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## NOW AND THEN Or: WILL THE REAL ED CALVER PLEASE STAND UP?

by Alastair Maitland

Ed Calver had warned us that we would be "bemused." And so we were. Was it he, or was it the character described as The Moderator in the recent production of NOW AND THEN at the Community Hall, who told us that Bicentennials and other such Anniversaries are occasions when "attention to the history of the Town is obligatory," and that it had been the aim and purpose of this delightful melange of fantasy and fact to "make the dose of local history easier to take"? Certainly, easy to take it was.

Our bemusement was instant as The Moderator appeared before us, in unfamiliar garb - neat white shirt and necktie - and it continued as the Town Meeting, for which there had been no warrant and which was accordingly of dubious legality, proceeded to unfold. But how much was illusion, and how much reality? As speaker succeeded speaker, to offer his and her impeccably logical, coherent and fluent contribution to a social analysis of the Heath community we realized that it was, after all, a fantasy. It was art imitating life, and since it was not really real there were things that we were able to say to one another about ourselves and our differences and relationships as Townsfolk that would not always be easy or comfortable to say on a more ordinary occasion because, as the script put it, there is a certain shyness on all sides. Perhaps what we were being treated to was a little morality play, in which the professorial side of Ed Calver was manifesting itself. Was it his subtle way of teaching us a lesson on how to have discourse with one another and on the importance of recognizing and honoring our differences?

When the scene shifted to the pre-revolutionary days of Charlemont we were in more familiar Calverian territory. Significantly, the opening scene allowed us to re-discover the Reverend Jonathan Leavitt and reflect on his notion of Christian charity. Clearly he was no practitioner of liberation theology. And, as The Moderator (speaking this time, we thought, as the historian Ed Calver) later on reminded us, except for Parson Leavitt there might not have been a Heath.

The entire re-enactment, or flash-back, portion of the presentation was made possible by the operation of a time machine, conceived - I am told on reliable authority - by a crack (not to say crackpot) M.I.T. task force directed by Newland Smith. The cost of the machine, which incorporated the very latest and most sophisticated developments in particle beam technology, will, by the way, not fall upon the Town's already overburdened budget.

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## 200th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

by David Howland

The Annual Town Meeting on May 6 of this Bicentennial Year lasted three hours and twenty minutes, longer than any other in recent memory. The reason was lengthy debate over substantial increases in certain budget items, and concern over proposed negotiations on a Franklin County solid waste disposal program. The Finance Committee had prepared a document in support of its conservative approach to the budget. It pointed out that federal revenue sharing may stop next year; the town has serious cash flow problems due to tardy tax bills and tax delinquency; the state is not increasing local aid; and, most important, the Rowe School cost to Heath is up 20 % for the next year with further substantial increases on the horizon for the following year.

The first budget issue involved the increase in the salaries for assessors from \$620 to \$1500 for the chairman and from \$840 to \$2000 for the other two members. The Finance Committee recommended \$900 and \$1300 respectively. Tax Collector Sandy Gilbert spoke of the problems she has had with the tax bills while others praised the efforts of the assessors in the revaluation of the town. A vote of 41 to 19 finally upheld the selectmen's proposed rates. A subsequent proposal for \$300 for an assessors' clerk was passed

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### Town Meeting 1985

Newly elected officers being sworn in by Town Clerk

Catherine Nichols

Left to right: R.Steinbock (sworn in separately), D.Howland, N.Smith, P.Smith, J.Fournier, B.Litchfield, P.Leuchtman, L.Marcotte, A.Schwenger  
(Photo by Paul Turnbull)

## LETTERS

To the Editors:

Farmers in this area have known the feel of a plow of one type or another for many years. This is not to say that all who plowed had the best of plowing. There is more land locally that is stoney and ledgy than there is good plowing. All who have spent time plowing in this area in years past would tell you that a much better job could be done with a side-hill plow than ever was possible with a sulky plow.

A good plow team, be it horses or cattle, plowed best at a one step at a time pace. Thus when plowing with a walking plow you could control the job you did so much better due to the fact that you could feel the stones as they were touched with the point of the plow, and with a slow paced team you could guide the plow over a rock or ledge and still keep the plow in the ground where, in effect, a fast walking team allowed you only to bounce over the obstructions.

Plow Day, May 11, in Colrain saw the use of both sulky and walking or side-hill plows. This area's sulky plows have right- and left-hand plows allowing the plowman to plow the desired direction one way and turn and come back in the furrow just opened up. There are so called sulky plows in other parts of the country, but they only operate one way so you either start in the middle of the field and work from the inside to the outside, or just the other way around-outside toward the center but with the same horse walking in the furrow all the time.

The walking or side-hill plow of this area allowed the plowman to work much as the sulky operator, only that he walked in his freshly opened furrow. When the end was reached his horses or oxen turned about and started back and, just before turning, he kicked the latch on the back of the mold board and flipped it to the other side for the return trip.

Saturday, May 11, was a beautiful day - much too hot to plow with horses or oxen more than a few furrows - but horses and oxen came to plow and plow they did. Five teams of horses came and five yoke of cattle came and not a stone was struck. People and

teams came from Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York to plow. The horses finished in this order: Ware MA, Gasper DeSantus, first; Bob Brennan, Hillsdale, NY, second; Jim Baker, Clarksburg, MA, third; Gene Kirkpatrick, Montague, MA, fourth; Mike LaBonte, Putnam, CT, fifth.

A long time friend of many people in this area, Leon Carpenter from Jacksonville, VT at 92 years of age, was helped on to a sulky plow and did a fine job. He used Mike LaBonte's team, a mother-daughter team of Percherons. Leon got a sixth place ribbon for his effort. It really made my day to watch that fine team perform with this senior citizen at the controls.

The oxen finished in this order: Harrison King, Granville, MA, first; Hervy Ostiguy, North Brookfield, MA, second; Mergie Clark, Chesterfield, MA, third; Harlan Bean, Whatley, MA, fourth; Kirt Benson, Colrain, MA, fifth.

It would be so much easier to just forget about a plowing contest in the years to come but when I can listen to lifetime friends talk over past experiences and see new friendships started, I can only conclude that this must be a worthwhile undertaking. I doubt that anywhere in the state of Massachusetts on May 11th could another 92 year old farmer be found plowing with a prize-winning team of horses. I can only say that I am just a bit discouraged that more local people fail to take part in this form of sport, if it can be called that. I am pleased that many area businesses are agreeable to support this sort of thing with various contributions. Their interest and support make planning the plow day much easier.

May I take this opportunity to thank all in the area who helped make May 11 a big success in the field by the Covered Bridge in Colrain, Mass.

