as road crossing guards, parking attendants, and to register the skiers on arrival. Snowmobilers interested in grooming the trail will be needed.

Those interested in the race, in any way, should contact Steve Marcotte at 337-4394.

FRANKFURTER AND NIEBUHR

by Caroline Smith

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and theologian Reinhold Niebuhr both summered in Heath during the 1930's and '40s. Dr. Niebuhr, after staying at the Manse a few summers, owned the "stone" house in the Center next to the Robbins. Justice Frankfurter also stayed at the Manse initially and then rented Bishop Gilbert's "white" house in Dell for many summers.

Now a "Correspondence Essay" entitled Felix Frankfurter and Reinhold Niebuhr: 1940-1964 by David Rice has been published in the "Journal of Law and Religion." This consists of letters between the two men during that period in which both men were well established in their respective careers. Frankfurter, coming from a prestigious post at Harvard Law School, had taken the oath of office as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1939. Niebuhr occupied the Chair of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York. During the period of their correspondence Frankfurter became a major voice in American Jurisprudence. Niebuhr became one of the towering figures in American life, making him the most important theologian in the American tradition since Johnathan Edwards.

The heart of the relationship between the two men was personal - not professional, for professionally their worlds were divergent, often remote.

The real meeting ground was between man and man, and this interpersonal realm was nourished by many shared hours in Heath during the summer days which they both enjoyed here.

My recollections of Niebuhr are quite vivid as he was here in Heath longer and entered into the life of Heath with his wife Ursula. She always came to the Ladies Aid Fair with basket in hand which she quickly filled. "Rheinie", besides playing a good set of tennis, preached from time to time in the Heath Church, always at the level of those in attendance. He never looked down from his high pinnacle on Heathens, but seemed to draw inspiration from them. Frankfurter seems a little more remote to me. He was not in Heath as long and kept pretty much to himself in Dell, associating more with Bishop Gilbert and other visiting intellectuals. I do remember the Frankfurters attending church with their two colored maids.

Heath was enlightened by these two men and they gained peace and serenity from it.

TOWN COMPUTER

The Computer Committee has selected several new software programs for use in the town activities. Advanced Visicalc is being used for payroll computation and records as well as printing out an individual employee pay slip weekly.

A data base program, PC-File III, was purchased which will be used to prepare the street list and voter registration lists. This was also used to enter and store the Assessors' town valuation list that has been published in the HEATH HERALD. Other assessors' records will be prepared using this program.

Several other accounting programs are under study now by the committee working with the Town Treasurer to select one that can be easily adapted to our accounting system.

The WordVision wordprocessing program has been selected for town report writing and general wordprocessing.

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

by Sue Silvester

The clang of metal lockers and scuffle of sneaker-clad feet once more resound in the familiar hallways of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Outside the warmth of summer slowly melts into the golden labyrinth of color cascading down the nearby hillside. Students linger in the noonday sun after lunch, capturing the fleeting moments of summer. Autumn, with all its excitement and expectation of a new school year, has ushered in another era.

Positive changes take place during the summer months - some are subtle, like the new coat of paint that is the same color, yet brightens and refreshes a friendly classroom wall; some changes are drastic and pronounced, noticeably enhancing an already workable program. One of the major positive changes for Mohawk Middle School students this year is the time extension for the four basic subjects of English, science, social studies and math. Each of these classes meets for a 52 minute time block in the morning on a regular basis.

Asked how he liked the new schedule, Heath eighth grader Arlo Seaver said that he learned a lot more and even had time to start his homework during the school day. He felt the extended emphasis on major subjects was an important part of the Middle School program. Arlo is on the junior high school football team, which recently won its first game in a 23 to 16 point victory over Athol, and plans to be on the ski team later in the school year. A typical day starts by getting on the bus at 7 AM, arriving at Mohawk for a full day of classes beginning before the hour has passed and then staying after to play football five days a week, finally arriving home at 6:30 PM. Arlo says he enjoys his classes and sports, making up for the long hours by sleeping late on the weekends.

PEARLE TANNER RETIRES

Pearle Tanner, who is 95 years old, has retired as Charlemont's Town Librarian after 34 years of dedicated service. While Pearle and her husband, Homer, lived in Heath she was appointed the Heath Librarian in the 1920's. She held this position for many years. Pearle was also the organist in the Heath Union Church and contributed a large part of the 1935 Sesquicentennial Heath History.

