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Antrim Players 75th Anniversary

The August production of *Fiddler on the Roof* was also the celebration of 75 official years of local theatre in the Antrim Town Hall. Dorothy Proctor, a long-time actress and director, set March 1919 as the birth of the modern day Antrim Players. That year the players produced a musical revue for the benefit of the local Red Cross.

Early plays were comedies such as *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Ten Little Indians*, *Blithe Spirit*, *The Miracle Worker*, *Mister Roberts* and *Harvey*. Later shows were comic operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan, popular Broadway and Off Broadway presentations and the Pop Cycles Series.

You may have seen the Players offerings of the original works of Don Madden -- *Summer People*, *Some Are Not* and *Married Widows*. Izi Nichols wrote several plays and musicals performed by the Turtle Players, an off-shoot of the Antrim Players. Izi and Dick Winslow have contributed many songs and lyrics.

Over the years, townspeople looked forward to the local non-provincial talent. What many do not know is that a hefty percentage of their profits is contributed by the Players to local organizations. Besides donations toward improvement of the Town Hall, many hours have been spent cleaning and maintaining the building.

Although many individuals and families have made immense contributions to the Players, four people were honored on this anniversary. They were:

Nellie Mudge Thornton
Nina Harding
Dorothy Lang
Richard Winslow

Plans are in process for a play in the Fall. The profits have been pledged to help pay for the new Grand Stand.

Thanks to Sherry Phinney for all the information used in this article.

New Life for an Old Church

Jim and Carol Rymes, new owners of the Stone Church at Antrim Center, have some great plans for the building. Eventually when all work has been completed the building will be available for use for town and church functions with no restrictions. Plans are to convert the basement into a reception hall. The sanctuary will essentially remain the same. It is particularly interested in the windows of the sanctuary and plans to cover them with protective glass to prevent breakage. The first stage of renovation will include a new roof, a septic system and a well. Parking area, air conditioning and renovation of basement will follow. Plans include hosting an "open house" during the Centennial celebration of August 1994. Jim would appreciate copies of pictures of the church during its early years for the church archives. The building and its restoration is being set up as a trust with an endowment established to help pay for its upkeep. The *Antrim Town History* (Cochrane) gives a history of the church.

DO YOU KNOW

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GAZEBO AND A BANDSTAND? IF THE ANSWER BOTHERS YOU, ASK WAYNO WHAT A GAZEBO IS, LOOK IT UP IN THE DICTIONARY OR WAIT AND READ THE ANSWER IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE LIMRIK!!

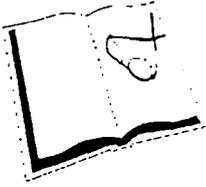
The Times They are A-Changing!

The following information came from a book giving various statistics for New Hampshire circa 1900.

Those were the days when the old Antrim depot was in full swing carrying milk and summer vacationers!

SUMMER RESORTS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Proprietor or Landlord	Name of House	PO Address	No of Guests	Board per day	Board per week
Milton Tenney	Antrim (Maplehurst)	Antrim	50	\$1.50	\$5-\$8
C.F. Holt	Lake House (Waumbec)	Antrim (Gregg Lake)	40	\$1.50	\$5-\$8
J.F. Tenney	---	Antrim (Pat Webber's)	15	---	\$2-\$5
J.W. Bass	Willowdale (Bass Farm-Herb Nilson's)	Antrim	12	---	\$3-\$5



TALES FROM TUTTLE LIBRARY

The big news is that the Library will participate in Project Lift, the literacy program coordinated by the Fuller Library of Hillsboro. In its second year, funded by federal funds, the program has expanded to include Antrim and Bennington. This is offered for those who want to develop reading and writing skills or get a GED. Participants would work one on one with a trained tutor, at a time convenient to both.

We are also looking for tutors and volunteers to work in other aspects of the program, which starts in October. Call Chris Fleischer, if you can contribute in any way (588-6786).

Season's Readings, the children's program, provided holiday fun throughout the long, hot summer. Thirty-six completed the program which was led by Amber Quinlan, Jennifer McInnes and Chantel Ahearn. Congrats to all.

Although donations were fewer than previously, our book sale during Antrim Days was its usual success. Let's double donations and, thus, sales for next year. We are grateful to those who gave so generously.

NEW BOOKS

Non-fiction

Days of Grace --- Arthur Ashe
Teaching Your Children Values
--- Linda Eyre
Fathers and Babies
--- Jean Margolo

Fiction

Streets of Laredo --- McNurtry
Without Remorse --- Tom Clancy
Vanished --- Danielle Steele

Chamber of Commerce

As the Chamber of Commerce, we were very proud to be a part of the Antrim Days Celebration. Our sincere thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the weekend such a success. A raffle was held by the Chamber, benefits going to the Antrim Ambulance Fund. We are happy to announce that we are able to present them with a donation of \$412. We thank the many A.C.C. members for their donations to this raffle.