CARROLL B. STOWE  
Summer - Stetson Road, Heath  
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## LETTERS

To the Editors:

I want to thank the people who voted for me in the recent selectmen's race.

Shortly I will send out a letter to the people of Heath giving my analysis of the political and governmental situation in Heath and what I feel needs to be done to bring about improvement of the situation.

PAUL LIVELY  
Heath

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### HEATH PRECIPITATION

by Ralph Dickinson, Observer  
for Mass. Water Resources Commission

April precipitation was 1.10 inches; May was 3.23 inches. Total precipitation for the first five months of 1985 was 13.04 inches. Total snowfall for the winter 1984-85 was 63 inches.

Our snowfall was much less than our average annual snowfall. (30 year average is 92 inches) The rainfall for the month of May in 1984 was only one-sixth of an inch less than the total precipitation we have received in the first five months of 1985.

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There was a cast of 37 untrained (Ed Calver's word) actors and actresses. An exit poll conducted by an impartial group showed that an appreciative audience favored the bestowal of Tony Awards (to be known here as Towner Awards) to John Henry (Citizen A), Bob Gruen (Parson Leavitt), Catherine Nichols (as Lucy Taylor confronting the importunities of a Heath Herald investigative reporter), Susan Gruen (as Mrs. Wheelock, one of the victims of the despicable Leavitt's "legalism"), Paul Lively (Forward Roe, the blacksmith), Edith Gleason (as Felicia Welch and an initially bemused Edith Gleason) and to Ed Calver (for a very creditable imitation of a Town Moderator). Musical honors go to Laura Holdsworth and Luke Housner, and a crown of mountain laurel to poet Charles Miller.

## FAIR PLANS FOR BICENTENNIAL

by Sue Gleason

The Heath Agricultural Society's officers and committee members, with help from the Bicentennial Committee, are nearing the final stages of the year-long preparation for this year's Bicentennial edition of the Heath Fair. President Walt Gleason, Vice-president Carroll Stowe, Secretary Barbara Smith and Treasurer Nancy Briggs, along with a core of active Society members have worked hard to develop an outstanding program with old favorites like the horse drawing and fiddlers' contest, and new events for this special year.

Bicentennial classes in the following areas will be exhibited: quilt, embroidered commemorative, a pair of Bicentennial dolls, flower arrangement, cake and photographs. Awards of \$20 for first prize, \$10 for second prize, and ribbon for third will be offered for these exhibits with a Bicentennial theme.

The parade will be augmented by the Bicentennial Committee's contribution of the presence of the Shelburne Falls Military Band, a group with its own long history.

And this year the Fair will end with fireworks in salute to Heath's 200th birthday.

## TOWN MEETING... continued from page 1

over as they offered to do their own clerical work. From that point on all budget items on the warrant were passed after arguments pro and con except for the Town Building account. The FinCom reported the investment in a wood stove at the town garage was supposed to save \$3000 a year in fuel cost and, therefore, an increase in that item was not justified. The result was an appropriation of \$15,000 instead of \$18,500. Tom Lively spoke a number of times about holding the line on taxes and raised a question about the selectmen's responsibility for preparing the articles on the warrant. Selectman Steinbock opined that the townspeople should "decide" on the items.

The Selectmen spoke in support of all items. However, people began to leave by the time the article on transferring \$6500 from the Stabilization Fund for a new sander was voted in - 25 (for) 13 (against). Moderator Calver cast a deciding vote in favor of the measure. It was estimated that the budget will raise taxes to about \$18 per thousand next year which is in excess of Proposition 2 1/2 guidelines. This is permissible without an override vote under guidelines of the Department of Revenue.

The solid waste article was voted down. It asked that the selectmen negotiate with the County on proposed arrangements to truck refuse to an incinerator when the town's landfill is phased out in the next two or three years. There was general accord that more information and study was necessary.

Two other articles passed unanimously. One permitted the Town of Leyden to join the Franklin Co. Technical School system and the other involved rescheduling town payments to the Mohawk Trail School.

Finally, the Finance Committee went on record as recommending the Selectmen establish a special committee to address problems of rising school costs and how to improve the tax base to generate more income. It suggested that such a committee include representatives from the Planning Board, School Committee and Finance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 PM!

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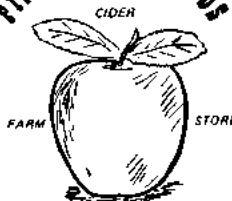


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## BICENTENNIAL EDWARDIAN PARTY

SUNDAY JUNE 30

by Sue Gleason

The Bicentennial Committee invites townspeople and friends to the Edwardian Garden Party, to take place Sunday, June 30, from 1 to 5 PM at The Manse in the south part of town. Rain date will be on Saturday, July 6.

The day's activities will provide an opportunity for people to enjoy the atmosphere of the lawn and gardens of one of the town's oldest homes while listening to fine performances by musicians associated with the Pioneer Valley Symphony. There will be an opportunity to dance on the outdoor dance floor as well as chat on the lawn and munch cucumber sandwiches, while the children enjoy period games masterminded by Art Schwenger and Carol Sartz of Heath Fair fame, or ride in a vintage vehicle behind horses driven by Carroll Stowe.

The music, organized by Robin Stone, concert mistress of the Pioneer Valley Symphony, will reflect the era portrayed by the party. Classical, semi-classical, and popular music of this century will be played, perhaps even some of the works by Gershwin and Porter, who were not well known at the time. A piano and bassoon duo will play. Other instruments will join in throughout the afternoon.

Anyone who would like to join the informal demonstration dances should get in touch with Marisa Housner, who is organizing period dance numbers.

Guests are invited to take the option of joining the organizers in attending in Edwardian costume. Advice and help on costume creation is available from Marlene Housner.

Because Bassett Road is a narrow dead-end, it will be closed off for the day. Parking will be provided at the Heath Fairgrounds. Shuttle transportation will carry guests between the Fairgrounds and the Manse.

Tickets specially designed by David McKay will be fine souvenirs of Heath's Bicentennial. They are available at Peters' Store and at the Heath Library as well as at Avery's, Village Variety and McCusker's in Shelburne Falls.

## BICENTENNIAL CONCERT JUNE 29

In celebration of Heath's Bicentennial the Mohawk Trail Concerts will present a family concert of music in the Union Church at 7:30 PM on Saturday, June 29, as performed in 1785, 1885, and 1985.

