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HEATH'S FIRST NEWSPAPER 25¢

INTERNATIONAL HEATH RECOGNITION DAY

by Pegge Howland



General William Heath
Heath Historical Society Collection
(Photo by Guy Silvester)

GENERAL HEATH, AN ENIGMA

by Alastair Maitland

There was an abundance of delicious and decorative (as well as highly caloric) birthday cake at the Bicentennial Potluck Supper last February 14 (Incorporation Day) at the Community Hall. And I'm sure that cake-bakers and cake-munchers alike agree that the real icing on the cake was the delightfully humorous, provocative and enlightening after-supper talk given by William Wolf on the subject of Major General William Heath, the Revolutionary War general from whom our town took its name.

It seems that there are divided opinions about General Heath. On the one hand there are the HEATHEN— an acronym adopted by a mysterious organization identified by Bill Wolf as Heath Enraged Against Town of Heath Enacted Name. Members of this school appear to question whether the Town was indeed honored by its association with a general who, despite his successful role in the pursuit of the British from Concord on April 19, 1775, received a public reprimand from George Washington himself for his failure to take Fort Independence in January 1777. The fort was then garrisoned by some 2000 Hessians, whose first sally created panic amongst Heath's forces, so that the General was obligated to withdraw.

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A proclamation declaring June 29th as INTERNATIONAL HEATH RECOGNITION DAY was signed by the Selectmen on February 18th. This proclamation is the culmination of a joint bicentennial effort by the HEATH HERALD and the Heath Historical Society to identify and contact all places named Heath.

The project was begun on July 25, 1983 at a meeting of the Historical Society's Bicentennial Committee, when Pegge Howland was appointed to look into the idea. She researched US census data, Zip code directories, various world atlases and found that there are ten places named Heath in the US, and at least one by that name in England, in Derbyshire.

In June 1984 a packet of material containing a letter of greetings, a brief description of our Heath and a copy of the HEATH HERALD was mailed to the eleven Heaths with a request for similar material from them. In November a follow-up packet was sent to those that had not replied. Eventually five towns responded - Heath, Michigan; Heath, Pennsylvania; Heath City, Texas; and Heathsville, Virginia in the US, and Heath, England. Each of them were excited about the project and sent us their official Bicentennial greetings along with other material about their towns.

One of the most enthusiastic respondents was Mr. Ted Wares, Clerk of the Heath Parish Council,

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Pegge and David Howland
accepting plaque from Heath Parish Council

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According to Bill Wolf, however, Washington's public rebuke was followed by a reassuring message to General Heath in which he seemed to be reaffirming his confidence in him. There is thus an opposing school of thought - Townspeople who are not at all enraged by the Heath label and for whom the General is a pretty decent guy, and a wholly acceptable eponym. It was to the elaboration of this viewpoint - some might call it revisionist - that the bulk of Bill Wolf's remarks were addressed.

But Bill emphasized that there was still further research to be done. And he has not by any means closed the book on General Heath. So we should all stay tuned. Meanwhile the fruits of Bill Wolf's explorations will be available in the forthcoming Bicentennial Book of the Heath Historical Society.

HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Leon Stewart, father of Carolyn Litchfield, is now a resident at Mohawk Manor Rest Home in Shelburne Falls. He welcomes cards, letters and visits from friends.

Rachel Sumner is in the Franklin Medical Center where she is undergoing tests. Letters and cards are welcomed.

Bill Thane has returned home from the Mary Hitchcock Hospital where he was under treatment for a back problem.

Esther and Richard Gallup celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on March 10 with a gathering at Bill's Restaurant.

On March 26 at the annual meeting of Agri-Mark held in Goshen at the Whale Inn, Ernest Thane and Fred Lively were presented certificates "in recognition of outstanding achievement as a producer of high quality dairy milk." Both are long time dairy farmers in Heath.

Michael Chrisman was one of the stars in the Shelburne Falls annual variety show. His comedy musical group is called the "Ozone Cookies."

Craig Barry, Jr. has been elected President of the Franklin County Bar Association. Craig is a member of the law firm of Trudel, Bartlett, Barry, Filler and Wilson, P.C. in Greenfield.

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David Howland has been appointed Director of Administrative Services at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley. Dave was formerly Personnel Manager at Amherst College.

Paul Dabrody was recently appointed Chief Financial Officer at the Athol Memorial Hospital. He was formerly in the accounting department at the Berkshire Hospital in Pittsfield.

David Lavigne is now working in the engineering department of Analog Devices in Norwood, MA. He was formerly with Analogic in Danvers.

Marlene Housner, formerly office manager at the West County News, is now secretary to WFCR, the non-commercial public radio station at Hampshire House on the U. Mass. campus.

Headmaster Eric Grinnell and his wife Diane led a group from the Academy at Charlemont to Egypt and Greece in March. Marisa Housner was one of the students participating in the tour. Jim Coursey and Todd Sumner also accompanied the group.

Jane and Bob Dane spent a week in the Bahamas during March with Jane's parents, brother, and sister-in-law.

Pegge and David Howland recently returned from England where Pegge did research for a book she is writing while on a sabbatical from Greenfield Community College. They also visited Heath, England, and returned with a plaque and greetings for our bicentennial year.

Roberta Tripp participated in the annual Mexican exchange program with Mohawk students.

Heath residents Helen and Chuck Mackie, Melanie Tripp, and Susan and Betsey Silvester will leave in April for a nine-day tour of Greece conducted for Mohawk students.

Sophie and Michael Coe have returned from a month's trip to Spain.

The Barrys recently had a visit from Amy's brother, Douglas Cooper of Falmouth. Doug had just returned from two months of travelling in Hawaii, Tahiti, Fiji Islands, Australia and New Zealand.

Arlene Thane has been accepted for the Independent Studies Masters Program in International Studies at Leslie College in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Decker celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a family party at the Community Hall arranged by their children and families. They were married March 28, 1940.

HEATH PRECIPITATION

by Ralph Dickinson, Observer
for Mass. Water Resources

Month	Precipitation	Snow
January	1.88 inches	20 inches
February	2.59 inches	11.5 inches
March to 30th	1.88 inches	9.75 inches
Totals	7.77 inches	41.25 inches

Total snowfall for the season was 54.75 inches. It is the least snow we have had any winter in the past 20 years except for 1979-1980, but we have had measurable amounts of snow in both April and May. It is unusual to have so little precipitation during the first quarter of the year.



