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FOR WHOM THE COW BELL TOLLS

by Alastair Maitland

The sad news of Fred Lively's decision to abandon his dairy farm and a certain way of life sent me searching in my shelves for Mark Kramer's Three Farms, with its affectionate and respectful and instructive portrayal of life on a Franklin County dairy farm in the years since World War II. It is not a work of fiction but a true story, a documentary, "rich, learned and ripely human," to use Archibald MacLeish's words.

MacLeish would, I think, have been no less taken with the splendidly evocative, often elegiac, reflections on the way things were that have come to us from Susan Gleason in her Bicentennial Book of Heath essay on Farming in Heath and, more recently, in her weekly column in the West County News. Hers is an authentic voice. She is a dairy farmer's wife and like all farming folk, more fully and intimately aware than most of the indispensable and life-sustaining bond between humankind and the land.

But one of the traditions of New England farming has been change itself. Science and technology (Kramer cites the "genetically engineered super-cow" and the "automatic milking machine taker-offer") as well as wars, tariff policy, new business structures, shifts in public attitudes towards diet and

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Fred Lively with tractor

(Photo by Alli Thane)

FROM THE SELECTMEN

by Richard Giard, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

We would like to extend our congratulations to all newly elected town officers and say thank you to all who have accepted appointed positions.

The selectmen would like to express sincere thanks to Anne Steinbock for her devoted service as selectman for six years, four of which she served as Chairperson. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of C. Richards Steinbock from the Board of Assessors. Stephen Belitsos was unanimously appointed at a joint meeting of the Assessors and Selectmen to fill the office until the next May election.

On May 19 we hired John "Skip" Churchill, Jr. to replace Gordon Hathaway in the Highway Department.

The town front end loader, being 15 years old and having over 8000 hours of use, is in drastic need of repair. An itemized list of repairs was presented to the Board with a total cost of over \$8700. Given these facts we have decided to go out to bid for a new machine with the option to lease-purchase over a five year period; trading in the old loader either on an outright purchase or on a lease-purchase basis. We will be working with the Finance Committee and the Accountant to get their comments and advice.

We will be meeting with the selectmen and emergency personnel from the four towns that are served by the Charlemont ambulance service along with Representative Jay Healy to try to find a way to keep the old service going.

Now we are working with the State D.P.W. in Northampton on the possibility of getting grant monies under three different state programs: 1. Access to state owned land (1.66 miles on State Farm Road); 2. Small Town Road Assistance Program (STRAP)-Jacksonville Stage Road (1 mile plus); 3. Aid Substandard Bridge Program - getting box culverts for Colrain Stage Road. Our Shared Administrative Assistant, Susan Wright, is working on these projects now.

The Rowe School is replacing its carpeting and has given the Town Of Heath the opportunity of taking the old carpeting at no cost. We have decided to accept this offer and use it on the Grange Hall floor first choice and the dining area in the Community Hall as a second choice.

LETTERS

To the Editors:

Heath - stay as you are ! The Thane family again experienced the kindness and neighborliness of the townspeople on the last Saturday in May when 18 friends came with tractors, spreaders and fence repair equipment to help us through our spring chores. All this makes us realize what a wonderful town we have lived in for 30 years; how many good friends we have made. To watch these people working side-by-side, laughing, telling tall tales and breaking bread together, renews our faith in human nature.

The town is changing. There are many new young families moving in. Our wish is that these young folks take heed and carry on the spirit of brotherhood for which Heath has long been known.

Thanks again for the manure that was spread, the fences repaired and the offerings of cakes and casseroles.

God bless you, Heath !

Ernie and Alli Thane

HEATH PRECIPITATION

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

Precipitation in April was 1.53 inches. May precipitation was 2.32 inches. The total precipitation so far in 1986 was 17.09 inches.

We had 4 more inches of snow in April making a total for the season of 62 1/2 inches. April and May have been drier than usual.

Alan L. Nichols

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MILESTONES

by Edith C. Royer

Joshua Raymond was born on April 21 to Howard and Jeanne Boyd of Conway. Joshua is the grandson of Dorothy Sessions of Heath.

Joshua Ryan was born on May 18 to Donald and Linda Chapin of Northfield. Joshua is the grandson of Smead and Evelyn Hillman of Heath.

Alexander Markus was born on June 2 to Matthew and Monika Lively. Alexander is the grandson of Paul and Marcella Lively of Heath.

Ray and Pam Galipo have announced the engagement of their daughter Sheri to John Messier. The wedding will be in June 1987. John is a mortician and Sheri works as an office manager in Roanoke, VA. They will live in Bedford, VA.

Bruce and Catherine Cromack have announced the engagement of their daughter Brenda Jane to James Gallagher, son of Robert and Rose Kenney. The wedding will be on September 20.

Crystal Peters, the daughter of Cleon and Teresa Peters, will be married on August 10 to Robert Griswold, the son of Jon and Marilyn Griswold. Robert is employed by the Dole Construction Co. They will live in Shelburne Falls.

Emily Jane Porter, R.N., daughter of Hazel M. Porter of Heath and the late Perry M. Porter, and Steven Blood, son of Mrs. Susan Blood and Mr. Frank Blood, were married April 26 in St. Andrews Church, Albany NY. Reverend Allen Comstock officiated. The couple reside in Selkirk, NY.

Angus Maitland, the younger son of Alastair Maitland of Heath and the late Betty Maitland, and Lucy Juliet Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chapman, of Debden, Essex, England, were married on May 10 at St. Mary The Virgin & All Saints, Debden. They reside in New York City.

Mark Eldridge and Karen Goode were married on May 24 in Nashua, NH. Mark is the son of Elsom and Carol Eldridge and the grandson of Betty Eldridge. They have all spent a good deal of time in Heath over the past years.

Weston Cromack and Karen Cominoli were married on May 31 in a garden wedding at the home of Weston's parents, Bruce and Catherine Cromack. A reception followed in the Community Hall. Karen is the daughter of Charles and Janice Cominoli. Weston is the grandson of Hannah Burrington. Weston is employed at Auto Parts of Greenfield and Karen is an accountant in Brattleboro.

Pearle Tanner celebrated her 97th birthday on June 1. She is now living at the Hillside Nursing Home in South Deerfield.

Caleb DeLisle died on April 4. He was the infant son of Robert and Joanne DeLisle.