Music of the two greatest composers living in 1785, Haydn and Mozart, will include the Mozart concerto made famous in the movie *Elvira Madigan*. In juxtaposition, 18th century American works by Billings and Hopkinson will be heard as well as a trio by Antes, a colonial composer who was also the first American ambassador to Egypt! Representing 1885 will be the songs of Stephen Foster, the Shakers, and Jerome Kern, who was born in that year. From 1985 a new piece by Arnold Black will use text by Charles Miller, the distinguished Heath poet who recently completed a study of W.H. Auden. This piece sets to music the poem by Charles which he composed for the Bicentennial and presented recently in the play *NOW AND THEN* at the Community Hall.

Internationally known harmonica virtuoso Robert Bonfiglio will perform an arrangement of the Mozart Concerto by Mr. Black. Tenor David Smith, a frequent artist with the Mohawk Trail Concerts, and a soloist with Musica Sacra in New York, sings regularly at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The Gather Round Singers, directed by Dr. Christopher French, specialize in early American Music, and there will be an ensemble of artists from the Mohawk Trail Concerts.

Tickets for the concert (\$4, \$2 for seniors and those 16 and under) may be obtained from Mohawk Trail Concerts, Box 843, Greenfield 01302. After June 15 they will be available at Avery's Store, McCusker's, World Eye in Greenfield, and the Goliard Bookshop in Amherst. It is recommended that tickets be bought ahead of time as they may not be available at the Church door.

## TABLES NEEDED FOR GARDEN PARTY

Round picnic tables are needed for the Edwardian Garden Party on June 29. You are asked to call Bev DenOuden, 337-4002, by June 22 if you have any tables to loan. Bev will arrange to pick them up and will handle them with care.

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Heath's most famous historical site is Fort Shirley, occupied from 1744 to 1754, and for a time headquarters for a line of forts guarding the northwestern frontier of Massachusetts during the French and Indian Wars. On July 4 of this year as an important part of the town's Bicentennial celebrations, the Society will present a talk by Bill Thane and Mike Coe on the fort. A scale model of it, prepared by Bill Thane and Dick Housner, will be shown for the first time. This model is based on documentary research and on the Yale archaeological study.

Prior to the talk in the Community Hall at 6:30 PM there will be an 18th Century potluck supper. You don't have to come in 18th century costume, but we would like to have dishes of the period at the supper. How are we going to do this? Sophie Coe has placed on deposit at the Heath Library a collection of 18th century cookbooks. Some of them are facsimiles of originals, and some are books of recipes which have been modernized for today's cook and her kitchen. You can't take the books out of the library, but you can copy recipes by hand or by using the copying machine across the hall. Try for yourself the recipes that sound good to you and bring the results of the recipes you like best to the Bicentennial Potluck Supper on July 4.

Incidentally, this event would be a very good opportunity for those who wish to join our Society to come for a very interesting evening and JOIN UP for this banner year in the history of Heath.

On Saturday, July 13, the Society is sponsoring a Bicentennial Garden Tour of Heath's old gardens. This is being planned and led by Pat Leuchtman and Sheila Litchfield.

As far as the Society is concerned, the biggest event of the year will be our August 3 Annual Meeting. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Abbott Lowell Cummings, the Charles Montgomery Professor of the History of Art at Yale University, and for many years Director of the Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities. All those involved with or interested in old houses, their dating and contents, and with New England's pre-industrial past know Dr. Cummings as the undisputed leader in the field; he is also known as a brilliant and humorous speaker. The exact title of his talk has yet to be decided, but since he has instructed Mike Coe to take as many exterior and interior slides of Heath's old houses as possible, rest assured that Heath itself will be a focal point of his lecture!

August 3 will also be the date of our annual bazaar, and Dolly Churchill has again kindly volunteered to organize this event on the Heath Common, in front of the Town House.

The Book of Heath: Bicentennial Essays is the title of a volume which will appear in 1985 as a tribute to Heath's past, present, and future. The 12 essays in the book (with a foreword by Mike Coe) are now being edited by Sue Silvester, and we expect the book to appear in August. An added enticement to join the Heath Historical Society this year is that members will get a substantial break on the purchase price of The Book of Heath.

During the summer months the Society plans to have the Center School and the Town House museums open on at least two occasions. There will be exhibits having to do with Heath's Bicentennial, including one on General William Heath. The Robert Strong Woodward painting of Burnt Hill, a recent gift from Mrs.

Florence Haerberle, will be on display. The museums will be open Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30, from 1-4 PM in conjunction with the Town Bicentennial House tour and the Garden Party at the Old Manse, and also from 11 AM to 4 PM on August 3, the day of the Bazaar and the Annual Meeting.

## BICENTENNIAL GARDEN TOUR

by Pat Leuchtman

On Saturday, July 13, the Heath Historical Society is sponsoring a Bicentennial Garden Tour.

Any garden is a wonderful opportunity to learn - and to enjoy someone else's vision and labor, but this is especially true in Heath which is full of individualists whose gardens reflect their diverse interests and circumstances. We'll visit flower gardens, vegetable gardens, vegetable and flower gardens combined, and pondside vistas.

I am looking forward to taking people around my garden, but I am also nervous. The garden is not "finished", but I hope those who take the tour will be gardeners who understand a garden is never finished. It is always changing and evolving, a reality that is always being pruned to the ideal shape that probably exists nowhere except in the mind of the gardener.

Because it will take some time to travel from one garden to another, the tour has been designed so that people can choose either half or the whole tour which will begin at 9:30 AM and finish about 4:30 PM. If people want to take the whole tour, they are invited to bring a picnic lunch. Punch will be served at two lunch sites, the Bakalar's Hilltop and the Litchfield's Pondside in Dell.

Gardens that will be visited include those owned by Jim Coursey, the Kades, the Reads, the Litchfields, the Danes, the Nichols, the Bakalars, and Ed Calver. Each gardener will be on hand to describe the unique features of each garden, talk about unusual plants and answer questions.

If you wish to go on the tour, call Sheila Litchfield (337-4957) or me (337-4316) and we will send you full details and a registration form. Because many of our gardens are small or reached by narrow roads, pre-registration will be very important in arranging the schedule so that everyone can most comfortably enjoy the tour and talk to the gardeners. All tours will leave from Sawyer Hall in Heath Center and a guide will lead you from garden to garden. The cost will be \$1 for each half of the tour, or \$2 for the complete tour.

Gordon E. Taylor d/b/a



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## BICENTENNIAL GREETINGS FROM OTHER HEATHS SPUR HEATH RECOGNITION DAY

Bicentennial greetings have been received from five other Heaths in the US and England as the result of a joint project of the HEATH HERALD and the Heath Historical Society to identify and contact all places named Heath. To further enhance this Bicentennial effort, the Selectmen recently proclaimed June 29th as International Heath Recognition Day. Won't you take a moment sometime that day to salute our fellow "Heathens" in this country and around the world? Their messages to us are reprinted below.