In 1948 Pearle and her son Richard moved to East Charlemont. Soon after they moved there Pearle was appointed the Librarian there. It is hoped she will have many more years to pursue her interest in history and enjoy her books at home.

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ACADEMY PLANS FOR NEW YEAR

by Jayne Dane, Academy Staff

The Academy at Charlemont began its fourth year on Monday, September 10. There are 58 students this year, eight of whom are from Heath. Returning eighth grade students are: Luke Housner of Hosmer Road, Karen Venneri of Colrain Brook Road, Lark Miller of Rowe Road, and Michelle Nicolas of Brunelle Road. Michelle, a summer resident of Heath, lives in the residence hall on Davis Mine Road in Charlemont. Victoria Thane has entered the eighth grade, joining her brother Kenneth who has returned for his sophomore year. David Cooper of Modoc Road has also returned for his sophomore year. Marisa Housner of Hosmer Road is a junior.

Elsa Bakalar of Hosmer Road teaches seventh grade and eleventh grade English. Her classes are first thing in the morning. This enables her to rush off to accomplish other tasks such as putting people's gardens to bed for the winter as well as waking them up come spring. Eric Grinnell, headmaster, teaches Latin, Modern World History, and Humanities. Dianne Grinnell is teaching seventh grade Geography and eighth grade Latin, as well as English. Jayne Dane is the Music teacher.

New house parents, Jeff and Bonnie McCloud of Charlemont, have settled into the residence hall where Eva Pazmino prepares breakfasts and lunches for the students.

ACADEMY NEWS

by Luke Housner '89

The Academy at Charlemont opened this year with many new faces and the return of many old friends. With an enrollment of fifty-eight students, the majority come from Western Massachusetts, and some from as far away as Sweden, Mexico, New Jersey and New York.

Scheduling is somewhat different this year. Each class meets for forty-five minutes, four times a week. The academic day ends at 2:40 when the students choose to participate in soccer, tennis, study, aerobics, ballet or chorus. The complete school day ends at 4:30.

The soccer teams' first games were held on September 26th. The Senior team went to Linden Hill in Northfield where they won 4-0. The Junior team challenged the Linden Hill juniors at home in Charlemont and also won 7-0. A total of eight games are scheduled for the soccer season.

The senior school has already begun its college visits. Last week seven students went to Princeton, Swarthmore and Haverford, while five others toured Middlebury College and the University of Vermont.

We are all preparing for and looking forward to this new school year.

Editors' note: Luke made two goals in the Junior soccer team game.

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The following is a listing of our Heath students attending the local public schools:

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Grade K Larry Bigelow, Chris Briggs, Chris Brothers, Max Churchill, Carrie Crouteau, Amy Decker, Colin Gruen, Tucker Litchfield, Justin Lively, Megan MacDougall, David Sessions, Michael Garrovi, Caroline Kaiser, Donna Tanner. **Grade 1** Jaime Parker, Leroy Tanner, Robby Sessions, Gabe Porter-Henry, Rocco Venneri, Jeremy Gilbert, Julie Calkins, Michole Rainville, Jaime Hyytinen, Delia Lavigne, Joey Thane, Melissa Herzig. **Grade 2/3** Bev Hunkler, Michael Babineau, Emily Nichols, Jeremiah Venneri, Judy Crowningshield, Jennifer Gilbert, Betsey Silvester, Ben Steinbock, Justinia Tanner. **Grade 4/5** Andy Howe, April Tanner, Allen Sessions, Jim Herzig, Caroline Barry, Valerie Belval, Jeff Gilbert Errol Sullivan, Luke Venneri, Justine Babineau, Steve Bigelow, Jason Lively, Keith Sherman, James Thane, Kim Hunkler, Michael Schofield. **Grade 5/6** Heather Herzig, Jeremy Lively, Jon Churchill, Jenny Guilyban, Heather Gruen, Chrissy Gilbert, Laura Holdsworth, Melanie Poisson, Beckey Decker, Brian Sackett.

Mohawk Trail Regional High School

Grade 7 Tammy Jo Archambo, Amber Sullivan. **Grade 8** Craig Brown, Angela Churchill, Chris Poisson, Arlo Seaver, Tanja Davin. **Grade 9** Jon Poisson, Thomas Sackett. **Grade 10** Kenneth Cole, Bonnie Cobb, Glenn Gleason, Robert Jillson, Ree Sumner. **Grade 11** Richard Hamilton, Melanie Tripp. **Grade 12** Laural Clark, Lisa Hamilton, Christopher Seaver, Roberta Tripp.