The next general assembly of the Antrim Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28, 6:00pm at the Maplehurst Inn. Please watch for further information. All members and other interested persons are welcome to attend. Please call 588-2265 for further information/reservations. We appreciate the many visitors to the A.C.C. tent and other business displays. We are indeed fortunate to have so many talented and professional people in our community. We encourage all to continue to support our local community by using services and products of our local businesses.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*The Next General Meeting of
the Chamber of Commerce
will be held on Thursday,
October 28, 1993 at the
Maplehurst Inn.*

*Call 588-2265 for
information or reservations.*



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPOTLIGHT

Coughlan Rubbish and Propane
Edward Coughlan, Owner
PO Box 274
Antrim, NH 03440 588-2138

For many years Ed Coughlan's truck has been a familiar sight in Antrim, delivering propane gas or picking up household rubbish. To quote from the Antrim Chamber of Commerce brochure:

Household rubbish removal - Antrim and Bennington area. Will accept mixed rubbish. Will recycle. Will remove almost anything, including batteries and light and heavy iron. Will buy aluminum, copper brass and lead. Propane accounts wanted - (cooking and hot water).

Located on Goodell Rd. Open: 24 hours. 7 days.

We're Ba-ack!

Fleas. Don't you just hate them? The very thought makes our skin crawl. What can we do to manage this seasonal scourge that comes back to haunt us when vacation's over and the kids head back to school?

Start early. Begin before school ends. You should always be watching for fleas. Get into the habit of using an extra fine-toothed flea comb as you go on a weekly flea-hunting safari through your pet's coat. If you don't have a flea comb, get one! These combs can catch fleas and flea dirt, which looks like black pepper. This helps to give you an idea as to how well your flea control program is going. Follow this with an application of top quality flea spray (vets have the best ones).

Flea shampoos help to kill the fleas that are on the pet at the time that the bath is given, but they provide little or no residual benefit. Therefore, follow a flea bath with a thorough spraying after the coat is dry.

If you're finding a lot of fleas on your pet or if you are being bitten by fleas yourself, you obviously have a problem with flea infestation in the home. When this happens, prepare for battle with vacuum cleaner and premise sprays or flea bombs. Thorough and frequent (sometimes daily) vacuuming is extremely important in keeping the number of fleas on floors, carpets and furniture to a minimum. A piece of a flea collar in the vacuum bag helps to kill the fleas that are picked up. Coordinating animal with household flea treatment is critical in achieving successful flea control.

Lots of fleas on puppies and kittens can make them anemic, which can lead to death. Some pets are allergic to flea bites with "hot spots" or severe skin infections resulting. Pets also get tapeworms by swallowing fleas because fleas are intermediate hosts for the tapeworm parasite, and pets should be treated for this.

Good luck in your efforts to make the fleas flee! You must be itching to get started.

T.W. Dowling, V.M.D.

about town

Odd Fellows Honor Howard Humphrey Jr.

The Odd Fellows will have a reception on Saturday, October 9 at Great Brook School in honor of Howard Humphrey Jr. He has been selected as Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of N.H. The public is invited to join the Odd Fellows in honoring Howard at 7 pm.

Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Too busy to bake for the holiday? Homemade pies and rolls (made by some of Antrim's best bakers) will be on sale at Wayno's Supermarket on Tuesday, November 23 and Wednesday, November 24 from 2 to 6 pm. Profits from the sale will benefit the Antrim Celebration Committee.

Good News from "The Magic Tree" at the Antrim Art Academy

The School Bus Company has agreed to bring children attending the Public Kindergarten directly to the Antrim Art Academy at 12:00pm, giving working parents another alternative to much needed daycare possibilities.

Parents in need of assistance will be glad to know that we are DCYS certified. Please call Michelle at 588-2444 if you have any questions or want to make any arrangements for your children to attend our preschool, kindergarten or after school daycare. Feel free to visit the facilities anytime.

Antrim Preschool Group

Antrim's Preschool Group, started in May, consists of a community parent-child group from newborns to 6 yr olds. It has been set up as a model to see how this kind of thing really works, in response to a need for health, educational and social programs for underserved families in Antrim and surrounding towns. Meeting Wednesdays from 12:45-2:45 at the elementary school kindergarten rooms, there is no fee, or registration. Moms and/or dads accompany their children. Everyone is welcome, grandparents, too. Need transportation? The group can arrange it.

The goal of the group is that preschoolers will be brought to the school setting to promote a comfortable feeling for both parents and their children. Although speakers can be scheduled, this is the time to get better acquainted with parents of other preschoolers. It gives your child a chance to interact with her/his peers.

On some Saturdays, the group may go berry picking, picnicking or on a museum trip. Other agencies are available to be tapped, such as the principal, outreach agencies, Southern NH Services and assistance agencies besides kindergarten teachers and doctors.

F.A.C.T., an advocacy council for families, and Pat Robbins, the AES principal have been awarded monies to be used for a pre-school library program and reference center. Besides this, funds are being used for books for 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders' use to share reading with their younger siblings and for them to read to kindergarteners.

The pre-school group is still in its first year. It is the parents that call the shots. If you feel isolated and crave the contact, want to exchange babysitting or want to make adult friends, come to the school on Wednesdays. If you need to contact someone, call Wendy Chirichiello (588-3170) or Fran Gildea (588-2474).

Woman's Club Starts New Year

The Antrim Woman's Club will start the new club year with a potluck luncheon hosted by the Executive Board; the date, Tuesday September 14; the place; Antrim Baptist Church at 12:30pm. Dues of \$5 for the current year will be due. Guests for the meeting will be our local school principals who will update the members on "What's New in our Schools?"

The Oct 12 meeting will feature a program on Amy Beach (Mrs. H.H.A Beach), America's foremost woman composer who grew up in Henniker, NH early in this century.