### HEATH, ENGLAND

To: The Citizens of Heath, Massachusetts.

May I, on behalf of the people of Heath, England, extend to you our best wishes and congratulations on the occasion of your bicentenary. It is very pleasing to us that the name of Heath is being perpetuated in the United States of America, and that you are so obviously proud of your village.

Good wishes also to the members of the Historical Society and the Bicentennial Committee from members of our own Conservation Society.

It is comforting to know that both in America and in England there are people who care and who wish to preserve their historical past.

(signed) Bernard Smith, Chairman of the Heath Parish Council

### HEATH, TEXAS

You were so kind to let us know of your pending birthday. My goodness, it must be wonderful to be young and thriving at 200 years! Our congratulations with real zest and gusto and sincere best wishes for a wonderful future.

Thank you for including the City of Heath, Heath, Texas, in your celebration. Heath has a population of 1460. The City got its name from a man named J.O. Heath, who gave the city a cemetery plot with a stipulation that none could be sold, but members of the community could be buried there.

(signed) Livingston Newton Burns, Mayor

### HEATH TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON, MICHIGAN

As you can see by our letterhead, Heath is not a town in Michigan. We do not have a newspaper nor are we incorporated, so do not have a Mayor. I do not know of any town in Michigan by the name of Heath. Congratulations on your Bicentennial - wish I could be of more help.

(signed) Judith Bussis, Clerk.

### HEATH TOWNSHIP, SIGEL, PENNSYLVANIA

Enclosed find information about Heath Township. I hope it gives you enough information to be included in the Bicentennial Issue. The people of Heath Township send your Town of Heath greetings and best wishes in your Bicentennial celebration. We hope that maybe in the future we can all get together. If you need to know anything more, please let me know.

(Signed) Frieda Blose, Secretary

### HEATHSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Greetings to Heath, Massachusetts:

It seems like just yesterday that the town of Heath, Massachusetts was formed. Can it really be 200 years ago? Few of Heath's citizens can remember those good old days. Let's hope that the good days lie ahead for Heath, Massachusetts...

Our best wishes to Heath, Massachusetts on its 200th birthday. You "young" whippersnappers in Heath have come a long way and we hope you have a great future.

(from) Northumberland Preservation, Inc.

### HEATH PARK, A BICENTENNIAL EFFORT

by Catherine Nichols

Since the big slide appeared more and more kids are coming to the Playground. The structure is nearly complete, a small slide should be in place by now. The Committee is now focusing its attention on landscaping, planning the site and fund raising. Susan Wright, our Circuit Rider, has a degree in landscape architecture and is helping us lay out a master plan. She will also work on buttons and a fund raising brochure. It appears likely that we will have a CETA crew again this summer. Susan is looking into the possibility of getting a student from the UMASS Department of Landscape Architecture to oversee the CETA crew.

We look forward to accomplishing a lot this summer and would like to dedicate the park this Bicentennial Year. We hope everyone will feel generous when we ask for your much needed support. The playground is already being appreciated by many.



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## A VISIT TO HEATHSVILLE, VA

by Harriet C. Read

Editor's Note: The last issue of the HEATH HERALD featured articles on Heath, England which was visited by Pegge and Dave Howland in March. This issue spotlights Heathsville, VA which was visited by Harriet and John Read in April. The third and final town for which we have information, Heath Township, PA, will be written up in the August issue.

A bicentennial project to contact towns with the name of Heath brought enthusiastic response from Mrs. Mary Lou Butler of Heathsville VA so we included the town in a tour we were to make. The town is in Northumberland County which is part of the "Northern Neck" that stretches to Chesapeake Bay between the Potomack and Rappahannock rivers.

Heathsville's history dates back to 1681 when a new courthouse for Northumberland County was built to replace an older one. The site was a four acre square, known as "John Hughlett's Old Indian Field." In time "The Square" became very crowded with people wanting to do business and live there. In 1797 the Virginia General Assembly granted a request that a town of 20 acres be established which would include the four-acre square. The town was named Heathsville in honor of John Heath, a prominent citizen of the county, who built "Chicacoan Cottage" on one of the early lots of the town. The present owners have restored this 18th century brick house to its original look. Today the town is much larger with farms, many businesses, two banks, a Masonic Lodge and a small airport. In spite of its growth it impressed us as being a quiet country town. Eighteenth and nineteenth century homes and buildings still remain, holding their own with the buildings of modern times.

At the very center of the town stands the County Court House, a fine looking building erected in 1851 and the third court house to be built on the site. Through the years it has been remodeled several times and a wing added on each side to meet the need for more space. A well kept village green in front of the Court House has a tall and imposing monument, honoring the veterans of the Civil War. This park, along with a smaller one, make for an appealing town center.



**ST. STEPHENS CHURCH**

Heathsville, VA  
(Photo by Harriet Read)

Just across from the park the old jail stands. Built in 1844 it is the oldest building on "The Square" and, thanks to the Northumberland Historical Society, still remains, preserved for posterity. This Society was created in 1963 by an interested group who wanted to restore the jail and use it as a museum. The Society grew so rapidly that in 1978 a new library and museum were built not far from the Court House. The Society is an active one and has sponsored the restoration of Northumberland's records and order books from 1648 to the 1800s, and portraits of outstanding citizens now hanging in the Circuit Court Room. It also publishes a magazine and sponsors lectures of historic interest.

Having stopped to admire a little church on our approach to Heathsville, we found that its history is interesting. After the Revolutionary War the Anglican Church, the accepted prewar church of the colony, went out of favor until sometime later when it became known as the Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1874 land was acquired to erect this church and by 1881 it had been built and consecrated as St. Stephens Church. Its name is that of an early Anglican Parish. The church was chosen as one of Virginia's Historic Landmarks because of its wooden Gothic design.

Heathsville has a lot of fascinating history researched and kept alive by the Northumberland Historical Society. The town appears to have room for growth and is near some of the best waterways in the east. We wish it well through the years.

(Excerpted from material provided by Mrs. Mary Lou Butler)

### TOWN RECEIVES BICENTENNIAL GIFT FROM LADIES AID

by Amy C. Barry

The Ladies Aid has recently presented the town of Heath with a large wall-hanging, which their members designed and made in honor of Heath's bicentennial year. The wall-hanging is a nine square design done in bright "Amish" pink, blue, green and lavender that remind us of the color scheme of a late spring garden. An appliqued horse, cow, sheep and pig represent Heath's agricultural heritage. Four other squares contain embroidered designs that depict the hills of Heath in Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer, symbolizing the beautiful natural landscape we all love. The wall-hanging will be hung in the recently refurbished upstairs room of the Community Hall.

