

# The Antrim *Limrik*

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## Conval Funding Formula

The most often stated complaint heard in Antrim is probably - "Taxes are too high."  
On Tuesday, March 8, there will be a chance to change that. A question will be on the ballot to change the funding formula for the Conval School System. If that question receives the necessary two-thirds vote, when fully implemented, Antrim's tax rate would be 18% lower than under the current method - that's \$7 on each \$1,000 of assessed value!!

While the question involves the school, the vote is NOT at the School meeting but at **ANTRIM TOWN HALL on Tuesday, March 8**. Be sure you and your friends are registered and be sure you **VOTE YES!!**

The present formula calculates 75% of each town's share on the number of children they have in the system and 25% on the value of the town's property. Thus a town such as Antrim, which has a very low property base in comparison to other towns in the district and a high number of children, has a much higher tax rate than other towns. The two extremes in the district under the current formula are Antrim and Dublin as follows:

	Property Value	1993 Total
	Per Student	Tax Rate
Antrim	\$258,437	\$39.38
Dublin	\$704,292	\$17.60

The new formula would put the emphasis on ability to pay, not the number of children in school, and would reverse the percentages over a period of five years, so that 75% of a town's cost would be based on property value and 25% on the number of children. Using the same two towns as an example and the same factors that determined the 1993 tax rates, their rates would have been, when the change was fully effective, \$32.40 for Antrim and \$20.93 for Dublin. (See table on page 14 showing a comparison of all towns in the District).

It should be emphasized that while obviously Antrim would be the biggest benefactor under this change, the other "property-poor" towns in the District would benefit and those towns with a higher tax base, and thus more ability to pay, would pay a fairer share.

## Town Meeting

**Thursday, March 10, 7pm  
Great Brook School**

This year's town meeting will, hopefully, have few controversial items. However, there are matters of importance to the town and you should be there so that informed decisions can be reached on various matters.

Perhaps the article with the most far-reaching effect will be the question involving a study of the feasibility of withdrawing from Conval. It should be emphasized that all this article would do is fund such a study. It is important to determine whether that step would be not only financially feasible but also educationally sound.

Other articles to be discussed are as follows:

- A. the usual ANNUAL articles covering routine matters such as authority to borrow, accept gifts, etc.
- B. MONEY ARTICLES
  1. the town's operating budget. The total requested budget is up about \$120,000. The increase is almost totally due to the first payment on the landfill closure bonds of \$88,000 and increased Insurance premiums of \$23,000.
  2. A new police cruiser, paid from Capital Reserves
  3. New Sander - mainly paid from Capital Reserves
  4. Funds for various Capital Reserves
  5. Small amounts for sidewalks, hazardous waste, etc.
  6. Funds for study of withdrawing from Conval.
  7. Funds for legal costs, judgements and/or settlements for suits involving the formal landfill - funds to come from surplus.

As this is being written (January 31), the above are the only items on the warrant. Other items may be included and will be presented at the final budget hearing on February 7 at 7pm.  
Again, you are urged to attend.

**Limericks for the Antrim Limrik**

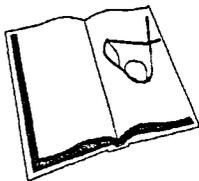
*After seeing his Property Tax  
A guy exclaimed, "All that this lacks  
Is a tax on old mittens  
And left-over kittens  
And my photos of prize-winning yaks!"*

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Readers are invited to submit limericks on Antrim-relevant topics. They may be mailed to the LIMRIK at PO Box 30, Antrim NH 03440, or left at Tuttle Library, c/o the LIMRIK.

## VOTE MARCH 8!!!

*For a detailed report on the Conval School District Budget, see page 13.*



## TALES from TUTTLE LIBRARY

This unusually harsh winter has highlighted the library's capacity to serve as a haven from "cabin fever." Among the new books being read are:

### FICTION

*Voyager* by Diana Gabaldson  
*Fatal Cure* by Robin Cook  
*Sugar Pavilion* by Rosalind Laker

### NON-FICTION

*Her Name is Barbra* by  
Randall Reise  
*Stop the Insanity* by Susan Powter  
*Glorious Crocheted Sweaters*.

