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## NEW HEATH LAND DEVELOPMENT

by Herald Staff

In light of the recent controversy surrounding the development of the former Fred Lively farm, rumors have been running rampant. The once peaceful pastures on Number Nine Road are the scene of frenzied activity as numerous building sites are rapidly being turned into permanent dwelling places. Punctuated only by the occasional staccato notes of hammers, the sonorous drone of saws echoes across the hills.

Jim Cerone, with the help of his brother-in-law and a friend, is framing in his hilltop home. A handsome new mailbox has been firmly planted by the roadside. Jim, together with his wife Dianne and their four children, hope to move into their new home in September or October. Three of their children will attend the Rowe Elementary School this fall; Jimmy, age 8, Keith, age 7, and Benjamin, age 6. The youngest, Dominic, will be 2 in August. Jim expressed a desire to live in Heath "because we like the countryside." When asked about community involvement, he said, "We plan to participate and help in any area we can. I hope we'll be good citizens." Jim is presently camping in nearby Vermont and plans to do house framing year-round after his own house has been completed. He says his brother-in-law and a friend make a good team and would like to work locally after they finish this project.

Unlike Jim, neighbor-to-be Charles Shattuck commutes to Heath daily from his home in Somers, Con-  
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Charlie Shattuck - House Builder  
on Number Nine Road

(Photo by Sue Silvester)

## THE 1986 HEATH FAIR

by Barbara Smith, Secretary  
Heath Agricultural Society

It's August and it's FAIR time! How quickly it sneaks up on us, but the Heath Agricultural Society hopes to put on one of the best Fairs ever.

The 69th annual Heath Fair will begin August 15 with one of the biggest programs on a Friday we have ever had. A pony pull will begin the events starting at 1 PM. At 4 PM the Hilltown Pullers Association will put on a 4.X 4 pull contest running until dark.

Meanwhile on Friday the exhibit hall will be open to receive exhibits from 4 PM until 8 PM. (Be sure to get your entries in early!) Last year we ended our Bicentennial Year's Fair with fireworks; this year we would like to start our Fair with them, so Friday night at 9:30 the hills of Heath will once again be lit up with color!

Saturday morning starts off on a down-to-business note with the exhibit hall judging at 9 AM, the adult sheep show at 10 AM and the rabbit show at 11 AM. The exhibit hall will open to the public at 11 AM and, if that still isn't enough to do, the horse pull starts at 11 also.

At 12 noon the Heath Volunteer Fire Department will put on a chicken barbecue which many of us look forward to. We haven't heard any inside information as of now, but we hope they bring their famous homemade root beer this year. At one o'clock the music will begin for Saturday's line-up. First to perform will be Mary McGuire followed by Dave Mallett bringing us folk music at its best. It's an afternoon not to be missed.

Following our musical program there will be games held for the children and, by popular request (meaning the adults always felt left out!), we've added some adult games this year, too. By 8 PM if you haven't had enough exercise with the games, there will be a square dance on the grounds featuring the Catamount Mountain Boys. Not only is it good exercise, but it's fun too for the entire family.

We open Sunday morning with a church service at 9:30 on the lower field. All are welcome.

After the church service, the morning is back to Fair business starting at 10 AM with the 4-H Ox Cart Class being judged, plus the youth sheep show also starting at the same time. At 11 AM the youth cattle and rabbit shows will begin at noon followed by the ox draw. The fiddlers' show will begin at noon; at 1 PM they will break long enough for the parade, followed by the ox parade.

The Fair Association announces there will be a new category in the parade this year. There will be ten  
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## MILESTONES

by Edith C. Royer

Steven Michael was born on June 19 to Kevin and Jo-Ann Pettengill of Rantoul, Illinois. Steven is the grandson of Ray and Terry Pettengill.

Demetre Earle was born on June 27 to David and Debra Lavigne.

Zachary Taylor was born on July 9 to Richard and Linda Fuery of Shelburne Falls. Zachary is the great grandson of David Giard, Sr.

Alastair Maitland on July 9 became the grandfather of Nicholas Thomas Maitland Baiocchi, whose parents, Anne Maitland and Paul Baiocchi, reside in New York City.

Patricia Louise was born on July 24 to Jerry and Diane Waitkus of Queens, New York. Patricia is the granddaughter of Henry and Pat Leuchtman.

Alexander Markus Lively, son of Matthew and Monika Lively, and grandson of Paul and Marcella Lively, was baptized at St. Christopher's Church in Charlemont on July 19 by the Rev. Robert Thrasher, Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Springfield, MA. Steven's godparents are Adam James Lively and Victoria Thane both of Heath.

Dominic and Mafalda Musacchio celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 29 with a surprise party given by their children at the Plantation House.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Churchill of Jacksonville Stage Road announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Hilma Churchill Kuzmeskus, of Toccoa Falls, Georgia, to Benjamin Keith Ayers of Eastanollee Georgia, on August 16. The ceremony will be performed at the Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Lavonia, Georgia.

Leonard J. Brown of Jacksonville Stage Road died on June 26. He leaves six sons; Frank S., Roy L., Leonard Jr. (Pete), Wendell F., Roger L., and Reginald and five daughters; Eleanor Maynard, Lillian Benz, Marilyn Ball, Janet Nido and Annette Dufrense. The Browns have lived in Heath for many years.

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## LETTERS

To the Editors:

As a partner of H. T. Associates, I am grateful for this opportunity to bring some clarity and truth in place of rumors concerning the development of our property on Number Nine Road.

My partners and I formed H.T. Associates as a general real estate partnership to acquire and develop the Fred Lively farm property. H.T. Associates is not a non-profit organization, and has no basis in fact to ever become one; therefore, seeking tax exempt status for our property in Heath is an absurd and unfounded rumor.

When the rumor surfaced that we intended to convert the barn facility into a church, my partners and I offered to the Heath Planning Board our intention to raze the barn to stop these rumors. However, since some of our young people will bring horses and other animals to Heath, we are considering preserving the barn for that purpose. In any case, the barn will not be used as a church.

H.T. Associates is presently interested in acquiring the 87 1/2 acre parcel on the east side of Number Nine Road along the power lines only as a buffer to our existing property, development along the power lines being impractical. H.T. has also withdrawn an offer to acquire the 15 acre parcel on the west side of Number Nine Road and Stone Hill Road because of possible wetlands considerations.

I hope this will clarify the role of H.T. Associates in the Heath Community, and clear up some misconceptions.

WALTER J. SEIBERT, Partner  
H.T. Associates  
Somersville, Connecticut

To the Editors:

On Sunday, July 13, family, friends and neighbors honored Leonard and Ida Brown with a grave-side committal service.

I can only say that I am proud to have known these wonderful folks. To have been able to spend an evening with this couple was a rare treat for me. These people raised a large family with super amounts of hard, unselfish toil. As with most good parents, complaints were few but the outpouring of love was endless. The jars of various canned foods that Ida preserved would surely stagger the imagination.

In Leonard's working years a faithful team of horses was his pride and joy. Mr. Brown was a fine story teller and he could keep me spellbound with his lifetime supply. At times he would have to stop and try to recall a name of someone long past and Ida would supply it instantly.

Leonard and Ida were a special kind of people and all who knew them are the richer for the sharing they did.

CARROLL STOWE, Heath

## HEATH PRECIPITATION

by Ralph Dickinson, Observer  
for Mass. Water Resources Commission

June precipitation was 6.56 inches; July precipitation was 6.37 inches.

Total precipitation, January through July was 30.02 inches. Not since 1975 have we had a wetter June and July. The local heavy showers the last week in July have been destructive.



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necticut, spending approximately three hours travelling each day. A staunch American patriot and firm believer in his Catholic faith, Charlie (as he likes to be called), is proud of his service record in the armed forces from June 1964 to March 1968, including time spent in Vietnam.