Current members of the Heath Ladies Aid are Edith Royer, President; Esther Dickinson, Secretary-Treasurer; Catherine Nichols, Helen Nichols, Karen McDougall, Dorothy Sessions, Mary Sherman, Ruth Whipple, Alli Thane, Amy Barry, Eleanor Wolf, Edith Gleason, Evelyn Hillman and Ruth Churchill.

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## LIBRARY LINES

by John Holdsworth

It's been said in this column before: Heath has one of the best small libraries around. One of the major reasons for this is the support received from patrons and friends. In the last month, the Heath library has received many novels as gifts from Harriet and John Read and from Jane and Leon DeLeeuw - in all, more than 70 volumes. Also, many excellent magazines are regularly donated to the library by: Betty Gunganig, Deborah Porter, Paul Dabrody, Caroline and Newland Smith, Edith Gleason, Sophie and Michael Coe, David Adie, Peg Savage and Clarence Cutter, Beverly Thane, Linda Marcotte, Pegge and David Howland and Tanya Davin. The Trustees join me in thanking all of you. I know that you will continue to support the library.

Alli Thane has been selected by the Trustees to be the new librarian. She was one of six applicants for the position. It was not an easy choice for the Trustees. Ali was the librarian in Heath in 1961 and has been a Trustee since then. She has a very intimate knowledge of the library and is well-known in town. I think she is an excellent choice for the job and know that she will put a lot of her abundant energy into it. She will begin June 1, 1985.

Pat Leuchtman is the new library Trustee. She has, for many years, been a consistent user of the Heath library. With her great interest in - and broad knowledge of - books, Pat will be an asset to the board.

For young people, the regional library is sponsoring a summer reading program entitled Name Your Fantasy. The new librarian may be contacting parents about participation in the program.

The bookmobile came on Wednesday, May 22. As usual, we selected over 500 volumes (including records); more than half are adult fiction, both regular and large print; about 100 are fiction and non-fiction for juvenile readers, and nearly 100 are adult non-fiction on a variety of subjects: arthritis, dieting, aerobics, health, cooking, solar houses, windpower, greenhouses, gardening, landscaping, small engines, many different handcrafts, painting, photography, magic, canoeing, motorcycles, sailing fishing, biography, history, trips in New England and much more.

I want to thank Helen Mackie, Amy Barry and Alli Thane for all their help in selecting the bookmobile books, carrying them back and forth and organizing them in the library. Handling that many volumes in less than two hours is work (albeit very gratifying work when books are among your favorite friends).

The Heath library has just received 13 filmstrip/cassette children's stories from the regional library. These are ours to keep and will be a very nice addition to our already extensive collection of more than 70 filmstrip stories and educational subjects.

For the library display at the Heath Fair this Bicentennial Year, Alli Thane would like to gather a collection of books authored by people who are now living in Heath or who have lived here in the past 200 years. Any persons having such books and willing to loan them for display are asked to contact Alli. I am sure she would welcome any assistance in developing this project.

The glass display case at the library presently holds a collection of old buttons belonging to Ruth Fournier. This nicely complements the display of antique clothes that Marlene Housner has placed around the library meeting table. Please do come in

and see these relics of our past, and let the librarian know if you have any items you would like to put on display.

I want to thank all my very young friends in the Heath Playschool and all my other friends who have used the library so often in the last year and have made a small-town librarian's job particularly interesting and rewarding. My thanks, also, to the Trustees, who put in so many hours to help the librarian and to keep things running smoothly. I am looking forward to being active in the library again when I finish my schooling.

Editors' Note: John left Heath on June 1 to start his two-year program in Boston at the New England College of Optometry. His helpful work as Librarian over the past year will be greatly missed.

## CHURCH NEWS

by Amy C. Barry

The Joint Board of Deacons is pleased that Mrs. Pamela Porter has agreed to serve as interim minister for Heath and Rowe this summer, beginning on June 9. She and her husband with two sons will be residing in the parsonage during the ten weeks she will be with us. Pamela, a daughter of the late Reverend John Porter and Mrs. Nell Porter, is a student at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge.

The Heath and Rowe Churches will hold a Vacation Bible School July 22 through July 26 from 9 AM to 12 noon at the Rowe Parish Hall. This year's theme is "God's People Pray." All children in the Heath and Rowe communities who are entering kindergarten through sixth grade in September are eligible to attend. The program will include Biblical teachings, singing, craft activities and fellowship. There is no admission charge, but this year we are asking for parental donations to help offset the cost of curriculum materials and craft supplies as well as donations of cookies for our snack period. For further information call Amy Barry at 337-4411.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The following scholarship awards have been granted to Heath graduates from Mohawk High School: The Arms Academy Scholarship to Roberta Tripp and Melodie Warriner; The Wilcox-Ware Scholarship to Roberta Tripp, Melodie Warriner and to Christopher Seaver; The Charlemont Lions Club special award to Roberta Tripp; and the American Legion Past Director's Scholarship to Roberta Tripp.

The HEATH HERALD congratulates these outstanding students from Heath.

## LADIES AID FAIR

The Ladies Aid Fair will be held Wednesday July 31 at the Community Hall starting at 3 PM. There will be fancy work, quilts, food, plants and white elephant articles for sale.

The Ladies Aid will also have a table at the Historical Society Festival on August 3.

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## HEATH GRADUATES - 1985

The HERALD extends its congratulations to each of the following Heath students who have graduated from their respective schools.

Graduating from Rowe Elementary School are: Heather Hertzog, Jeremy Lively, John Churchill, Jenny Gulyban, Heather Gruen, Christine Gilbert, Laura Holdsworth, Melanie Poissant, Rebecca Decker, Diane Sackett.

Graduating from Mohawk Trail Regional High School are: Kyle Clark who will work as a logger, Laurel Clark, Christopher Seaver will attend Univ. of Mass. to study Industrial Engineering, Roberta Tripp will enter American International College majoring in Education, Melodie Warriner will enter Baypath Junior College in the Secretarial Program.

Graduating from Franklin County Technical School are: Roxann Howe, Christopher Lively who is now employed as a computer operator at the New England Cheese Making Supply Co. in Ashfield, Dominic Lively who is employed at American Photographic Appliance Co. in Greenfield as a machinist, and Crystal Peters who will enter the Nursing Program at GCC.

Graduating from GCC are: Eric Sumner and Todd Sumner. Both Eric and Todd were among 46 outstanding graduates honored by the GCC Foundation. Todd will be entering Amherst College as a junior in the fall. Eric is working with his uncle, Paul Burrington.

Sheri Galipo has graduated from the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts and Secretarial.

Diane Stowe graduated from Baypath Junior College magna cum laude with an Associate Degree in Secretarial Science. Diane received the President's citation for maintaining Dean's list standing for four semesters. She is now employed at the Travellers Insurance Co. in Hartford.