Barbara Clapp, 85, of Easthampton, died on April 18. Mrs. Clapp leaves a daughter Margaret Howland of Heath, a grandson and a granddaughter, two great-grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

Ralph Riddle, 93, died on April 26 in Annapolis MD. He was a summer resident of South Heath for many years. A service for him was held in the Heath Church with burial in the South Cemetery.

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social hygiene and what Kramer calls the "politics of our food supply" have all played their part. The pattern of land use tells its tale. One hundred and fifty years ago our hills, according to one historian, looked like the mountains of Wales. It was an era of the "sheep craze," to which the lattice-work of stone fences that adorns our land bears witness. That era ended when President Tyler, bowing to the pressure of the mill owners lobby, altered the import tariff in favor of the cheaper European wool. Now our hills have largely reverted to woodland. And Jay Healy is sensibly promoting the exploration of that natural resource. It has always been a matter of Adapt or Perish.

And so, the road north towards Whitingham, Vermont, will henceforth present a different aspect, for better or worse. The Heath Planning Board has been studying a proposal for "cluster zoning," which it says has its roots in the traditional set-up of New England towns. Perhaps that tradition belongs more to the towns of the Connecticut River valley than to the hill towns. Heathens haven't clustered all that much. Some have preferred to be Far Away, and even Farther Away. Will there be condominiums in Heath's future, to be named the "Snuggle Up Apartments"? As always, times are changing.

HEZEKIAH SMITH FAMILY REUNION

Major Hezekiah Smith (1726 - 1800) of Colrain, a Revolutionary War soldier and a founder of the Colrain Baptist Church, is an ancestor of many Heath and local area residents. A committee of his descendants is planning a Smith family reunion this summer to coincide with the 225th anniversary year of the town of Colrain. The reunion day is Saturday, August 23, 1986. Location for the festivities, which include a walking tour of the original Smith home site, a picnic lunch and talk, will be at the Baptist Church near the Branch Cemetery.

All descendants of Hezekiah are urged to participate and are asked to contact Margaret Jones (625-2056), Sue Silvester (337-4491) or Newland Smith (337-3700) for more information.

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TOWN MEETING — 1986

by Herald Staff

The May 5 annual town meeting was convened 15 minutes late in the Community Hall by Moderator Ed Calver. It was delayed by the extra time required to count and tally the 200 some ballots cast in the town election. Town Clerk Joanne Fournier announced the the election results in which Walter Gleason, in a write-in vote, defeated candidate Paul Lively 124 to 51 for the selectman's position, and write-in candidate Alan Nichols defeated John Moriarty as assessor by a 112 to 51 vote. The new town officers were then sworn in and the Moderator was ready to tackle the major article on the warrant, the town operating budget for Fiscal Year 1986-87.

An informational meeting on the budget having been held a week earlier, only a few questions were raised on this article and it was passed in its entirety including an increase in the Rowe School cost of about \$30,000.

The issue of support for the assessors to conduct a recertification of property valuations was discussed at length. Town Counsel Byron Caplice explained that the state could force the town to be revalued by a professional firm with the costs deducted from the Cherry Sheet. He also noted that the town would have to vote a salary for the assessors to do the work rather than appropriate money as would be the case if a contractor were engaged. David Howland of the Finance Committee held to the view that the \$7500 requested by the assessors was more than necessary to complete the task in light of the \$5000 already appropriated in January. After some heated discussion on this issue in which Dennis Peters, of the Board of Assessors, expressed his opinion, a sum of \$3000 was voted rather than the \$7500. It was explained that, in the event of a further sum being needed to complete the work, a two-thirds vote of a special town meeting would be required, if such a meeting were held before the FY '87 tax rate was set.

Including all items appropriated at the town meeting it was estimated that the new budget would cause an approximate increase of \$1.15 per thousand at the current level of property valuation or about \$19.15 compared to the present rate of \$18.00. However, it was announced that the new rate will be lower after the new valuations are completed. The bottom line, though, is more money being spent by the town and taxpayers.

As the hour was then approaching 11 PM and the attendance was dwindling, several other articles were passed with little or no discussion. Among these was an article passed by a 33 to 7 vote on a resolution from the town of Heath to the President of the US calling upon him to do everything in his power to negotiate with the USSR an immediate bilateral ban on the testing of nuclear weapons.

The annual meeting 1986 was then adjourned, after three hours with no intermission, with a rising vote of thanks, proposed by Moderator Calver, to those retiring officers who had served the town over the past years.

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US-USSR BRIDGES FOR PEACE

by Ruth Corey

This is a coalition of over 50 church, civic, peace and educational groups building understanding between the U.S. and U.S.S.R., hoping the threat of nuclear war will be reduced. In the U.S.S.R. over nine million have given voluntarily to support this search for understanding between countries. Six exchange visits have taken place so far; the last group was from Massachusetts when 15 from the United Church of Christ went to U.S.S.R. in September and then hosted the exchange visiting group in April.

Mrs. Ruth Smith of the 2nd Congregational Church in Greenfield enthusiastically described and showed slides of this mission at the Heath Church on May 18. The evening was also hosted by the Rowe Church. Ruth Smith, a retired Latin teacher at Frontier Regional School, is well known to local people as was her husband, Robert, who was born and brought up in Heath.

Members of the team studied in preparation for their two-week trip and paid their own travel expenses. The group traveled from New York, landed in Moscow, and worked with the Head of Soviet Peace Committees in capital cities of three of 15 republics. Results of their efforts included letters being sent to General Secretary Gorbachev and President Reagan before the summit meeting recommending that they end nuclear testing and that they renew direct air flights and cultural exchanges.

While she talked about people and places, Ruth showed interesting slides. Here are some of the things she spoke of:

The group traveled through eight time zones to reach Moscow. The Soviet Union contains eleven time zones. Russia is geographically about one sixth of the Soviet territory. The similarity of their lives to ours was apparent. Citizens are hard working family people dedicated to a peaceful world in which to raise their children. So many families attend church that churches are packed for services.

In the Soviet Union, peace is the subject studied by children the first two weeks of each school year. Ravaged by World War II, half the population is under age 26. The old teach the young the necessity of peace.

Ruth Smith was able to meet and work with the Patriarch of Georgia (a republic named for agriculture) who is also the head of the World Council of Churches.

With translators, the exchange group discussed their work, families, books, music and exchanged recipes.

In April eleven of the Soviet people made their exchange visit to Massachusetts; four stayed in Greenfield for four days.