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Derbyshire. When Pegge learned she and Dave would soon be travelling to England on business, she asked our Selectmen to prepare a proclamation that she could carry to Heath and present in person.

Thus it was that on March 6th Pegge and Dave Howland, emissaries from Heath, Massachusetts, came before the ten-member Heath Parish Council of Derbyshire, England and presented them the Selectmen's Proclamation, a copy of the latest Heath Annual Report and the Sesquicentennial Anniversary book. They in turn presented us with a beautiful commemorative plaque and other lovely souvenirs.

The ceremony was followed by sherry, home-made teacakes and lots of lively conversation. We wish you all could have been there to experience their warm hospitality.

The plaque was presented to the Heath Selectmen on March 18 at a special town meeting, and is now on display in the Town Hall.

A VISIT TO HEATH, ENGLAND

by Pegge Howland

Heath, England is a small village in northeast Derbyshire located a few miles from Chesterfield, the county seat. It is a picturesque, single-street village of stone buildings set among fine, mature trees. The surrounding area shows the influence of coal mining, but Heath has survived as an agricultural enclave due to the policy of its major landowner, the Duke of Devonshire.

To us, however, the most important aspect of this ancient English village was the indomitable spirit and warmth of its people. The enthusiasm and pride they demonstrated for their village was as exhilarating and refreshing as a Heath breeze.

The first of these marvelous people we encountered during our visit in March was Ted Wares, Clerk of the Heath Parish Council. He greeted us in front of the new brick Community Center with a cheery, "Am I the person you're looking for?" That one statement accompanied by a big smile drove away all apprehension and made us feel right at home. Every person we met from that moment on was just as warm and friendly as he, and every event that followed was beautifully planned and perfectly executed.

We went first to Ted's house where we met his wife, Sheila and learned that a dinner party was planned so we could meet some of their friends. How nice of them to realize that the most important thing to us was not tourist attractions, but an opportunity to experience English people in an English home.

The next day at nine AM, on a cold windy hilltop, we met Ted Milner, Chairman of the Heath Heritage Society and Kathleen Porter, Secretary, who led us on a walking tour of the site of the original settlement and the ruins of the first church. This was followed by a walking tour of the village of Heath. These stalwart people (perhaps ten years our senior) really had us puffing, and they weren't even breathing hard!

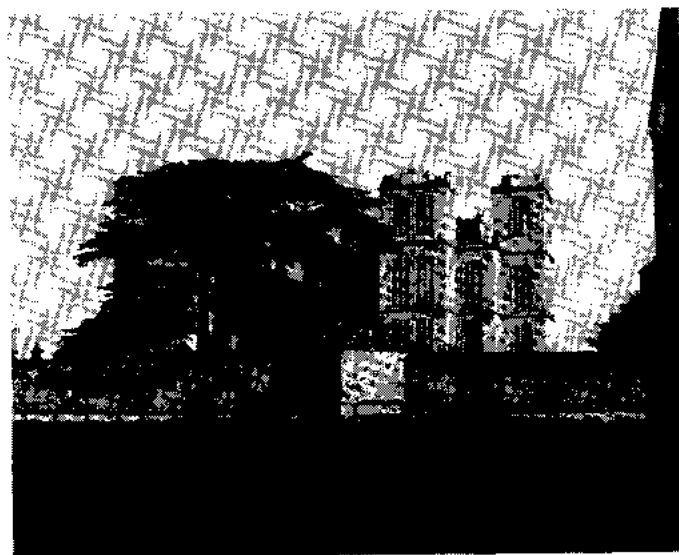
After that we drove to the Community Center in Holmewood that serves as the office for the Parish Council. Here we met Bernard Smith, Chairman of the Council. This spry senior citizen was so proud of his town that he had arranged to leave his seriously ill wife in order to come and present us with the Heath commemorative plaque. It was a very humbling experience.

It was here too that we were introduced to Thomas Price. Mr. Price not only serves on the Parish Council but he is also intimately involved with the local National Trust Museum, Hardwick Hall. He first

took us to a REAL English pub and treated us to REAL English food. After that he escorted us through Hardwick Hall, a splendid Elizabethan castle built between 1591 and 1597. He had arranged for this even though the museum didn't officially open until April. We saw things that no tourist ever sees in that museum, and I was even able to touch a tapestry made by Anne, Queen of Scots, while she was in exile there.

The final event in our busy day was a visit to Chesterfield, noted for its tudor architecture. This is the home of St. Mary and All Saints Church which recently celebrated its 750th birthday! It is the church with the crooked spire depicted on the commemorative plaque!

We literally fell into bed that night with fatigue, but it had been one of the most exhilarating and inspiring days we had ever experienced. We bade the Wares goodbye the next morning with regret but with promises to return to this beautiful country and its wonderful, generous people. I for one hope "there will always be an England."



Hardwick Hall - Heath, England
(Photo by Pegge Howland)

GOOD NEIGHBORS GROUP

The Good Neighbors Group serves Heath, Hawley, Charlemont and Rowe. At holiday times and at times of crisis complete meals are provided for those in need. Contributions of non-perishables are accepted at any time and names of people willing to bake casseroles in a crisis situation are welcomed.

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BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Paul Lively, Chairman

The celebration is underway! We had a very successful beginning on February 10th with the cross country ski race having almost ninety contestants competing on a beautiful winter day.

The town's birthday was on February 14 and we celebrated with a potluck supper which was a great success. At this event the Heath Bicentennial Cane was presented to Grace Landstrom, the eldest town member present. An informative and entertaining talk on General William Heath, for whom the town is named, was presented by Rev. William Wolf. We shared a delicious bicentennial birthday cake made by Evelyn Hillman and Sandy McCloud. It was an enjoyable affair.

We look forward to the next event which is a bicentennial play written and produced by Edward Calver in collaboration with Robert Gruen to be presented on the evening of May 24 in the Community Hall.



Grace Landstrom Receives Bicentennial Cane
(Photo by Mike Bakalar)

VOTE ON MAY 6th

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Marion Taylor has donated several boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to the staff of the HEATH HERALD in recognition of the publicity given to the Girl Scout organization. Many thanks to Marion for her generosity.