## FRESH AIR CHILDREN

by Sue Silvester

Last summer two Heath families participated in the annual Friendly Town Program of the Fresh Air Fund and enjoyed sharing two weeks of country life with a youngster from New York City. This summer there will again be an opportunity for Heath families to take a child into their home from July 12 to 26.

The Fresh Air Fund is a non-profit organization that provides free summer vacations for needy children who live in New York City. Since its inception in 1877, the Fresh Air Fund has found summer host families in 320 towns for more than 1.6 million city children. Most of the children are black or hispanic and frequently come from one-parent households. They range in age from five to twelve. Having a disadvantaged child come to live with you for two weeks is a truly rewarding experience; the time passes all too quickly.

For more information about this program contact the local chairperson, Ruth Anderson, RD 1 Box 224, Shelburne Falls MA or call her at 635-9590.

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## ACADEMY NEWS

by Luke Housner '89

School is winding down with finals starting on June 4th and going through June 7th. Graduation will take place on June 9th with the public welcome to attend.

On Friday evening, May 17th, the Academy held its first annual Spring Concert. It was a great success drawing a full house to the Federated Church filled with music, chorus, dance and dramatization.

A week later all Latin students participated and indulged in a Latin Banquet. The 7th grade Latin scholars served the elders. All were dressed in togas.

Many trips have occurred recently including the Journalism class and Biology class going to Boston, the senior high visiting Shelburne, Vermont, and the junior high going to Shaker Village.

Spring sports finished up and the annual all-school decathlon took its place. Each student chooses 10 out of 15 events to participate in. At graduation awards will be given to the most athletic junior high and senior high boy and girl. We had a no-win but very successful LaCrosse season, track season and tennis competitions.

The Academy students are all looking forward to a productive summer vacation and wish you all the same.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Budge Litchfield

On May 14 the Heath School Committee met to reorganize following the town elections. Skip Venneri was elected chairman, Linda Marcotte, vice chairman, and Budge Litchfield, secretary. The committee also voted to change its meeting date to the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in Sawyer Hall. We welcome public input - please come to our meetings.

Clearly the most interesting part of our meeting was a report by Deb Porter on her ideas for a pre-kindergarten program in Heath. Deb reported that such programs are generally used for children who, although chronologically ready for kindergarden and its five half-days a week away from home, are not yet developmentally ready for all of the other demands present in the school and/or academic environment.

It was suggested that a good pre-kindergarten program could be developed to go along with the existing Heath Cooperative Pre-School program. This pre-kindergarten program could then be available as an option to entering kindergarden at the age of five for those children who are not yet ready. The various benefits of this type of program were discussed and generally agreed upon. We expect to have answers for a number of legal and procedural questions at our June 5 meeting.

The Heath committee is happy to welcome Henry Dandeneau to the Rowe School Committee. We are looking forward to working with him.

Finally, the asbestos problem at the high school is over and the district administrators report that they are pleased with the work put in and the results.

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## TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

In the town election held May 6, 51% of the 333 registered voters of Heath participated.

Art Schwenger was elected as Selectman over Paul Lively by a vote of 120 to 50. In the race for Town Clerk, Joanne Fournier was elected with 83 votes over Linda Marcotte who received 80 votes. Budge Litchfield won a position on the School Committee with 133 votes over David Lavigne who took 32 votes.

In other uncontested slots Richards Steinbock was elected as Assessor, Linda Marcotte as Treasurer and Tax Collector, Peter Smith as Planning Board member, Pat Leuchtman as Library Trustee, and David Howland as Finance Committee member. With no nomination for position of Town Auditor, Newland Smith was elected with 48 write-in votes.

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

by Robert Dane, Secretary

In recent months the Planning Board has been trying, with some success, to meet twice a month in order to catch up on some of the items on its agenda. One meeting was spent reorganizing the Planning Board files and weeding unnecessary materials.

In our last meetings we drew up a proposal for road signs for the town at the recommendation of Police Chief Lorin Gowdy. This proposal includes stop and yield signs for most of the roads intersecting Route 8A, and speed limit signs for the Center and Peters' Store areas. The proposal was submitted to the Selectmen.

At the May meeting officers were elected; Tom Lively remains chairman and Franklin County Planning Board Representative, and Bob Dane was elected secretary. John Holdsworth was thanked for the many years of service to the Board and Pete Smith was welcomed as the Planning Board's newest member. Work was begun on updating the Subdivision Regulations for the Town.

## HEATH CANCER DRIVE A SUCCESS

The American Cancer Society house-to-house drive has brought in \$572 so far this year, which is a large amount for a small town and the largest on record for Heath. Seven volunteers worked hard to cover the town - Sandra Gilbert, Evelyn Hillman, Linda Marcotte, Pat Leuchtman, Marcella Lively, Ali Thane, and Caroline Smith.

The American Cancer Society is grateful to all the Heath residents who contributed to this worthwhile cause and to the volunteers who helped in this year's campaign.

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## HEATH BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR

|                    |               |   |
|--------------------|---------------|---|
| June 29            | 1-4 PM        | House Tour & Antique Car Show                       |
|                    | 6 PM          | Historical Society Museums open                     |
|                    |               | Dinner, Community Hall by                           |
|                    |               | Agricultural Society                                |
|                    | 7:30 PM       | Mohawk Trail Concert, Heath Church                  |
| June 30            | 1-5 PM        | "Edwardian" Garden Party - The                      |
|                    |               | (rain date-July 6) Manse - refreshments and dancing |
|                    | 1-4 PM        | Historical Society Museums open                     |
| July 4             | 6:30 PM       | 18th Century Potluck supper                         |
|                    |               | -Community Hall - Talk on Ft. Shirley diorama       |
| July 13            | 9:30AM-4:30PM | Garden Tours  |
| August 3           | 10AM-4PM      | Historical Society Festival                         |
|                    |               | - Town Common - Museums open                        |
|                    | 6:30PM        | Potluck supper & annual                             |
|                    |               | meeting, Historical Society                         |
|                    |               | Annual Heath Fair                                   |
| August 16,17,18    |               | Heath Artists' Exhibition                           |
| August 30 - Sept 6 |               | - Sawyer Hall                                       |

## SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

The Heath Selectmen have announced the following appointments for the current year.