After serving his country for four years, Charlie felt that marriage, a family and his religion were very important to him. He and his wife were married in August 1968. He wanted a large family and wanted "to bring up the children with good faith and morals." There are twelve children, all of whom live at home. Bernadette is the oldest and will be a senior this fall at Mohawk Trail Regional School. An avid horse enthusiast and riding instructor, she has been a 4-H member, recently returning from a one-week trip to Washington, DC, the prize she won for writing an essay. Michelle will be a junior at Mohawk, Charles III a freshman, and Joseph will be in grade 8. Attending the Rowe Elementary School are Theresa, Andrew, Anne Marie, Janice Marie and Peter. Still at home are John Paul (named after the Pope), Mary Rose and Michael Christopher.

Charlie is the spokesman for his group of friends. Five of them founded H.T. Associates which bought the 200 acre Lively farm for \$175,000 in May of this year. H.T. Associates' investors are Wally Seibert, Robert W. Dobek, a pharmacist, Dan Cedrone, "Doc" Caracciolo, a retired dentist, and Kenneth Horr, an engineer. The investors have sold several parcels of land and, although the Heath Conservation Commission ordered a halt on some construction, eight foundations have been started. A preliminary subdivision plan for 13 more lots was initially filed with the Heath Planning Board, but Charlie says "there is absolutely no truth to 13 more families. I don't think the subdivision will go through. H.T. Associates is not pushing the subdivision - we're not millionaires."

When questioned on the rumor that H.T. Associates might develop additional land, Wally Seibert, stated that approximately 87 adjacent acres under the power line are being purchased as a "buffer" but that it is not suitable for housing.

Regarding the subject of transforming the old Lively barn into a church, Charlie replied he doesn't know because it belongs to H.T. Associates. There had been talk of turning the barn into a religious sanctuary, but "it is not planned now." Charlie would like to purchase a couple of horses to keep in the barn for his children to ride. He personally "plans to attend church in Vermont or Shelburne Falls," and any religious activities of his group would be confined to discussions over a cup of coffee at a neighbor's house.

A major concern of the interviewed Heath citizenry is the cost of educating all the new children. Heath School Committee member Patrick Venneri "wants to have an orderly transition on September third" and is extremely concerned about the expenses of transportation and tuition. At a July meeting with Rowe Elementary School Principal Paul Swen, Dr. Caracciolo and Charlie Shattuck, he reports that the subject of tax exempt status was broached by Mr. Shattuck, who emphatically declared that the group would not seek tax exempt status as a religious organization.

Recently asked the same question again, Charlie stated that "there would be no tax exempt status whatsoever ... H.T. Associates is just a regular corporation."

In response to the question of where the professional people would find employment in the

remote hills of Heath, Charlie said that he was working as an on-the-site supervisor for H.T. Associates, engineer Dan Cedrone would occasionally commute to Long Island, Wally Seibert will set up an office in his home as a CPA and Ralph Demech, a production manager, is currently interviewing for a local position. Jim Cerone would like to frame houses and Dr. Caracciolo retired June 30 from the dental profession.

In 1980 Charlie Shattuck joined the "Apostolic Formation Center", a religious group founded in the 1960's by J. Roy Legere. He was elected to the Board of Trustees, then became vice-president and president. Later, after Legere fell into disrepute, Charlie divested his group and changed its name. Charlie has visited the Vatican in Rome a number of times where he has attended Mass and received communion from the Pope. He says he explained his organization and received three blessings from the Pope.

The Shattuck family will soon be settled in Heath; Charlie wants to escape the harassment and persecution so that his children can grow up in a normal atmosphere. However, there is still the unanswered question concerning the financial implications on our small town for more town services. It is hoped that the property assessments of these new houses and lots will generate enough additional tax income to cover most of the required educational costs.



Jim Cerone's New House on Number Nine Road

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money prizes of \$2.50 each plus ribbons for the best decorated bicycle. If there are not ten first place winners, \$25 will be divided equally among the first place children. So start your children planning!

Following the parade the Shelburne Falls Military Band will give a concert directed by Mr. Stanley Smithers.

We also point out to the young people of Heath the Ken Crowningshield memorial award. The rules and regulations are printed on the second page of the premium book. We would really like to see a Heath resident take the prize money this year.

There seems to be quite a line up of events this year. As always there will a flea market going on, plus food concessions and a food sale. We have our fingers crossed for the amusement rides this year, so there's not much more we can say on that.

We hope one and all get a chance to at least enjoy one event at the Heath Fair; it's an occasion not to be missed!

If you are interested in receiving a premium book and haven't one yet, call Barb Smith 337-5563 and we will get one to you.

See you all at the Fair.

## LADIES AID FAIR A SUCCESS

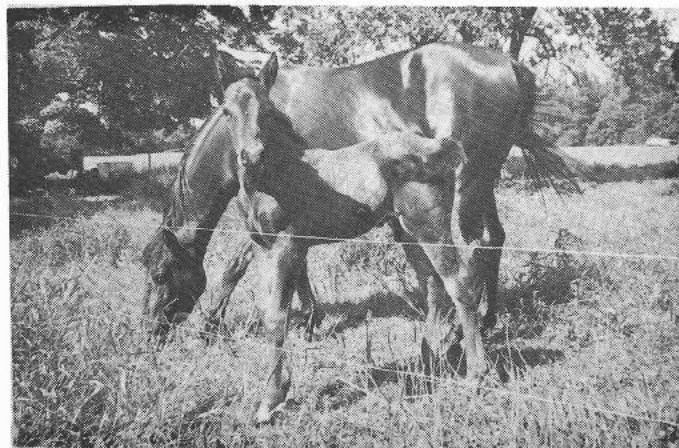
by Edith C. Royer

A very successful sale was held on Wednesday, July 30. In spite of the rainy day, about \$530 was made. Many thanks are due to everyone who helped in any way. The church supper was also well attended. Ladies Aid meetings will start in late September to get ready for the Christmas sale in early November. Thanks again.

## NEW ARRIVAL

by Sue Silvester

A new arrival at Brenda Clark's house has slowed traffic in that part of town! Gem's Majestic Liberty or "Major" was born on the Fourth of July at 10:30 PM to Brenda's registered Morgan mare, Dawn Dark Gem. Brenda purchased her in June 1982 at the age of 13 months. Major may be seen daily, frolicking with his mother in the roadside pasture across from the Clark home. The colt's sire is Whisper Wind Autumn King, who belongs to Kathy Sprague in Rowe.



Brenda Clark's "Major" with Mother

(Photo by Sue Silvester)

## MOOSE ON THE LOOSE

by Sue Silvester

After last summer's wolverine sighting, Bill Wolf said he needed "tangible evidence" of his latest four-footed visitor, a moose. So the clear impression of a moose's hoofprint has been preserved in a plaster cast.

Sometime in late June, Pete Smith saw the moose, according to Dolly Churchill, who spotted the moose herself in Ross's pond. John and Skip Churchill reported seeing the moose on Saturday, July 12, at 8:30 AM, describing it as weighing in the vicinity of 800 to 900 pounds and brandishing a rack extending 15 inches on each side of its head. The same description was given to the Churchills of a moose seen three times by Jack Cable on Burnt Hill.

On July 13 Ellie Roberts, Wendy Epstein and her daughter Ruth spotted the moose at Sydney Brown's house, and on July 16 Bill Wolf saw it at a distance of 250 feet while en route to a nearby hayfield. It turned away heading east across Ledges Road.

The ubiquitous moose was seen twice on July 29. At 3:30 PM Sydney and Bob Brown with their family and house guests viewed it at the Browns' house and, only a few hours later, it had made its way to Newland Smith's field where it was seen only 100 feet from the house in the violent thunder storm that day.

Now that the moose is definitely fact and no longer fiction, the HEATH HERALD would appreciate a photograph of this new creature in our midst.

## FAIR HELP WANTED!

As another Fair season rolls in we are in need of people to volunteer their time to help out at the Fair.

If you are interested in working in the food booth call Esther or Fred Crowningshield 337-4464; or working in the exhibit hall, call Sophie Coe 337-4924; or selling tickets at the gate, call Pete Smith, 337-5563. There are endless other places to be filled also and if you are interested or want information call Barb Smith 337-5563.