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ON BRICKMAKING (An historical note)

by Edward Calver

One of the first obligations of the newly organized town of Charlemont was to build a house* to be given to the new minister, Jonathan Leavitt, on land privately donated. Already in the fall of 1766, before the house was finished, the town organized a brick-making project, a fact not included in my town history. An experienced brick maker was hired from away, and various men assisted, all, to judge from the payments made to them, from the south part of town. One carried clay and wood and later spent two days moving the finished brick. Others spent several days and nights "burning" them. The surplus was sold at auction. Here was an enterprise fit to cement community feeling, and perhaps to sustain indignation when disillusionment with the minister set in.

* It was Mrs. Moors who named it The Manse.

MEXICAN EXCHANGE

by Roberta Tripp

On February 20 at 4:30 AM, I left with a group of seven Mohawk students and advisor, Mr. Nate Breuer, for the annual exchange program with Collegio Hamilton, a K-12 school in Mexico City. Having almost missed the early morning flight from Logan Airport in Boston, it was a relief to land at 1:30 PM in Mexico and be greeted by the host families. I stayed with Luli Ortega, whom I had previously visited. Luli has been to stay with us in Heath twice and plans to come again next December.

A typical day at Collegio Hamilton included a half day of classes in English and the other half in Spanish. There were many opportunities to go sightseeing and visit museums. I was placed in a grade ten class; Mohawk students were either in 10A or 10B class.

The Ortega family was especially warm and hospitable. Luli has a brother age 22 as well as her two parents, and nearby live several aunts and a grandmother. It was difficult to say goodbye, especially since this was the fourth time we had been together.

Mohawk students in their second or third year of Spanish are eligible to participate in this annual exchange program coordinated by Spanish teacher Nate Breuer. The return trip on March 7 was not uneventful, for in Dallas the plane was boarded by the Dallas Mavericks, who flew with us to Boston.

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HAWK ON AN EARLY STORM

by Guy Silvester

It had rained all night with a howling wind. Bill, a majestic broadwing hawk, had been trying to stay dry and warm. Now as dawn approached it had started to snow. He knew he must feed, yet the snow and the strong winds were against him. A hawk, such as Bill, must find small animals to feed on. Yet how could he fly? The broadwing knew he must try! High in his evergreen tree the wind and snow whistled through the branches. He was very hungry as he had not eaten in twelve hours. Bill fluffed his feathers as he turned his head from side to side with an emotionless stare. He pumped his wings once and was off. The wind made his normally graceful flight jerky. The snow stung his body as he slid through the grey sky. Bill was not able to soar in his usual manner. Instead he angled in the wind with his outstretched wings. He screamed through the sky on sharp straight angles, his powerful eyes watching for the food he must find for survival. Despite the raging wind and the blinding snow, Bill skillfully crisscrossed a wooded opening. The small saplings were mixed sporadically among the wild Indian grasses. Suddenly he spotted a deer mouse. The rush of feathers went unnoticed in the winter's storm. The broadwing hawk had his prey!

Bill was fortunate he had survived the early storm. Now as the weather lifted and the sun tried to appear, he wasted no time in restarting his southerly flight.

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Wednesdays & Thursdays 8 AM - Noon
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Heath School Committee: 2nd Tuesday of month 7:30 PM
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GREETINGS FROM HEATH, USA TO LENINO, USSR

by Carol Sartz

The Heath-Lenino Pairing Project is underway, as Heath joins the ranks of other US towns and cities in sending messages, greetings and community "portraits" to their "sister" towns in the Soviet Union. The eventual recipient of Heath's portrait will be Lenino, a suburban community of about 5,000 people, located 15 miles south of Moscow. Beginning the work of gathering information for the portrait package is a committee of interested townspeople, which has taken the first steps of inviting families, individual citizens, and town organizations to contribute something to send.

Heath's pairing with Lenino is part of a nationwide matching effort coordinated by Ground Zero, a national educational organization. The pairing project's aim is to promote peace through increased mutual understanding of our two cultures, by way of a people-to-people exchange. In sending off a package which will be both a glimpse of our lives here in Heath and an invitation to the people of Lenino to do the same, a small step toward this aim is taken.

Some questions we've been asked about the project:

1. Is it the place of towns to become involved in making foreign policy decisions?

We don't consider this making foreign policy. We consider it an action which simply expresses goodwill and a desire to peacefully co-exist with the people of the Soviet Union.

2. Isn't this political?

The project's aim is simply to promote peace and increase understanding. Some people may consider this political. Others may not.

3. How will we know that the Soviet Union won't misuse the information we send? And how will we know that it actually reaches the people?

We don't know how the information will be used or exactly how it will get passed on. We know that many US communities have already received responses back from townspeople and government officials in their "sister" communities. Those responses seem to suggest that the people do somehow have access to what we send. How the information is used is not as important to us as the fact that we have taken the step of reaching out.

4. What good will it do?

We don't know. Any action which brings us closer to understanding each other must help. What harm can it do?

5. What do I personally have to offer to such a package?

Most importantly, your own view of everyday living in Heath. The more views we have to share, the more complete and rich a portrait of life in this community.

The project committee expects that the work of compiling the package will take some months. Among those things we hope to include are letters, photographs, artwork, historical information, documentation of our bicentennial celebration, and information about the town government, organizations and schools. Material for the portrait can be given or sent to any of the following committee members: Karen Chrisman, Carol Sartz or Anne Steinbock, or placed in the envelope on the inside bulletin board at the Town Hall.

— VOTE ON MAY 6th —

MEMOIRS OF A RETIRING SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER

by Susan Gruen

My last four years on the Heath School Committee have broadened my knowledge of running a school, arranging transportation, hiring teachers, evaluating the schools, examining a school budget so that it makes sense, not to mention creating an effective "chain call list" and then realizing that there are still bugs in it.

Running for two consecutive terms as a committee member forced me to be actively involved in the educational process. I never realized the amount of time and energy needed to pursue issues.

The main theme that runs strongly through our committee is the total commitment to good education for Heath children. Part of this commitment is the valuating and re-evaluating of ideas, scrutinizing new programs, adapting when change is needed.

To my amazement I can only recall three parents who brought concerns to the school committee. I find this both alarming and worrisome. Could all citizens of Heath, whether or not they have school children, be satisfied with the school system?

How does the school year run for a committee member? After the lull of early summer, it's off to the races. The committee must deal with issues such as re-organization; who is moving in and out of Heath; how many children of school age; how we are going to get them all on the school bus.

