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Antrim's 1994 Celebration

The name, "*Hometown Pride: Past, Present and Future*" has been chosen, and the date has been set for a 12-day 1994 Antrim celebration. Wednesday, August 3 will be the opening night of an Antrim Players' musical production to run for four nights; and Sunday, August 14 will see the Fireman's Parade and muster, concluding with a barbecue and fireworks at Gregg Lake. In between will be activities for everyone: sports, concerts, exhibits, Wayno's Road Race, a gala parade and the highlight of the celebration -- the dedication of a bandstand in the new park off Jameson Avenue.

The general committee has been meeting bi-weekly since June, working with activities chairpeople to plan these events. Parade chair Bob Allison and his committee have decided on a route that will take the parade the length of Main Street, which will be decorated with flags and bunting. There will be cash awards for the best floats, both family- and organization-generated. Exhibit chair Carole Webber has arranged for twenty-five displays of historical artifacts and pictures to be set up in as many locations.

Sports Chair Carter Proctor will be organizing a variety of games and sports activities, not the least of which is driving golf balls onto the little island in the middle of the recently-rejuvenated millpond in back of the Town Hall.

Bruce Cuddihy, who with Pat Webber and Carter Proctor has been drawing up plans for the bandstand and a matching footbridge, wants all of Antrim's citizens to take pride in their community, and step forward to

offer their services. Construction of the new edifices will begin in May of 1994, with volunteer labor. Looking from the new bandstand to the 10-year-old Town Hall tower, viewers will enjoy one of four murals of local scenes to be painted by local artists and mounted in the place originally intended for a town clock.

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Home Grown Winner

Pumpkin season has come and gone. Not forgotten is the time many of us spent pondering the weight of some of the larger pumpkins.

Carlton Behlman of 2B's Greenhouse had a lot of people guessing when he loaded his giant truck and headed for the Topsfield County Fair. There were 68 entries from six New England states! Mr. Behlman's 480 lb pumpkin was in the top 20! When he took it to the Rindge Field Day it came in 4th! It took Mr. Belham five months of nurturing a Dills Atlantic winning pumpkin. When asked what he did afterward with the pumpkin he replied, "I saved the seeds!" Congratulations, Mr. Belham!

First Lighting

Antrim's Fourth "First Lighting" will be at TouchWood Square on Thursday, December 9. At 5:30, the Town Tree will have its first lighting and John Robertson will emcee. The mural winners will be announced by the Garden Club, with Great Brook Carollers leading a sing.

Santa arrives at 5:45 by fire truck with his bag of candy canes. Santa will see our town ablaze with color, including the large pole candles on Main and Concord streets.

The four large wreaths on the town hall front were made at a workshop of Women's Club volunteers which was conducted by Fred Roberts, florist. The window boxes were filled with green and red by the Garden Club. Great Brook fifth graders made large murals for the town hall windows as a contest, judged by the members of the Garden Club. The Club gave a gift of money to the winners to be used for all entrants.

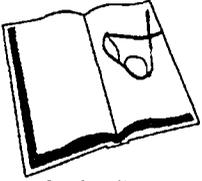
The Chamber of Commerce "Christmas Decorating Contest" is well underway, sparking some very creative results. We hope you will be there to see the festivities.

Wayno's Wants You To Know

"I've got as much merchandise as before at better prices," said Wayno. He has cut down on the size of the store because it was too expensive to run. Now, it is more efficient for both management and the customer. You will find a full line of meats and produce. This is still a full-sized grocery store!

The deli has been enlarged. If you want a sandwich - just ask and see it made. There are no more pre-packaged hoagies. You can order platters of meats or platters of all kinds of vegetables. These are made to your specifications - for weddings, parties, reunions, etc. and all year round.

The store is large enough for the town of Antrim. Wayno feels that he has the best organization in his thirty five years in business. Go take a look!



TALES from TUTTLE LIBRARY

At the library, we have a new staff member - Christine Tarrie. We were very fortunate to be able to entice her away from the Peterborough Library. Besides, coming to us with six years of library service, she is currently enrolled in the New Hampshire Library Techniques program. We invite you to come in and welcome our new staff member. Chris is Penny Welch's replacement. Penny has resigned to seek new fields of endeavor.

Project Life, the literacy program, is off to a successful start. Six students are attending at the Tuttle Library. This program, you may remember, is offered for those who want to develop reading and writing skills or get a GED. A promised computer, for their use, should be arriving any day, now. The grant to receive funds for this program next year has been submitted. Another training session for volunteer tutors is being scheduled for the last of January. We hope that many of you will feel that you can add to our tutorial pool. Call Chris Fleicher for further information (588-6786) or stop in at the library.

Once again, Christmas is just around the corner. When the holiday spirit of giving overtakes you, please think of us. Last year's **ADOPT A BOOK** program was most rewarding. We will be trimming our tree with gift cards bearing the name of the giver and the book selection.

ANTRIM VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

As the rest of this year passes by and we head towards town meeting, it's time to start considering towns people who have given their time to make Antrim a better place to live. That's right, it's "Volunteer of the year" nomination time! Many citizens qualify for this prestigious award but in order for them to win they have to be nominated. Past winners Pat Webber and The Antrim Playground committee give you a good idea of what to look for. If you know someone who is deserving, send their name to Volunteer of the Year, PO Box 30, Antrim, NH 03440-0030.

Chamber of Commerce Update

588-2888 or 588-2265

On October 28th, the ACC held the fall general assembly at the Maplehurst. We would like to thank all those who were able to attend, as well as the staff at the Inn for their hospitality. It was refreshing to see so many of our members represented, and we look forward to your continued support.

The end of the year is fast approaching, and the ACC is gearing up for two major events. First, the 2nd annual "Christmas Decorating Contest" will be held once again. Please watch the newspaper and displays at local businesses for more information, or feel free to call us.

The second event will be the January General Assembly, and Election of Officers for 1994. We ask that any member interested in serving on the board, or as an officer contact us for more information. It is vital that we have new board members, with energy and new ideas to share.

As always the ACC encourages all businesses in the Antrim area, large or small to become part of this organization. If you're interested in finding out what we are all about, and what we are trying to accomplish, give us a call. All board meetings are open to the public, and take place the third Thursday of each month, 7pm, at Four Seasons Studio Restaurant. Please join us.

A very happy and healthy holiday season to all.

Chamber of Commerce Spotlight

Peterborough Savings Bank has been providing financial services since 1859. A major focus of the Bank is in the area of Business Banking. Recently named a Certified Lender by the U.S. Small Business Administration, PSB is actively providing the products and services needed by the small to medium sized businesses in its market. In New Hampshire these enterprises account for more than 90% of total employment.

The Bank has also introduced its expanded Capital Management and Trust Group. A resource for investors that offers a full range of investment vehicles and services including five professionally managed Performance Portfolio Funds, Investment Management Services, Business Retirement Plans and Trust and Estate Planning Services.

Peterborough Savings Bank is a New Hampshire-based financial institution with over \$282 million in assets. The Bank recently completed a conversion to become a state-chartered stock savings bank. Its stock trades on the NASDAQ Small Cap market under the ticker symbol "PETE."

1994 Celebration, cont'd

about town

An opportunity to find out more details, and how individuals and organizations can contribute to the celebration will be on Saturday night, January 22, 1994 at an old-fashioned public supper to be held at the Presbyterian Church at 6pm. In addition to comments from the committee, there will be a Gay Nineties entertainment, just like they enjoyed on Main Street 100 years ago. Models of the bandstand and footbridge will also be on display.