## WAGON TRAIN 1986

The wagons will roll away from the Heath Fairgrounds on September 27 and 28.

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## NEW NEIGHBORS

by Pat Leuchtman

David Schwartz and Bonnie Wodin with their two children, Aaron (3) and Sarah (1), moved into Alan and Catherine Nichols' old house next to the Fairgrounds early this spring. They had been renting in Charlemont and were drawn to this part of Massachusetts because they felt this area was so congenial; they have found people with similar interests in a rural lifestyle and a concern for finding a right livelihood.

Bonnie grew up in New York City and Massachusetts, and later went to live in England and Kenya. She also spent a brief time living in Buenos Aires and Brazil. David had grown up in Lynbrook, New York, but he and Bonnie met in Harvard, Massachusetts. He had been working at the Slice of Life Bakery in Cambridge and also worked at the NEFCO warehouse. The Heath Food Coop is a part of the NEFCO system.

In addition to working as a baker, David has worked as a vocational counselor with adolescents as well as adults. Right now he is employed by Incentive Community Enterprises (ICE) as a vocational rehabilitation specialist. But he is already thinking of the Heath Fair and entering his braided challah.

Bonnie brings her own business to Heath, Golden Yarrow. She has begun her herb garden by the house and plans to enlarge it as soon as possible. She sells herbal wreaths out of her house as well as at the Salmon Falls Marketplace in Shelburne Falls.

Actually there are several facets to Golden Yarrow. Bonnie gives garden talks and lectures and has taught courses on herbs and breadbaking at Greenfield Community College. She has also designed gardens for individuals, schools and even a state park, and she is looking forward to developing that aspect of Golden Yarrow. In addition to designing gardens, she will also provide some garden maintenance for her clients.

"Heath has opened its arms to us. Finding such a congenial community is a dream come true," Bonnie says.



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## HEATH GARDENER

Elsa Bakalar's fame as a gardener has been spreading by leaps and bounds. She has designed any number of gardens locally and as far away as the Four Columns Inn in Newfane, Vermont. She has long been in demand as a teacher of gardening and as a lecturer; this spring she was one of the featured speakers at the Fortieth Annual Garden Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia. That speaking date spawned several others as far away as Illinois.

Recently, Elsa and Pat Leuchtman sold an article to Horticulture Magazine, which is distributed nationally, on Color in the Garden. The publication date has not been set, but on July 19 Gary Mottau, a photographer from Horticulture, spent several hours photographing Elsa's own garden in Heath - and Elsa.

Gary holds a degree in landscape architecture and owns his own garden design business, as well as doing free lance work in horticultural photography. In addition he maintains a file on garden photographs and slides that he sells to garden publications, writers and lecturers. He has photographed many beautiful gardens, but whether he was taking shots of the whole garden from the Bakalars' roof or close-ups of particular plants, he said Elsa's was one of the most impressive.



Elsa Bakalar's Garden

(Photo by Hazel Porter)

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## CLARENCE CUTTER

by Pat Leuchtman

The main topographical feature of interest that I can see from my kitchen window is Cutter's Field. I knew so little about the field and about Clarence Cutter that I made an error recently when I wrote that Steve Belitsos was operating Heath's first auto repair shop. In fact, Clarence Cutter held "Permit #1", issued by the Selectmen, and operated an auto repair business from 1970 to 1976 on Royer Road. Clarence was living then in the house that is now owned by Lorin Gowdy and ran the garage out of his barn.

That was an extremely busy and successful shop; Clarence was one of the most experienced mechanics around. By the time he opened the Heath garage he had been working on cars for more than 45 years. As an admiring grand-daughter, Brenda Clark says: "If it's anything to do with machinery he's a genius."

When I talked to him he said that he started building a car when he was 9 years old. "My family lived in Orange and I was working for a neighboring farmer one summer, helping with the haying and other chores. He had a dump with old cars and he gave me a motor and a block. I got the thing running, and the farmer gave me some more parts. By the time I was 13 I had built a complete Model T Ford from junk parts. I used to drive it all over the farm. Eventually I sold it for \$75 and that was a small fortune in those days!"

During World War II Clarence was a mechanic in the Air Corps, in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. He wanted to become a commercial pilot and used the GI Bill to get his training, but he says that after the war pilots were a dime a dozen and it was impossible to get a job.

When he was discharged from the service he moved to Dexter, Maine, and established an auto repair. "But, after the war, everyone could get new cars and they didn't bother fixing the old ones. So I went to work as head mechanic and welder for a construction company for a while and then I worked for a logging company at Boland Pond near Mount Katahdin. I put skis on a plane I had bought (a 1941 Aeronca Chief) so I could fly in and out. There was no problem finding a 'landing field.' Any lake would do. They froze early and quick. That winter it got down to 56 below zero and it didn't get above 36 below for two weeks. When I got to Heath the winters held no terror for me."

Clarence found Heath from the air. He was working in Connecticut but didn't like it much. He was looking for a place to live that would include a place to land his plane. He moved into the house on Royer Road in July of 1951. He remembers the summer well because they had to have a fire every day, all summer. At first he had to land his plane on a section of the Landstrom property. Later he turned his sloping field into the landing strip that the Hazel Porter family have dubbed Heathrow.

Though he had finally found his way here, Heath's first garage was still in the future. Clarence discovered he had to put a number of jobs together to make a living. He did some logging and ran a saw mill next to the house for four or five years. From 1951 to '54 he ran the school bus route. He had a three year contract which was not renewed. He also repaired engines and did some work for the town; it was easier and cheaper than having the work done in the Falls or Greenfield.

There is always a lot of work for a good mechanic. Clarence worked as a service manager for the Morrissey Tractor Company in Northampton, then commuted to Connecticut and acted as service manager for Tyler Equipment in Wallingford. He was glad to stop commuting again when he got a job with Mackin Construction and they began work on the power plant in Rowe.

There were more years of logging and running the sawmill and he even got the school bus route back for a time. He also worked at the Sunoco station in Charlemont and bought it in 1969.

In 1970 he decided to open a shop right here in Heath. He specialized in repairing Volkswagens and mechanics who were familiar with VWs were hard to come by. He never advertised, but people came from Greenfield to North Adams to have their VWs repaired.

One day in 1976 he was flying over the Quabbin and wondered, "What the heck do I think I'm doing up here?" I landed the plane at home, didn't even tie it down. I just went and called a man in Gardner and asked if he was still interested in my two planes. He said yes and I flew one right over to him. It was a 1947 Aeronca Chief, which I had spent 3 months, 7 days a week, rebuilding. I had the other trucked over. I haven't flown a plane since then and I haven't missed it. It was a dream come true to learn to fly and to have my own plane, but I just didn't want it anymore."

It was in 1976 that Clarence sold the old house and moved into a trailer while he built his new house. Most of the wood came off his own land and he did most of the work himself, although Alan Nichols and John Holdsworth put on the roof and Howard Crowningshield did some work too. "One day Hazel Porter was walking by with her daughters. I was having trouble getting a big double window into place and they came over and helped." Clarence is justifiably proud of the wainscoting and mouldings he cut and installed and his new heating system.

He had three ambitions in life, he says: 1. Not to owe anything to anybody; 2. To pay off his mortgage; 3. To see Australia. He has achieved all three. He has twice travelled round the world, in 1970 and 1974, visiting Fiji, Hong Kong, Singapore, India, Italy, Portugal, England and, of course, the Antipodes.

Though he is pretty much retired now, and his travelling days are over, he is still keeping his hand in around the house. He is a voracious reader. And you can bet he will never stop tinkering.



Landing at "Heathrow"  
(Photo by Hazel Porter)



## CHURCH NEWS

by Amy C. Barry

The Heath Church Auction was held on Saturday, July 26, at the Fairgrounds. In spite of foreboding clouds in the morning and hot sunshine by early afternoon the auction was very successful. The Church cleared over \$1000 from the sales. We would like to thank all who donated items as well all those tireless souls who worked hard making phone calls, hauling furniture and cooking hamburgers.