On Nov. 9, the members will travel through Egypt with Joan Prue, GFWC-NH President-Elect, who recently traveled through that area.

The Club will be selling raffle tickets on a beautifully dressed French Empire doll named "Desiree." The drawing will take place at the December 11 Christmas party. Tickets may be purchased from any Woman's Club member. Profits from the raffle will benefit the club Scholarship Fund.

The club invites any interested woman in town to attend meetings and share activities. To young mothers in town, baby sitting can be arranged during club meetings in the nursery room at the Baptist Church. For more information call Martha Brown, President, 588-6803.

New Cookbooks Available:

Cooking with Grace, the new Presbyterian Church cookbook, is now ready for sale. This book is dedicated to the 100th year of the present building at its Main Street location. The price of \$5.75 allows you to try some of the favorite recipes of our church family. For further information, call Dee Palmer (588-6388), Gloria Schacht (588-6338) or the church office (588-2209). Buy, Try and Enjoy.

New Business in Town

Have you seen the new sign announcing Busy Beaver Gardens? It's on North Main Street. Cory Morrill sells cacti, succulants and house plants. She gives away info on planting, placement, lighting and care.

She got hooked on gardening when she did a science propagation project in the sixth grade. Her grandfather, also, was an avid gardener, concentrating on day lilies.

She started this one woman, shoestring business in July, as an outgrowth of a hobby and having an opportunity to acquire a local greenhouse. She wants to enjoy what she likes best and share it with the general public.

The greenhouse, not visible from the road, is chock full of healthy plants. It is open year-round. Her hours are 10 to 5, but flexible. She is closed on Wednesday and Sunday. See the ad page for more information. You can call Cory at 588-2895.

Revival Shop News

The Revival Shop, a clothing consignment shop run by the First Presbyterian Church, announced this week that it would give \$300 to the Drug Awareness and Resistance Education program. Gary Gagnon, chief of police in Greenfield and DARE instructor, said the gift would be used to purchase materials used in DARE's prevention programs in local schools.

The Revival Shop uses its profits from sales of high-quality used clothing to fund various church and community projects. The shop is open Fridays and Saturdays 10-4.

By popular request, a Fall Fashion Show and luncheon is being planned for Saturday, Nov. 6 at noon. The luncheon will be prepared by the Presbyterian Women's Guild, and the clothes modeled by members of the

church and community. Seating is limited, and tickets may be purchased in advance at The Revival Shop beginning in October.

The shop now offers a "dollar sale rack" every week. This consists of clothes which have been consigned to the store for a 60 day period, then removed to make room for new merchandise.

Have you cleaned out your closet yet? The shop still needs stylish fall and winter clothes for women, men and children. All items must be clean and pressed, on hangers, and generally in excellent condition. There is a seven item limit. Call Diane Gugesell at 588-2686 for more info.

Volunteers are needed to cover the following shifts: 10am to 1pm, or 1pm to 4pm on either Fridays or Saturdays. Call Margaret Ellice at 478-3195 for information.

Antrim Garden Club

Monday, October 5: meet at the Baptist Church at 10:30 am to visit the Indian Museum in Warner, NH. Bring a picnic lunch to eat at Rollins State Park on Mt. Kearsarge.

Monday, November 15: program at Antrim Village. Speaker is Claudia Wagner of Harris Center staff. Hostesses will be four resident members at the Village.

Monday, December 13: Meet at noon for Christmas Party and Annual Meeting at home of Evelyn Perry. Luncheon is pot luck. There will be a gift exchange and reports are due.

For more information about the club call Evelyn Perry at 588-2113. New members are always welcome.

Thanks!

To Eric and Mark Tenney for furnishing the plants for the window boxes on the Town Hall. And more thanks to Barbara Elia at the Town Office for keeping them watered. They are a welcome sign to those passing by and are pleasing to the eye.

Church news

Scraping and painting of the First Presbyterian Church continues during September in anticipation of the 1994 centennial celebration of South Antrim. Members and friends of the church started the project in July, and work will continue into the fall. The 100-yr-old building has needed paint for the last two years, but because of the economy the \$20,000 needed to paint it professionally is not available. Brian Beihl, Board of Trustees, acknowledges the generous contributions of local merchants Dick Edmunds of Edmunds' Hardware, and Mark Gelardi of Antrim Citco, and asked that the community thank them the next time you stop by. If you would like to volunteer some time to help paint this Antrim landmark, contact Brian at 588-3014. Donations for paint and supplies may be made to "Paint Fund," First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 186, Antrim, NH 03440-0186.

Anyone attending the Presbyterian Church knows that the back parking lot had its share of spring potholes. Thanks to Phil Mathewson of Mathewson Blacktop in Hancock for donating use of his front-end loader to grade the lot this summer. Our cars' suspensions thank you!

ANNUAL HARVEST LUNCHEONS BEGIN OCTOBER 6. Friendship, food, and inspiration make the popular Harvest Luncheons the place to be on Wednesday noons during October. Everyone is invited to come to the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall with a bag lunch (dessert and beverage provided) for fellowship and sharing led by Rick Palmer, Dan Poling and Dean Roth. These luncheons are planned by the Antrim-Bennington Ministerial Fellowship.