All of these exciting plans cannot come to fruition without money, and fund-raiser Dotti Penny and her committee have already been busy with food sales and similar projects, which will continue regularly throughout the coming months. The Historical Society started the financial ball rolling last summer, raffling off a night table donated by craftsman Don Dunlap, and the Antrim Players recently turned over the proceeds from their production of "The Gazebo," directed by Fred Roberts, to the growing treasury.

So plan to join the committee on January 22. General Chairperson Cindy Haskins says, "We're waiting for all our good friends to come and tell us how they want to enjoy the 1994 celebration, and how they want to help make a statement of Hometown Pride."

Lion's Club News

The Antrim-Bennington Lions' Club Annual Christmas Tree Sale will start on Sunday, November 28 at the Tenney Farm Stand. This project is our largest fundraising project during the year. With the funds that we raise, we are able to assist those individuals in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves in the field of health services.

Earlier this fall, our club participated in the 2nd annual N.H. Lions' Haunted House held at Camp Allen in Bedford. Last year this statewide project raised \$34,000. For more information about the Lions' Club and how you could become a part of the largest service organization in the world, call Bob and Sarah Edwards at 588-6861.

Antrim Grange

Members of Antrim Grange have started off the new year by electing the following officers for 1994; Master, Carryl Davis; Overseer, Bobby Varnum; Lecturer, Beth Merrill; Steward, Elliot Davis; Lady Assistant Steward, Missy Landry; Chaplain, Donna Slater; Treasurer, Arthur Merrill, Sr.; Secretary, Arthur Merrill, Jr.; Gatekeeper, Meagan Slater; Ceres, Renee Mercier; and Executive Committee member, Elliot Davis. Recently received into membership were Donna and Meagan Slayer.

Delegates to the annual State Grange Session, Carryl Davis and Bobby Varnum, reported that Antrim Grange was honored for having the highest youth score for 1993. Antrim Grange member Arthur Merrill, Jr., who is currently serving as the State Grange Youth Director, gave his annual report. A resolution submitted by Antrim Grange, dealing with the reporting of the meetings of the State Executive committee was passed. Beth Merrill was installed into office by the National Grange representative, Jeanne Davies and her husband, State Executive Committee member Miles Davies. Sister Davies is the Secretary of the National Grange Executive Committee and hails from Deer Run, Colorado.

Medical Update

Have you been wondering about the medical situation here in Antrim now that Dr. Caruso is gone? Well, let me tell you there is some fine care going on over at the Antrim Medical Center, located in the Gladding Building on Rt. 202 in Antrim. Full time coverage is being shared by Doctors John MacEachran (a family practitioner), Frank Fuselier (internal medicine), Frank Magill (pediatrician) and Physician's Assistant, David Browning. All of these gentlemen are

associated with and have privileges at the Monadnock Community Hospital.

In the meantime renovation of the former Keene Clinic building in Antrim has been started by Monadnock Community Hospital. In January Dr. Robert Schorshinsky (family practitioner) will set up residence there along with P.A. David Browning. Dr. Schorshinsky will be moving here from New York with his wife. He's looking forward to life in Antrim, a new practice and good hunting.

Until then don't hesitate to call on the Antrim Medical Center for quality medical services!

Yea, We Did It!

The Great Brook School Volunteer Program has received notice from New Hampshire Partners in Education congratulating the school on being selected as a recipient of the Blue Ribbon School Achievement Award for the 1992-1993 school year.

The highly coveted B.R.S.A.A. Award recognizes those schools whose volunteer programs have met stringent all-inclusive criteria.

Earning the Blue Ribbon Award means that Great Brook School is recognized for the extensive cooperation between school and community that has resulted in an outstanding School Volunteer Program. This benefits the children of our community. Without effective leadership, the support of the entire school and the dedication of our legions of volunteers this award would not have been possible.

The Great Brook School Volunteer Program would like to congratulate all 104 volunteers who participated in this exciting new program. You can and do make a big difference at Great Brook School!

J. Andras Lazar - Lazar Masonry and Lazar Comics

J. Andras Lazar is the proprietor of two Antrim businesses. The younger generation know Andras for his cards and comics sold at his shop on Main Street. Many home owners may know him as a master mason, while still others may recognize his stone walls appearing around the old Stone Church on Clinton Road.

In both areas, Andras is self taught. He began stone and brick work by working with contractors about 17 years ago. He liked the work and continued to build fireplaces, chimneys and walkways. Over the years he expanded into restoration and repair work while specializing in fireplaces. He also experimented with fancy brick work for hearths.

Although stone walls are not his regular projects, Andras feels comfortable working with stones. The stones are delivered to the church site by Stuart Gross and put into the base prepared by the mason. Andras directs the unloading to choose the best face and top for the next stone to sit upon. "I just get a feel for the stone and what to look for to make it right," he explained.

Andras was hired by Jim Fymes to build the stone wall around the church in what used to be Antrim Center. Historically they are restoring the center to what it may origi-

nally have looked like years ago.

By building stone walls in Antrim Center, Andras feels that he is restoring some history. Actually his own background is a part of history. In 1956 as a young child Andras escaped from Hungary during the Russian invasion. He and his family were forced to flee on foot to the train to Austria. They spent a year waiting in Austria before being able to move to Massachusetts. They chose the Boston area because an uncle lived there. The Lazar family settled in Brookline, MA. Andras moved to N.H. as a young man.

His son Jesse was the inspiration for the Lazar family's second business. Andras was seeking a father/son project to do with his son. In 1989 Jesse decided to collect X-Men comics and baseball cards while his father chose Wolverine comics and Tops cards. The activity turned into J&A's Card Shop which is now known as Lazar Comics, run primarily by Andras. The shop is open on Saturdays 12 noon to 6 pm and on Thursday and Friday afternoons. The cards and comics are also sold on a consignment basis to stores in Hillsboro, Manchester and Peterborough. The Antrim base serves as a storage place so Andras welcomes customers who would like to call ahead at 588-2726.

Monadnock Knitters Guild

December: No Meeting

January 27: Betty Avery, who has just returned from Turkey, will speak on and illustrate TURKISH KNITTING. 7pm.

February 24: Comprises mini-workshops by members on knitting techniques and skills. 7pm.

For further info, call Lorraine Block at 588-2552 or Ann Hennessy at 588-6637. Meetings are held at the Tuttle Library in Antrim. Knitters and non-knitters throughout the Monadnock Region are encouraged to attend any meeting.

Antrim Woman's Club

Look for Club members who will be stationed at Wayno's on each Friday and Saturday between Thanksgiving and Christmas. They will accept donations for the Rescue Squad from anyone who stops by and signs the giant community Christmas Card.

The December 14 meeting will be a luncheon at Maplehurst Inn. Lunch starts at 12:30 sharp, with entertainment following. The Bell-ringers from the Hillsboro Smith Memorial Church will ring out followed by Santa who will assist with exchange of gifts. He will also draw the winning number for the doll "Desiree."

In January, on the 11th, our program will feature our own LIMRIK feature writer, Susan Bartlett. She will speak on TALES AND TRAILS in Antrim.

The February 8th meeting will be an opportunity to question our speaker about tax problems and other financial quandries. Ginger McCartin, financial advisor, will speak on "How to Handle Your Money."

The Antrim Woman's Club welcomes new members to all our monthly meetings - the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm at the Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. If you are a newcomer to Antrim it is a great way to make friends and feel at home quickly.

Christmas Wreath Sale

Once again the Boy Scouts of Troop #2 will be selling Christmas wreaths. Hilltop Farm in Hancock will be making a beautiful assortment of wreaths in various sizes for the scouts. The prices will range from \$6 to \$35 depending on size and decoration.