On Sunday, July 27, the Heath Union Church membership voted to undertake a Church Growth program (CG). The Rowe Community Church voted in favor of this program the week before. In the June/July issue of the HEATH HERALD Kevin Pleas, Pastor of the Heath and Rowe Churches, explained in detail the four points of the Church Growth Program. One of these is the establishment of a special CG committee to direct the growth process. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Heath CG Committee or in learning more about the intent and goals of the program should contact Kevin Pleas at 337-5755. We are hopefully embarking on an exciting new phase in the life of the church in Heath.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was held July 28-August 1. The children participated in the Joint Church service on Sunday, August 3, in Rowe followed by a family picnic.

There will be a Joint Service at the Heath Fairgrounds on the Sunday of the Fair, August 17, at 9:30 AM. Come, worship with us here where cattle lend their voices to the choir, as we celebrate the tradition of the Heath Fair and the wonder of God's beautiful world.

## HEZEKIAH SMITH FAMILY REUNION

There will be a reunion for all descendants of Major Hezekiah Smith of Colrain on Saturday, August 23 at the Baptist Church near the Colrain Branch Cemetery. At 10 AM there will be a walking tour of his nearby home site and the original site of the Baptist Church. Major Hezekiah Smith was one of the founders of this church.

At noon a family photograph will be taken, followed by a picnic lunch. Lois Call of Longmeadow will then give a short talk on Hezekiah and his family history. More information can be obtained by calling Margaret Jones 625-2056, Newland Smith 337-4900 or Susan Silvester 337-4491.



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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

by Pat Leuchtman

The newly reorganized Friends of the Library met in mid-July and elected a new slate of officers: Pat Leuchtman, President; Don Decker, Vice President; Joanne DeLisle; Secretary; and Ray Pettengill, Treasurer.

We reviewed the bylaws briefly and decided to retain the annual dues of \$1 per family. We hope that those who were not able to attend this first meeting, but who are interested in becoming Friends, will get in touch with one of the officers.

The main business of the meeting was planning a book and bake sale for Saturday, August 16 from 11 AM to 5 PM at the Heath Fair. Books will be collected for the sale at Sawyer Hall and those interested in baking should call Pat Leuchtman, 337-4316. Cash donations will also be gratefully accepted.

All money generated by the sale will go towards the purchase of a new encyclopedia, which is sorely needed by the Library. The edition we now own is ten years old, beyond the age recommended by state guidelines.

The new Friends of the Library are excited about the service we can render the Library and we're already talking about other projects after we purchase the encyclopedia. There is also talk about special programs like a session of reading aloud, and reinstituting the Friends Newsletter.

## LIBRARY LINES

By Alli Thane, Librarian

The Library is full of good summer reading. We are well stocked with books on gardening, flower arrangement, woodworking and crafts to prepare you for the coming Heath Fair.

The children's summer reading program is in. Sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System it is called "Read to the Outer Limits." It is geared to all children; the child who is being read to, and the child who is able to read. Come in and enroll.

The summer library hours are the same as in winter: 6 - 9 PM on Mondays, 1 - 5 PM on Wednesdays and 9 AM - 1 PM on Saturdays.

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## FROM THE SELECTMEN

by Richard Giard, Chairman  
Heath Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen with the help of Susan Wright, our administrative assistant, applied for three grants. The first is for State Farm Road, under the program for access to state owned land, in the amount of \$50,000. The application has been forwarded to Boston from the District #2 office in Northampton.

The second grant is for state aid to substandard bridges to enable us to replace three bridges on Colrain Stage Road with box culverts. C.T. Male Associates, Inc. of South Deerfield was hired to do the engineering study for \$1800, the lowest of three companies bidding. The town will pay for the study and the state will pay for the box culverts and installation. Third was for an energy audit for the town buildings that was withdrawn after the special town meeting vote.

The Board has started a maintenance project for the roads this year. We will be repairing Colrain Mountain Road starting at Jacksonville Stage and going east for 0.8 of a mile; then Dell Road from the junction of Rowe Road and Dell to below the bridge on Dell Road; then a strip in the Center in front of the Church and Town Hall. The distance on Dell Road and in the Center will be 1.2 miles. The total of both repaving jobs will be 2 miles.

At the town meeting of July 15 we transferred \$15,911 from accounts with surpluses to cover overdrawn accounts and took \$4,225 from free cash; this includes the first payment for the new front-end loader.

On July 23 William Wait of Colrain Brook Road was hired to replace Steve Marcotte in the Highway Department. Also Darwin Clark, Jr., of Hawley, was hired on a temporary basis.

Veronica Smead has replaced Deb Porter on the Parks Committee. Deb's work schedule has become too busy to allow her to spend much time on the Committee.

A Task Force of four members, Newland Smith, Charles Kades, Harley Hunkler and Frederic Lively has been formed and charged with the responsibility of finding an alternative means of disposing of our solid waste as well as finding out the requirements to set up a demolition dump. They are to report back to the Selectmen with their findings and recommendation for action to be taken no later than mid-January 1987. The three-town landfill site contract expires on January 1, 1988, at which time the site will be closed.

The School Committee has been keeping the Selectmen informed, sometimes on a weekly basis, about the school situation. They are concerned about the increased cost for tuition due to the increased enrollment; also for the additional busses required for transportation. We are working on these problems and are trying to reduce the cost to the taxpayers.

On July 23 there was a round table discussion of town officials and committees to find if there are any problems or actions that are not being addressed by the proper authorities and to see if there is any other action or direction the official would like to see the town take. We had a good turnout of town officials as well as guests. All told, about 40 people were present. Items of interest that were discussed or suggestions made were: lack of intra-office communication; large work loads overtaxing the resources of volunteer boards; possibility of splitting the work with a new board; library space insufficient; longer library hours needed; modify

zoning bylaws to allow different kinds of growth as well as broadening the tax base; try to find ways of improving road conditions as well as a road inventory; set up a road repair plan or schedule. The Board of Selectmen will discuss these items and see if we can come up with a means to solve these problems.

## POLICE REPORT

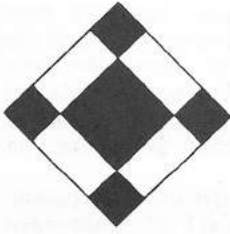
by Police Chief Lorin Gowdy

During the month of June each officer participated in more than 30 hours of annual refresher training. The instruction was held in Colrain with members of the Colrain Police Department taking part in the exercises. Chief Lorin Gowdy taught the following: PR 24 police baton training; Handgun retention; Firearms requalification; Control restraint (handcuffing techniques). Suicide prevention instruction was taught at the Shelburne Falls town hall for members of local police departments.

There have been daily telephone calls to the Heath Police Department during the months of June and July for the following reasons: domestic disputes, shots fired in the nighttime, breaking and entering, larceny, motor vehicle problems and violations, disturbing the peace and attempted breaking and entering.

The Department appreciates the assistance of concerned citizens and welcomes phone calls to alert the officers to potential problems. It is easier and less time-consuming to prevent a crime than it is to solve one.

Three members of the Heath Police Department worked for two days recently for the town of Colrain during their 225th anniversary celebration.



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## NIGHT OF THE ROUND TABLE

by Alastair Maitland

It was perhaps Earl Gleason, speaking as a member of the Heath Planning Board and as the town's Fire Chief, who best summed it up: The problem confronting most town officials these days is Time. There isn't enough of it. Town government is growing more and more complex, and more onerous, as the State keeps adding to the local part-time officials' tasks and responsibilities. This sentiment was echoed by Patrick Venneri, Chairman of the School Committee, who warned that we must all somehow make time for a more measured and deliberate approach to our collective decision-making lest we continue, under pressure, to make quick and insufficiently informed decisions that will hurt us for years to come.