The next **ANTRIM COMMUNITY HYMN SING** will be held at the Antrim Baptist Church on Sunday, September 26 at 7pm. A fellowship potluck supper at 6pm will precede the singing. For the supper, bring food to share and your own place setting. After the hymnsing, dessert and beverage will be served. Everyone is invited!

The **ANTRIM COMMUNITY FOOD BANK**, which is housed in the basement of the Antrim Baptist Church, announces that because of its limited resources it can serve only the residents of Antrim and Bennington. Food Pantry hours are: Friday, 7-8:30; Saturday, 10-12.

LOCAL CHURCHES RESUME REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULES ON SEPTEMBER 12.

Antrim Baptist Church:

9:15am Sunday Church
School (for all ages)

10:25am Worship

Bible Study and prayer on Wednesday at 7pm, is also open to all who are interested.

Presbyterian Church:

9:15am Church School
(for all ages)

10:30am Worship

The Presbyterian Church will hold a Farmer's Market on Saturday, September 18, 9:30-noon.

Now it can be Told!

Monadnock Community Hospital has purchased the property formerly known as Antrim Family Medicine and lately as the Keene Clinic. We understand a full-time family practice physician for Antrim has been recruited and will begin practice in January in the Keene Clinic, Antrim Branch, building which will be vacated by Oct. 22. Let's hope Antrim is finally on the right track for medical services. But as the saying goes, "No gain without pain." The final chapter of this "comedy of errors," between our two local hospitals finds Dr. Don Caruso leaving the area after a brief time of serving our community through the Keene Clinic. We wish him well, and thank him for his services, even for such a short time.

Monadnock Knitter's Guild

SEPT. 28, 7pm: Ann Hennessy, owner of the *Wool Room*, will bring us up-to-date on the British Isles. Her return trip of four weeks resulted in slides, photos and souvenirs.

OCT. 26, 7pm: This meeting brings us *Shetland Knitting* by Ann Feitelson. She comes from the Turners Falls area, and is about to publish her book on the topic.

NOV. 23, 7pm: To Be Announced.

For further information, call Lorraine Block at 588-2552, or Ann Hennessy at 588-6637. Knitters and non-knitters throughout the Monadnock Region are encouraged to come to any meeting.

The Wool Tour

(October 9 and 10)

Unique to this area is the tenth annual **Wool Tour**. Among the five farms and craft studios involved are the *Wool Room* (1 and 1/2 miles up Pleasant st.) and the *Chauncey Farm* on Rt. 202 north, both in Antrim.

Yellow brochures and maps will soon be distributed. Watch for them or the sheep signs as you tour the backroads this foliage season. Demonstrations, a schedule of workshops for all levels, dolls, knitting kits, yarns and spinning wheels and other equipment will be found. Sheep, knitting supplies, books and tapes, multi-colored fleeces, beads and much more are to be discovered.

The tour begins in Frankestown, through Antrim and Hillsboro, and ends at the Fiber Studio in Henniker. Hours are from 9 to 4. For more info, call 588-6637.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Position for qualified preschool teacher at Antrim Art Academy. Call Michelle (588-2444).

school news

Antrim Elementary School

We welcome these new staff members and wish them a productive year:

Kathy Stacy (Kinderarten)
Dancy Bluhm (Kindergarten)
Schatze Moore (Room 1 Aide)
Sue Bedet (Grade 2)

One of the new teachers, Sue Bedet, has returned to the Conval System from Germany, accompanied by her husband and two teenagers. She taught in Gelhausen and Hanan in the Dept. of Defence Dependent Schools. Born in England and spending 15 years in Germany, she feels that she has "come home" to Antrim.

Ms. Bedet found her stay in Germany a cultural experience. She was very involved in the community in which she lived and left many good friends. She is available to talk to groups about her experiences, which were very positive.

New Faces at Great Brook:

We welcome aboard the following new people at Great Brook School:

Mike Langlois	Grade 8
Kathy McCollum	Grade 8
David Lessor	Grade 6
Margaret Moran	Music/Sp Ed
Ruth Behrsing	Computer
Lynne Carver	Gr 5 Aide
Catie Doherty	Grade 8
Ellen Foley	Guidance
LeeAnn Kluger	ELP
Betty Borry	Ass't Princ.

View from the Top

Betty Borry is the new assistant principal at Great Brook. The top choice of 42 candidates, she is upbeat, energetic, and a positive thinker.

Graduating with a B.A. at Keene State College, her first position was outdoor education, year round, at Sargent Camp in Peterboro. She taught in the Pelham, NH schools for 23 years, twelve of them in physical education.

Throughout the state, she has held parent workshops, been a coach and athletic director and been on the NH Wellness Board and a presenter. Betty was also on the State Board of Alternate Education.

Why Antrim? She felt that she was ready to leave the classroom and experience education on a wider basis.

Truly believing that children are good, she says that they need positive people around them. Things work best when there is a partnership between the school and parent and child.

Betty is single, an avid biker and backpacker. She cross-country skis and reads professional journals and mysteries. She looks forward to meeting the people and participating in the activities of Antrim.

Antrim Sports

The 1993 Antrim soccer season has gotten underway with signups on Sept. 1st. There was a robust turnout for this soccer program which stresses fundamentals, teamwork and sportsmanship. There are still openings on many of the teams: call Brian Burford at 588-2920 to inquire about signing up.