Wreaths will be on sale at Wayno's on Saturdays after Thanksgiving or may be ordered by calling Richard Jennison at 588-2687.

Antrim Garden Club

The December 13th meeting of the club will be at the home of Evelyn Perry. It will be a pot luck luncheon at twelve noon. This Christmas Party will have gifts, Santa, fun and games. Since this is the last meeting of the season, look for news of the first meeting of 1994, in April.

Salvation Army Collection

The Salvation Army bell will again be ringing in Antrim, starting in November. Antrim has always been generous to its citizens in need. This is an opportunity to feel good about yourself by extending a helping hand to do God's work. Donating and collecting will serve the residents of Antrim. All money stays in this town. The collection center will be at Wayno's Store. A hearty "Thank you" to Wayno for his gracious help and cooperation in facilitating us again this year. If you are unable to donate at the collection center, you may send contributions to the Presbyterian Church, PO Box 186, Antrim, NH, ATTN: Salvation Army. Thank you and God Bless.

Antrim Baptist Church

The Antrim Baptist Church is an American Baptist church. Our Worship is Sunday morning at 10:25 am. Sunday school for all ages is offered at 9:15 am, and Bible study and prayer group Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Join us for fellowship and worship of the Lord.

The next Antrim Community Hymnsing will be held at the Antrim Baptist Church on Sunday, January 30, at 7pm. A pot luck supper at 6pm will precede the singing. For the supper, bring food to share and your own place setting. Everyone is welcome.

We invite all to attend the Christmas Evening service at 7pm.

St. Mary's Church

Recently, St. Mary's Parish in Hillsboro welcomed Father John Wright as their new pastor. Father Wright assumed his duties on November 4th. He was officially installed as pastor on Sunday, November 14th. A reception for the community followed.

For Father Wright, originally from Maine, The Priesthood is a delayed vocation. His background is in Accounting and for several years he conducted his own retail business. After attending Mount Angel Seminary Abbey in Oregon, he was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, serving in two parishes there. He returned to the east for personal reasons and was assigned to the Diocese of Manchester in 1987, serving in Manchester and

Bedford. Most recently he has been in the Lisbon/Franconia area.

Father Robert F. Griffin, the former pastor at St. Mary's retired Nov. 1st.

Wood Bank needs Volunteers

The Wood Bank provides a helping hand for families needing short-term woodheating assistance. An outreach project of the First Presbyterian Church, the Wood Bank needs volunteer help, cutting and splitting firewood. Although one need not bring equipment to help, those with chain saws, splitters and other equipment are asked to bring them. Workdays will take place throughout the winter behind the church. For information, call Russ Clark at 495-3184, or the church at 588-2209.

Donations of money are also needed to purchase grapple loads of wood, and for occasional assistance to oil-burning residents.

Revival Shop News

The Revival Shop at Antrim's First Presbyterian Church presented a Fall Fashion Show on November 6, attended by some 65 people. The show featured fourteen local models and piano music by Kristen Halverson and Isabel Nichols. Jeana Beihl coordinated the show, with a luncheon catered by the Presbyterian Women's Guild. A spring show is planned for April.

The Shop has received hundreds of excellent new consignments, such that on the first three weekends in December there will be a "Buy Four, Get One Free" sale. The free item may be of equal or lesser value compared to the highest price amongst the first four items.

Volunteers are still needed: call Margaret Elice, volunteer coordinator, at 478-3195, or the church at 588-2209.

The Revival Shop will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The Shop's committee and volunteers wish to thank consigners and customers.

Seeking Names of Korean War Vets

The Meyers-Prescott-Olson-Post No. 50 of the American Legion needs names for a Memorial dedicated to those from Antrim who were in the armed forces between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1954. If you know of names not on the following list - yours or someone else's you are asked to contact, immediately, Bob Allison, 588-6563 or Carter Proctor, 588-2402.

Merto Aborn Jr.	Fred Elliott	John J. Munhall, Jr.
Arthur Allison	Gerhard Fuglestad	Leland Olson
Francis Allison	Ernest Fuglestad	Donald Paige
Robert Allison	Nelson Fuglestad	Kenneth Paige
Theodore Allison	Kenneth Griswold	Carter Proctor
Robert Black	Arthur Griswold	Ernest Ring
Carlton Brooks	Preston Gilmare	Grace Ring
Harold Brooke	Richard Hartwell	Frederick Roberts
Normal Chamberlain	Wesley Hills	Richard Wallace
Arnold Clark	George H. Lewis, Jr.	Robert Warren
Bruce Cuddihy	Robert Lowell	Robert Whipple
George DeFoe	Donald B. Madden, Jr.	Wayne Wilson
George Edwards		Ralph Zabriskie

Introducing Dr. Nancy Cooper

It has been a pleasure to move into my new office on Main Street of your delightful town. I look forward to working with the people in this area for the remainder of my career. There seems to be a healthy community spirit in Antrim and even my office feels like my "home way from home."

I am a psychologist but almost never work with "crazy" people: most of my clients are basically normal people who are having problems in their lives. They look like your friends or neighbors, even you. Frequently my clients take care of everyone in their lives EXCEPT themselves. They need to learn first that it is OKAY to take care of themselves and second how to do it.

Although I work mostly with women, I see adolescents, and sometimes couples and families. I believe that motherhood is the most under-rated, under-appreciated, difficult "job" ever invented. Many of my clients are mothers with unrealistic expectations about what they are supposed to be able to do.

My qualifications include a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology which is NOT a medical degree. I do not prescribe medications or treat physical injuries. In 1989, after attending Wellesley College and Virginia Tech, I received my certification for private practice in New Hampshire.

Currently, I work half time at Crotched Mountain. However, I am usually in my office Monday and Wednesday afternoons and sometimes, evenings. I do take most insurances and if you are not covered, maybe we can work something out. Please feel free to call. My number is 588-HELP. My office is in the Keating Insurance building on South Main St.

The Great Adventure

Fred and Marguerite Roberts have finally heard their calling. In May of 1991 the Roberts volunteered for the Peace Corps. Their applications were approved in July of the same year and they've been waiting for an invitation ever since! One reason for the delay has been that Fred and Marguerite want to be together. Well, together they shall be when they leave Boston airport on November 29 headed for NIGERIA! They will arrive in Kano Nigeria where for 3 months they will receive special training in the languages of Nigeria and other instruction pertaining to their jobs. From there they will move down to the north central area of Nigeria known as Kaduna where they will spend the next two years.

The Roberts will be working with 19 other volunteers in groups of 3. Their primary activities will be in the health sector combating communicable childhood Diseases (CCD). Fred will be focusing on Guinea Worm Eradication, mainly by setting up proper water filtration systems. Marguerite will be busy setting up and managing health care records. She will have the opportunity to do some educating and quality control in the areas of health and safety. When I asked the Roberts "Why the Peace Corps?", their response was "For the adventure!".

Ms. Barbara Black's 6th grade class at Great Brook Middle School will be keeping up with the Roberts' adventures because they are involved in a program called "World Wise Schools". It's a program through the Peace Corps that promotes cross cultural awareness and encourages an appreciation of volunteerism. If you too would like to correspond with the Roberts you can write them at:

Fred and Marguerite Roberts c/o
Peace Corps Nigeria
P.O. Box 8614
Kaduna, Nigeria, West Africa

Antrim Historical Society

Following a successful series of "Your Old House" workshops held in the fall, as well as local ghost stories and a backward look at the heyday of Antrim bands, the Historical Society will ease its monthly public meetings until April 1994. In the interim, members of the group will be involved in preparing a pictorial history of the town, to be published in July 1994. Brian Beihl is the editor of the project, with Gif Russell in charge of gathering pictures to be included.