Franklin County Technical School

Michael Churchill, Arthur Churchill, Robert Brown, Crystal Peters, Chris Lively, Roxanne Howe, Dom Lively, Adam Lively, Anthony Lively.

FORT SHIRLEY WORK BEE

The Heath Historical Society will hold a work bee at the Fort Shirley site on Saturday morning, November 3, starting at 9:30 AM.

In preparation for the bicentennial celebration next year, much brush and small trees need to be cut along the path from the road and around the actual site of the Fort. The town is improving the entrance to the site with a culvert and gravel. It is also planned to install permanent descriptive plaques at the site next year.

This work is being done under the direction of Michael Coe. Volunteers are needed for this project with brush cutting equipment, chain saws, hand saws, and willing hands. If you can help on this worthwhile project, you are asked to appear at the site on Hosmer Road at 9:30 AM on November 3rd. For more information, contact Michael Coe.

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HEATH FAIR IN REVIEW

by Barbara Smith, Secretary
Heath Agricultural Society

Other than a few problems from "Mother Nature" the 67th annual Heath Fair was a pleasant experience for all.

Our attendance this year was a little more than 2500 paying at the gate, which does not include seniors over 70 years of age or children under 12 who are allowed in free. A good guess of total attendance would be over 5000 people.

Our exhibit hall had a good many exhibits this year, but there was a lack of exhibitors in the youth (age 13-18) group. However, the adult and children (6-12 years) seemed to fill in the spaces. It was a pleasant surprise to see so many children exhibiting. There seemed to be a big increase from previous years.

The cattle and sheep shows were held Saturday and Sunday with an especially large attendance of sheep both days.

Unfortunately there were no youth entered in the cattle show from Heath. Therefore no one was eligible for the Ken Crowningshield Memorial Prize. Of course it will be offered next year, so start raising those heifers, Heath kids!

Our entertainment this year was a great success. David Green's folk music on Friday evening made a pleasant atmosphere for fair-goers. Rosenshortz children's music on Saturday delighted everyone from one to one hundred with their fast moving style. Looking into the crowd that day, there wasn't a face that wasn't lit up with a smile while they tried to sing and clapp along.

Sunday turned into a dark dismal day weather wise only. Our parade got off just as the rain came down, but none turned back. Thanks to the horses, cattle, cars, trucks, floats, adults, children, a few babies plus a large assortment of old farming equipment, the parade was a great success, not to mention a lot of fun.

Since the rain held on most of Sunday, the fiddlers contest was moved into the old exhibit hall under cover. Everyone seemed quite happy to grab a space under the roof and settle down for some top entertainment. They hall stayed full to the very end of the contest.

Other events such as the horse draw and oxen draw all went well to the delight of the spectators. From the happy expression seen everywhere that weekend, we call the 1984 Fair a success!

The Heath Agricultural Society would like to give a special thanks to all the volunteers who helped the 67th Heath Fair become such a success. Thanks to you we have one of the finest little fairs in western Massachusetts.

The Agricultural Society meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM in the Community Hall and all are welcome. Come join in the plans for the 1985 Bicentennial Heath Fair - bring ideas and suggestions.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

(At Town Hall unless otherwise noted)

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Wednesdays & Thursdays 8 AM - Noon

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BICENTENNIAL SPECIALS

by Sophie Coe

There are to be six special classes in the Heath Fair Book next year in honor of the Bicentennial. They will be for a quilt commemorating the event, and embroidery/sampler recording it, a pair of Bicentennial dolls, a bicentennial flower arrangement, a Bicentennial decorated cake, and a set of three Bicentennial photographs.

Quilters, start quilting! Photographers, start clicking! Doll makers and emroiderers, get out your needles and ingenuity! Cake decorators and flower arrangers start planning and practicing. Special note for flower arrangers: it doesn't have to be just a vase - it can be a two foot by two foot space.

There is a seventh special item. The prizes. They will be big.