The basketball program for grades 3-4 and 5-8 will be getting underway in November. Sign ups should happen around Oct. 30. We are looking for coaches for all levels but especially the 3-4. If interested call Bob Holmes at 588-6314.

Also this season we will be trying to start a three on three basketball league for men. This league will be based on gym availability and on how much interest is out there. It is anticipated that the league will begin in mid-to late November. Call Bob Holmes at 588-6314 for rules or to sign up yourself or a team.

Schedule of Home Games

SOCCER

SEPTEMBER

21 Keene	4:00 (boys) 5:15 (girls)
24 Wilton	3:30 (boys)
29 Kearsarge	5:15 (girls)

OCTOBER

12 Jaf/Rindge	3:30 (boys)
18 Kearsarge	4:00 (boys)
21 Monadnock	4:00 (boys)
22 Wilton	3:30 (girls)
25 Boynton	3:30 (boys)

FIELD HOCKEY

SEPTEMBER

29 Kearsarge	4:00
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OCTOBER

6 Jaf/Rindge	3:30
11 Boynton	3:30
13 South Meadow	3:30

AES PTO

The Antrim Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization tries to supplement the curriculum and activities at the school. Parents participate in many fundraising activities such as the weekly snack sales, Easter candy sale and Winterfest. Many parents support these fundraisers throughout the year, and it is through their efforts that the PTO is able to accomplish its goal of helping the school.

Under the direction of co-chairs Lynne Nadeau and Lisa Olson for the 1992-93 school year, the PTO was able to provide many extras for the school, including guest speaker author/illustrator Hans Wilhelm, books and equipment for the school library, computer software and equipment, Andy's Summer Playhouse performance, musical instruments, Playground Improvement Fund, teacher appreciation dinner and more.

The PTO is looking forward to another busy year with Janet Gagnon as president. The first meeting was held September 7 in Ms. Zawacki's classroom. New members are always welcome, and there are positions open on the board. Plans will soon be underway for AES's first Haunted House! Look for the PTO display at the AES Open House to be held in October.

Antrim High School Alumni Reunion

Over 200 people gathered on July 10, at Hidden Hills in Rindge to celebrate Antrim High School. Those in attendance came from at least fourteen states including California, Texas, Utah and Nevada. A roll call was read by Barry Proctor and everyone stood when their names were called. Classes represented ranged from 1919 through 1970.

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scout and Brownie troupes of Antrim are in need of leaders for this school year. If you can give one evening a week, please call Karen Grimes at 588-2025. No previous training is necessary.

Boy Scouts

Boys in grades 1-5 are invited, with a parent, to sign up for **Cub Scouts** Sunday, September 19th, at 5pm in the town gym. The new cubmaster is Richard Plyler. For more info call him at 588-3039 or Ruth Zwirner 588-2879.

Boy Scouts meet Monday nights. Boys aged 11-17 are invited to join Troop 2. Andy Linn is the new Troop 2 Scoutmaster. Call Richard Jennison for information at 588-2687.

Congratulations, Ralph! An Eagle Scout Court of Honor is being planned for Saturday, October 16 to honor Ralph Tillinghast who, on June 10, became the newest (ninth) Eagle Scout to be honored through 60 years in its current charter.

Scouts Thank Town As meetings resume at the Scout Hall in the basement of the Town Hall, Troop 2 wants to acknowledge, with thanks to the Town, the use of the facilities for all scout meetings and activities.

Between camping and hiking, Troop 2 had a very busy and successful summer. Every member earned at least one merit badge, with many earning several. The Troop completed a 50-mile hike led by Dick Jennison, the 20th in the history of the Troop, climbing Wildcat "A" and "E", Mt. Moriah, and in the presidential range, Mounts Madison, Adams and Jefferson.

1994 Celebration Needs a Name!

The Committee appointed by the town to plan festivities marking the 100th Anniversary of Main Street announces the celebration will take place the first two weeks of August, 1994. The year 1894 saw the "flowering" of Main St., with the appearance of many new buildings - Town Hall, Presbyterian Church, Bandstand, Firehouse, and several Victorian style homes such as Paige/Sawich. The Antrim Days Celebration Committee will be working with the town appointed committee to make the two weeks a time to be remembered: a play put on by the Antrim Players, a band concert in the new bandstand, a big parade, athletic events including Wayno's Road Race and many other events in the planning process. The committees will be meeting Sept 13 at 6:30pm in the Little Town Hall and every other Monday night following. The committee is urging involvement by all and any local folks. Because it is early in the planning stage, now is a good time to be involved. Be a volunteer - with ideas and offers to help in other ways. Attend a meeting and join in the fun of planning this Super-Celebration. Town-appointed committee members are Cindy Haskins, chair; Bruce Cuddihy; Martha Pinello, Brian Sawich and Pat Webber. Historical Society advisors to the committee are Nina Harding and Izzi Nichols.

WE-NEED-A-NAME-CONTEST
The Celebration Committee is sponsoring a contest to choose a name. To enter send \$1 along with the 50/50 contest coupon below to: 50/50 Contest c/o Bruce Cuddihy Rte 2, Box 460, Antrim, NH, 03440. Half of proceeds go to winner, the rest to the Bandstand Fund. Enter as often as you like: offer expires Oct 1, 1993.

ANTRIM 50/50 CONTEST

NAME OF CELEBRATION

YOUR NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE # _____

just yesterday.