August is spent in making a feasible bus route, acceptable to 80 students and parents. We have considered a central bus terminal like Penn Station, but that would cause more trouble than it is worth.

January brings the horror and tension of creating an acceptable school budget. Heath's school payments are approximately 49% of the total town budget.

Our tuition agreement with Rowe has been in place for three years and has another two years to go. Our share varies with the number of students in the school, the size of the general school budget, minus the capital expenses specific to Rowe. A "P" factor is used to determine a percentage of the raw tuition rate. The "P" factor changes each year.

Each item on the Rowe budget specific to Heath is carefully evaluated in terms of need and perceived value. Teachers' salaries as well as non-professional salaries are usually discussed and adjusted. Throughout these discussions the need for a better education for our children continues to be the keystone of our philosophy.

Mohawk takes another portion of our attention. The same problems exist with budget and transportation. To reduce the amount of time and energy placed on any one committee member, we rotate the Mohawk position from year to year.

We still have a wealth of resources that must be tapped. More people should be encouraged to come forward and express their children's education so that the committee can fully represent these needs. All too often committee members hear about problems second or third hand, which makes a hard job harder.

I plan to continue my efforts for a more structured, back to basic, educational approach for the children of Heath. Hopefully each new program introduced in the schools will have a goal, a method of implementation and a realistic long-term plan.

ASBESTOS REMOVAL AT MOHAWK

The work of removing the asbestos at the Mohawk School building is progressing well and should be completed by the target date of April 21.

LIBRARY LINES

by John Holdsworth, Librarian

My best helper has been disabled. Ruth Fournier, who has put in many hours typing catalog and book cards for the library, slipped on an icy step at the beginning of February and injured her right foot. She continued to walk on it for about a week, but finally had to get off it when the pain became too great. It looks like a slow mending process, but Ruth has taken on the typing again, this time at home. We sure look forward to seeing you out and about again, Ruth.

The Bookmobile came again on March 20th and there is a great supply of new (different) books. Non-fiction subjects include: Marriage, children, the Crusades, language, alcoholism, nuclear weapons, astronomy, anthropology, health (mental and physical), aircraft, gardening, cats, horses, cooking, crafts, collectibles, biographies, the three stooges, and much more. The adult fiction includes lots of mysteries and westerns as well as general and romance categories, and there is a good selection of large print books of all fiction types. There are many more books than usual for young and very young readers (and listeners).

I want to thank Ruth Corey for donating a new (1984) set of Thomas Registers to the library. These are particularly helpful in getting the address of a specific manufacturer or in getting a list of manufacturers of a specific product.

Finally, I have cancelled the library's memberships in Book of the Month Club and The Literary Guild and joined the Quality Paperback Book Club. If there are any people in town who belong to those first two clubs and would like to donate their used books to the library, I would be very happy to have them.

HOLDSWORTH TO STUDY OPTOMETRY

John Holdsworth has just received notice of his acceptance for admission into the New England College of Optometry in Boston. John has been through many months of study and examinations leading to this opportunity.

He will be starting courses the first of June which will lead to the degree of Doctor of Optometry.

John will be missed in Heath for the next two years, as he has been extremely helpful in many town organizations.

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ACADEMY NEWS

by Luke Housner '89

A good amount of news has developed since the last issue of the HEATH HERALD.

A full third quarter ended on March 15th with a beautiful flower show. Stephen Morgenelli, Academy science teacher, made arrangements for the visit to the Boston Flower Show. He works there each year for this extravagant event. Following the show was two weeks of vacation. The 4th quarter and school resumes April 1st.

On March 13th, about 20 students, staff and friends of the Academy left for a 19 day trip to Greece and Egypt. We are looking forward to hearing their stories of adventure.

Soon spring sports will begin, which will include lacrosse, tennis, and track. The school hours will be extended to 5:00 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In all three sports there will be competitive meets and scrimmages against other schools.

All three dramatic events of the third quarter were exciting and successful. Two plays put on by the student body each drew a full house and the visiting Shakespeare & Company's performances at the Federated Church were spectacular. A spring concert is tentatively being planned.

4-H PROJECT FOR BEGINNERS

The 4-H Capon Project is underway again this year. Boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 19 in Franklin County are welcome to participate. The youngster will receive eight started capons which are paid for by a local civic organization. The 4-H member is responsible for the care and feeding of the birds from June to September or October when the birds can be dressed off and one of the capons returned to the sponsor.

Jim Scafe of the 4-H office will set you up with a sponsor and provide information and assistance on raising the birds. Adults are also welcome to place orders for started capons. Orders must be in by April 7. Call the Franklin County Extension Service for information and order forms at 774-2902.

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ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Susan Silvester

Parent/teacher conferences will be held at the Rowe School on Monday, April 8 from 3:30 PM to 7 PM and on Wednesday, April 10, from 1 to 4 PM. Parents are requested to phone the school for an appointment.

The 20-week Hilltown Heritage Program ended in March with a special "Kitchen Frolic." Parents and teachers enjoyed cookies and punch followed by the presentation of certificates of completion for each child. Jane Wishart and Ann Conyngham then led the group to the gymnasium where contra and folk dancing provided entertainment for teachers, parents and children. The Hilltown Heritage Program, funded by a grant from the town of Rowe, was a tremendous success.

TALK ON READING

Jim Trelease, author of The Reading Aloud Handbook, will speak on "Reading Aloud: Motivating children to make books into friends, not enemies." His talk will be presented on Thursday, May 16, at the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School at 7:30 PM.

Jim Trelease is a nationally recognized speaker as well as an award-winning artist and writer.

Parents, teachers and the general public are welcome to attend.

CHURCH NEWS

by Amy C. Barry

The Heath and Rowe churches will hold a Maundy Thursday potluck and communion service at the Heath Community Hall on April 4 beginning at 6:30 PM. Heath residents are asked to bring main dishes and Rowe people salads and desserts.

The Easter Sunrise Service, led by the Rowe Youth Group, will be held at the Mill Pond near the Rowe Town Hall. The service will begin at 6 AM followed by breakfast at the Rowe School to benefit the America for Christ offering. Pancakes with maple syrup and sausage will be served until 8 AM.

The Easter service in Heath will be at 11 AM. Choir rehearsal is at 10:15 with Ruth Johnson directing. All are welcome to attend Easter worship and celebrate the Resurrection. Those wishing to give an Easter lily in memory of a loved one should contact Esther Dickinson at 337-4803.