Although the Society has many interesting photos in its archives, private collections are being searched in order that the book be comprehensive. Two private collectors have already agreed to loan rare pictures of buildings and memorable events from the turn of the century up to more recent times.

To reserve your copy of the pictorial history, call Nina Harding

I.O.O.F News

In a discussion with the newly elected Nobel Grand of Waverly Lodge #59, Sam Harding, it was mentioned that funds raised by the organization go two different ways. Half of the proceeds of the lodge's endeavors is slotted for the support of Antrim's Youth programs.

The other half will be for the support of the Arthritis Foundation, a worldwide charity of the Odd Fellowship. There is a constant need for research funds for this sad and crippling disease. Not only does it attack adults but many children, as well.

The April public supper, to be held at the Legion Hall, will be one of this year's money makers. I.O.O.F. also looks forward to participation in Antrim's 1994 Celebration.

An Interview With Beverly Tenney, Founder and Former Editor to the LIMRIK

Beverly Tenney has never been one to "sit in a quarry, chewing granite". When a project needs a push to get started, or there's money to be raised, Bev is there, initiating action, saying what needs to be said, ("sometimes I've put both feet in my mouth"), getting response. When a cause is worthwhile to Bev, she is unstoppable.

The idea for a community newsletter had been "buzzing around for a while". Like many of us, Beverly was unhappy with the coverage of Antrim and Bennington in the Peterborough papers. "People in town had no way of knowing" what was going on. She talked with Lois Harriman, Nancy Timko and, "anyone who would ever listen" about starting a local paper. The idea took shape during an organizational meeting. The Woman's Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the ConVal print shop, and many individuals became involved, making it a "real community thing", and a great source of pride for us all.

Community has always been very important to Bev Tenney. She feels that "if you're gonna bring your kids up in a place, you want to make it the best place possible". Her life has reflected this philosophy. Long a dedicated teacher, she also raised a family (Eric and Mark, both of Antrim) with her husband, the late Stanley Tenney, has played the organ for the "Eastern Star" for fifty years, and been a Woman's Club and Baptist Church community leader.

Of her years as a teacher, Beverly feels most proud of the Latin Club that she started at the Antrim High School. The club raised money for spring trips to museums and Fenway Park in Boston. It was "arts in the morning, and sports in the evening"! The Latin Club's annual grand event was the "Roman Banquet". The young classical enthusiasts would transform the town gym into a Roman Plaza, replete with columns, trees, volcanoes, painted murals, and cots for diners to

lounge on. There were even slaves and authentic entertainment. The whole town got involved in the fun.

When the school district consolidated, Bev took the club to ConVal where she was the Foreign Language Department head. The club lost some of its small town "personal touch", but also became more adventurous. With the students, Bev raised money and planned trips to Europe and Junior Classical League conventions. These events were held in a different state yearly. In 1974, the University of New Hampshire was host to the League. Beverly thought that a gift of maple sugar cakes to each representative to the convention would be a fitting contribution from her group. She had read an article in the Manchester Union Leader about then governor Meldrim "Ax the Tax" Thompson's sugar house in Orford. She wrote to him directly, asking him to donate cakes for the convention. He replied that he would be delighted. Bev called his office in July to remind him, then stopped at the state house on her way to the convention to pick them up. There was no sign of any maple sugar cakes. She and student Peggy Arney "cooled their heels" in Thompson's waiting room until, finally, his son huffed in, carrying a beer keg on his back that was loaded with cakes! The governor and his wife had been up to 2:00 am at home in Orford making them by hand.

"When you want something to get done, go to the top! Don't fiddle with Mr In - Between" This has been Beverly Tenney's motto since she was a girl in Barre, Vermont. As a high school senior during the Depression, Bev went right to the president of University of Vermont to request a scholarship (which was granted).

She has been fueled by determination ever since. "It's in the genes", she declares. "I've always gotten my maple sugar cakes, always!".

Beverly is off to a fresh start in Concord, where she makes her new home. She welcomes this move with the same spunk and good humor that has always enlivened her life. And she keeps her ties to Antrim alive. She will be missed here, for sure. But chances are, we'll soon be feeling the reverberations from her new activity across the miles.

As for the LIMRIK, "it's proven itself". Bev is pleased that it is in good hands. "Dick (Winslow) really knows the town well. "

written by Susan Bartlett

Scholarships

The Antrim Woman's Club announces that scholarships for the second semester will be available for Antrim students who are enrolled and following a course of study at any educational institution - academic, vo-tech or nursing. Any interested student should contact Mrs. Virginia Young, 3 Pierce Hill Rd., Bennington, NH 03442. She will send an application form which must be completed and returned to her by December 31st, 1993.

school news

The Hills are Alive - with 5th graders!

Fifth graders from GBS have communed with nature this fall, spending a week at Sargent Camp, and traveling to Crotched Mountain and Jack's Pond. Integrating the core book *My Side of the Mountain*, science units, writing process and cooperative learning has been a major focus for the first semester. Claudia Wagner of the Harris Center developed background and lead the excursions to the Hawk Watch atop Crotched Mountain and the shelter building at Jack's Pond. These are much looked-forward-to fall traditions at Great Brook and make good use of nature's classroom in the Monadnock region.

Om

Sports aren't the only teams gearing up for a challenging season. GBS boasts three **Odyssey of the Mind** teams this year. These teams must compete in two areas; one a problem they have worked on for several months and the other an extemporaneous on-the-spot performance. Each team is allowed 7 members. Competition is tough and will take place in Keene in March.

The 5th grade team has chosen Om-believable Music. They must perform a piece on musical instruments which they have created.

Furs, Fins and Feathers is the choice of the 6th grade team. They must create a humorous presentation depicting the life of an animal from the animal's perspective and have the animal interact with humans.

The six-seven-eight team has just completed a tough round of tryouts and is in the process of picking its problem to explore.

Third time is a charm, or so hopes the adhoc Freshman OM team. Placing second in the state tournament the past two years (1st in the 1993 play portion), last years GBS 8th grade OM team wanted to give it one more shot. They petitioned the

administration at ConVal High School to allow them to fund their own team and recruited last year's coach Kathy Chisholm to assist them. Although they held open tryouts, most of the members are from the 1993 team. The group has its sights set on the World's this year --- and they just might make it!

The public is welcome to attend the competition in Keene in March.

GBS On Display

Fran Hewitt and her GBS art classes have been busy. During the month of November their work was displayed at Franklin Pierce College. Many thanks to parent volunteer Kathy Marcellino for delivering the collection of 5-8 work to the FPC art Gallery.

Twenty-seven students currently have their cartoons on display in the Corner Gallery at the Superintendent's Office in Peterborough.

Once again the GBS fifth graders and the National Junior Art Honor Society members will create the delightful holiday murals which decorate the town house windows each December.

Mrs. Hewitt is grateful for the help of Cheryl Oldershaw in displaying student work throughout the school and to the community for the donation of newspapers, yarn, and other art materials. Please keep the donations coming, and be sure to catch at least one of these student exhibits.

Deck the Halls!

The festivities are almost upon us, and GBS will not be caught unprepared. Already the sounds of seasonal tunes are floating through the halls. The GBS music groups are preparing for the First Lightings in Antrim and Frankestown, their own winter concert at the school, and "traveling shows" to Crotched Mountain and the Colony Mill marketplace. Also, 120 musicians will travel to Worcester to attend the musical "Pump Boy and Girls Dinettes."

Blast Off!

The GBS Eighth Grade has expanded their yearly rocket launching to include more math and research skills. Not only did they build rockets in Industrial Technology, but their math classes have explored trajectory angles. They researched space-related topics before their rockets blasted off in November.