The US-USSR Bridges for Peace was started by a minister who is now its full time coordinator with headquarters in Norwich, Vermont. Ruth became interested in taking an active part, as did 14 other U.C.C. members in Massachusetts. A June 7 meeting of state participants will determine how they can continue their work. One probability is to work with future groups who participate in exchange visits with the U.S.S.R.

The evening was much more than an interesting travelog. News of the organization, supported by millions of people on both sides, was indeed inspiring.

Ruth Smith, retired five years ago, is determined not to slow down. Her next trip will be a tour of the Scandinavian countries, with a side trip to Leningrad, which she was unable to visit in September.

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

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

Chairman, Selectmen	Richard Giard
Secretary, Selectmen	Arthur Schwenger
Selectmen's Clerk	Joanne Fournier
Chairman, Board of Health	Walter Gleason
Dump Representatives	Richard Giard
	Walter Gleason
F.C. Regional Transit Auth. Rep.	Arthur Schwenger
Road Superintendent	John Churchill
Fire Chief	Earl Gleason
Police Chief	Lorin Gowdy
Police Officers	Lee Shepherd, Guy Silvester, Dennis Annear, Carl Herzig
Forest Fire Warden	Earl Gleason
Civil Defense Director	Earl Gleason
Animal Inspector	Paul Lively
Veterans' Agent	Edward Russell
Town Counsel	Byron Caplice
Building Inspector	Stephen Judge
Plumbing Inspector	George Fournier
Wiring Inspector	John Rossi
Registrar	Catherine Cromack
Dog Officer	Sue Hunkler
Community Hall Committee	Lynn Miller, Sheila Litchfield, Dolores Churchill
Park Committee	Carol Sartz,
	Catherine Nichols, Bill Lattrell, Deborah Porter
Conservation Committee	Ruth Johnson,
	Carroll Stowe, Guy Silvester, Bill Lattrell
Historical Commission	Edith Royer, Jayne Dane,
	Esther Dickinson, Alan Nichols, Bill Thane
Computer Committee	Linda Marcotte, Catherine Nichols, David Lavigne, Doug Wilkins, Newland Smith
Constables	Raymond Galipo
	Newland Smith
Zoning Board of Appeals	Robert Tripp

PLANT EXCHANGE HELD

by Pat Leuchtman

On the morning of Saturday, May 31, there was a veritable traffic jam at the home of Bob and Jayne Dane as more than 20 people gathered to exchange plants.

In the name of Yankee neighborliness and thrift, Catherine Nichols and Jayne Dane invited the avid gardeners among their acquaintance to share their plants and expertise. There was a lot of discussion about preventing mildew on the Michaelmas daisies and increasing the size of phlox blossoms while the participants drank coffee and munched cake as they eyeballed the various contributions. Due to Catherine's good planning and the good manners of the group, no one was trampled in their efforts to claim possession of the bleeding heart or agrimony. Announcements were also made that if anyone was disappointed in their desire for snow on the mountain or tansy, more was to be had at the various gardens.

The event was so successful the the Second Annual Plant Exchange is already being discussed.

LITERARY ENDEAVORS OF THE WHITE SISTERS

by Sue Silvester

A recent donation of books to the Heath Historical Society written by the sisters Flora and Mary White is yet another reminder of the many talented literary figures who resided in the town of Heath. The White sisters were born and brought up here and returned to reside here from 1896 until they died over 40 years ago. Margaret Jones of Shelburne Falls, formerly Margaret Smith of Heath, was a close friend of the White sisters, and she has generously donated several books and original letters to the Society.

Flora, the author of Bloodroots in the Wake of Circumstance, a number of religious dramas, short stories published in magazines under pseudonyms, a wide variety of articles for journals and a wealth of poetry, graduated from Westfield Teachers' College in 1877. She taught in several schools in Massachusetts and three years in a boys' school at Paarl, near Cape Town in South Africa. In 1897 she established an experimental school at Concord, MA, selling it in 1914 with the intention of spending a few years in Europe. This dream was never realized due to the war.

Bloodroots aroused the enthusiastic interest of such distinguished authors and philosophers as G. Stanley Hall, President of Clark University and a native of nearby Ashfield, and William James, Professor of Psychology at Harvard. In a letter to her friend Margaret Jones dated March 20, 1943, Flora writes, "I am longing to send to you or read to you some of the letters John Haynes Holmes has written me about my book Bloodroots. He wrote, 'It is the embodiment of Truth and Beauty - It is therefore you.' Wasn't that marvelous? I have a lot of fascinating letters from my literary and intellectual friends..." (Note: JHH was one of the founders of the American Civil Liberties Union and pastor of the Community Church in New York City.)

The inscription on the flyleaf of Poems by Mary and Flora White reads, "To my beloved Margaret with dear memories of the past - Flora White." This delicate tome was published by the Paebbar Company in 1939, and on page 16, dedicated to J. H. H., one finds the following poem:

HEATH HILLS (To J.H.H.)

They rise like prayers above the world-
They rest within those silences
That speak as neither book nor song
Nor tongue can ever speak.
They reach through drifting, shadow flinging
Clouds and face the stars.
They swim in seas of living light
That throb and pulse to a creative fire-
Dear God, so near - so near you seem
In this sweet radiancy of shining things,
In pregnant sounds that pierce our hearts,
With far-blown memories of other
Worlds and other presences-
Dear God, so near - so near you seem,
We cannot help but dream that
We have seen you face to face.



Plover Hill about 1910
where the White sisters did much of their writing

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THE BENJAMIN MAXWELL HOUSE

by Helen Malone Nichols

[This is the 21st in a series of articles on the older houses of Heath which have been published in the HEATH HERALD over the past years. The present Nichols' house located on South Road was built about 1780.]

The Maxwell family were Scotch-Irish immigrants who first settled in Bedford, Massachusetts. In 1773, Hugh Maxwell came to Charlemont Hill (later Heath) and settled on what is now the Ralph Sumner place. Two years later, in 1775, Hugh's brother Benjamin came bringing his family and animals. In 1776 he bought the William Brown place in the present Heath Center with about 100 acres of land. Benjamin had six children at that time and was to have five more.