Antrim Historical Society

Living in an old house can spark one's curiosity. Questions abound: What families have lived here? when was the house built? Why is one room on a different level? -- and occasionally, Could we be harboring a ghost?

David Hurlin has spent much of his time in the past several years researching Antrim's houses, and has organized the information in notebooks arranged by streets and roads in relation to one another. David grew up on Fairview Street in the 1930s, and has relied on personal memory as a starting point to find the history of many of the houses in "South Village." These notebooks have been placed in the Tuttle Library where they may be used with the guidance of members of the Antrim Historical Society.

Two workshops will be held in the fall, at which time Society members will be available to help any homeowners who would like to find out the history of their homes. These will be held on Thursdays, September 30 and October 28, at 7:30pm in the Library Hall. Other resources available include old maps and the town histories. Tibbals' *Genealogy* is especially rich in stories about the families that lived in Antrim during the 19th century.

1994 will be a year of celebration, observing the flowering of Main Street a hundred years ago, as well as the 250th anniversary of the arrival of Philip Riley, Antrim's first European settler. In anticipation of this, the Society encourages everyone to take advantage of these workshops, and satisfy their curiosity about the history of their homes. Some houses in town, especially in Clinton and the Center, sport their year of origin in large numerals for all to see as they ride by. This is one way of charting the growth of different sections of town.

A special feature at the October workshop will be stories of local ghosts who have tried to force their emanations on the present residents of their homes. If there are any ghosts in your home, please inform a member of the Antrim Historical Society. For further info, call Izi at 588-6581.

Antrim Homes Exhibit

An exhibit of photos of "Antrim Homes and How They've Changed" can be seen in the Historical room, upstairs, at the Tuttle Library, during library hours. This is a continuing project of the Antrim Historical Society. Each year additional homes are photographed and researched. Through this effort many older photos of homes one hundred years old or more are unearthed and the Society's collection expanded. If you have any old photos you could donate or that we may copy please contact us. If you would like your home included, please call Giffin Russell 588-2843 or Carole Webber 588-2332. The exhibit will be available for several months and be included in the Centennial celebration.

Neither Rain, Nor Snow ..

James Campbell was postmaster in 1812. The present Antrim postmaster, Glenn St. Clair, has given the Historical Society a list of all Antrim postmasters. You may want to look through the list to see how many of the 35 you can remember.

Groups are welcome and encouraged to visit the post office. Recently, two groups from the Crotched Mountain Rehab Center were hosted by the office and came away with souvenirs and buttons. If your group is interested, a two week notice would be appreciated. Call Glenn at 588-2614.

In cooperation with the U.S. Postal Service, the Smithsonian has opened

its newest museum this July. This National Postal Museum is located at the old post office building in Washington, DC. Exhibits here trace the history of the postal system and include a turn of the century RFD sled from Troy, NH and a 1921 Ford Model T. which is equipped with tank-like treads (rear) and skis in the front.

A national stamp collection, rare book viewing room, research area and hands-on activities such as self-guided tours, treasure hunts, workshops and demonstrations are some of the things found there. For more info call 202-633-9385/95.

Service News

Recruit Sargeant Ted Brown announces that the following local young men have completed their training this summer and are now members of the NH National Guard:

Joshua Brown, Barry LaValley, Tim Ellis, Keith LeFebvre, Michael Frosch and John Whipple. PSC Amy R. Tenney is now stationed at Osan Air Force Base in Korea. Lt. C. James Putnam and wife are stationed with the US Army in Korea.

NB: This column will be happy to list any local resident serving with any of the military services.

Names of Antrim Korean War Vets sought: Myers Prescott-Olson Post 50 of the American Legion is planning a memorial to those men and women who served in the Korean War which ended 40 years ago. The Post has a partial list but needs help to honor all those who served. If you are a veteran of the conflict or you know of someone who did serve, please contact Carter Proctor (588-2402) or Bob Allison (588-6563) to check if your name is on the list. The Post is always seeking new members - or former members who have let their dues lapse. Your support is needed. Applications for membership may be obtained from Don Paige (588-6776), Art Allison (588-8099) or Bob Allison (588-6563).

Tales and Trails

EVERLYN'S FAVORITE WALK

If you were to pass by the old yellow farm house on Elm Avenue, and see Evelyn Perry tending a flower bed, could you guess what a lifetime of adventuring has seasoned the sturdy, white-haired figure? Evelyn has been a lover of the great outdoors since her childhood summers on the Maine coast in the early years of this century. She learned campcraft and took nature walks with her girl scout troop (one of the first!) in Newton Center, Mass. In the early 1920's, while in college at Mt. Holyoke, she participated in group hiking outings. Evelyn has hiked extensively in the eastern mountain ranges. While working in children's social services in Washington, D.C. in the 30's, she joined the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and hiked Virginia's Blue Ridge. Later, Evelyn took a position as the Director of the Bureau for Children's Institutions in the Department of Social Services of New York State in Albany and joined the Adirondack Mt. Club. Evelyn saw hiking as an "antidote to the stresses" of her work responsibilities. She has always

enjoyed the rewarding sense of freedom that comes from exploring the woods and mountains, and the feeling of good health and accomplishment after a long day on the trail. Evelyn set goals for her adventures. She started climbing the eastern peaks over 4,000 feet in the 1950's and completed all 111 when she ascended Maine's "Old Speck" in 1980. She completed the Long Trail in Vermont in 1965. Evelyn has also explored the Canadian Rockies, and the hills and mountains of Europe and the British Isles. Evelyn's hiking trips were peppered with harrowing experiences, including getting caught in spring blizzards and descending Mt. Katahdin in the dark. These stories come alive when she recounts them. One can almost see the high peaks, ice, rushing streams, and the quiet woods in her shining eyes.