The occasion (July 23) was the first of what it is hoped will be a series of round-table discussions on "areas of concern" arising out of "past, present and future problems facing the Town of Heath," to quote from the invitation issued by the Board of Selectmen to all chairmen and members of Departments, Boards and Committees, as well as to the general public.

The proposal for a series of round-table discussions on town affairs originated with Richard Giard, the new Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who presided over the inaugural session and who is to be applauded not only for his initiative but also for the firm and courteous manner in which he directed and controlled the proceedings. This is not the place for a detailed account of the topics raised. The more immediate and critical issues will doubtless be amply covered in the local daily and weekly newspapers and the rest will have been reported upon elsewhere in this issue of the HEATH HERALD. Suffice it to say that amongst the matters debated were: the crisis concerning our school budget (Patrick Venneri saw "no solution to our problem" as of now); the operations of the Highway Department, which was unrepresented at the meeting (Tom Lively called for a comprehensive approach to the rehabilitation and maintenance of the roads); and the fiscal, social and environmental problems, which we share with other small towns in the area, of what we call "growth."

The discussion around the table lasted two hours (8 to 10 PM). It was illuminating, instructive, fruitful, calm, orderly and filled with good-natured give-and-take. And it was essentially strategic, focussing on the longer-term. In fact it was everything that one would wish our Town Meetings to be but which, sad to say, they sometimes seem perversely designed not to be. Richard Giard expects to arrange further round-table discussions before long. And he recognizes the need for some follow-up action on specific areas of concern, in which all of us can make our contribution. He deserves the town's full support.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Chief Earl Gleason

Congratulations! No emergency calls were handled by our red phone people in June and July. Our EMT's responded on three occasions but were notified directly by the Colrain Ambulance.

Early in June the semiannual emergency test for the Rowe nuclear plant took much of our time with a radio instructional meeting in Greenfield on June 3, an instructional meeting held at the Plantation House in Charlemont on June 4, an organizational meeting at our fire station on the tenth and the actual drill on June 11. The drill started shortly after nine. Chairman Dick Giard of the Board of Selectmen, Police Chief Lorin Gowdy, Board of Health Chairman Walter Gleason, EMT Tom Lively, radio operator Mike Smith and Fire Chief/C.D. Director Earl Gleason spent the day at the Fire Station simulating emergencies, responding to radio messages from C.D. Headquarters in Belchertown. We were observed by a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Authority who later suggested methods that should be improved.

The Fire Department has purchased a share in the radio equipment with the fire departments of Charlemont, Buckland, Shelburne Center, Rowe, South Deerfield, Conway, Whately and Bernardston that will give us the capability of hiring Crocker Answering Service in Greenfield to answer our red phones and dispatch equipment. The other towns will have Crocker answering their red phones about August 1, but Heath has not entered into an agreement with Crocker. Our only commitment is to own a portion of the radio equipment, so that at some future date we could use the Crocker services if needed. The reason for joining at this time was that we could buy in at a cost of \$300, whereas, if we waited, the cost will be \$600 as agreed among the towns.

Another problem we are facing is the loss of the Charlemont Ambulance. The selectmen and emergency personnel of the towns involved met on June 19. The Fire Chief is serving on a committee and you should have received a letter asking for volunteers to become EMT's. We are also looking for ways to make the project more attractive for the existing EMT's to remain active. The bottom line is the town may have to raise some money to support the Ambulance.

On July 1, Bill Bennett, State District Fire Warden, retired. Bill has been working as State Forest Warden since 1948 when he worked for the Division of Forests and Parks. His job has continued but the name of the agency has changed several times over the years. Each time the name became harder to spell; so in July Bill retired from the same job, only now he worked for the Department of Environmental Management. Bill Case of Erving succeeds Bill Bennett as State Forest Warden.

Let's see if we can keep those red phones quiet in August and September too!



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## PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

by Catherine Nichols

This summer we are not getting the assistance of a Summer Youth Crew as we had hoped. But we are making progress in other areas. We hired Paul Lively to grade and smooth the lower field. This should improve the drainage and allow us to keep the field mowed. The newly seeded grass is growing nicely thanks to this damp summer.

Recently most of you received a letter from the Parks Committee explaining our current plans and asking for a donation. Our major goal is to install a basketball court on the south end of the upper level. This would be a paved surface which could also be used for playing hopscotch, riding bikes, skateboarding, etc. It will be fenced to keep balls out of the road. This project will be quite expensive. So far we've received \$330 from the mailing, but we will need several thousand. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

The Playground is now used by many different people. We know it isn't just for families in the Center as we often see cars pull in and children playing there with their parents. We think the basketball court will bring more people of all ages to the park.

## THREE-TOWN LANDFILL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Richard R. Giard, Chairman

The Landfill stickers are in and may be purchased from the Town Clerk during office hours. All persons using the Landfill must have a sticker on their car or truck before August 1, 1986. Otherwise they will be turned away from the Landfill.

There has been one change in the user fee schedule: "A commercial hauler using a non compactor truck will be charged \$1.00 per cubic yard (instead of 1 to 9 cubic yards @ \$1.00 per cubic yard and 10 cubic yards and up at \$2.00 per cubic yard).

The Towns of Charlemont and Hawley have already signed a contract with HERCO at a tipping fee of \$26.00 per ton. This does not include transportation or the compactor costs. The Town of Heath has a Task Force studying alternative disposal methods, if there are any, and finding a solution to the requirement for a demolition dump.

Heath's share of the Landfill budget for FY '87 is \$4783. When we go to any alternative disposal system we can figure at lease \$10,000 and that is being real conservative.

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## HEATH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

by Bill Lattrell

This spring the Conservation Commission became an active body on our town government. The grant money we received from the Massachusetts Incentive Aid Program enabled us to participate in a three part training including the following workshops: Managing Your Conservation Commission and The Basic Responsibilities of a Conservation Commission; The Wetlands Protection Act, Part I and Part II. The third was a field day (about six hours) that included field identification of wetlands in Heath.

These training sessions gave commission members the appropriate training to administer a very sophisticated set of laws, the Wetlands Protection Act. It is our obligation and duty to protect the wetlands of Heath under this act of law. Wetlands are defined by very complicated laws; but, simply stated, the areas protected under the Wetlands Act include moving bodies of water, their banks, adjacent vegetated wetlands bordering on these rivers and streams and a 100 foot buffer zone surrounding the above. Any construction, logging, or work other than agricultural work within the described area usually requires a review of one kind or another by the Conservation Commission. If anyone is in doubt regarding a project they are planning, they should contact the Commission. We see ourselves as a cooperative body, working with landowners to stay within the Wetlands Protection law.

Since becoming an active commission we have had a request to review a pond site and a complaint that the Wetlands Act was being violated.

The first, a request was investigated to determine if a planned pond site on the Randolph Dyer place fell within the area protected by the Wetlands Act. The Conservation Commission reviewed the site and determined that it was not a contiguous bordering vegetated wetland and therefore was not within our jurisdiction.

On the second issue, we received an anonymous complaint on June 19 that the Wetlands Act was being violated at a project on Number Nine Road, the present property of H.T. Associates. The Commission investigated and determined that there were four violations present; operation of equipment in a bordering vegetated wetland, pollution of bordering vegetated wetland, excavation of a wetland, and filling of a wetland. On June 23 we issued a cease and desist order to stop work until the proper course of action was taken. That course of action includes the filing of a Notice of Intent with the DEQE by H.T. Associates and a full public hearing on consideration of that notice.

At this point in time the Notice has not yet been filed, so no public hearing has been scheduled. The construction on the lots affected has been halted. We are awaiting further action by H.T. Associates.