|                                  |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Chairman, Selectmen              | Anne Steinbock                    |
| Secretary, Selectmen             | Arthur Schwenger                  |
| Selectmen's Clerk                | (no appointment yet)              |
| Chairman, Board of Health        | Anne Steinbock                    |
| Dump Representatives             | Anne Steinbock                    |
|                                  | Richard Gird                      |
| F.C. Regional Transit Auth. Rep. | Arthur Schwenger                  |
| Road Superintendent              | John Churchill                    |
| Fire Chief                       | Earl Gleason                      |
| Police Chief                     | Lorin Gowdy                       |
| Forest Fire Warden               | Earl Gleason                      |
| Civil Defense Director           | (temporary) Earl Gleason          |
| Animal Inspector                 | Paul Lively                       |
| Veterans' Agent                  | Edward Russell                    |
| Town Council                     | Bryon Caplice                     |
| Building Inspector               | Steven Judge                      |
| Wiring Inspector                 | John Rossi                        |
| Plumbing Inspector               | George Fournier                   |
| Registrars                       | Catherine Cromack, Donald Decker, |
| Alice Woznick - Alt.             | Teresa Pettengill, Bruce Cromack  |
| Community Hall Committee         | (not appointed yet)               |
| Police Officers                  | Lee Shepherd, Guy Silvester,      |
|                                  | Dennis Annear                     |
| Dog Officer                      | Michael Smead                     |

## FURNITURE NEEDED FOR SAWYER HALL

Anyone who is willing to donate or lend to the town of Heath an antique love seat, chairs, rug, and/or a small table, to be placed upstairs in Sawyer Hall, is asked to contact Anne Steinbock.

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## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

by Richards Steinbock, Chairman  
Heath Board of Assessors

Not much to update at the moment. Our computer cards reflecting all changes in value, ownership, address, etc. have been sent off so the computer can be updated. Once these come back, the recap sheet can go to the state (after the tax rate hearing) and once that's approved, the bills for fiscal 1985 can be mailed. We're hoping all of this happens around July 1.

Please remember - these bills are based on ownership and property conditions as they existed on January 1, 1984. If you sold a trailer or built a shed or made any changes during 1984, those changes will not be reflected until the 1986 bills come out in September or October (on time). Fiscal 1985 bills are based on conditions as of January 1, 1985.

The rule of thumb is: A fiscal year runs from July 1 of a year to June 30 of the next year, and is called by the year it ends (fiscal 1986 ends in 1986). Assessments are based on what existed six months before this fiscal year began. (Fiscal 1986 begins July 1, 1985, so the assessment date is January 1, 1985). I know it sounds all very confusing, but if you remember this, it will save a lot of unnecessary correspondence and confusion.

The bottom line is that, even when the bills come out on time they're still nine months behind reality!

The state has changed the motor vehicle excise law. We can no longer give an abatement on autos if the abatement would be less than \$5, or if the abatement would reduce the tax to less than \$5. What that all boils down to is that if you have an excise bill of \$10 or less, you're stuck with it. There's nothing we can do about it - write the Governor, if it makes you mad.

## HEATH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bill Latrell has been appointed to the Conservation Commission which now has its complete quota of five members. The other four are Ruth Johnson (chairman), Carroll Stowe, Guy Silvester, and David Thane.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

by Chief Earl Gleason

The Department has been very busy since our last report. We responded to the Charlemont forest fire in Zoar with Engine I and five men on March 25. The following day we responded with just five men and we again responded to Charlemont on April 13, this time with Engine II and twelve firefighters. Upon returning to the station, Engine I and Engine II with 16 firefighters responded to the Pomeroy Camp which was totally gutted. Four days later Engine II and ten firefighters responded to a small grass fire on Burrington Road. A forest fire east of the Steinbock residence required the dispatching of Engine II, one engine each from Charlemont, Rowe and Colrain to the scene and an engine from Shelburne Falls to cover our station. About 25 people from Heath and another 25 from surrounding towns fought this fire which covered about 15 acres. The most welcome sight of the afternoon was the arrival of Ralph and Esther Dickinson with cold soda and sandwiches. The Department wishes to thank all who helped with the food detail at this fire as well as those who helped Sue Gleason with food at the Pomeroy fire. May 4 saw Engine I and four firefighters respond to a chimney fire and on May 26 a few members aided the Charlemont Ambulance at Mohawk Estates in treating and transporting three burn victims, one them severely burned.

Another activity the firefighters participated in was the Mini-Course presented by the Mass. Fire Academy. This is a course that teaches them basics of most phases of firefighting and was attended by fifteen Heath firemen and three from other departments. Also Heath firemen are taking a tanker shuttle course in Buckland that will culminate on June 8. Engine II and seven other tankers will work a tanker shuttle to the Mohawk School.

The Chief's activities included two smoke detector inspections, and placement of smoke detectors on two plans for new construction. He also attended Fire Wardens meetings in Hatfield and Northfield. The Deerfield Valley Mutual Aid annual meeting in Wilmington and the Tri-State Mutual Aid Field Day in Northfield.

This has been a very busy two months and the Chief wishes to thank everyone who has helped in any way. Without your help we couldn't operate.

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## TRIBUTE TO HEATH TRACTOR

by Carroll B. Stowe

When I saw the picture several issues ago [in the HERALD] of the new salt shed, the front end of the town's old Farmall M tractor, and our good friend John Churchill, I thought what a pair of public servants those two are.

This is a word tribute to the old M tractor. No one can begin to comprehend the good that old mountain of rubber, cast iron, and steel has done this town.

This tractor came into town very early in the 1940's. It had been converted from steel wheels to rubber tires and was equipped with a high drawbar to pull the road scraper. How many miles it has towed that scraper is beyond any form of guesstimate. To those not familiar with the workings of a town highway department, there is an account called "machinery earnings" which has entered into it all the time equipment is used on various roads around town. At a point in time, when I worked for the town of Heath, from the early to mid '60s that tractor by the statement of Ed Blanchard, the state engineer, had earned more money for the machinery earnings account than any other piece of machinery in the State of Massachusetts!

With its specially built high drawbar and much smaller tires than it should have or would have had, if it had come mounted on rubber, it had a great deal more leverage than normal. When the fellow operating the controls of the scraper began to bear on a bit harder to cut out rough spots in the dirt roads, that old tractor would begin to bark loudly and the front wheels would be lifted right off the ground. So the guy in the seat would have to steer with the individual brakes to keep it on course.

When doing the spring scraping no one was immune to the black flies and there were hoards of them when pulling leaves out of ditches. Aside from its scraping duties, the M mowed roads during the summer and at one point was equipped with a loader for loading various material.

Its list of drivers is rather long, so in order not to leave anyone out I'll not attempt to list them except to say that any and all who sat in that seat for six or seven hours a day knew they had a tremendous piece of equipment under them.

As the list of drivers is long, so is the list of cars and trucks it has fished out of the mud years ago. Its duties are cut down to only towing the York rake as the town has a grader to scrape the few gravel roads left.