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SOCIAL WORKER TRAINEE

by Caroline Smith

Richard Housner, enrolled in the Smith College School for Social Work, completed his first summer term of classes and has started a nine-month internship at the Day Treatment Center in Northampton. Next summer he will return to Smith for a second term of classes and then be assigned to another 'center' for the ensuing nine months of field work. He will spend most of the third summer writing his thesis, which will be published and will complete his work for a Masters Degree in Social Work.

There are 200 students from all over the country enrolled in this program. The average age of a student is 29, and only 20% are men. His courses which he finds very stimulating, include human behavior, case work, treatment, and a course in family relations.

The Day Treatment Center, located in the business center of Northampton, is only three years old. Richard applied for an assignment in the local area and was happy to be in Northampton, as assignments are made to centers all over the country. The patients here come mainly from the Northampton VA Hospital or private local homes and are at the Center during the day, which is a transitional bridge between the hospital and the outside world.

Here there are a variety of programs - an individual alcohol abuse therapy group, an antabuse program, a young veterans' support group, recreational games and crafts, and also a vocational program which includes an electrical parts factory. In this way the veterans earn some money and get training for placement in the community.

About 60 veterans come each day to the Center. They are veterans from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Alcohol and drug abuse as well as psychiatric disorders are characteristic of the problems encountered. A nurse oversees medication but the long range help is for self treatment. The VA serves not only those with war disabilities but also those with disabilities incurred later.

Richard works at the Center from 8:00 to 4:30 each day. At first he spent only an hour a day with only one patient, but is now up to seeing seven patients a day. He reports to a supervisor at Smith College to whom he sends monthly records and statistics. His work involves a variety of therapeutic approaches. Richard is constantly reading and seems to be totally immersed in his work. He enjoys being back at 'school' again.

Next fall Richard will be assigned to another area for his second internship - maybe it will involve family situations. His dedication to this worthwhile cause is very real and one can only hope there will be no more wars to disable mankind.

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WILD LIFE IN HEATH - FALL 1984

From time to time we receive reports from Heath residents of unusual wild life sightings in town. This month we have two interesting ones to pass on.

In late September, the Leuchtman's were chatting with the Brooks on Knott Road when their eyes were attracted by a very large bird soaring overhead in large circles. It had a white head and tail with a dark brown body and a huge wing spread of at least six or seven feet.

As they stared at this unusual sight, it dawned on them that they were seeing the national bird of the United States, a bald eagle. Looking it up in Peterson's Field Guide they were assured that it was in fact a bald eagle.

The bald eagle, although normally inhabiting areas around large bodies of water where its source of food is found, is also seen in the fall over mountain areas while migrating south.

The other report comes from Bill Wolf this month, and, it is not about a bear or a wolverine! A few weeks ago, he and Eleanor glanced out a window of his house on Branch Hill Road and were attracted by the sight of a deer standing motionless. This in itself was not so unusual as was the fact that it was a doe accompanied by her fawn. The fawn was taking nourishment from its mother and continued to do so for some time before they both took off for the woods.

Why would the mother deer choose an open space near the Wolf house to feed her offspring rather than in seclusion in the woods? Perhaps the fawn was unusually hungry and could not wait.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

by Catherine Nichols

Much was accomplished at the playground this summer, but we still have much to do if we want to officially open the playground this fall.

At a recent meeting the Parks Committee voted to purchase three swings and other equipment for the swing set. Our goal for the fall is to install the swings and a seesaw, to complete the climbing structure, and to add on to it a small and possibly a larger slide. Other features will be added in the spring.

But - we really need more help. Please let us know if you are interested so we can call you when workbees are planned.

A workbee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, weather permitting, starting at 4:30 PM and ending with a family picnic. Perhaps a weekday evening will be a better time than the weekend for more people.

We are raffling off a cord of wood this fall. Please buy a ticket and support the playground. For more information talk to Deb Porter or Catherine Nichols.

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CHRYSANTHEMUMS

by Pat Leuchtman

Each season has its flower.

In earliest spring the snowdrop blooms, sturdy and full of hope, but we don't feel winter has finally been dismissed to its caves of ice until the daffodills dance on newly green hills.

June bursts out all over and roses proliferate, the hybrid teas tall and elegant in their neat beds, the ramblers and climbers arching and sprawling on every fence and bank.

High summer brings phlox and daylillies, whether wild and growing in the border, their colors and forms improved, elaborated on and enhanced by those ingenious and indefatigable hybridizers.

By September most flowers are definitely waning, except for the chrysanthemum which is just coming into glory.