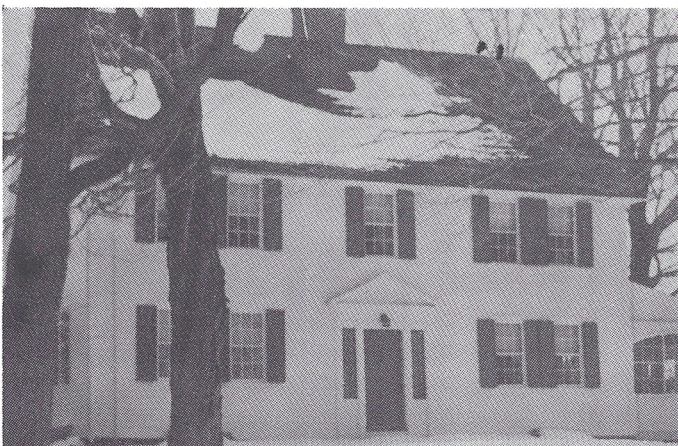
A few years later Benjamin built a larger house facing west, which is the present house standing a little south of the original Brown house and right on the road leading south from the Center. There was a good barn on the west side of the road just across from the house.

The house had one large central chimney with four fireplaces - one doubled as a cooking area. The house is built with huge chestnut beams on which the bark still remains. The basement is earth and is always wet which suggests a spring was once there.

The front door opens into a small hall area with staircase and doors to the front rooms, right and left. The staircase twists upwards with three turns and leads to a small second floor hall with rooms on either side, each with a fireplace. All the floor boards are the wide ones used at the time of construction. Many of the original deep paneled doors still remain with the iron latches. There is a large full sized attic with windows at each end.

Benjamin, called Lieutenant Maxwell from his frequent periods of army service, lived to be 92, dying in 1829. Succeeding occupants were likely to have been members of his large family. In 1821, his son Winslow took over the farm. At the end of the century it had passed down through the family to Henry Kirk Smith and his sister Amelia Guild who then owned the house. Apparently they were not on good terms as it is rumored that a chalk line was drawn up the staircase, one side for each.

Henry Kirk Smith founded the first library in Heath (supported by town funds) which was in his house for



Benjamin Maxwell House c.1780

(Photo from Helen Nichols)

a number of years until Sawyer Hall was built in 1895.

In 1929 my mother, Mrs. Dana Malone, bought the house from the sisters Charlotte Sprague and Annie Ward of Boston who had used it as a summer place for many years. My mother added a wing extending eastward and containing upstairs two rooms, a bathroom and a staircase and three rooms downstairs: kitchen, small dining room, sitting room and bath. About 1963 she found, stuffed in an upstairs chimney corner, a sampler dated Aug. 21, 1799, showing the alphabet with numerals, . Evidently a small Maxwell feared censure of her work. No one found it for 164 years.

FRESH AIR CHILDREN

by Sue Silvester

On July 11 the annual Fresh Air Friendly Town program will bring bus loads of inner city children to the country again this year, with children staying in the Greenfield area until July 25. Last year 45 children came to this area for two or more weeks, several of them spending their summer vacation in Heath.

Since 1877 families from Maine to West Virginia have been opening their homes and hearts to children from the city. For some of them it is their only opportunity to see rolling hills, splash in a pond or pat a contented cow. Host families are urgently needed for the Heath area and committee member Ruth Anderson may be reached in Shelburne Falls at 625-9590 until the June 15 deadline for information on the program.

The program pays for the child's transportation, liability insurance and any unexpected medical expenses. Special arrangements are not necessary to open your door to a youngster for two weeks this summer - the children are happy to fit right into your summer schedule. The rewards are great, and the memory of coming to the country for a vacation will last a lifetime.

LIGHTNING STRIKES COW IN HEATH

During the severe thunder storm last week in North Heath, a six year old cow was hit by a bolt of lightning in Fred Crowningshield's barn. The unusual thing was that the cow was struck inside the barn; once before Fred has lost a cow struck by lightning in the pasture, but even that is rare.

Arthur Crowningshield was in the milking room when he saw the streak of lightning come in, hitting the cow and killing it instantly. Fred was also nearby and saw the lightning hit the milk tank, where it came down and burned out the compressor, putting it out of business. All in all it was a terrifying and costly experience.

CORRECTION

An article in the last issue of the HEATH HERALD incorrectly reported that Stephen's Garage, now operated by Stephen Belitsos, was the first garage in Heath.

Clarence Cutter has brought to the attention of the Editors that he moved his automotive repair business to his place on Royer Road after he sold his shop in Charlemont in 1970. It is planned to include in the next number of the HERALD a story on Clarence Cutter and his activities in Heath.

REMEMBERING RALPH RIDDLE

The death of Ralph Riddle severs the few remaining ties with Heath of the 1950's to 1970's. In those days there was a group of people who just enjoyed being in Heath. Nowadays people do enjoy being in Heath but, because so many of us go off the hill frequently, our time up here is limited. A certain way of life is disappearing and Ralph was maybe the epitome of this fading image.

Ralph was a warm hearted friendly man who loved people. When his wife Lucia was ill, he was asked what we could do for them. The response was, "Come and see us." - nothing more, nothing less. The overgrown garden greeted those who came, lilacs out of bounds, delphinium and hollyhocks growing rampant. Lucia refused to ever touch them. One of Ralph's hobbies was raising melons. Coming from Alabama he had an inordinate love for them and was certain he could bring them from seed to fruit, even in Heath! After a few miserable disappointments in growing them, he built a plastic greenhouse and for a number of years he was submerged in melons, sharing them with all of his neighbors!

For those who did not plant corn, we among them, he would call around dinner time to see when we would sit down. Then, a short time later, he would drive over with a bag of freshly picked ears to see them put in the waiting pot of boiling water.

As an avid woodworking hobbyist with a well equipped shop, full of tools, one of Ralph's last contributions to the Heath Church was his help in designing and building a four-foot wooden bell wheel to replace the old wheel which had fallen apart from age. This was placed in the church steeple in 1976 in time to ring in the Bicentennial Celebration on July 4th.

Ralph never attended church nor went into the library, but faithfully drove his wife to each place, arriving unabashed and always ready to converse in his car with us as we came out of church.

Ralph Riddle will always be remembered by those who knew him as one who loved Heath and his neighbors here.

... C.C.S.

ARTS LOTTERY

The Heath Arts Lottery Committee has awarded two grants so far this term. An award of \$200 will be allotted to the "Saturday's Child" program. This will enable Heath residents to attend one program (together) in the fall, free of charge. Seventy-two tickets will be available and transportation will also be provided. "Saturday's Child" takes place in the Greenfield High School and sponsors a variety of family programs in music, theater and puppetry.

Another \$200 award will be allotted to Susan Silvester for photography costs involved in the historic inventory of the town being conducted by the Heath Historical Commission.