Of course, some of the most rewarding scenes are close to home, as Evelyn has discovered during almost 30 years as an Antrim resident. Here is one of her favorite local rambles: From the corner of Elm Avenue and Turner Hill Rd. (approximately half a mile from the Rt. 202

turn off), walk north to the top of Turner Hill. Here the road turns into the private drive of one of the oldest homesteads in Antrim. Turn left onto what is known as the old "Milk Road." Walking west along this road, beautiful views of Crotched Mountain, the Wapack Range, Mount Monadnock, and the Contoocook River Valley can be seen to the south, across new clearings and old fields. For a loop hike, continue along the Milk Road into woods full of older trees and interesting wildlife, including wild turkey, coyotes and fishers. In approximately one half mile, this road connects with Elm Avenue near the Brookside Farm. Turn left onto Elm Avenue, and continue east, then south for about one and a half miles to the corner of Elm and Turner Hill Rd. This entire loop is approximately three miles long. As with any hike in Antrim, please remember to ask permission of property owners when parking or crossing land if there is any question. And, remember to carry a litter bag!

If you have a favorite walk in Antrim that you'd like to share with the rest of us, please call Susan at 588-2544.

by Susan Bartlett

Folk Tales

Remembering Pauline

In 1981 the late Pauline Whitney visited our newly-renovated 1820s farmhouse at the corner of Smith and Miltimore Roads. During the visit she discovered that Rich, our eldest son, had spent several years in Japan. She also revealed a half memory that one of her own ancestors had occupied this very house. What follows is my impression of a monologue she delivered on these and other topics, bless her heart.

Richard Winslow

I was very interested to see that your son has been to Japan. Have you been to Japan? It is wonderful. My uncle lived in this house I think it was this house and I think it was my uncle. I really love history, that was my subject, you know. Did you visit the shrine to the Buddha? It's the one they excavated. When I was teaching history one of my friends was Paul Wax who also loves history. He became commissioner of education. His sister was a great hiker and his younger brother probably picked more blueberries in one day than anyone who every tried to do that. Once when another brother, I think his name was Sam, was working in a mill in Derry he saw a skunk, right at noontime, perched on a log in a nearby field. Well, that was that. Now Paul knew about this trip to Japan. He was just like a brother to me. We flew over on

the same plane but when we came back we came on separate planes, I went on down to Singapore and Hong Kong. When I was teaching school the Tenney boys used to come to class and one day one of them said to me "I hear your uncle committed suicide." That was the first I knew about that. Eric said "Would you commit suicide?" Well, I had never thought about that. But when I thought about it I decided I would not. I love history and I always want to find out what happens on the next day. When I looked into the suicide I found Eric was right and I think it happened right in your new house. I like your house. I think it's interesting.

Richard Winslow's column, Folk Tales, features stories of people and events in Antrim and neighboring towns. He will be happy to have anyone's input: 588-2498.

Antrim Police Department

We have been very fortunate in Antrim that more of what happened on August 17 on Main Street has not happened with some frequency.

A mother was crossing the street with three children in the crosswalk when a vehicle yielded to them. A second vehicle following struck the first one in the rear, and a third vehicle struck the second vehicle in the rear. The impact sent the first vehicle through the crosswalk area. Fortunately the pedestrians had already passed and were not struck.

Main Street, as we all know, is narrow, with cars parked on both sides of the street. The crosswalks are hard to see, and children and adults alike are hard to see as they usually come from in between parked cars.

The State of New Hampshire regulates what can and cannot be done to crosswalks that cross State highways such as our Main St. (Rt 202 & 31). Signs are located only on the Routes as you enter Antrim, which tell the motorists to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. The State will not allow the little pedestrian painted in the road before the crosswalks as has been done in the past, nor can we paint within the crosswalk as you see other Towns do with town roads.

What we can do as responsible members of the community is to be acutely aware of the other person. As a pedestrian, allow the motorist time to notice that a) there is a crosswalk, and b) that you are attempting to cross the street, which sometimes takes a minute. As a motorist driving in the downtown area, remember that there are very small children attempting to use these crosswalks and that with the parked cars they are extremely hard to see. The law states that you shall yield to pedestrians in these crosswalks. If we all slow our pace and become aware of others the Main Street will be a safe crossing for all of us.

Please remember - school is back in session and our children are out at bus stops and walking to and from their schools - let's be extra careful out there!!!

Antrim Fire Department

The annual Fire Department Turkey Raffle will be held on Saturday, November 20 at 7pm in Company #1 Station on Clinton Road. Refreshments will be sold during the raffle.

AMBULANCE FUND

The Antrim Ambulance Squad has reached the halfway mark in their fundraising campaign for a new ambulance. Thank you to all the people who have helped to raise nearly \$20,000.

The squad is still looking at different ways to replace "A-2." They have investigated used and refurbished vehicles plus new ambulances. They have also considered refurbishing "A-2." The final decision will be based on the money available and the best possible acquisition for the squad.