In my garden many of the chrysanthemums bloom in shades of burnished and winey reds and rich gold presaging the brilliance of the hills beyond the border that will burst into flame in October.

Potted chrysanthemums can be bought in a wide variety of colors at many crossroad stands and need just to be slipped into a prepared planting hole in your garden to add another month to the bloom season.

They prefer a nearly neutral soil so you may have to add a little lime if you did not do this earlier. Then dig in lots of compost and rotted manure (or commercial fertilizer 5-8-6 is recommended) because they are heavy feeders.

There are many, many types of chrysanthemums. The decorative mum is most common and comes in many colors and sizes. I have a mauve pink that, oddly enough, looks wonderful in a crystal cup on a brilliant orange print tablecloth.

Cushion mums tend to form clumps that are as wide as they are high and pompons produce large spherical flowers that may be four inches across.

There are also the single and double white chrysanthemums that strongly resemble the field daisy. All of them make long-lasting cut flowers.

Once they are planted they need little care. Keep them deadheaded, and when the last killing frost has blackened the foliage, cut them back, let the falling leaves collect and form a bit of winter blanket and when you return to the garden in the spring you will find a still larger plant. More than ample reward for so little trouble.



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SCHOOL NEWS

by Sue Silvester

The Rowe Elementary School annual Open House will be held this year on October 10. A Book Fair will be part of the Open House and is a fine opportunity to purchase early holiday presents and encourage your children to make their own book purchases.

Rowe and Heath students at Rowe School will have a unique opportunity to participate in a 20 week "Hilltown Heritage" Bicentennial program beginning October 2. Limited to 15 students in grades three through six, the program is being offered after school by Librarian Jane Wishart and Art Teacher Ann Conyngham. All 15 places were taken within two days of the announcement and there are now children on the waiting list.

On October 5, Johanna Weinstein's 5th grade science class will be conducting a Nutrition Fair for the school. At 2 PM students will have their booths set up in the gym. Parents are invited to join in this event.

The Rowe School has launched a 3C's Campaign to emphasize courtesy, consideration and cooperation in the school. As part of this effort the teachers are selecting monthly one student from each class as Citizen of the Month. This month's Citizens are the following: Class K, Carrie Croteau; Class 1, Gabe Porter-Henry; Class 2/3, Ben Steinbock; Class 4/5, Caroline Barry; Class 5/6, Denise Stickney.

The Middle School Musical will be held November 2 and 3 in the Mohawk Trail Regional School auditorium. This year's production, THE WIZ, will feature Heath Middle School students Amber Sullivan, Tanya Davin, Chrissy Gilbert, Melanie Poissan, Keith Sherman, Heather Herzig, and Heather Gruen. Tickets are on sale at the high school (625-2516) for \$3.00 and \$2.00 for adults and children respectively. Last year's musical was sold out, so interested theatergoers should procure their tickets well in advance.

Booster Day at Mohawk will be held the weekend of October 6th. A parade followed by the traditional football game on Saturday will highlight the weekend activities.

Mohawk Trail Regional School exchange students are Christopher Dupas from France, residing for the school year with the Wall family of Colrain and Susanna Georg and Kerstin Denne of West Germany staying with the Doyles of Ashfield and the McMullin family of Hawley, respectively, until December 18.

Heath residents interested in joining the Foreign Travel Club trip to Greece during the February vacation may contact a member of the club at Mohawk.

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ASSESSORS' REPORT

by Richards Steinbock, Chairman
Heath Board of Assessors

FINALLY!! The Revaluation is complete, finished, over, and done. It's true! No more "By the time you read this ... etc.", or "almost", or "we're hoping ..."

Two gentlemen from the Department of Revenue spent two days at the end of August going over our records, our valuation schedule, and our valuations; toured the town looking at property; did their calculating and note-taking and ended up by recommending "preliminary certification"... the first step towards wrapping this all up and getting the fiscal 1984 bills mailed out.

The state mentioned that they were quite impressed by our mapping, the orderliness of our files, our valuation schedule and the entire valuation. The new county-wide assessor was quite taken with our job as well done, and sent part of our valuation schedule to all county towns as a model. It's taken a long time, but the general feeling (shared by us) is that we've done as consistent and thorough a job as any small town in the state. With continuous updating, and with the help of our new computer, future revaluations (every three years) should go quite smoothly.