The Arts Lottery Committee meets twice a year. New members are needed. Anyone interested is asked to call Bob Gruen or Jayne Dane.

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INTERNATIONAL HEATH RECOGNITION DAY

by Pegge Howland

Last year as part of the Bicentennial Celebration, the Selectmen designated June 29 as International Heath Recognition Day. Heaths in England, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia responded by sending us their greetings.

Won't you take a moment on June 29, 1986 to pay tribute to our namesakes around the world, especially those who made the effort to contact us. If anyone would like to send a personal message, I would be happy to provide names and addresses. Please call me at 337-4980.

FROM THE EDITORS:

Seven years ago the HEATH HERALD was organized by a volunteer group of concerned citizens. It was, and still is, our intent to provide information about each community event, organization and branch of our town government to the taxpayers and citizens of Heath.

A majority of resident and non-resident taxpayers are unable to attend regular weekly meetings, so we strive to present in the HERALD a better understanding of the problems and possible solutions that face our town.

We urge each department or organization to make sure their news reaches us on a timely basis so that we may prepare issues of the HERALD that will be interesting, relevant and beneficial to the town.

The staff appreciates the time and effort made by these people in the various town organizations for without it the HEATH HERALD could not do the job it has set out to do.

THE PLAY OF DANIEL AT THE ACADEMY

Jayne Dane of Heath directed a very successful production of "The Play of Daniel" at The Academy at Charlemont on the evenings of May 9 and 10. "The Play of Daniel" is a medieval musical drama based on the story in the Book of Kings. Jayne was assisted in this production by drama director Rita Jaros and Peter Wittrock, of Shakespeare and Co.

Thirty-two students, from grades 8 - 12, took part in the presentation which was sung in Latin with English narration. These included soloists, a chorus, recorders and narrators.

Karen Veneri played the part of prince and legate; Michelle Nicolas was a court member; and Vicki Thane was the props manager.

The production of this play represented many hours of preparation and rehearsal on the part of both students and staff. It was performed to a full house on both nights.



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THE HEATH PLAYSCHOOL

by Joan Brownlee

The Heath Playschool, a non-profit preschool operating out of the Community Hall in Heath Center, has completed a very successful school year. The school expanded to a full enrollment of 15 children in both the morning and afternoon session. While over half the children, age 3-5, came from Heath, several came from Charlemont, Rowe, and Shelburne Falls. Through private donations and the Lions' Club of Charlemont three scholarships were funded. Additional funds are being raised this summer. Julie Rocke has designed a T-shirt, and it is available at the Magical Child. Yoshi Miyazaki has designed a quilt that will be raffled at the Heath Fair in August.

This will be Debbie Porter's last year as Head Teacher of the Playschool. Debbie started the Playschool in her home in 1979. What started as a small operation has now grown to a staff of three and one part-time administrator. Debbie's vision was to bring a school to Heath once again, and to create a community center for parents of young children. She has achieved this and more. She has brought together both parents and children who might otherwise be isolated. She has provided advice countless times to parents struggling to understand their young children. And finally, the high standards she has set for her work have brought to the community a preschool of the highest quality. Debbie will be teaching at the Center School in Greenfield and they will be very lucky to have her.

The Heath Playschool is currently accepting applications for the Head Teaching position. Applications should be sent to the Heath Playschool, Inc., P.O. Box 25, Heath, MA 01346.

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## 1986 HEATH GRADUATES

The HERALD extends its congratulations to the following Heath students who are graduating from their respective schools:

Graduating from the Rowe Elementary School are:  
Amanda Ausikaitis, Simya Ausikaitis, Jason Campbell,  
Lucas Gibson, Kimberly Hunkler, Jason Lively, Michael  
Schofield, Keith Sherman, Kate Sutton, James Thane  
and Jason Scott Wickline.

Melanie Tripp, daughter of Robert and Alicia Tripp, graduated from Mohawk Trail Regional School. This fall Melanie will join her sister Roberta attending American International College in Springfield.

Marisa Housner is graduating from the Amherst High School this June. She will be going to the Rhode Island School of Design in the fall.

Sandi A. Galipo, daughter of Ray and Pam Galipo received an associate in science degree magna cum laude from Bay Path Jr. College.

Richard Housner will graduate from the Smith College Social Work Program in August with a Master's degree in Social Work.

Henry Leuchtmann graduated from the University of Massachusetts cum laude in the University Without Walls with a Bachelor of Science degree. His field of study was artificial intelligence. Henry is currently employed by the U. of Massachusetts Alumni Office, installing a new computer program to handle alumni records.



**MTRHS Graduate Melanie Tripp**





## ROWE SCHOOL NEWS

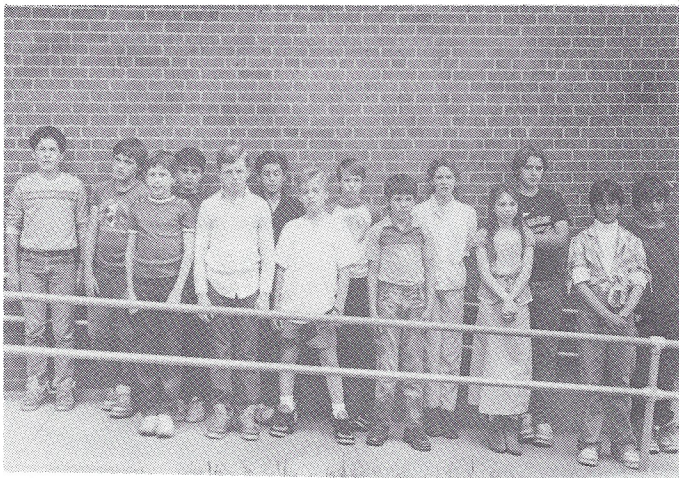
by Sue Silvester

This year the annual sixth grade class trip will be a one day excursion to the Boston Science Museum on June 12. There will be a 6:30 AM departure to avoid the crowds; students will arrive back at the school at approximately 7:30 PM. Since a Science Fair has been scheduled at the school for the following week, students will have a first hand opportunity to view many exciting professional exhibits that may generate ideas for projects of their own.

On May 23 the entire school took part in a Memorial Day program held at the Gazebo. Each class presented a short musical selection and a poem under the direction of vocal music teacher Miss Bryant. Special instrumental selections were presented by the band with Mr. Ted Wirt conducting. The traditional "Gettysburg Address" presented by Mr. Schoenfeld was followed by two final songs.