Fundraising will continue throughout the year. If possible, residents are asked to mail their donations in the envelopes that were provided. Your support is greatly appreciated by the volunteers of the Rescue Squad.

GUN RAFFLE

A Gun Raffle will soon be underway to help raise funds for a "new" ambulance. Tickets will be available from any member of the Rescue Squad or at Edmunds Hardware Store. For further information call Dick Atkinson at 588-2692 or Lisa Olson at 588-6308.

WELCOME TO MARK AND JESSICA CAVIC!

On August 23, 1993 a new face appeared on the streets of Antrim in a police uniform. That new face is Mark D. Cavic, who has been hired by the

Board of Selectmen to fill the position that became available when Michael Clemens resigned in July.

Mark is 29 years old, he has recently married (his wife's name is Jessica) and they will be leasing the Belchelder residence on Old North Branch Road in Antrim. Mark has a BA degree in management from Keene State and has been a police officer since 1989 when he was hired by the Town of Swanzey and worked with Chief Brian Brown in that Community. He has just returned from Florida where he went to work as a police officer in 1992 in Dunedin. After meeting and marrying Jessica they decided to move back to the area. She will be meeting her educational goals by attending Keene State College and by substitute teaching.

They are both a welcome addition to the community, and Mark will be a valuable asset to the Antrim Police Department.

There were a total of seventy-one applicants for the position of Police Officer.

WANTED!

A new editor for the LIMRIK.

Bev Tenney will be moving to Heritage Heights Retirement Village in October. Qualifications include some ability to write English and ability to tell others what to do to get the job done, and still be friends. Personal gratification is worth the work involved. We have a good thing going for the town, let's keep it. Anyone interested in the job call Bev at 588-2518.

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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Tuesdays,
7:30 pm, Town Hall, as needed

SEWER & WATER COMMISSION: 3rd Monday,
7:30 pm, S&W plant

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: 2nd Wednesday,
7:30 pm, Town Hall

news from **Town Hall**



Revaluation

During the past several months the revaluation process has progressed very rapidly, and hopefully, with a minimum of snags. All properties in town have been viewed from the outside and nearly 90% have also been entered.

For those of you who called too late to make an appointment or an interior review, there will be one more opportunity around mid September, after you receive your preliminary notice of value. The notice of value you receive in September will include a phone number to call if you wish to meet with appraisers with questions or concerns. This phone line will probably be busy at first. If you cannot get through immediately keep trying. Phone lines will be open for a few weeks.

There will be an insert with the notice of value explaining the appeals process and other points of concern. For example, the value you receive from CLT will not reflect current use or other exemptions. The company is concerned with market value only. This notice of value will be in the form of a booklet listing all properties in town in alphabetical order and showing the new versus the old value. In this way you will be able to compare the value with other properties in town. It is this relationship between one property and another that determines "fairness."

You should also remember that an increase in the assessed value of your house will not necessarily mean an increase in your taxes. For example: your property value has increased from \$60,000 to \$72,000, a \$12,000 increase or 20%. If the total value of all property in town increases by the same 20% your tax bill would remain unchanged. If the town's total value increased by more than 20% your tax bill would be a little less.

We should also point out at this time that we all face a sizable increase in our taxes this year because of the 16% increase in the school tax. Currently we believe that the town and county rates will remain basically unchanged; therefore the school increase will translate into an overall rate increase of 11%.

If you have questions about the revaluation process that are not answered here please be sure to contact the **Town Office** or any one of your **Selectmen**.

Tax Bill Study Passes Senate

The New Hampshire Senate passed HB 665 in late May, paving the way for a full study of a new plan for assessing school property taxes on a statewide basis.

Details of the bill, proposed by Rep. Gordon Allen of Antrim, were highlighted in the last issue of the Limrik. Allen's proposal calls for basing school taxes on a 100% equalized plan that could save Antrim taxpayers more than 25 percent on their tax bill. Under that plan, all New Hampshire towns would be assessed equally for school taxes, instead of relying on funding formulas based partially on school enrollments.

The bill is now awaiting Gov. Merrill's signature. If signed, a joint statutory study committee - including members of the NH House, Senate, Governor's Office and other state officials - will be formed to explore the effects of Allen's bill. That group is expected to report their findings and hammer out wording for proposed legislation by Nov. 1.

The study committee's bill will be debated by the House and Senate before a vote in the next legislative session.

New! Subscription Service

Interest in the LIMRIK by out-of-town friends indicates that a subscription service is in order. A subscription to our local newsletter for our men and women in the services, for children away at school, or for Antrim friends and relatives would be a pleasing and appropriate gift. The cost? \$3 per year to cover mailing of 4 issues. Send your subscription requests to: Bonnie Jones, Subscription manager, P.O. Box 381, Antrim NH 03440.

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Antrim Community Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 3 Lion's Club Meeting
- 6 Fall Fashion Show and luncheon, Revival Shop, noon
- 15 Garden Club: Harris Center talk at Antrim Village
- 9 Woman's Club featuring travels through Egypt
- 17 Lion's Club Meeting
- 23 Knitter's Guild, 7pm
- 23/24 Thanksgiving Bake Sale, Wayno's supermarket, 2-6pm

DECEMBER

- 11 Woman's Club Christmas Party
- 13 Antrim Garden Club Christmas Party/Annual Meeting, noon.

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