Other areas being explored are extemporaneous and student-written plays and research skills. Librarian Kathy Chisholm and computer teacher Ruth Behrsing have teamed up for an eighth grade research paper unit.

Shutter Bugs to your Cameras!

The GBS Yearbook staff is organizing early this year to capture all the excitement of the 1993-94 school year as it happens. Open to students grades 5-8, the yearbook is an opportunity for students to create their own yearbook. The group has its own cameras so students at each grade level can make day to day decisions.

Fliers Available

Need simple graphics and/or announcements done for your group or organization? The Computer Service Club at Great Brook School, under the direction of Ruth Behrsing, is the group to contact. They'll print a master copy including graphics which you can then photocopy yourself. This is a great way to jazz up your communications. Please give the group plenty of lead time (588-6630) as they meet once a week. This group will also be starting a classified section for the school newsletter.

Computer Workshop for Community Members

You, too can learn basic word processing, how to create spread sheets, and to use data bases. After January 1st, GBS computer instructor Ruth Behrsing will be offering four 2-hour workshops (8 hours) for a donation of \$60. These are the same skills (along with keyboarding) that GBS students are learning as part of an integrated program. Don't miss this

opportunity to gently enter the computer age.

Baseball Set to Dance and Song

Thirty-four GBS dancers from fifth through eighth grade will perform in the New Hampshire Dance Institute's Program at Keene State College Memorial Day weekend 1994. This year's theme is baseball; expect some old musical favorites set to dance. Under the instruction of Antrim's own Renee Blinn, students practice for an hour each Wednesday morning. Great Brook's dancers will perform two school numbers as well as two grand ensemble pieces. Students are selling candy bars to help with costume and set expenses. Nancy Robbins, GBS Consumer and Family Studies Teacher, is the faculty advisor.

Drop in Any Time!

The GBS Parent Center is a place for parents to "hang out". Catorina Beck, GBS volunteer coordinator, and Principal Rick Nannicelli have worked hard to establish a place where parents will feel welcome at GBS. Whether you are coming to volunteer, want to look over the selection of parenting and adolescent books, or just want to spend some time in YOUR school, take time to visit the Parent Center. Periodically the Center sponsors morning coffee/pastry drop-ins and evening programs. Watch the local papers for dates and times.

Chabot Exhibits in NY

Andy Chabot has received notification from the Friends of the Origami Center of America that his origami model has been chosen to be exhibited in the window of the Japan Airline ticket office on 5th Avenue from November 29, 1993 to January 1, 1994. The exhibit will then go on tour to schools, libraries, and museums around the United States. Andy is one of 59 children from 24 states who have been chosen to participate. If you happen to be in New York this holiday season, stop by and see this fine example of artistic paper folding.

GBS Movers and Shakers

The GBS Student Council is off and running for the 1993-4 school year. Having sponsored successful Halloween dances for both the 5/6 and 7/8 grades, helped with Red Ribbon pledge forms for a drug-free school, and worked with school counselor Ellen Foley to arrange films and speakers, the Student Council is presently busy evaluating feed-back from the student body to set priorities for the year.

Among the topics being discussed are babysitting during parent center evening programs, a Christmas holiday dance, collecting food for and donating time to a soup kitchen or food bank, a senior citizens' dinner, a Valentine's dance, and a spirit week for February complete with snow sculptures (if the weather cooperates). In addition Council members are looking into leadership training so they can better serve the student body.

Volunteers and Sponsors needed

Sports enthusiasts, couch potatoes, and lovers of children needed! If you are any of the above, the GBS Special Olympics team can use your help. Ten special needs students from GBS are busy training for the Swimming Winter Olympics to be held in Durham at the University of New Hampshire on December 4, 1993. They will also participate in basketball in January, skiing in February/March, and track and field in the spring. These olympics are a chance for mentally challenged children to build self-esteem, try things they usually would not have a chance to do, and develop skills in activities in which they can be life-long participants.

The team needs financial support for pool time, lodging at the Olympics, and uniforms as well as volunteers to help coach and to chaperone overnight stays. If you can help these special youngsters in any way, please contact Janet Pietrovito or Beth San Martino at GBS (588-6630). Your help will be rewarding for you as well as for the young athletes.

AES NEWS

A Charlie Brown Christmas will be presented by the classes of Ed Kelly and Ruth Spielberger on Tuesday, December 14th. The play will be presented at 5:30pm in the Antrim Gym. This musical is being directed by Isabel Nichols. Tickets are available at the door: at one dollar (adults) and 50 cents (children). The snow date is Wednesday, December 15th.

For further info, call 588-6371 between 9am and 3pm.

Christmas vacation is December 23 to January 2.

Watch for the **AES-PTO Winterfest** - a carnival of food, games, crafts, raffles and entertainment. This is on February 12th (Sat) at the Great Brook School Gym from 10am to 4pm.

Be sure to visit the silent auction table where furniture, glassware, gift certificates for services and other great finds are presented. Rent for craft tables is \$15.00. Silent auction donations will be appreciated. Call Cindy Zawacki at 588-2430.

Is There a Future Thomas Edison in our Midst?

The sixth grade classes at Great Brook School are immersed in physical science, crossing subject area boundaries to involve their students in a wide variety of experiences. All students have read about the life of Thomas Edison and have had hands-on experiences with the uses of electricity. Core teachers are teaming up with Industrial Technology teacher Jim Sweeney to help students create their own inventions. A December 7th trip to the Museum of Science will allow students to further explore the wide range of topics covered in the physical sciences.

after school

Antrim - Bennington

Soccer teams from Antrim and Bennington at the 1st-2nd grade level, the 3rd-4th grade level, and the 5th-6th grade level have been active this fall - coached by Dave Duroscher, Tod Bryer, Sam Harding, Ken Moore, Brian Burford, Kevin Cheever, Brian and Carrie Whitmore, John Regan, Peter Moore and Frank Wallace. Antrim's 5th-6th grade team, called the Strikers, could find as opponents only an Old Timers (coaches) team with whom they played two exciting games, both ending in 3-3 times.

The coaches have been meeting to discuss strengths and weaknesses of this year's program and to make plans for next year. All interested adults are invited to participate in these discussions: call Brian Burford at 588-2920 or Sam Harding at 588-2442. An immediate concern is finding adequate competition for the older-level teams.

Community Basketball

The basketball season is getting underway with programs available for almost all ages. The Great Brook School league, grades three and four, will be playing Tuesday nights, 5:30-7:00pm. This is a coed division for children from both Antrim and Bennington. For GBS students, grades 5-8, the division will separate boys and girls. The girls will play Wednesday nights 5:30-7:00 and the boys Thursday nights 5:30-7:00. There are still openings on most teams.

The over-thirty league will play Friday nights 6:00-9:00. Anyone interested in playing on any of these teams should contact Bob Holmes at 588-6314. Coaches and referees are still needed.

Jujitsu

The fall session of Jim Aborn's Jujitsu class begins the week after Thanksgiving. The cost is \$35 for ten Saturdays with an option of joining the international Jujitsu association for an additional \$5.00. For the first time patches and T-shirts will also be available. To register, call Jim at 464-5353 or come to the first session at 4:00 pm on December 4th in the GBS gymnasium.

Charles Stanley, a 5th degree Black Belt from Fredericksburg, VA and Jim's former teacher, conducted a seminar the weekend of November 13th and 14th for the 35 current members.

Hot To Trot 4-H Club

Officers elected for the 1994 Hot To Trot year are: President, Jennifer McGurty; Vice President, Misty Paige; Secretary, Meagan Slater; Treasurer, Olivia Ali-Oglu; and Reporter, Janelle Cunningham.