All Heath taxpayers should have received by now the special HEATH HERALD 100% valuation issue. If you own property in Heath and haven't received your copy, call the assessors at 337-4934 on Monday evenings or Richards Steinbock (337-4746) anytime. If you have any questions or problems regarding your valuation, we must know about them by October 20. After that date valuations will be finalized so that the fiscal 1984 tax bills can be mailed out.

Fiscal 1985 tax bills will probably come out within a month or so of the 1984 tax bills. We know it's a drag getting two years' tax bills right before Christmas, but for those of you who paid estimated bills the burden should be easier.

Fiscal 1986 and subsequent bills ought to be coming out next September or October when they're supposed to.

Thank you all again for your patience during this lengthy revaluation. Future revaluations or updating should be a lot less complicated and involve a lot less traipsing through your homes.

TOWN NURSE

Our new town nurse, Sharleen Moffatt, is finding that her job between Heath and Rowe is keeping her very busy. She spends part of four days a week at her office at Rowe School, and has seen quite a few children between first aid and getting acquainted. Mrs. Moffatt will be trained to screen for various children's health problems such as curvature of the spine, and hearing and visual problems.

In Heath Mrs. Moffatt has office hours in the Library on Mondays 9:00 AM to noon and Tuesdays from 2 to 4 PM. She receives telephone calls from people with health questions and makes nursing visits to people's homes. She is available for blood pressure screening, nursing advice and assistance. She is becoming familiar with the townspeople and they are benefiting from her services. Town residents find that Mrs. Moffatt is friendly, thoughtful and professional as she goes about her work.

She will conduct a special free flu clinic on Thursday, October 18, from 11 AM to 12:30 PM at the Library.

It is very reassuring to have Mrs. Moffatt as our town nurse. You are encouraged to stop by and visit her during her town hall office hours.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Paul Lively, Chairman

The bicentennial medallions arrived in time to be on sale at the Heath Fair. They are of antique pewter with the town logo, which was designed by Richards Steinbock. Along with the bicentennial plates, the medallions are on sale at Peters' Store and the town office. We appreciate the efforts of Ray and Pam Galipo, Marcella Lively and Catherine Nichols in selling these items. We are grateful also to the Heath Historical Society for sharing some of their booth space with us at the Fair for the sale of these items.

We are elated that the bicentennial parade float received first prize in the Heath Fair parade. It consisted of a covered wagon drawn with a team of oxen. The wagon displayed signs announcing the events coming in the bicentennial year. We are grateful to Pat Smith for providing the oxen and to Peter Smith for furnishing the wagon.

At our last meeting a report prepared by Town Treasurer Catherine Nichols was presented on the current status of the bicentennial financial account. Here is a condensed version:

Receipts:	Town appropriations	\$ 3000.00
	Interest to date	304.47
	Sales (Plates etc.)	682.00
	Total Receipts	\$ 3986.47

Expenditures:	Plates, etc.	\$ 867.78
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Balance:	\$ 3118.69
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Our next meeting is October 8th. Come and share your ideas with us.


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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by David F. Howland, Chairman

Planning for the next budget year is underway. School budget committees will begin meeting in October; legislative action about state aid is on the horizon and next year's appropriations are being considered. While looking ahead is part of the Finance Committee's job, there is unfinished business for the current year that is causing concern.

There has been heavy borrowing this year because tax bills for last year have not yet been sent out and insufficient funds were appropriated to meet interest obligations. Cash flow is not only adversely affected, but the lack of a tax rate prevents certification of the Free Cash, which is absolutely essential to the financial planning for the current year. Further, without a firm tax levy figure, it is difficult to address emerging expenditures that might put us over the Proposition 2 1/2 guidelines. The Finance Committee appreciates the efforts that the Assessors are making with regard to complying with property valuation legislation, but the accumulation of tax obligations may well put a heavy burden on individual tax payers as well as the town. In the final analysis the Selectmen are responsible for this situation. Heath was fortunate last year to receive an unusually large return of state monies through the Cherry Sheet and school aid. Such is not expected in FY'85, so we simply have to watch our "pocket book" right now.