Tryouts for next year's Middle School Musical "Annie Get Your Gun" will be held at the Mohawk Trail Regional School for students in grade 6 on June 16 and at the Rowe School for students in grades 4 and 5 on June 12.

Graduation is on June 19 at 6 PM at the Gazebo and June 20 is the last day of school.



Sixth Grade Graduates - Rowe School 1986

Back row: Brian Vega, James Thane, Keith Sherman, Richard Vega, Mike Schofeld, Amanda Ausikaitis, Kate Sutton (absent), Jason Campbell, Jason Wickline.  
Front row: Micah May, Mike Johnston, Lucas Gibson, Jason Lively, Simaya Ausikaitis, Kim Hunkler.

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Budge Litchfield, Secretary

As the school year draws to an end, your school committee is happy to see some of our most important projects nearing completion. At the annual town meeting our budget was accepted by the voters. The budget represented the culmination of a number of our efforts during the year and we appreciate that vote of confidence.

At the June meeting we plan to sign our new tuition agreement with the Town of Rowe which will describe rates and terms for tuitioning our elementary students at the Rowe School. Although this new arrangement, along with a significant increase in enrollment, accounts for the increase in the school budget, we have every reason to expect it will do much to stabilize our tuition rate over the next five years.

We also have good news concerning the grants we have been working on. We are awaiting the check for our FY '86 Equal Education Opportunity Grant and, after the favorable town meeting vote on this topic, we are ready to apply for the FY '87 money if we feel that would be appropriate. There is also a good possibility that we will file for an Early Childhood Education grant by the June 25 deadline.

At our May meeting we reorganized as required by law. Skip is still chairman, Linda is still vice-chairman and Budge is secretary.

Finally as the fiscal year draws to a close we note that our budget is in good shape and, as often happens, good financial management and a bit of luck will allow us to return some money to the town at the end of the year.

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

by Sue Silvester, Secretary

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, June 18, at the home of President Michael Coe. A decision concerning the restoration of the Old Town House will be made at that time.

The date for the annual meeting of the Historical Society has been set for Saturday, August 9, at 8 PM in the Community Hall. This will be preceded by a potluck supper at 6 PM. A speaker for the evening will be announced shortly. The meeting and supper are open to the public.

The Society received a special gift recently from Ron Corey. A large coniferous tree was dug up from his place, transferred to a site beside the Center Schoolhouse and planted there. The tree will serve as the focal point for the annual Christmas gathering and will be lighted during the holiday season. Ron was assisted by Bob Dane and Newland Smith.

The Society is again indebted to John Read for keeping the grass mowed around the Schoolhouse Museum.

## HEATH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

by Alli Thane

Let go! Only 11 weeks left until Fair time. Get out those unfinished quilts, pillows, sweaters, plant your garden with thought to your vegetable exhibits, weed your flower garden, lead your animals and do whatever it takes to make this year's Fair as great as the last one.

To summarize this year's activities so far:

Election of officers resulted in President, F. Walter Gleason; Vice-president, Carroll Stowe; Secretary, Ruth Belitsos; Premium Book Secretary, Barbara Smith; Treasurer, Nancy Briggs (with Karen MacDougall).

The 1986 Fair dates are August 15, 16 and 17. Program highlights include a garden tractor pull, pony pull, bingo, fireworks, horse draw, oxen draw, fiddlers, square dance, Shelburne Falls Military Band and numerous other activities. A new feature will be David Mallett, a folk singer well known for his song "Inch by Inch, Row by Row."

The next issue of the HEATH HERALD will publish the complete program.

Come to the monthly meetings of the Society and join in organizing this year's Fair.

## LADIES AID FAIR

The Ladies Aid Fair will be held Wednesday July 30 starting at 3 PM. There will be quilts, fancy work, food and plants and much more for sale.

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## LIBRARY LINES

by Alli Thane, Librarian

Summer has arrived and with it thoughts of vacation. You say you aren't going anywhere? What better way than to pull up a chair, grab a book and travel - to the desert with Cry of the Kalahari; to the cold regions with Arctic Dreams; back to King Arthur's Court with The Mists of the Avalon; to Africa with Lie Down With Lions; or to Minnesota with Lake Wobegon Days. You can discuss politics with David Stockman in Triumph of Politics, solve dozens of mysteries with Martha Grimes or Dick Francis, learn crafts, cooking or fly tying. You can learn to cut hair with How to Cut Your Own or Anybody Else's Hair, or repair your car with Auto Repair for Dummies. You can read a delightful story Bess W. Truman by her daughter Margaret - a great way to spend a vacation.

Even though the Pre-school has closed for the summer, we still have filmstrips to show and stories to read to the little ones on Wednesday afternoons. Come in and admire the quilted wall-hanging the children made for the Library. It is made up of their hands printed with white paint on colored material.

Our next 12 videocassettes will be sent to us on June 18 from the Western Massachusetts Regional Library. These will include Star Wars, Summer Solstice, The Wizard of Oz, Gallipoli, Every Day with Richard Simmons and others.

My thanks again for the generous gifts of books from readers, the donations of magazines and the kindness of the Riddle family for their memorial fund to the Library.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

by Pat Leuchtman

The Friends of the Library sponsored a kite flying event at the Fairgrounds in April which was very successful. The sunny, breezy weather was just perfect. About 30 people attended, with the youngest set being the most enthusiastic kite flyers.

The Friends are now invited to bring that energy and enthusiasm to a meeting scheduled for mid-July. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the direction that the newly activated group can take and what projects they might like to initiate. Traditionally, Friends have helped the Library by raising money and providing some volunteer services.

The exact date of the meeting will be posted in Sawyer Hall. All those interested in coming to the aid of the Heath Library are invited, both full-time residents and summer people. If you have any questions, call Pat Leuchtman, 337-4316.

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## FROM THE HEATH PARSONAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

When I first came to Heath and Rowe eight months ago, I quickly learned that both congregations were greatly interested in church growth and hopeful that my ministry with you would help make growth possible. All this year I have been anxious to jump into a growth program and now that my classes have ended the time is right for doing so. In fact, we have begun already.

On May 21, 28 members of the Heath and Rowe congregations met in the Heath Church to hear Ms. Helen Barnes talk about the possibilities for church growth in our area. Ms. Barnes is the Local Resource Person of the United Church of Christ. I want to share with you some of the key points that came out of the meeting.

1. The Heath and Rowe area, according to recent census data, has experienced a 28% increase in population over the last few years. That is one of the highest growth rates in the state and every indication suggests it will continue.