New members welcomed to the club are Stephanie Hall, Rachel Lunen, Sarah Coss and Sarah Bryan.

Ryan Richard was awarded the Kimberly Briggs Memorial trophy at the Fall Fuzzies Show in New Boston. This award is presented each year to a deserving novice 4-H member enrolled in the horse project in Hillsborough County.

4-H members, family, and friends sponsored a Spooky Hayride fundraiser, which turned out to be well received by the community. The club wishes to express thanks to all who attended this event, and would like any input of improvements that need to be made for next year's hayride.

Two leaders and two members of the club journeyed to Gladstone, NJ in early October for the World Pair Driving Championship. This event with representatives from more than 20 countries, has never before been outside of Europe. Prince Phillip made

the presentations. A spectacular coaching exhibition was made, with teams and coaches traveling across the Atlantic just for that purpose. An antique carriage display and parade of breeds, stunt riders and ropers, and a one-man act with horse, dogs and trained cattle rounded out the entertaining exhibitions.

A special horse show committee has been formed and is making plans to put on a show in Antrim on August 14, 1994. More details will be forthcoming.

The Antrim club also sponsored an educational horse judging seminar on November 6 at the ring on West Street. Club members from all over Hillsborough County were in attendance. This is the first phase of the selection of the county team which will compete for state honors in Durham in April.

The Recreation Center

Pat Maynard, the new director of Antrim's Recreation Center at Antrim Memorial Gym, announces the Center's new hours:

Thursdays 3-6

Fridays 6-10

Saturdays 2-10

Basketball, volleyball, ping pong, aerobics, karate, bingo, checkers, jigsaw puzzles, etc. are open to one and all, children and adults. "Bring in your family for a game," says Pat.

Anyone wishing to schedule a particular activity, or to find out about regularly scheduled events, is encouraged to call Pat Maynard at the Center's office on Thursdays, or leave a message on weekends. 588-3121.

The Center, finally, is on the lookout for gifts of equipment such as a useable VCR and interesting games and puzzles.

Girl Scouts

The Swiftwater Girl Scout Council is seeking a co-leader or the Antrim Cadet Troop. The troop meets Tuesday night from 7 to 8 pm. Leaders need not be a parent or experienced in scouting, but interested in working with girls. Females of all ages (over 18) are asked to call Karen Grimes at 588-2505 if interested in sharing some time with the girl scouts.

The Girl Scout Troop's Halloween party was a huge success, and they would like to thank all those people who helped with the party.

COOKIE TIME - The local girl scouts will be taking orders for their famous cookies in February. This year's cookie chairman is Betsy Matthes. Anyone wishing to place an order may call 588-6145.

GBS Intramural Basketball

Fifty-four girls and thirty-five boys, grades six through eight, have been participating in intramural basketball one to two afternoons a week since the beginning of November. The 1993-4 GBS Boys' and Girls' School teams were chosen from this group and have been practicing since Thanksgiving.

The season opens at Marlborough on December 17th. Coaches Dick Hebert (girls) and Mike Langois (boys) and their teams have a full schedule of games right through the Great Brook School Tournament to be held February 15th and 17th. See the Community Calendar for a list of home games and times. All home games are open to the public, and all except the tournament have no admission fee.

The Mountain Awaits

Ready or not, here they come! January 7th, 80 GBS students and several faculty and parents will hit the slopes at Pat's Peak for the first of five Thursday afternoon ski trips. David

Dodge and Jim Sweeney have once again arranged this popular winter activity for the GBS family.

Art is Here

News from the Antrim Art Academy

MULTIMEDIA ART CLASSES have begun. But it's not too late to join in! Experience the freedom of expression through a variety of medias. Classes are grouped by age and ability.

Three new classes will be taught by Innu-des-da-ga-fa-sur, a member of the Mohawk Turtle Clan. These classes will cover a wide range of information and experience, including native symbolism, dream catchers, tomahawks, shields, jewelry and story telling. Don't miss these classes!

1. *Exploring Native American Art*
2. *Native American Crafts*
3. *Talking Stick*

Another new class being offered and taught by Pamela French is a child's delight: *What's Cooking*. Have fun making healthy snacks and eating them too.

Spanish classes for teens and adults at introductory and intermediate classes are available.

For more information and registration call Michelle at the Antrim Art Academy - 588-2444.

Northern Lights Dance Concert

On Saturday, December 11, students of Northern Lights Dance Theatre will present an original performance called QUEST, a saga evocative of the era of the Crusades. The performances, at 4:30pm and 6:30pm, will be held at the Lucy Hurlin Theatre, Conval High School, Peterborough. Also performing in the program as guests of Northern Lights will be Briah, a young people's Contemporary Dance Company based in Wilton, NH. They will perform "A Simple Piece," based on the

Shakers. Tickets are \$6 adults, \$4 children under 12. For more info, call 588-8055.

In early January, NLDT will hold open auditions for an original musical to be performed in April. Call for info.

Classes in ballet, modern jazz, tap, yoga and aerobics will resume on January 3rd, 1994., for 4yr olds through adults. Call Northern Lights and leave your name and address for a new schedule, if you are not on our mailing list.

Antrim Ambulance

The Antrim Ambulance Squad is raffling off a beautiful hand-made quilt just in time for the holidays (December 22). Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the new ambulance fund. Tickets can be purchased at Edmunds Hardware Store or from any squad member.

According to chairman Kenny Fales, the squad is planning to purchase a new ambulance instead of a refurbished one because of the small difference in costs. The fundraising goal of \$50,000 has reached the halfway mark. The thermometer sign, marking the monies raised, should be appearing downtown in the near future. Thank you to all the residents, friends and businesses who have generously donated to the fundraising. Those still wishing to make a donation may mail it to the Antrim Ambulance Fund, Box 92, Antrim, NH 03440.

Antrim Fire Department

The new Antrim Fire Department Truck has arrived. The 1993 International Pumper was put into service in October. Those wishing to see the new vehicle may stop at Fire Station #1 on Clinton Road any Sunday morning.

Tales and Trails

by Susan Bartlett

It can be easy for us to see the old hand made features of our landscape as mute, solid, unchanging through time. But every object has its story and we are living through just another chapter. Each stone was placed by sweat and muscle, each nail was hammered, the sound echoing through these same hills. The windows of old houses reflect the present light and shadow, but still hold the intention of a builder long passed. We can sense this flow of time and effort from the remnants of the old Antrim Center on Meeting House Hill. The cellar holes, stone walls, grave stones and marker for the first meeting house all tell a part of our first settlers' story.

In the 1700's, the hill was the center of activity in this subsistence farming community. The site for the first meeting house and cemetery was decided upon during a town meeting in 1777 which was held under "A read oak tree marked with the flgur of eight". The citizens immediately went to work felling the giant oaks that covered the hill top. "Deliqueant

inhabitants" were fined a dollar a day for not helping in the effort. They cleared over an acre. The meeting house was completed in 1785 and was "grand and rich", the only other two - storey building in town (the first belonged to Isaac Cochrane), surely something to be proud of in the face of the privations of that time. The meeting house was "the place of meetings and partings, of joys and sorrows, for half a century". In the early 1800's, families started to move off the hill in search of better land, or to be closer to the mills that were springing up along the rivers and brooks. By 1829, the hilltop was almost bare of families. The old meeting house "stood there, high cold, and almost alone". At the 1832 town meeting, an article on the warrant called for building a new town house, using the structure of the old meeting house. The "Ays" had it, and the old building was dismantled and moved down the hill. It was rebuilt, "leaving out the middle and cutting it down one story in height". The new site, now the intersection of Rt 31 and Miltimore road, became the center of the village until the late 1800's, when it moved, again downhill, to its current site along Great Brook Pond. The old meeting

house has been owned by the Grange since that time.