To honor Rev. Dooley and her three year ministry with us, the Rowe and Heath Churches will hold a combined service in Heath on Sunday, April 14, at 11 AM. There will be special music by a joint choir, and Communion will be served. After the service, we will join for a potluck dinner at the Community Hall. Anyone who is interested in singing in the choir on April 14 should see Ruth Johnson for rehearsal times.

We remind all friends and members of the Heath Church that a mission offering for One Great Hour of Sharing is now being taken. All contributions to this worthy cause will be appreciated.

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HEATH BICENTENNIAL BEGINS

by Alli Thane

On February 10th, the Heath Bicentennial celebration started with a bang, literally. Bill Thane of Brunnelle Road and Jeff Novy of Wilmington, VT, dressed in uniforms of the Seth Warner Regiment of the Green Mountains, fired a cannon, a replica of the "three pounder" used in the Revolutionary War. Eighty-nine cross country skiers started a grueling 15-kilometer race which took them from Heath Center high up to the blueberry field of Burnt Hill, across toward Fort Shirley and back by the Fairgrounds. Organized by Steve Marcotte of Flagg Road, the race was highly successful and as Steve said, "We couldn't have chosen a more perfect day, weatherwise." Enthusiastic groups cheered skiers along the route and later enjoyed the hot soup and baked goods served at the Community Hall by members of the Heath Play Group and Drop-in Center.

First in the race was Bruce Lindwall of Northfield, coming in at 1:16:14. First for the women was Christine McGuire of Montague at 1:53:00. Heath participants who completed the children's race were Luke Housner, Ben Steinbock and Emily Nichols; and in the adult race, Michael Armstrong, Art Schwenger, Paul Dabrody, Craig Barry, Doug Wilkins, Alice Wozniak, Karen Brooks, Richard Housner, Leighton McCutcheon, Sue and Bob Gruen. The bicentennial workers and Steve Marcotte were congratulated on the success of the day, having worked two years in preparation for the event.

The second event of the Bicentennial calendar was a potluck supper on February 14th, the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of Heath. One hundred sixty-five people enjoyed old fashioned recipes and three delicious decorated birthday cakes created by Evelyn Hillman and her daughter Sandy McCloud. Paul Lively, Chairman of the town Bicentennial Committee, served as master of ceremonies and opened with congratulatory messages from Charlemont and Rowe. He also thanked Steve Marcotte for his work on the successful ski race, and gave recognition to Edward Calver and to Pearl Tanner for their work in preserving the history of Heath. The Bicentennial

Cane, made by Earl Warriner, was presented to Grace Landstrom, the eldest citizen attending. Flower bouquets were sent to Mabel Vreeland and to Dorothy Gunganig who are actually the eldest residents of Heath but who could not attend the supper.

Dr. Wolf closed the evening with an enlightening address about General William Heath for whom the town is named. The lecture was in the form of a debate, the pros and cons of the importance of General Heath as a historical figure.

James Coursey reminded the gathering of his June 30 Edwardian Garden Party to be held at "The Manse."

GARDEN PARTY RESCHEDULED

by Eric Sumner

As the activities of our bicentennial year begin to unfold, preparations for the Edwardian Garden Party continue. Rescheduled to Sunday, June 30 from 1 to 5 in the afternoon, this event is to be held at The Manse, the home of Jim Coursey on Bassett Road. The oldest home in town, built as the parsonage for Rev. Jonathan Leavitt, The Manse is a historically significant site to host such a festivity.

The afternoon's entertainment will include music and dancing, light refreshments and socializing with neighbors and friends. Lawn activities are being planned and Art Schwenger is organizing games for the children. All are invited to the event and are welcome to dress in period costume. A display of antique clothing, prepared by Marlene Housner, is in the town library to give our imaginations a spark as to possible attire for the day.

As there are only a limited number of tickets available, people are encouraged to procure theirs in advance at Peters' Store or at the Heath Library. Be sure not to miss what promises to be a memorable afternoon.

NOW AND THEN

by Ed Calver

The other day I was introduced to a man from the east part of town who told me with shining eyes: "Heath is a wonderful place; I wouldn't want to live anywhere else." **NOW AND THEN** was written in that spirit. The Bicentennial Committee (which is sponsoring it) persuaded me that it would be a good way to pass along some Heath history, and I have turned it into a celebration of the present as well as a reminder of some of the past. Included are a few details which I have learned since my book was published. I have called it "an enactment and a re-enactment," since some of the cast impersonate themselves but others pretend to be out of the past. They may interact, for which reason it is called "a bemusement." There should be something for everybody: elderly or quite young, natives and transplants, Yankees and "ethnics."

In form it is a "bemusement": there is a cast of 37 untrained actors; there is need to bring out certain highlights and local color from the past and the present; and there is need to keep things lively. (More or less lively. At the moment I am having an author's nervousness.)

The performance will take place in the Community Hall on Friday evening, May 24 beginning at 8:00. Admission is free. If there should be an overflow crowd, we may arrange a second performance in the summer.



Ski Race Starts with a BANG!

(Photo by Mike Bakalar)

TAX COLLECTIONS

by Sandra Gilbert, Tax Collector

New laws on excise taxes and abatements were effective January 1, 1985. Your motor vehicle excise tax minimum due and due date have changed. All excise taxes are now due the 30th day after the issuance of your bill. It was previously a 60 day period. Also there has been an increase in the minimum amount of excise taxes issued. The minimum excise is now \$5.00 and also affects all abatements to not less than \$5.00. This was previously \$2.00. The actual cost of processing MVE bills and abatements occasionally exceeded the MVE bill itself, thus the new increase.

There is a new law on interest. Property tax abatements granted under General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 59 will now include simple interest at eight percent per annum on refunds. Please call if you have any questions on these new laws.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the past three years while I was collector. I have chosen not to re-run another term. The past three years have been a pleasurable experience. I have a much better understanding of our government and a better appreciation for all the very dedicated elected officials. I now realize once elected you give much more of yourself than just time. At this time Linda Marcotte is the only person running for the collector's position. Linda is already working as my assistant and is learning the ropes. I plan to assist Linda, if elected, until she has the job under control. I wish the best to Linda, if she is elected into office.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

by Richards Steinbock, Chairman
Heath Board of Assessors

There is nothing extraordinary to write about at the moment. We are spending large chunks of our free time in amassing all the data necessary to get the fiscal 1985 bills out as soon as we can. A detailed summary of what that involves will appear in our report in the annual town report. Having just finished dealing with the fiscal 1984 bills and the revaluation, the 1985 bills are obviously quite late. All we promise is that the 1986 bills will be out on time.