2. The Heath and Rowe churches are comprised of a good mix of people of different ages, interests and length of stay in the community. This mixture is healthy and is a good foundation for growth.

3. Studies have shown that many people who do not currently attend church would come if they felt welcome and if there were a way for them to actively participate in the life of the church beyond worship. There is no reason to assume that just because they don't come they are not interested.

4. An effective church growth program takes patience, determination and time - usually five to six years. It requires that the whole congregation be committed to exploring new ways of thinking.

Toward the end of the meeting it became clear that church growth was something we all wanted to see happen. We wanted to take the enthusiasm which the meeting generated and turn it into action. We decided to make a proposal in favor of church growth and bring this proposal up for vote by the whole congregation in each church. This proposal will include the following four points:

1. That this be a minimum five year commitment.
2. That a goal be set for a minimum of 2% net increase in church membership in each of those five years.
3. That a special committee be commissioned by the congregation for the purpose of directing the growth process and meeting the above named goals.
4. That we (the pastor and church growth committee) seek to gather other churches in the Western Massachusetts area of the UCC to participate in a church growth training seminar. This seminar, led by Ms. Helen Barnes, will consist of four training meetings over a two year period, held on the condition that a minimum of five churches participate (Heath and Rowe counting as one church). If this fails, the Heath and Rowe churches will try to run the program by themselves.

I encourage anyone who has questions to contact me or one of the deacons for more information. The date of the congregational vote will be announced soon.

In closing, I hope I can communicate the excitement that was present at this meeting. There are many people in these hills who love the Heath and Rowe Churches and we are anxious to see them thrive. I make you this promise. It is possible. All we have to do is to decide we want to grow, figure out how to grow, and then make it happen.

Yours in Christ,  
Kevin M. Pleas  
Pastor, Heath and Rowe Churches

## CHURCH NEWS

by Amy C. Barry

On Sunday, May 11, four new members were received into the Heath Church. They are Paul and Jimmie Snyder and their daughter Yolanda Campbell, formerly of Texas and now living on Route 8A, and Russell Johnson, husband of Ruth Law Johnson.

The Rowe and Heath churches hold their combined Vacation Bible School during the week of July 28 - August 1 from 9 AM to 12 noon at the Rowe Church Parish Hall. This year's theme is "Jesus Teaches Us" and the curriculum will focus on the gospel of Matthew, a book rich in Jesus' teachings. We will use Jesus' parables, workbook activities, crafts, worship and singing to help children explore and understand the good news of the gospel. All Heath and Rowe children who are entering kindergarten through sixth grade in September are welcome. Donations to help defray the cost of curriculum materials and craft supplies will be greatly appreciated and we will be asking for community help in providing cookies and juice for snacks. If you have questions about Vacation Bible School, please contact Amy Barry in Heath or Cathy Snyder in Rowe.

The Heath Church will be holding its traditional auction at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 26. This is one of our most significant fund-raising events each year and we are looking for donations of furniture, appliances, dishes and whatever to make our auction a success. If you have items for the auction, call Rachel Sumner or Amy Barry so that we may arrange a pick-up.

The most exciting Church event of the summer season will hopefully be the beginning of a new Heath tradition. On Saturday, June 28, at 7:30 PM the Heath Church will host the Mohawk Trail Concert Series. The program of chamber music of Bach, Mozart, Black and others will feature Gary Glaze, Tenor; Henry Schumann, Oboe; Arnold Black, Violin; Kim Scholes, Cello; Masako Yanagita, Violin; and the Gather 'Round Singers of Franklin County. Tickets, at \$5 each or \$3 for seniors and under 16, will be available at Peters' Store, Village Variety in Shelburne Falls, and Averys' in Charlemont. After the concert there will be coffee and homemade dessert at the Community Hall for an additional charge of \$2.00.

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## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

by Robert Dane, Secretary

The Planning Board has recently held two public hearings. The first, held on May 26, was to review the request made by Susan and Guy Silvester for a special permit to operate a new and used car sales business at their home on Colrain Stage Road. This permit was granted with the condition that no more than five cars be on the premises at one time. In discussion with the citizens present, it was brought out that this is a "cottage industry" as defined by our present zoning bylaws, so that no special permit is required. However, since it was requested by the Silvesters, it was brought up at this time.

A second hearing, held on June 2, was on a request from Stephen Belitsos for a special permit to operate a car repair facility in the garage across from Robbinswood on Rowe Road. A lengthy discussion ensued, including the reading of a letter from Elizabeth Witzgall, owner of the property, indicating there was no objection to the business with certain provisions. These provisions, including others requested at the meeting, were concern over the number of cars and unregistered vehicles that might be parked on the road and in the area, disturbance to the neighbors and hours of operation, the storage and disposal of waste oil and fuel, and the length of time allowed under the special permit. Steve Belitsos answered most of these points to the satisfaction of those present and indicated that this location for his garage was only temporary until the business became established and that it was his intent to build a permanent garage structure in a more suitable location in Heath after another year. The Board will act on this application at our June 9 meeting.

We will finish framing subdivision regulations at a second monthly meeting, the fourth Monday of the month. These meetings will be exclusively for finishing subdivision regulations, with any other business being dealt with at our regular second Monday of the month meeting.

At our May 12 meeting, Tom Lively was reelected chairman and Bob Dane secretary. Tom was also named as Franklin County Planning Board Representative.

## PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

by Catherine Nichols

This summer the Committee will focus on landscaping the Park. Soon everyone will receive a letter from us asking for contributions of money and/or plant materials. Our major expense will be for grading and draining the lower field so it can be kept mowed. We also hope to have a summer youth work crew. The crew will plant and landscape the park following the plan designed by Susan Wright which is on display in the Town Hall.

The recent survey conducted by the Planning Board indicated that recreational facilities are a top priority to many of us. We need the support of everyone interested in order to complete and maintain the park.

## ASSESSORS'S REPORT

by Alan Nichols

Stephen Belitsos was appointed to a one year term as assessor at a joint meeting of the Selectmen and the Assessors on May 28.

We have been meeting with Chester Zaik, the County Assessor, who has been very helpful and we expect to meet during the next month with the State.

It will take a little time for two of us to become familiar with all of the aspects of the office.

We meet every Monday evening at the Town Hall from 7 to 9.