I realize I've been writing about an unfeeling object, but to have spent time in the operator's seat, one could only feel that old tractor had a personality that wouldn't quit. Every dollar any town ever spent for the purchase of machinery should have been as useful and worthwhile as the money spent for the purchase of this old public servant.

Much the same story could be written about old iron in other towns about the state, but this is one that I know about first hand. With sincere respect for some of the finer things in life, I count that old M one of life's finer things.



### OLD "M" TRACTOR

John Churchill driving

(Photo by Sue Silvester)

## ON THE NAMING OF MYRIFIELD

(An Historical Note)

by Edward Calver

The oldest road in our town was called the road to Myrifiield. In February 1779 Cornelius Jones sold all that he still owned of the community to the northwest and moved away. In September the inhabitants petitioned for incorporation, perhaps because they hoped to obtain (and eventually did) a strip of the Green and Walker lands, which local men also had an eye on since they needed more land. The petition was refused, as was a second in 1782. A third, in 1783, was acted on favorably in 1785. These precise details are included in an effort to lay to rest a story, still current, that the name before incorporation had been My-rye-field. The notion that Jones had made a wry and egotistical joke (based on a forced pronunciation) which so delighted his neighbors that they adopted it and even passed it on to the Court is beyond belief. The real explanation, missed by Percy Brown in his history of Rowe, lies on the face of their petition of 1779: "a tract of land called The Ten Thousand Acres [capitals in the original], alias Myrifiield," and in 1783: "Ten Thousand acres called by the name of Myrifiield." Cornelius Jones was a Reverend and a graduate of Harvard College, where he studied ancient Greek, in which language the stem *Myri-* means ten thousand. Hence the "alias."

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**Finance Committee:** As posted  
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**Heath School Committee:**  
                   1st Wednesday of month 7:30 PM  
**Library Trustees:** 1st Monday of month 7 PM  
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                   Saturdays 9 AM - 1 PM  
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                   Saturdays 9 AM - 5 PM  
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                   Community Hall 337-4847  
                   Town Garage 337-4462

## MORE ON THE PAIRING PROJECT

by Carol Sartz

There is a new development in the progress of the Heath Pairing Project as it continues the work of gathering material for Heath's portrait package. The eventual recipient of the portrait will likely be a different town in the Soviet Union than the original "sister" town of Lenio. The project committee has learned about an opportunity for Heath to be linked with a community much more like Heath - smaller in size and more rural in nature. That opportunity comes to us via Communities Linked for Peace, an adjunct to the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, a New York based organization which has been promoting international exchanges since the 1940s. The task of Communities Linked for Peace is to work closely with the Soviet Embassy in Washington to facilitate community exchanges with a particular focus on small communities. We have taken the first steps toward being linked with a new community and are hopeful that the process will bear fruit. While we expect that process will take some time, we also expect that the change will increase the likelihood of Heath's becoming involved in an on-going exchange.

Meanwhile, contributions to the portrait are welcome. Photographs are particularly sought. For more information, contact Carol Sartz 337-4077.

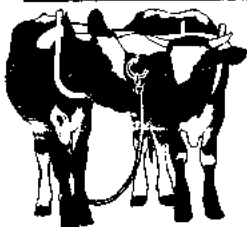
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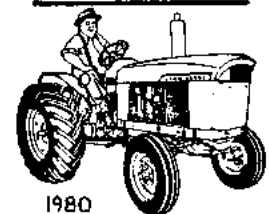
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## MILESTONES

by Edith Royer

Tiffany Ann was born on April 14 to Martha and Dale Ward of Buckland. Tiffany is the granddaughter of Luis and Eve Pazmino.

Alexander Julian was born on April 23 to Nancy and Michael Nichols of Heath and New York.

Sean Russell Francis was born on May 1 to Laurie and Ronald Pease of Turners Falls. Sean is the great grandson of Mary and Elmer Sherman.

Bethany Anne was born on May 9 to Deborah and John Spat of Greenfield. Bethany is the great granddaughter of Rudolph Fournier.

Matthew Lively was married on May 25 to Monika Sciandra of Bernadston. The wedding was held in St. Christophers church and a reception followed in the Heath Community Hall. Matthew is the son of Marcella and Paul Lively.

Pearle Tanner celebrated her 96th birthday on June 1. She and her husband, Homer, lived in Heath for over 30 years and was active in many Heath affairs. She now lives in East Charlemont with her son, Richard.

Clyde Varney will celebrate his 96th birthday on June 15. He and his wife lived in Heath from 1921 to 1969. He still makes an annual visit to the Heath Fair.

Ray Collins died on April 6. He leaves a brother-in-law, Leon Stewart, and a niece, Carolyn Litchfield.

Ida Brown died on April 11. She leaves her husband, Leonard Brown Sr., six sons and five daughters in surrounding towns. Wendell lives in Heath. The Browns have lived in Heath for 43 years.

## TURNBULL ATTENDS HALLMARK MEETING

The Hallmark Institute of Photography recently celebrated its tenth anniversary.

Paul Turnbull, Director of the Hallmark Institute of Photography, attended an alumni conference to celebrate this anniversary. Over 300 alumni participated in this conference which was held in Northampton.

## MAT DENOUDEN WINS AWARD

Matthew Denouden, an English major/philosophy minor at the University of Hartford, won the English Department critical essay contest. His essay entitled, "Duality as a Triptych", examines the sonnets and sonnet cycles of Wyatt, Sidney and Spencer in light of the mind/body dictomy developed in Castiglione's The Courier. He was awarded a prize of \$250.



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## HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Martha (Sherman) McDonough received her B.A. degree, magna cum laude, from Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa on May 19. Martha was also inducted into the Epsilon Sigma Honor Society. Her husband, John P. McDonough was awarded his Master of Science degree, majoring in Adult Education, from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, May 18. Mrs. Elmer Sherman, Leland and Cecelia Sherman with their sons Larry and Keith attended the ceremonies.

Brooks McCutchen will attend the Professional School of Psychology in Berkley CA where he will be working for his PhD degree.

Deborah McCutchen has returned from the Bilingual School in Cuernavaca, Mexico and is now in New York City.

Sharon McCutchen will spend the summer in Florence Italy to study Advanced Italian at Columbia University Language School. In the fall she will continue her studies at Columbia University in New York.

Rachel Sumner is steadily improving at the Franklin Medical Center. She appreciates receiving cards and seeing friends.

Guy Silvester has just returned from a hunting trip to the mountains of Alaska where he shot a large 1600 pound grizzly bear.

Henry Leuchtmann has been appointed to a position with the University of Massachusetts Alumni Association to set up the alumni records on a computer system.

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