We find that a lot of people are always confused by the various dates involved in assessment, and even more so when bills are this late.

A fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. Fiscal 1985 began July 1, 1984 and ends June 30 1985. You are assessed for fiscal 1985 based on what you owned on January 1, 1984. So you see, even when bills come out on time (September), the bill is based on an assessment already nine months old. Whether you bought or sold during those nine months will have no effect on who gets the bill - it will be sent to the owner of January 1, and buyer and seller should work out who pays what. It used to be that the banks and lawyers took care of this at closings, but even though they still take your money they don't always do the job.

So, if you get a bill for property you've sold, don't think it's a mistake. We get copies of all deeds from the registry and make the changes as required. Just remember the built in time lag we're dealing with.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

by John Holdsworth

The last two meetings of the planning board have been attended by the Shared Administrative Assistant, Susan Wright. She presented information on several programs for the board's consideration. One that is funded annually by the state would require the town to have energy audits performed on town buildings, after which the state would reimburse the town for up to 70% of the cost of energy conservation work done on those buildings.

There is currently a bill before the legislature that would, if passed, give towns the option of taxing real estate transactions. Money collected would be placed in a fund for open space acquisition. Towns could then receive, from the fund, up to 20% of the purchase price of such land as they wished to obtain. Transactions below a certain amount or those involving a first-time home buyer could be exempted from the tax. The county planning board is considering a similar program.

Anyone who sees The Greenfield Recorder knows that there is state money available to towns for improvements/alterations to their commons. Up to \$100,000 could be provided for Heath to plant trees, repair roads, establish a parking area or otherwise change the town common. Such funds could enable the town to do work on the common that would preserve it without altering its essential character.


Since Whately's water problems have surfaced, there has been increased concern throughout the region about potential contamination of groundwater supplies. This concern is reflected in pressure to establish programs for the protection of aquifers, which are geological features that supply water to wells and springs. For towns that construct maps of their aquifer and aquifer recharge areas, the state will pay 100% of the acquisition costs of such land. Miss Wright is presently investigating the provisions of this program.

In order to have the time to discuss these and many other matters that have been pending, the board has decided to meet both the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. This schedule will be maintained until the agenda is a little less crowded. Town Subdivision Regulations and placement of speed and warning signs on town roads are among the priority items on the agenda.

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FINCOM RECOMMENDATIONS UPHELD

by D. F. Howland

A well attended special town meeting began at 8 PM on March 18 at the Community Hall. The first of four articles on the warrant represented an important change in the organization of Heath's record and tax collection staff. The article recommended that a town accountant be appointed by the selectmen, thereby separating the bookkeeping function from that of the treasurer. The change would be effective this next fiscal year. The article passed 18 to 1; the negative vote being cast by Paul Lively who expressed concern about adding more people and cost to the town government. He felt that the position should be elective so that the person in the job would be representative of the people. However, the supporters of the measure, including the Finance Committee, explained that costs would change only modestly and that having a town accountant would better meet the professional accounting requirements of the town. The next article asked that the position of town auditor be abolished. The Finance Committee did not recommend the article because it believed that the town needed all the help it could get during this period of change and increased sophistication brought about by computer adaptations. The article was defeated unanimously. The last two articles passed without negative votes. One recommended the transfer of a few hundred dollars within Highway Department accounts to cover an oversight in the holiday pay appropriation. The other transferred \$800 from Revenue Sharing for painting and electrical work on the upstairs room of the town hall. After the meeting was over Pegge Howland reported on her trip to Heath, England.

The budget for next year is still in the planning stages. The cherry sheets reflect a lower allocation of funds to the town next year, which was something of a surprise after all the publicity about increased aid. However, more money was given to schools and the Mohawk Regional School has reduced their first approved budget by the amount we lost from the state so it is a wash. Other than that the FinCom cannot be more specific about the budget at this time.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

by Chief Earl Gleason

The Department responded to four calls during the last two months. On Feb. 27 we were called for a plugged chimney and in early March three personnel aided the Charlemont Ambulance. On March 14 we were called to help locate two cross country skiers who were late in arriving home. This call was aborted when they were found on the Avery Brook Road a few minutes after the call. Eleven firefighters responded to aid Charlemont in a series of railroad fires.

The Annual Meeting of the Tri-State Mutual Aid was held on February 28. Chief Gleason was elected President. The duties of Tri-State's board of eight directors include planning for the annual field day, coordinating the Mass. Fire Academy courses for the Franklin County Departments and conducting routine business for Tri-State.

Because the president is from Heath, Heath will be the host town of the Field Day this year to be held at the Pioneer Valley Regional School on Sunday, May 5. The day opens at 9:30 AM with up to ten dealers putting on exhibits in the lobby. Also new apparatus from the various departments along with several dealers with apparatus will be shown in the parking lot. At this time the program has not been set but will probably include demonstrations and presentations. A little after noon more than 300 hungry firefighters and their friends will make a roast beef dinner disappear in record time. Each dealer present furnishes two door prizes that will be awarded in the early afternoon to conclude the day.

Most of the Fire Chiefs of the towns in the Franklin County Building Inspector program met with Building Inspector Steven Judge on February 27. It was an informal meeting with a discussion on how we could better work together.

To clean up a misconception, all new wood burning appliance installations and chimneys require a permit from the building inspector. All appliances require an Underwriter's label or the building inspector's approval. I would urge that anyone check with Steve Judge before purchasing a second hand unit. All oil burning and gas fired appliance permits are issued by the Fire Chief as well as storage permits for fuel oil. A Word to the Wise - In a few instances, in surrounding towns, insurance companies have been reluctant to make payments when appliances were installed without permits and in one case where a renovation was made without a building permit. A little effort in obtaining a permit may save you considerable grief.

Starting this year, the Extension Service will be arranging for the collection of hazardous household materials. The state has a list of over 10,000 different hazardous materials, many of them kept in our homes, such as oven cleaners, pesticides, and even creosote for staining our garden gate. These materials should not be sent to our local landfill. For more details, contact the Extension Service.