## REPORT FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER

by Linda Marcotte

It has been a busy two months since my last report. With Helen Mackie's help, I was able to start sending notices out last week to taxpayers who appear to have outstanding tax amounts. Already some payments have been made. I hope to get a majority of these amounts cleared up by June 30 and maybe the balance by December 31. The collection of these amounts will certainly make the town's financial situation much easier for the Selectmen.

A few of us met last week with Susan Wright, Administrative Assistant, about a possible state grant for computer software for use by the Assessors and Tax Collector. What we are hoping for is a package that, for the Tax Collector, would generate 1st and 2nd tax bills and demands. Payments could be posted to the bills automatically and reminders mailed, as needed, to those whose bills still showed a balance due.



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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Chief Earl Gleason

The Department responded to a grass fire on April 12 and the following day several members responded to a medical emergency in the Center. Sunday, April 20, was supposed to be a day of rest, but it was interrupted about 11 AM with a wood fire of about one half acre on Number Nine Road. About 3 PM I responded to a fire in the forestry that was extinguished with an Indian Pump. Arriving back at the station, I was met by two firefighters and told that there was another fire in the forestry. This fire turned out to be just over the line in Halifax. At about 9 PM we were called for a Mutual Aid to Colrain to a house fire and to a brush fire on Christian Hill. While at that fire, Colrain dispatched our truck and men to assist their ambulance at the scene of a motorcycle accident and later our pump cleaned up the spilt gasoline. So much for our restful Sunday as it was Monday morning before our tired firemen arrived home.

On April 23, two trucks responded to a house on Avery Brook Road as smoke was reported to be coming out under the eaves. The furnace pipe had come out of the chimney and filled the house full of smoke.

May runs included a medical emergency on the 3rd and three trucks responded to a reported house fire on May 7 that turned out to be fog drifting upstream.

No Association meeting or drill was held in April because the meeting nights were devoted to finishing the First Aid and CPR class. The Association met on May 1 and a drill was held on May 15.

My activities for the two months included an all day meeting in Springfield and an evening meeting in Northampton on the registration and granting of permits for underground storage tanks and the permits and procedures for removal of underground tanks.

For those of you who have either above ground or below ground gasoline or diesel tanks, please contact the Fire Chief as these tanks will have to be licensed by the Selectmen (a one time procedure), receive a certification from the Town Clerk (must be done annually), and a permit from the Fire Department (also annually). It is a possibility the the State Fire Marshal will order firms delivering these products to make no deliveries to customers with unlicensed tanks.

I also attended two Fire Wardens' meetings, one Fire Chiefs' meeting, The Tri-State Field Day, one Civil Defense meeting, a meeting with Crocker Communications related to answering the red phone and made three smoke detector inspections.

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## POLICE REPORT

by Chief Lorin Gowdy

In May the Heath Police Department participated in a shooting tournament sponsored by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. The team was comprised of Chief Lorin Gowdy, Guy Silvester, Lee Shepherd, Dennis Annear of Charlemont, and David Rich from Hawley. Each participant was scored on his ability to accurately hit targets with each hand using a handgun at various ranges up to 25 yards. One hundred rounds of ammunition were fired by each person in different positions. Overall high scorer for the day for all teams was Chief Gowdy. The Heath Police team finished second and will enter another round of competition in the near future.

Summer residents in Heath are urged to immediately contact the Police Department should they find anything wrong upon returning to their places. All residents are reminded to drive safely this summer, using special caution at intersections.

## CLOSING FEES FOR LANDFILL

by Richard Giard, Chairman  
Three-town Landfill Committee

In April the Committee approved a fee schedule to help offset the cost of closing the landfill in 1988. The fees are as follows:

|                              |                       |                  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <u>Commercial:</u>           | Under 10 cubic yard   | \$ 1.00 per yard |
|                              | 10 cubic yds and over | 2.00 per yard    |
|                              | Compacted             | 4.00 per yard    |
|                              | Demolition material   | 4.00 per yard    |
| <u>Residential stickers:</u> |                       | 10.00 per year   |
|                              | daily permit          | 1.50 per day     |

These funds will be put into one bank account for all three towns with the lead-town's clerk being responsible for it. The stickers will be available by July 1, 1986 from our town clerk.

We must close the present landfill in 1988 when our lease expires. The Lawrence Burrington family do not wish to extend the lease beyond this time. Therefore the Town of Heath will have to start looking at the Chicopee landfill, the only remaining licensed landfill in the area, and at HERCO. When this happens we can expect a substantial increase in our town solid waste disposal account.

Alfred Wood, our dump attendant, has been in the hospital since May 21. He is now at a friend's house in Greenfield for a few days before coming back to work. Daniel Gleason has been taking Al's place at the dump.

Summer hours at the dump are: Monday 10 AM - 2 PM  
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## HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Staff Sergeant Timothy J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Smith of Heath, has been decorated with the third award of the Air Medal at Anderson Air Force Base, Guam. The medal is awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.

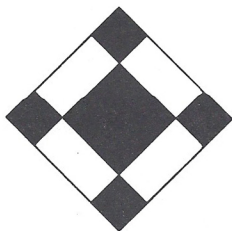
Janice Boudreau has been inducted into Alpha Beta Kappa, an international society, in recognition of her professional integrity and excellence in service to Hallmark Institute of Photography. Janice handles admissions and financial aid for the Institute.

Michael Coe has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, a private organization of scientists and engineers chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1863 to serve as an official advisor to the Federal Government in matters of science and technology. Election to membership in the Academy is considered to be one of the highest honors to be given an American scientist or engineer. Professor Coe is Professor of Anthropology at Yale University and Curator of Anthropology at the Peabody Museum of Natural History at New Haven, CT. He is an authority on pre-Columbian archaeology of Middle America, particularly the Olmecs, the earliest known civilization in the Western Hemisphere.

Luke Housner who now lives with his family in Amherst will be attending the Kinhaven music camp in Weston, VT this summer.

Brooks McCutchen will spend the summer in England, France, and Greece. He will return to the Professional School of Psychology at Berkeley, CA for his PhD degree in Clinical Psychology. Deborah McCutchen will spend the summer in Tamworth, NH where she will be working and writing. Her sister, Sharon, is continuing her studies at Columbia University in New York.

Susan Silvester was awarded a research grant in the field of curriculum development by the John F. Kennedy Library.



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Heath School Committee:

1st Wednesday of month 7:30 PM

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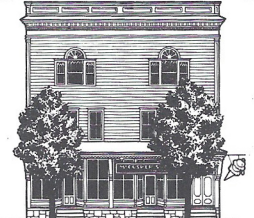
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