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## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

by Robert Dane

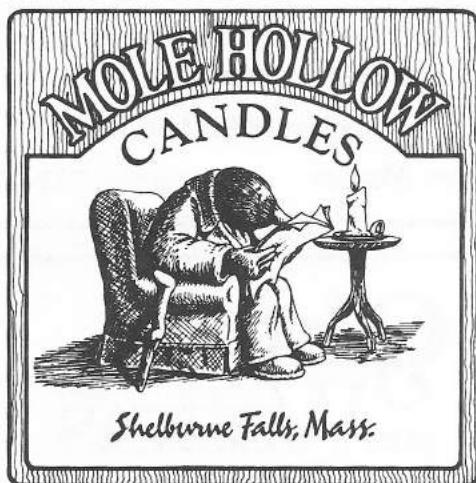
The Planning Board has been quite busy in the past two months, holding two hearings for special permits, and dealing with the preliminary plan for a subdivision on Number Nine Road. We also attended another training session for area Planning Boards.

Two special permits were granted by the Planning Board. The first was for an automobile repair business, operated by Steve Belitsos on Rowe Road. The permit was to be good for fifteen months, until he found a more suitable location. He has already found a new location, and will be moving the business next to Peters' Store in the near future. The other special permit was granted to Francis Kinsman for a two family dwelling at his property on Colrain Stage Road. He is creating an apartment in his house for his mother, and will rent the rest of the house to someone who will take care of her.

A preliminary plan for a subdivision was submitted to us by H. T. Associates, for a portion of their property on Number Nine Road. We examined the proposal, and with suggestions from the engineer at the Franklin County Planning Office, responded with a letter suggesting changes and requesting a more detailed proposal. We also stated our concerns with the effects a road would have on the wetlands in the area, and asked the applicants to consult with the Conservation Commission before submitting another plan to us.

The training session we attended was held in Shelburne Falls. The purpose of the session was to determine how much of Heath could be developed at this time. On a map of the town we eliminated wetlands and ledge area, and then by calculating the amount of open road frontage, we determined that there are over 2000 building lots in town that do not need approval by the Planning Board. This reinforced our knowledge that we need to have a Master Plan in place as soon as possible.

Our main problem is lack of time. Most of our meetings are taken up with routine business, and we have hardly had time to work on our new Subdivision Regulations. In order to accelerate the work, the Planning Board will now meet every Monday night at 7 PM until the work load is caught up.



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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

by David Howland

The special town meeting of July 15 was attended by 27 townspeople, an unusually large number for such a gathering. Moderator Ed Calver convened the lively and informative meeting at 8:06 PM in the Community Hall. Of the ten articles on the warrant, the first two dealt with transfers to clear up overdrawn accounts for FY '86. These were unopposed.

Proposals on the purchase of a new front-end loader were incorporated in three other articles. The loader, which would cost about \$39,000 with trade-in and a liberal discount, is to be financed over a five year period. The FinCom supported this approach to spread out the cost. The Selectmen explained that bids for used equipment indicated that it was more feasible to purchase a new loader. The purchase on this basis was voted.

Two other articles addressed necessary corrections. The most important of these restored monies for the School Committee totaling \$275.

The meeting voted to accept and expend \$150,000 of state money to reconstruct the section of Route 8A from about the Earl Gleason house north to Colrain Road. If the state awards the funds, the town has to pay back \$45,000 over ten years from Chapter 90 monies that appear on the Cherry Sheet. There was much discussion concerning the poor condition of town roads. Chief Selectman Dick Giard announced that the meeting of town officials to be held July 23 would consider the road problems along with other issues.

Article 8 was a proposal to accept state funds for a \$2900 energy audit with the condition that the town repay \$870 of it. The FinCom did not recommend the article and it was passed over.

The last article was to authorize the Selectmen to enter into negotiations with the Franklin County Commissioners to arrange a 20 year solid waste disposal contract. The Selectmen explained that by January 1988 a new dump site must be chosen or an alternative waste disposal arrangement made. All agreed that the dump problem was critical. The FinCom offered an amendment recommending that the Selectmen review a range of waste disposal services and methods and then report back to the town before the next annual meeting in 1987. After considerable discussion the amendment was voted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM

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## REPORT FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER

by Linda Marcotte

In the period, July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986 I collected over \$660,000 in taxes and \$13,000 in interest. The bulk of this was for the Fiscal Year ending 1985 and 1986 tax bills which were mailed during this period of time. Approximately \$26,000 of the total collected was for taxes committed to previous collectors. There is still a great deal of work that needs to be done to collect the balance of the owed taxes.

I have been very busy since I mailed the first batch of letters to people who appear to owe past tax amounts answering their many questions. Most people were concerned about the interest which is being added to the tax owed. The State of Massachusetts is responsible for the interest rate charged (currently 14%) and the method used to calculate the interest owed. This information is printed on the original bills when mailed. Others were concerned that they were never notified of these owed amounts before. I believe that most people received the original bills and demands. In recent years, the envelopes used to mail the bills have been printed with the phrase "FORWARDING AND ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED" to insure that the bills get delivered. As for the mailing of third and fourth notices, time and money are the main reasons why these were not sent. I cannot begin to add up the number of hours I have spent in generating these letters and I would not wish this situation on anyone. I have sent out the second notice to delinquent taxpayers and those who do not pay by August 8 risk having their name appear in the Greenfield Recorder and a lien placed on their property.

I have also sent out many letters to people who owe Motor Vehicle Excise Tax. Any that remain unpaid will be reported to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The Registry then sends out a notice and, if the Excise and an additional filing fee of \$5.00 is not paid, the Registry will cancel all registrations and possibly the person's license to operate.

I will be on vacation the week of August 11 and will be attending a four day conference at UMASS the week of August 18.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

by Dennis Peters

The Department of Revenue has inspected and approved our new land/price schedule and the files have been adjusted to the new schedule. We are presently updating the Mohawk Estates land/price schedule. Once this has been completed we will be viewing new construction.

Having very accurate records from the previous revaluation we are factoring much of the 1984 figures in order to do the job in a timely fashion.

Estimated tax bills, based on the last valuations, will be sent out on time this fall, but we anticipate revaluation completion in time for corrected bills to be issued next May.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by David Howland

Since the annual town meeting last May, the Finance Committee met to elect new officers and to plan its recommendations for the special town meeting held July 15. Bruce Cromack was elected chairman to succeed Dave Howland, who remains on the Committee and Guy Silvester was elected secretary.

The FinCom also did research relative to an insurance problem that resulted in obtaining hard-to-get liability coverage. On other town business the FinCom was pleased to learn that all short term loans have been paid off, and that there are funds available to meet initial payments for the current year and about \$30,000 available in Free Cash. In general, Heath is better off financially than it has been in a long time, but there are still several challenges ahead. There are operating budgets that need enhancement, school budget problems are on the horizon, planning for capital expenditures is vital and there are still substantial back taxes to be collected. Nevertheless the FinCom believes the willingness of the people and town agencies to plan ways to overcome such problems reflect positive signs about the fiscal future of Heath.

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

by Sue Silvester, Secretary

The annual meeting of the Heath Historical Society will be held on Saturday, August 9, at 8 PM in the Community Hall. It will be preceded by a traditional potluck supper at 6 PM.

"The American Shakers: The Archeology of a Utopian Community" will be the subject of an illustrated talk by Dr. Michael Coe, Professor of Archeology at Yale University and President of the Heath Historical Society.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors it was voted to hire contractor Bruce Cromack to commence restoration of the old Town House foundation pending approval of the membership.

## CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES

by Sue Silvester

If you think the school year is busy and summer vacation is a welcome respite, guess again. Heath children are involved in a myriad of fun-filled, summertime activities.

According to Pelham Lake swimming instructor Katie Walsh, eighteen Heath children are participating in the annual three week swimming lessons in Rowe; Chris Briggs, Seth Bower, Max Churchill, Jason Clark, Andy Gilbert, Beverly Hunkler, Justin Lively, Gregory Nichols, Sarah Regan, Jessie Seaver, Betsey Silvester, April, Donna, Justinia and Leroy Tanner, and Jeremiah, Luke and Rocco Venneri.

The Rowe Elementary Summer School Program under the leadership of teacher Lenny Schoenfeld offers classes in Woodworking and Computers from August 11-22 at the school. Heath children enrolled in the summer classes are: Woodworking- Greg and Emily Nichols, Danika and Debra Lavigne, Caroline Barry, Jason Campbell, Bree Richter, Megan MacDougall and Gabe Porter, Computers- Jason Campbell, Debra Lavigne, Mike Schofield, Megan MacDougall and Gabe Porter.