It is worth noting that the property tax burden of Massachusetts has dropped to 11th in the nation. While it is still 25% above the national average, the trend is encouraging. Yes, Proposition 2 1/2 has caused some cities and towns (not Heath) difficult financial problems, but it has forced the state to allocate more monies to municipalities and made local administrators more resourceful as to how to meet obligations. Even now there are those who want to take the lid off 2 1/2 because they cannot do all that they wish to do, yet there seems to be little effort to address the fundamental issue of stimulating economic growth (i.e., the tax base) to offset constant demands against the property owner and the realities of inflation even though at the moment the latter is rather modest.

WAGON TRAIN 1984

The fourth annual wagon train is to be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 6 & 7. Carroll Stowe has wagons and teams lined up from over a wide area this year and promises another interesting and challenging route. The starting point and campout will be at the Fairgrounds with plenty of good food and fellowship. Anyone interested is invited to participate.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Selectmen have set the date of Tuesday, October 22, to hold a special town meeting.

The first article to be considered is whether to appropriate the sum of \$1000 to fund the operating expenses of an administrative assistant (circuit rider) whose time would be shared with the towns of Buckland, Shelburne, and Colrain. The salary of the assistant is to be paid entirely by the state for the first year. The annual town meeting in May authorized the Selectmen to enter into such a cooperative agreement but no funds were appropriated to support it.

A second article considers Heath's participation in a new state Small Town Road Assistance Program (STRAP). This could provide a loan of up to \$150,000 for road reconstruction and resurfacing with the requirement that only 30% be paid back over a 10 year period. The selectmen are working on documentation of Heath town roads that need to be improved as part of the application.

TAX BILLS - 1984

by Sandra Gilbert, Tax Collector

Tax bills for November - Finally!

With assessors ending months of hard work on the revaluation, it is time to remind tax payers to start getting prepared to receive their second half actual real estate tax bills for '84. We are looking at mailing bills by mid-November and, if so, these would be due around the Christmas season.. Not a very nice present, I agree, but if you are aware of what's happening, hopefully you can start preparing for this now.

Thus far \$102,752.74 in generous prepayments have been sent in. This money is greatly appreciated by the town and well needed. Anyone wishing to make any kind of prepayment now may do so by mail or by appointment. Any monies paid now may lessen your financial pressures that always arise over holiday seasons. These monies will also be credited to the November actual bills and lessen the amount on your second half bill.

Thank you all for your patience concerning the revaluation work and lets hope future bills will be easier to keep up on now.

APPRECIATION NOTE

Due to a prior engagement of the Community Hall on September 24, the public hearing on the use of herbicides was shifted at the last minute to the Exhibit Hall at the Fairgrounds.

The Selectmen thank Harry and Nancy Briggs for setting up the tables and chairs for this meeting. It was a very pleasant arrangement for the meeting.

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NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

A good part of the selectmen's business during the summer has been routine: pole hearings, meetings with the dog officer, the Library Committee, and the Community Hall Committee. A potential problem with the septic tank system is under investigation. There has also been discussion of how best to finish off the old meeting room in Sawyer Hall.

Work on the Colrain Stage road has been temporarily suspended. Using the new grader, many roadsides have been cut back from the hard surface. Pug mill mix has been prepared and laid from the Center down to and along the upper part of Avery Brook road. Several culverts have been bought for use in controlling drainage where required. Mr. Whitteson of the Department of Public Works has inspected the erosion on Dell Brook road and approved plans for correcting it.

Following receipt of a notice that the New England Power Company intends to treat its right of way under the high tension lines with herbicide beginning on October 3, the selectmen held hearings for concerned citizens on September 17 and 24. Representatives of the company and from the Environmental Protection Agency attended the second; Rep. Jay Healy was also present and spoke of his concern. One constructive outcome of this meeting was a decision that the selectmen and the Heath Conservation Commission should form a board to work cooperatively with the power company to control the use of herbicides in sensitive areas, in imitation of a similar joint group which seems to be working well in Leverett. A second decision, which was proposed by the power company, was to urge every householder whose water comes from a well or spring within or very near the right of way to make sure that the location is made known. One means of doing this is to call or write the selectmen or Ruth (Law) Johnson.

VOTER REGISTRATION SESSIONS

To be eligible to vote in the state and presidential election on November 6, you must have registered with the Town Clerk by Tuesday, October 9, if you have not previously registered. In addition to the normal office hours of the Town Clerk on Monday, October 8, you may register with her at her home on South Road on Saturday, October 6, from 12 noon to 8:00 PM; and on Tuesday, October 9, at her office in the Town Hall from 9 AM to 12 noon and at her home from 12 noon to 10 PM.