It's less than a half - mile walk up the steep flank of Meeting House Hill to the site of the old town center. Generous vews of Crotched Mountain and the Contoocook River Valley, and the spires and towers of the present center, can be had from a short distance up the hill. The site itself is interesting and beautiful in its own way. There is a row of gnarled locust trees growing along the edge of the cemetery, which is lovingly maintained. Inscriptions on the slate stones give us a glimpse into the sensibilities of our predecessors: "Give o'er your tears, sorrowing friends, God justly takes the souls he lends, Behold me cold and lowly laid, Prepare to pillow here your head" .(Martha Jameson, 1815).

The trail between Meeting House Hill and Rte 31 that connects with the Lily Pond Trail will be rehabilitated next year. Look for notices about trail work days.

Historical information and quotations obtained from Cochrane's History of the Town of Antrim, New Hampshire, pub. 1880, Mirror Steam Printing Press, Manchester, N.H.

Folk Tales

A short half mile from Route 31 up Old Pound Road, on the right, is a lovely, white-clapboarded, beautifully-restored, early 19th century farmhouse with twelve-over-twelve window panes. Sixty years ago this was the rundown home of Roscoe Whitney, a bachelor farmer about whom other farmers made jokes, so ineffectual were his ways. Izl Nichols remembers him only as an eccentric with a leathery red face who, late in life, had amazed everyone by marrying an accomplished lady from Boston. But this gets ahead of my story.

Roscoe frequently walked to town to buy supplies, always passing en route Bigelow Bungalow so-called, the large house on a knoll next to Grange hall at Antrim Center. In the early 30's this house was used as a summer home

by a family from Albany, NY, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooley and their four young children. Cooley, an investment banker who enjoyed Antrim history and folkways, frequently chatted with Roscoe when Roscoe walked by, doubtlessly egging him on to utter some rural saying or other.

One day Roscoe observed Mr. Cooley vainly attempting to toss a rope over a tree branch, hoping to hang a swing for the children. Roscoe saw the rope go up ... and slither back; up ... and back, over and over, and he delivered a few choice remarks about the city feller who made such hard work over so simple a task. (Did ya ever think of trying a ladder?) It was Cooley's style to enjoy the banter.

Subsequently, at Tuttle Library, Cooley spied in a back issue of the Antrim Reporter (way back: the issue

was from about 1915) an ad placed by this selfsame Roscoe Whitney, seeking Boys To Pick Berries - Five Cents An Hour. Cooley promptly wrote Roscoe, quoting the ad and applying for work as a berry picker.

A day later there arrived a letter at Bigelow Bungalow. Dear Mr. Cooley, the letter said - if you can't pick berries any better than you can throw a rope over a tree branch, I don't want you. Sorry. (signed) Roscoe.

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. Call him at 588-2498.

Neither Rain, Nor Snow

by Glenn St. Clair

The Post Office is happy to announce expanded hours for the upcoming Christmas season (see box). Christmas Eve hours will be posted at the Post Office. Customers are reminded to mail early!

In addition to the usual Christmas stamps on sheets, this year we are offering four different Christmas books. The prices are \$3.38 for 12 peel and stick stamps and 3 different \$5.80 books containing 20 stamps. We are also offering a self-stick Pine Cone book - 18 stamps for \$5.22.

For the fastest service use Express and Priority mail. Both are accepted at the Post Office in town.

Robert Allison, our rural carrier of 31 years, is going to retire at the end of the year. We thank Bob for his dedicated and excellent service. He will be missed by both his customers and co-workers here in Antrim.

Finally, I wish to emphasize the importance of proper snow removal approaching and leaving your mailbox. Our Rural Routes each have up to 500 mailboxes. Please help us to get all of your mail to you safely and efficiently.

The Post Office will be forwarding letters that it receives so that Santa can answer them. We wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.

POST OFFICE HOURS - HOLIDAY SEASON

LOBBY

MON-FRI	7AM - 5AM
SATURDAY	7AM - 1PM

STAMP WINDOW

MON-FRI	7:30AM - 4:30PM
SATURDAY	7:30AM - 12 NOON

NOTE: Both Lobby and Window are
OPEN during Lunch Hour

School Board Notes

The next four months are going to be extremely busy for the School Board, and the results of our efforts will be very important for students and taxpayers alike.

Preparation on the budget for 1994-95 has begun, and there are a number of areas we are concentrating on. With 70% of the budget devoted to staff salary and benefits, we are going to be taking a hard look at staffing positions and educational programs in all schools, and hope to make some changes that are practical and cost-effective. We are looking for ways to be more efficient with our teachers and aides, and we hope to be able to "keep the lid" on our staffing levels, despite increases in student population.

At the same time, we have to make sure that the quality of our school programs are maintained, and that the level of services are the same throughout the district. The school equity study committee (made up of residents from all of the northern towns in the district) has been instrumental in bringing this issue to the full Board's attention.

We have also begun salary negotiations for next year. While we have a three year contract with the teachers union through June 1996, salary and health benefit costs must be renegotiated each year. This can be a long and delicate process, and we are required by law to bargain in good faith. The specifics being negotiated must be kept confidential, but both parties are well aware of the concerns of the public regarding school costs and high property taxes.

As in the past, there will be a budget presentation in Antrim, some time in February. Keep your eye on the local newspapers for information about that meeting, and about the budget in general.

You may also be aware that Phil Dwight has spearheaded an effort to change the formula for how the Conval towns pay for the running of the schools. Right now, towns that are property poor but that have a lot of students in the school have a much higher tax rate than towns with few students and a high overall property value. This is why Antrim's tax rate is going up so much this year, because we had a big increase in the number of students in the schools a couple of years ago. On the plus side, Antrim's share of student population recently went down, and so any increase next year in Antrim's share of school costs will be small.

To change the formula will require a 2/3 yes vote next March, which is going to be difficult, since many of the other Conval towns would see their tax rate increase under this proposal. It is extremely important for all Antrim residents to register and vote on election day next march.

The Board is very serious about maintaining the quality of our school system while at the same time keeping costs under control. Please let us know about issues you think need attention. And please do everything you can to stay informed about school issues, and vote next march.

by Paul Ruess

Upcoming Events at the Rynborn

DECEMBER

3rd	Friday	Two Bones and A Pick
4th	Saturday	Art Steele Blues Band
10th	Friday	BarBQue Bob and The Rhythm Aces
11th	Saturday	Little Ronnie and the Sloan Sharks
17th	Friday	The Radio Kings
18th	Saturday	D.D. and the Road Kings
23rd	Thursday	James Montgomery
31st	NY Eve	Loaded Dice

JANUARY

7th	Friday	Art Steele Blues Band
8th	Saturday	Skip Philbrock Blues Band
13th	Thursday	Luther "GTR.JR" Johnson
14th	Friday	" " "
15th	Saturday	Toni Lynn Washington
21st	Friday	Mark Nomad Band
22nd	Saturday	Two Bones and A Pick
28th	Friday	Kat in the Hat
29th	Saturday	R.P.M.S.

FEBRUARY

4th	Friday	T.B.A.
5th	Saturday	Loaded Dice
11th	Friday	Radio Kings
12th	Saturday	Art Steele Blues Band
18th	Friday	Little Ronnie and the Sloan Sharks
19th	Saturday	Rapt Rascals
25th	Friday	Skip Philbrick Blues Band
26th	Saturday	The Hornets

Progress on Statewide School Tax Reform Law

House Bill 665, sponsored last session by Rep. Gordon Allen of Antrim, for "equal taxes for equal education" is alive and moving forward. If adopted, this new and fairer way of funding education would lower property taxes for high-tax towns like Antrim by imposing an equal flat tax in every town (around \$10 per 1000) to pay for basic education. It would replace most of the school property tax now paid by Antrim using the unfair Conval formula.