Two New York City children were guests of Heath families through the Fresh Air Program. Marie Decicco spent two weeks with the Chrismans and learned to swim. Denise Rojas returned for her third summer to visit the Silvester family. Many thanks are due to Fresh Air Program Coordinator, Ruth Anderson.

Caroline Barry and Emily Nichols attended Camp Apex in Shelburne where they enjoyed a multitude of sports, arts and crafts activities.

Betsey Silvester is attending the Old Deerfield Museum School enrichment program which combines art and history.

Three of the Venneri children are participating in the Greenfield Community College Gifted and Talented Summer School Program. Luke is in the map reading class, Jeremiah is enrolled in the computer and painting classes, and Rocco is enjoying the color workshop.

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

by Jayne Dane

The Historical Commission, recently appointed by the selectmen, consists of Bill Thane, Jayne Dane, Edith Royer, Esther Dickinson and Alan Nichols. One purpose of the commission is to make an inventory of buildings and sites of historical significance within the town. This inventory will then be submitted to the State Historical Commission. One or more buildings, sites, or districts could then potentially be accepted for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Bill Thane will be doing the paper work for the inventory. This consists of filling out forms on each site or building. Sue Silvester will take photos of each property which must accompany the forms. Both the Heath Historical Society and the Arts Lottery Council have given money for these

There are two types of districts as summarized below. The National Register is the type to be considered in Heath. To be listed in the National Register is not only an honor but it recognizes that places of historical significance exist in the town and ensures the preservation of these building projects.

1. The National Register of Historic Places is the list of individual buildings, sites, structures and objects, as well as districts, "important" in American history, culture, architecture, or archeology. It is a federal designation and is administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Listing in the Register: \* recognizes that the area is important to the history of the community, state or nation \* allows the owners of income-producing properties certain tax incentives for restoration \* provides limited protection from adverse effects by federally funded, licensed or assisted projects \* in no way limits the owner's use of the property unless public funding is used. If your property is listed in the National Register you may do anything with it you wish. \* the district cannot be listed if a majority of property owners submit notarized objections.

2. Local Historic Districts are established and administered by your community and have three main purposes: to preserve the unique characteristics of structures and their surroundings within a certain area; to maintain and improve the setting for those structures; and to encourage the builders of new structures in the area to choose architectural designs which complement the historic structures.

Inclusion in a Local Historic District: \* recognizes the property's relationship to an area that has distinctive historical character \* does not automatically provide protection from adverse effects caused by federal programs \* provides for the review of proposed exterior changes by the Local Historic District Commission. The responsibilities of the Local Historic District Commission to review changes to a property are locally determined and are different for each Local Historic District.

With the rapid growth that is occurring in this area, it is imperative that we take measures now to ensure the preservation of what is of historic significance in the town of Heath.

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Budge Litchfield, Secretary

The following actions have been taken by your school committee during the past few months.

After many months of hard work the Rowe School Committee (with the full support of the Heath Committee) signed a two year contract with the Rowe Teachers Association. At this same meeting Lorraine Cetto was hired to replace Johanna Weinstein who will be away on a two year leave of absence to teach in Colombia. After a long discussion of staffing and class assignments, the two committees came to the realization that our concerns about the academic status of many upper elementary school students and the sudden jump in enrollment made necessary the addition of a sixth regular education teacher. The presence of this additional teacher will allow us to keep the average class size under 20 students per classroom.

As one of four member towns of School Superintendency Union 65, we have also had a very busy two months. As many of you are aware, Ashfield and Plainfield (also Union 65 members, Rowe being the fourth) have voted to regionalize. Therefore, Union 65 must be changed in some way. On July 15 the Union 65 towns, Heath selectmen, district administrators and three representatives of the state Department of Education met to discuss the process and impact of dissolving Union 65. After a long, and at times bitter and frustrating, meeting all members of Union 65 voted to take the first step toward dissolving Union 65 and reestablishing a new Superintendency Union consisting of Heath and Rowe. The Heath and Rowe committees' concerns revolved around the following issues: the nature of the relationship between Heath and Rowe guarantees that Rowe Elementary School would still "share" the superintendent as we currently do; information about other options available to Heath for elementary school education; and questions about the Department's intentions and/or legal ability to effect the continued operation of Rowe School. There is a lot of work left to be done on some of these issues. I can't say that we are all overjoyed with the answers we received but clearly we were satisfied enough to take the first step toward changing Union 65.

The July 2 Heath School Committee meeting was a troubling one. A memorandum from the business manager was presented. It detailed a series of projected budget deficiencies totaling \$50,460. The projected overruns occur in line items for transportation, tuition and special education. The reason for the overrun in each case is the dramatic increase in enrollment. It seems that we will have 12 additional elementary students this fall. The addition of approximately seven students in the high school will not become a financial liability until FY 1988. The increase in elementary enrollment is presenting serious problems both at Rowe School and in our budget. Due to our concern with the uniquely disastrous impact on our ability to provide elementary school education, presented by rapid, high volume growth, a motion was passed suggesting that the Selectmen, or any other appropriate board, explore the impact and procedures related to a building moratorium. Our hope is that the town can develop ways to insure that our ability to provide services (i.e. education) will keep up with the need for services.

## ROWE SCHOOL NEWS

by Sue Silvester

The entire school is getting a new interior coat of paint and wall-to-wall carpeting this summer. The new carpet should be completely installed by August 10, just in time for summer school woodworking and computer classes.

As of July 25, the projected student enrollment for September is as follows: Kindergarten, 20; Grade 1, 10; Grade 2, 22; Grade 3, 19; Grade 4, 9; Grade 5, 13; Grade 6, 13. The total school population has reached 106 with the month of August still to go; new students may still enroll for the 1986-87 academic year. Due to the disproportionate number of students in the seven grade levels, the second and fifth grades will be split with a grade 1-2 combination being taught by Janice LaPointe and another second grade class taught by Karen Fournier. Ruth Law will conduct one morning kindergarten class for all 20 children with the assistance of an aide. The self-contained third grade will be taught by Lorraine Cetto, with Lenny Schoenfeld teaching a grade 4-5 combination. The remaining fifth and sixth grade students will have a new teacher to replace Johanna Weinstein. By mid-August notification of class assignments will be mailed to all parents.

According to Principal Paul Swem a two year evaluation program leading to accreditation by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges will commence this fall. The northeast organization has just begun to offer accreditation to elementary schools and, if Rowe completes the evaluation within the next two years, it would become a charter member. The theme of this study is "a close, self-examination of all aspects of the school," says Paul Swem. "We need the help and support of parents and members of the community." Anyone interested may phone the school for further information.

## CARPENTER AWARD

Jason Lively, son of Marcella and Paul Lively, was awarded the Frank E. Carpenter Prize at his graduation from Rowe Elementary this past June. The prize is awarded annually to the Heath graduating student who through perseverance attains academic and social success while attending elementary school.

## DON CHURCHILL APPOINTED

Don Churchill is the Heath representative on the committee governing the Franklin County Technical School. He replaces Walt Gleason. Appointments to this committee are made by the town moderators.

## CORRECTION

The HERALD apologizes to Michael J. Churchill and Adam J. Lively who were inadvertently omitted from the graduates listed in the June issue. Michael majored in the electrical course and Adam in agriculture.

**LARRY'S**

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## IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

September 3 First day of school for all elementary schools and Grade 7 only at MTRS.

September 4 Grades 8 through 12 attend MTRS

October 8 Release Day - No school for Grades K-12

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## HEATH PLAYSCHOOL UPDATE

by Joan Brownlee

The Heath Playschool will participate in The Heath Fair, August 15-17. The Dinosaur T-shirt, designed by Julie Rocke, will be on sale as well as sweatshirts of the same design. In addition Yoshi Miyazaki's beautiful quilt will be raffled at the Fair. Raffle tickets will be available at the Playschool booth and also from Playschool members. All funds raised from these sales are essential to the continuing operation of the school and, additionally, provide scholarships to pre-schoolers in our area.