Besides the important presidential election to be held on November 6, state and county officials are to be elected. The polls in Heath will be open at the Community Hall from 7 AM to 8 PM that day. Absentee ballots must be received at the Town Clerk's office by noon on November 6. If you have any question on absentee voting you should contact the Town Clerk as soon as possible.

Be sure to register and to VOTE on November 6.

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PLANNING BOARD REPORT

by John Holdsworth

Refurbishing the upstairs meeting room at Sawyer Hall has been halfway down the Planning Board's list, but the exciting progress made in the work at the Community Hall has caused town officials to begin planning the work to be done in Sawyer Hall. Members of the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen recently met with painter Martin Guistimbelli and later with contractor Bruce Cromack, designer James Coursey and Richard Housner. Many design ideas are being considered and cost estimates are being prepared for the room.

At this point, most of the people involved have expressed a wish to retain the wainscoting and the wood ceiling while installing insulation and sheetrock on the upper walls. A fire escape door and preservation of the present fire escape are essential parts of any repair plan. A good clean-up and some new paint should then provide the town with an attractive and functional meeting space.

Refinishing the floor may have to be postponed if the appropriated repair money cannot be stretched to include that work with the rest. It is hoped that the room may eventually be equipped with moveable dividers to permit occasional use as temporary office space. An independent heating loop already in place will mean the room can be left unheated in winter when not in use.

Other items on the Board's agenda include: planning for street and warning signs; update of subdivision regulations; planning for groundwater protection and control of sewage disposal problems in town.

Planning Board meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 8:00 PM in the town hall and are open to the public.

CHURCH NEWS

by Amy C. Barry

The Heath Union Church held its annual meeting on Tuesday, October 2. Sunday School started on the 23rd of September. Karen MacDougall is the teacher and she welcomes all children.

On Sunday, October 7, the newly formed Joint Heath and Rowe Youth Group will meet from 6 to 8 PM at the Rowe Parish Hall.

On Thursday, October 25, Rev. Lynn Dooley will begin a four week Adult Bible Study entitled "Swords into Plowshares" that will deal with issues related to world peace. This Bible Study will begin at 8 PM at the Parsonage.

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MILESTONES

by Edith Royer

Davis Alexander was born on August 16 to Debra and David Lavigne of Summer-Stetson Road.

Liza Marie was born on August 24 to Karen and Christopher Burke of Long Hill Road.

A son was born on September 18 in London, England to Caroline (Kades) and Peter Foster-Burke. The baby is the grandson of Phyllis and Chuck Kades of Colrain Stage Road. Caroline and Peter are living in London after recently completing their voyage from Australia sailing on a catamaran.

Ruth Landstrom Law and Russell Johnson of Rowe were married on August 14 in the Heath Church. After a wedding trip to Hawaii they are living in Ruth's home on Town Farm Road.

Nancy L. Rockett and Mark I. Eldridge were married in the Heath Church on September 8 followed by a reception at "Farthest Away", the Eldridge summer home. Mark is the son of Betty Eldridge and the late Rev. Elsom Eldridge. Nancy and Mark are making their home in West Roxbury, MA.

Karen and Ronald Dubosy of Shelburne Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Martin James Peters, son of Dawn and Dennis Peters of Burrington Hill Road. An October 1985 wedding is planned.



Marriage Ceremony of Nancy Rockett and Mark Eldridge
in the Heath Church
Rev. James A Clark of Grace Episcopal Church,
Amherst, officiating.

(Photo by Charles Martens)

HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Peter Brown, the son of Sidney and Robert Brown, recently published a book of his photographs with essays. This summer he was negotiating to publish an abridged version of the book. Peter teaches photography at Rice College in Houston, Texas.

Bill Thane has received a grant from the Charlemont-Hawley Arts Council for materials for his diorama to be shown as part of the Historical Society's bicentennial celebration.

Hannah Burrington and other members of her family were at the dedication of the Larry Burrington Memorial Playground in Charlemont. This fine new playground at Hawlemont School is a tribute to Larry Burrington who grew up in Heath.

The descendants of Julia and Joseph Lively have held their annual Labor Day reunion. Clyde Varney, 95, was the oldest and three months old Christine Rose Lively was the youngest. They both live in Turners Falls. Work continues on updating the family tree, a project started two years ago at the 75th reunion.

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