House Bill 665 is now being studied by a bi-partisan committee of key Senators, House members, state agency officials, and public members appointed by Governor Merrill. They have been hard at work over the past two months reviewing all the details and making adjustments to make it more feasible.

This bipartisan study committee has reached agreement that a statewide property tax to fund the state-mandated minimum standards is both practical and politically feasible. The committee recently issued an interim report that recommends moving ahead, while it continues to crunch the numbers and fine tune its proposal.

By the end of 1993, the study committee will issue its final report with its detailed recommendations on how to best structure and administer the plan. Most committee members agree this new funding approach would reduce the extreme inequalities in tax rates and cut the unfair burden on high-tax towns. If passed as now written, the tax plan would reduce Antrim's tax burden by cutting the school tax rate about 25% and by eliminating the future large increases we now get from the unfair Conval formula!

by Gordon Allen

Corrections from the previous Limrik:

1. The Antrim Players began in 1918, not 1919.
2. A history of the Little Stone Church can be found in **Parades and Prominades** but not in the Cochrane **History**, whose publication preceded the building of the church by a number of years.
3. C.F. Holt's lake house, on Gregg lake Road, is not to be confused with the **Waumbec**, which is right on Gregg Lake.

ANTRIM TOWN HOURS**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

Monday: 8-12 noon; 7-9pm
 Tuesday: closed to the Public
 Wednesday: 8-12 noon;
 Thursday: 8-12 noon; 1-4pm
 Closed Fridays

A.R.T. (RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION)

Wednesday 2-7; Friday 9-2
 Saturday 9-5

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon 2-5; Tues 2-6, Wed-closed
 Thurs 2-8, Fri 9-12, Sat 10-4

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

SELECTMEN: Mondays, 7:30pm, Town Hall

PLANNING BOARD: 1st & 3rd Thursdays,
 7:30 pm, Town Hall

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

Town Budget

It is that time of year again when the budget is being prepared for the coming year. During December the various town departments will discuss with the Selectmen their plans and needs for the coming year. These requests are then compiled and on January 10, 1994 a public meeting will be held to present this preliminary plan.

WE URGE YOU TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. We need to hear from everyone about their ideas about possible savings. Based on this meeting and last minute information, including petition warrant articles, a final budget and warrant will be prepared and presented at a second public hearing on February 7th.

We would also remind you that between January 19th and 28th you may file for elected positions. You can do so by filing your name with the Town Clerk and paying a filing fee of \$1. The positions open this year are:

Selectmen - 3 year term
 Moderator - 2 year term
 Welfare Officer - 1 year term
 Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 year term
 Sewer Commissioner - 3 year term
 Library Trustee - 3 year term
 Two Planning Board Members - 3 year term

Again, we urge you to sign up. We need as much participation in Town affairs as possible.

One final date to remember is February 1. This is the last day to submit, by petition, warrant articles. You need 25 signatures of registered voters.

Respectfully,
 Board of Selectmen

Antrim Building and Zoning Office (603) 588-6785

Arthur Stenberg, Building Inspector for the Town of Antrim would like to take this opportunity to remind homeowners and contractors to meet with him to obtain a building permit BEFORE work is started on any construction. The Antrim Zoning Ordinance requires that a building permit is needed:

1. For all new construction
2. For reconstruction, additions and alterations of any structure
3. After approval of a Site Plan Review

Amendments to a permit MUST be filed. Amendments may be filed at any time before completion of the work. Such amendments will become part of the original application. If work described in any permit has not begun or has not been substantially completed within one year of the date of issuance, the permit shall expire.

The Building Inspector would also like to remind you that the Antrim Zoning Ordinance states that it shall be unlawful to use and/or occupy any building or other structure and/or land for which a building permit is required until a Certificate of Use and Occupancy is acquired. Application for the Certificate of Use and Occupancy is made at the same time the application or the Building Permit is filed.

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DECEMBER

- 9 First Lighting, Touchwood Square 5:30pm
- 11 Northern Lights Dance Theatre Performance, Lucy Hurlin Theatre, Conval. 4:30pm and 6:30 pm.
- 13 Garden Club Potluck Luncheon, home of Evelyn Perry. 12 noon.
- 14 Antrim Woman's Club luncheon at Maplehurst Inn. 12:30 pm.
- 15 GBS Winter Concert, 7pm.
- 16 GBS Band/Chorus/Chorale at Crotched Mountain
- 16 Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, Four Seasons Studio Restaurant, 7pm.
- 17 GBS Chorale at Colony Mill Marketplace
- 25 Christmas Eve Service, Baptist Church. 7pm.

JANUARY

- 4 GBS Girls' and boys' Basketball VS Wilton, GBS Gym. 3:30pm
- 6 GBS Girls' and boys' Basketball VS Jaffrey Rindge, GBS Gym. 3:30pm
- 7 GBS after school Ski Club begins
- 10 Public Meeting to present preliminary Town Budget Plan
- 11 Antrim Woman's Club, Baptist Church, 1:30pm
- 14 Boys' and girls' basketball VS Monadnock, GBS gym. 4:00pm
- 17 Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL
- 19 Boys and girls' basketball VS Kearsarge, GBS Gym, 4pm.
- 20 Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, Four Seasons Studio Restaurant, 7pm.
- 22 1994 Antrim Celebration Committee Public Supper, Presbyterian Church, 6pm.
- 22/23 Special Olympics In Salem. GBS competes in basketball.
- 24 Teacher's Workshop - NO SCHOOL
- 27 Monadnock Knitters Guild -speaker Betty Avery on Turkish Knitting. 7pm.
- 30 Antrim Community Hymn Sing, Baptist Church, 7pm.

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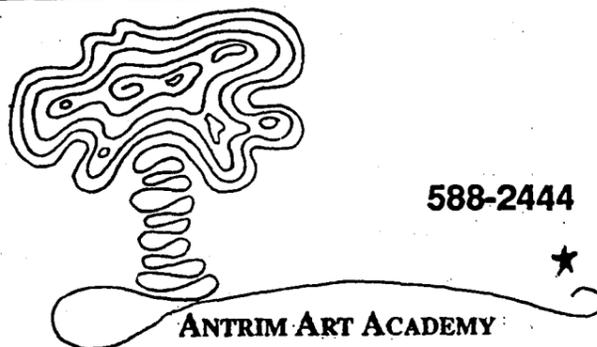
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FEBRUARY

- 1 Final day to submit petitions for Warrant Articles.
- 3 Boys' and girls' basketball VS Boynton, GBS Gym. 3:30pm
- 7 Town Meeting to present final Budget and Warrant
- 7 Boy's and girls' basketball VS Murdock, GBS Gym. 3:30pm
- 8 Antrim Woman's Club, Baptist Church, 1:30pm
- 11 Boys' and girls' basketball VS Marlborough, GBS Gym. 3:30 pm.
- 12 Winterfest - sponsored by AES PTO at GBS.
- 14 "Nature in Art" Exhibit by students of Antrim Art Academy at the Corner Gallery in Peterborough
- 15 Great Brook Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournament at GBS
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- 17 Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, Four Seasons Studio Restaurant, 7pm.
- 21-25 Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
- 24 Monadnock Knitters Guild - mini workshops 7 pm.
- 28-Mar2 Special Olympics at Bretton Woods. GBS to compete in Skiing.

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