The Playschool is still accepting applications for head teacher for the coming year. Interested individuals should contact Maureen O'Malley at 337-5792 or write to the Heath Playschool, P.O. Box 25, Heath, MA 01346.

## ACADEMY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Under the Academy at Charlemont exchange program the following families from Heath hosted students from Mexico recently. Jose Carlos stayed for a second year with Charles and Juliet Seaver. Jose has invited Arlo, the Seavers' son, to visit him in Mexico. Marcella Morales, whose mother was the group's chaperone, stayed with Ed and Bette Decker. Graciela Amedondo stayed with Kenneth and Sandy Gilbert.

## WELLS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

by Jean Holdsworth, Trustee  
Fred W. Wells Fund

Once again it is time to congratulate this year's recipients of the Fred W. Wells Trust Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to outstanding, well rounded, students throughout Franklin County who plan to attend college this fall.

This year's Heath recipients are Todd A. Sumner, Jerome A. Lively, Roberta M. Tripp and Melanie R. Tripp. Congratulations to you all and best wishes for the coming academic year.

In addition to scholarships, the Trust makes grants for worthwhile agricultural and medical services. This year, as in the past, the Heath Fair received a grant of \$800 to be used for premium awards.

Scholarship applications are accepted each spring. If you are interested in applying, contact the Selectmen or Jean Holdsworth.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

The Massachusetts Extension Service is planning to conduct an early childhood screening clinic in Heath. This will be held at the Community Hall on September 19 for children up to three years old. For more information parents are asked to call Sharleen Moffatt, the Town Nurse, at 625-2829.

## SUMMER CONCERT IN HEATH

by Sue Silvester

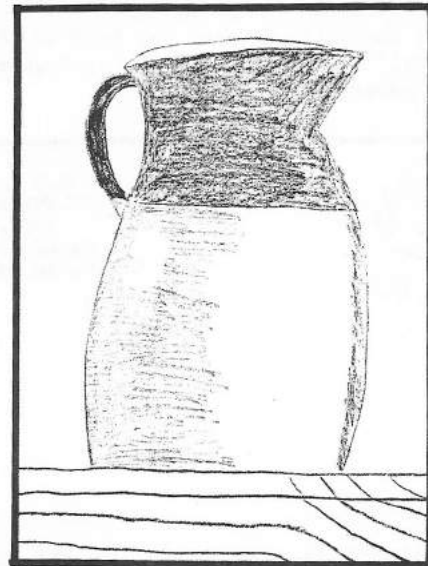
On Saturday, June 28, the Mohawk Trail Concerts in conjunction with the Heath Union Church presented a delightful evening of chamber music. Led by artistic director Arnold Black playing the violin and providing background commentary, featured musicians included Ruth Black (organ and harpsichord), Kim Scholes (cello), Henry Schuman (oboe), and the talented Masako Yanagita (violin). Tenor vocalist Gary Glaze sang from the early German works of Georg Philipp Telemann and Johann Sebastian Bach. The ever popular Gather 'Round Singers of Franklin County, including two local Heath residents, Jayne Dayne and Todd Sumner sang a selection of songs culminating with Songs for Heath (1985). The text for the Heath songs were a bicentennial tribute penned by local author and poet Charles Miller with music by Arnold Black.

Local arrangements for the concert were organized by Ruth Corey, chairman, Rachel Sumner, Dick, Joan, Todd and Eric Sumner. Refreshments after the concert were served in the Community Hall.

## HEATH STUDENTS IN ART EXHIBIT

The Arts Council of Franklin County featured the exhibit Drawings and Design: Selected Works by Third and Fourth Grade Children at the Artspace Gallery in Greenfield. The work of Heath students Jennifer Gilbert, Shawna Hyytinen, Betsey Silvester and Benjamin Steinbock was selected by Rowe School art teacher Ann Conyngham for inclusion in the display. Art work on view was executed in pencil, charcoal, ink, scratch board, colored pencil and watercolor. Twelve schools in western Massachusetts participated in the Arts Council's Cultural Resources Program. Included in the program are field trips to the Arts Council, in-school workshops led by artists and numerous classes taught by the art teacher. This year the major areas of concentration were drawing and graphic design.

The exhibit and the Cultural Resource Program was sponsored by the Arts Council with support from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, the Business Fund for the Arts in Franklin County and the schools themselves.



Still Life / Pencil  
by Jennifer Gilbert 4th Grade

## HEATH PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Michael Coe has returned from a fishing trip to Alaska. His wife, Sophie, recently visited London.

Chuck and Phyllis Kades were visited recently by their daughter and son-in-law, Caroline and Peter Foster-Burke, and 20 month old Charles Hugh on their way from London to Australia where they will live.

Guy Silvester's cousins, Violet Abraham and Lillian Spence from Ireland, recently spent three weeks in the States. They had never been here before and went to see Niagara Falls as well as other sites.

Juliet Seaver has been conducting relaxation workshops and anticipates teaching classes in the fall. For further information call her at 337-4866.

Rev. Robert Brown has edited The Essential Reinhold Niebuhr, a collection of essays from seven out-of-print books. Bob has written an introduction to the book with background on Niebuhr, and has culled out of the seven books those essays with enduring meaning. Bill Wolf will review this book in the October HEATH HERALD.

Charles Kades recently had a letter published in the prestigious British weekly, The Economist. It was in response to an editorial complaining that in its foreign policy Japan was "bedevilled by its resolute meekness, its determination to sit on every fence." In reply Chuck questioned whether it would be wise to give aid and comfort to the Japanese nationalist right. He suggested that MacArthur's vision of Japan as the Switzerland of Asia bodes better for peace. "A meek Japan," he writes, "menaces no nation and may inherit the earth."

Martha McCutchen recently attended a two week study seminar at Smith College taught by Joseph Palombo of the University of Chicago entitled "Self Psychology." This seminar explored and upgraded the continuing research and study in the analytical field.

Paul Turnbull, Director of the Hallmark Institute of Photography, will also be its new owner. Hallmark Color Labs, Inc. is selling the school to Paul and the two schools will be totally separate. Plans are underway to expand the Institute with an increase in enrollment and possibly an amphitheatre.

Martha J. Lively, daughter of Fred Lively, received an associate degree from Dean Junior College in Franklin.

Roberta Tripp, daughter of Robert and Alicia Tripp, was named to the Dean's list at the American International College in Springfield.

The annual Churchill Reunion was held at Clyde and Ruth Churchill's picnic grounds on August 1. About 100 family members attended.



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## TETANUS UPDATE

by Sharleen Moffat, R.N.  
Town Nurse

With the advent of summer and "bare feet", we need to take the time to update our health immunizations. Tetanus, for many of us who have never seen or experienced it, is merely having to remember to take a shot that maybe makes our arm sore for a day, so we tend to overlook the time when we are due. Please note that we always assure that our children are updated in their immunizations!

Tetanus is a disease produced by tetanospasmin. This is an extremely strong poison that affects the nervous system. A single milligram of this substance can kill about 20 million laboratory mice. The bacteria can enter the body through any wound in the body, but perforations on the feet are the most frequent source of contamination. In India, where immunizations are rare, and public sanitation is poor, tetanus causes several hundred thousand deaths each year. The overall fatality rate with tetanus is greater than 40%. Muscle contractions begin and intensify leading to complications in respiratory and cardiac function. When complications set in, death is imminent.

The only effective preventative measure against tetanus is immunization. Booster immunizations are necessary every ten years or when you sustain any type of puncture wound. If you are unsure as to whether or not you had the initial series as a child, contact your family physician. If you are simply in need of a booster, simply contact the town nurse. The vaccine is available free of charge through the Massachusetts Department of Health, and I try to keep this vaccine on hand.

PLEASE avoid a painful experience for yourself and your loved ones, immunize today.

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