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NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

Town Garage: The new woodstove at the town garage has saved enough in fuel oil cost to return half of its cost in the first months of operation this winter. It should not only pay for itself but also pay for the new addition to the building by the end of next year.

Sawyer Hall Renovation: Work on the upstairs meeting room is about finished. The electrical wiring is done but the lighting fixtures have not been procured. Funds for this are now available, but some additional money must be appropriated to paint the walls and sand the floor. The town appropriated \$5000 last May to fund this renovation and the contract was awarded to George Giard.

Selectmen's Open House: An open house will be held on Monday, April 29, at 8 PM in the Community Hall. There will be an opportunity to meet the candidates running for town offices this year. Each candidate will be given a limited time to express his/her views and there will be a chance to talk with them. Copies of the warrant for the annual meeting will be available as well as copies of the annual town report. Selectmen and department heads will be present to answer questions on the new town budget. Refreshments will be served and all citizens are urged to attend.

Road Questionnaire: The Selectmen have asked that the questionnaire on roads, included in this number of the HERALD, be completed by all citizens and returned as soon as possible. This is to help in future policy making and in obtaining state grants.

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SELECTMEN'S QUESTIONNAIRE

The selectmen would like to know what approach the citizens of Heath would like to see taken concerning the repair and maintenance of roads.

We are asking everyone in town who has an opinion on the roads to let us know what it is. If the response is great enough, we will also be able to use the results as a tool in applying for any state grants concerning road monies.

Please fill out the brief questionnaire below and place it in the box in the Town Hall or at Peters' Store, or mail it to the selectmen at Town Hall. It is important that your replies be received promptly - no later than April 15.

Road Questionnaire

1. Would you like to see the town appropriate more money in the town budget every year for materials to repair and maintain town roads? (This would mean higher taxes. For example: If we appropriated an additional \$20,000 for road materials, it would add about \$1.00 to the tax rate; or, if your tax bill was \$648, it would add another \$40 to your tax bill).

Yes _____ No _____

2. In your opinion what two (2) roads do you think should be top priority for repairs, both primary and secondary?

Primary _____

Secondary _____

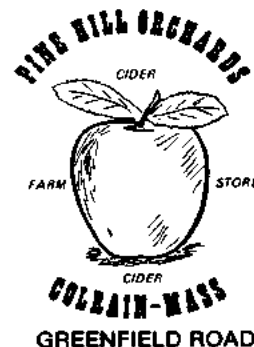
3. Any comments you care to make, or ideas concerning the 52 miles of roads in Heath.

(add separate sheet, if necessary)

Questionnaires may be signed or unsigned.

Anne Steinbock
Tink Warriner
Richard Giard
SELECTMEN

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Town Meeting Day is Monday, May 6, at the Heath Community Hall. All registered voters will have an opportunity to vote for the town candidates of their choice between 1 and 7 PM. Then at 8 PM the annual meeting will be held to act upon the articles in the town warrant.

In the election this year there are eleven important town offices to be filled. These are listed below with the names of the candidates who have filed nomination papers. In addition, write-in votes may be made for any other candidate.

Three positions are being contested this year. For Selectman, both Paul Lively and Arthur Schwenger are running for the position being vacated by Earl Wariner. Also for the three-year term on the School Committee, both Budge Litchfield and David Lavigne are seeking the position previously held by Susan Gruen. The office of Town Clerk, previously held by Catherine Nichols, is being contested by Linda Marcotte and Joanne Fournier.

The one year term as Town Auditor has no nominee, since no one took out papers. After a discussion on the article to abolish this position at the special town meeting of March 18, it was voted unanimously to retain it. Accordingly the auditor will be elected by a write-in vote. The present incumbent is Newland Smith.

Position	Term(yrs)	Candidate
Selectman	3	Paul Lively
(vote for one)		Arthur Schwenger
Town Clerk	3	Joanne Fournier
(vote for one)		Linda Marcotte
Town Treasurer	3	Linda Marcotte
Tax Collector	3	Linda Marcotte
Assessor	3	* Richards Steinbock
Finance Committee	3	* David Howland
Planning Board	5	Peter Smith
School Committee	3	David Lavigne
(vote for one)		Budge Litchfield
Library Trustee	2	* Edith Gleason
Library Trustee	3	Pat Leuchtman
Town Auditor	1	(no nominee)

* Present incumbent

The last day for voters to register for the town election is on Tuesday, April 16 at the residence of the Town Clerk on South Road between noon and 8 PM. Also one can register with her on Saturday, April 13, between the same hours and at the Town Hall during her regular hours on other days before April 16.

Elsewhere in this issue statements are given as submitted by the candidates on their background and qualifications.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

PAUL LIVELY - Selectman

I seek the position of selectman so that I may be of service to the people of this town. My many years in public office gives me the experience to do the job.

I am interested in having more participation by all the people on the governing of the town. I believe that this can be achieved by more effective communication by the selectmen.

I am dedicated to promoting openness and integrity in government and in preserving the concept of government of the people, by the people and for the people.

ARTHUR A. SCHWENGER - Selectman

After considerable talking and exploring, I have decided to run for selectman. I would ask my neighbors, the residents of Heath, for support in this effort. One friend on learning of my intentions exclaimed, "Selectman? What, are you crazy?"

Some reasons why I would like to be selectman: I feel a responsibility to serve my town. For 11 years I was a representative from Heath as a trustee of the Mohawk Valley Medical Center (four years as President of the Board). I resigned last October leaving behind an established organization and a more stable and responsive community service independent of large federal grants. I now want to help maintain a good town government. I think that I have something to offer to the Board of Selectmen. I have had a number of relevant experiences in both volunteer and paid positions working in the public trust. Using common sense, I have worked to resolve issues in an open and participatory way. I would like an opportunity to try to make being a selectman seem more manageable. Many people who could capably handle the responsibility are discouraged from running because they are fearful of a tremendous time commitment. I'd like to see if a good job can be done in a reasonable amount of time.

I am proud to live in Heath and to be an active member of its diverse but tolerant and respectful community. There always seems to be room for each person's opinion. Should I be elected, I would want this characteristic to continue to be reflected by the Board of Selectmen.

I work for Franklin/Hampshire Employment and Training and the Franklin/Hampshire Private Industry Council. I live with Carol Sartz and our 16-month old son Olin at Burrington Meadows in South Heath. We tend two goats, an old dog, and a 3-legged cat named Bags.

DAVID HOWLAND - Finance Committee

I would be pleased and honored to serve the town of Heath for another term. It is surprising how much there is to learn about town and state government and I hope that my experience can continue to be put to work.

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PAT LEUCHTMAN - Library Trustee (3-Year Term)

The Heath Library has been very important to me personally ever since we moved here five and a half years ago. The devoted librarians and interested patrons who have assembled such a good collection deserve a great vote of thanks.

I would like to make some return to the town and to the library itself, for the pleasure, help and information it has given me. If I am elected library trustee, I will welcome the opportunity to work with the librarian to keep the library an important and effective part of our community.

My own experience with libraries began when I worked as a volunteer in my children's school libraries. After I began teaching I worked closely with the library on programming and book selection. When we moved to Heath I enjoyed volunteering again, at the Mohawk High School Library, while I looked for employment. Now I'm on the staff of Greenfield Community College where I am able to recommend books for the college collection, and occasionally I have the very real pleasure of teaching a survey course in children's literature.

I hope I will be chosen to put what skills I have, and my affection for the library, to work for the good of the library.

EDITH GLEASON - Library Trustee (2 Year Term)

This will be, if I am elected, my second term of serving as your Library Trustee. My record shows twenty-eight years as Librarian until I retired.

If I am elected, I will do my best to assist in maintaining standards as high as any library in the state or better in its class or size. This has always been my goal and I intend to continue it in my connection with the Library.

LINDA MARGOTTE - Tax Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk

As a candidate for the positions of Tax Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk, I hope to continue the good work performed by both Catherine Nichols and Sandy Gilbert.

Steve and I have lived in Heath for about six years and hope to someday have a small farm here.

Over the past several months I have spent a great deal of time in helping Catherine and Sandy get their work computerized. As a result of working with both, I feel that my past accounting, secretarial and computer experience will enable me to handle the various duties with a minimum of difficulty. Other reasons for deciding on all three positions is the creation of the Town Accountant position which will be the verification of the work performed by the Treasurer, and the suggestion by the auditor, Tom Scanlon, that the positions of Tax Collector and Treasurer be combined.

If elected to these positions, I look forward to working with and for the people of Heath.

PETER SMITH - Planning Board

I live in North Heath with my wife, Barbara, and my son, Michael.

I have decided to run for the position on the Planning Board because I am interested in the future of Heath. As a planning board member, I would do my best to make a positive contribution to that future.

BUDGE LITCHFIELD - School Committee

I am running for a position on the Heath School Committee. Sheila and I have lived in Dell for eight years with our children Tucker (in kindergarten) and Katelyn (in Heath Playschool). In 1976 I received a masters degree in education from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst. Over the past ten years I have worked in our local schools in a variety of capacities (teacher, tutor, special education teacher, sign language teacher) on a number of levels (pre-school to college). I worked at the Rowe Elementary School for five years as tutor and special education teacher.

I am confident that I can put the experiences and working relationships developed over the past ten years to good use towards insuring that our children consistently receive a high quality education. This, at times, is not an easy job, due in part to the fact that our committee has no formal voting role in decisions involving Rowe Elementary School. As a school committee member I would be active in exploring any reasonable proposals that would give us a more significant voice in the education of our elementary school children.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve Heath as a school committee member.

DAVID LAVIGNE - School Committee

My wife and I were born and raised in Franklin County, Gill and Turners Falls. My career took us to Marlborough, MA for several years. We then realized how much we missed the country and decided to move to Heath on Sumner-Stetson Road (formerly the Pazmino farm). We have lived here for two years and now have three children. Two will attend Rowe school this fall, one in second grade and one in kindergarten. We will have children in the the public schools for at least the next seventeen years.

I believe the choice between public and private schools should not be a difficult problem that many parents must face. I would like to represent parents and all taxpayers to insure equal and adequate education for our youth and to insure that the taxpayer's money is spent wisely and not wasted on programs and activities.

A lot of parents I have met have expressed concerns about the quality of education our children are getting. Also I am aware of some individual problems that are not being taken care of. A large number of people seem interested in returning the school to town. I believe we need more control of the education of our youth. I would like opportunity to investigate these ideas.

In summary, I am a concerned parent and taxpayer who would like to be given the chance to represent the voters of Heath.

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MILESTONES

by Edith Royer

Heather Ann was born on February 1 to Sarah and Robert Sessions of Jacksonville Stage Road.

Amelia Elizabeth was born on March 16 to Ann and Francis Rocchi of Judd Road. Amelia is the granddaughter of Frank and Martha Rocchi.

Lynnette Kitchiner was born on March 23 to Laurie and Lawrence Stribley of Number Nine Road.

Joshua David was born on March 23 to Carolyn and Donald Giard, Jr. of Shelburne Falls. Joshua is the great grandson of David Giard, Sr.

Mathew David was born on March 28 to Deborah and Kevin Gilbert of Jacobs Road.

Rev. Albert Baller of Boylston, MA died on February 19. Rev. Baller was pastor of the Heath Union Church from 1945 to 1950. He leaves his wife Marjorie and two daughters.

Mable A. Vreeland of Knott Hill Road died on March 22. A long time resident of Heath, she leaves a brother, Victor Vreeland of Charlemont.

HEATH COOP WELCOMES MEMBERS

There is a flourishing food coop operating monthly out of the Heath Community Hall. For a minimal deposit and three hours work every other month, you and your family can enjoy wholesome food, as well as purchase paper goods and sundries, at prices below your standard supermarket prices. Nuts, grains, flours, dairy products, juices and many other items are featured - just about anything you'd want except fresh vegetables and meat.

If this sounds attractive, you can find out about joining up by calling Karen Soviecke at 339-5791. New members are always welcome.

TOWN NURSE

The town nurse, Sharleen Moffatt, reports that she makes 48 to 50 home visits per month in Heath. Over the past season, forty people took advantage of the flu clinic she conducted. On Monday mornings she is available at Sawyer Hall for diet counseling, blood pressure monitoring and other routine services.

Sharleen has presented the Selectmen with a proposed budget of \$4072 for the next fiscal year which is an increase from last year's appropriation of \$3100. This increase reflects an increased need for supplies, her salary raise, and money for necessary courses to retain certification.



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Mabel's main concern was with the young people of the district. She spent many hours and many miles getting the young people to and from church sponsored activities. Mabel retired in 1960 and spent her last years in Heath.

David Brooks

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