In spite of a slightly reduced budget, we added 885 new titles to our collection this year, as compared to a previous average of 650. This increase is greatly due to the generosity of our patrons, a number of whom have made gifts of money to the library - among them Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berry, Mr. Carter Munsie and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ruess. In addition,

we have an Adopt-A-Book program through which individuals voluntarily pay for the purchase of a particular book. (So far this year, eleven books have been thus adopted. We'd be delighted to have others join this program to adopt a book of their choice. Anyone interested should speak to our librarian, Christine Fleischer, for details).

You have recently received - or will soon receive - a library survey designed to find out how well we are serving your needs and whether you have suggestions for improvements. Since we are attempting to do serious long range planning, your input is very much desired.

Are you aware that the library sponsors Volunteer Tax Assistance by the tax expert, Jim Shea? (He may not, however, be available on Feb 26, March 5 or March 12 due to previous commitments elsewhere. Anyone needing those dates should check with the library in advance.)

## Holiday Mural Awards

FIRST PLACE: "*Train Bringing in Tree*" by The Art Club (National Junior Art Honor Society): Ryan Bell, Andy Chabot, Soni Fritz, Sadie Anderson, Jessica Seeger, Lia Olsborg, Mike Cummings, Gretchen Schaefer, Angela Sangevin, Talya Sysyn

SECOND PLACE: "*Living Room Scene*" by Mrs. Winslow's Grade 5: River Holka, Heather Lawless, Leah Graham, Jackie Robbins, Tiffany Fernandes

### HONORABLE MENTION:

"*Snowman Tree*" by Ms. Black's Gr. 5: Aisha Saunders, Jessica Dechert, Danielle Phaneuf, Jay Perry, Luke Murray

"*Happy Holidays Scene*" by Mrs. Smith's Gr. 5: Robbie Anderson, Nathan Schaefer, Maggie Tarrio, Travis Beebee, Evie Morton

"*A little of Everything for Xmas*" by Mrs. Kenney's Gr. 5: Donnie Clough, Liz Bell, Chris Gulbraith, Jesse Blair, Mikaela James

## Chamber of Commerce Update

588-2888 or 588-2265

The Antrim Chamber of Commerce held a general assembly at Rynborn Restaurant on January 24th. We thank all those who were able to attend, and the staff at the Rynborn for their hospitality.

The election of officers for 1994 took place at this meeting. The slate of officers for the upcoming year is as follows:

### Officers:

President - Michelle Sands  
Vice-President - Rick Swan  
Treasurer - Robert Wilson  
Secretary - Mari Hyer Schacht

**Directors:** Julia Hebert, David Cutter, Madeline Dusky-Popa, Paul Hardwick, Everett Judkins, Richard Millard,

Linda Fitzgerald, Sherry Gould  
We take this opportunity to welcome our new officers, and wish them a successful year.

A very sincere thank you to the following members, who have completed their terms on the board: Stephen Schacht, Greg Goff, Jeremy Brown, Tammy McInnis, Brenda Allen, Paul Hardwick, and Edward Coughlan. Their continued support and willingness to do whatever needed to be done has played a key role in our success as an organization.

As always, if you are interested in receiving more information on the A.C.C., or becoming involved, please feel free to call or write: PO Box 443, Antrim, NH 03440.

## Chamber of Commerce Spotlight

Rymes Heating oils, Inc., owned by Jim and Carol Rymes, is located on Rt. 202 in Antrim. It is open Monday through Sunday from 8am to 8pm. It is the largest distributor of home heating oil, propane gasoline, diesel fuel and kerosene in the area. Rymes has card-operated, self-service, unattended gasoline and fuel stations in Antrim, Peterborough, Greenfield, Hillsboro and Keene. There is also a 24-hour emergency burner service.

## New Antrim Doctor

Dr. Robert Schorschinsky has joined the Antrim Medical Practice beginning January 10, 1994 as a family physician and is accepting new patients.

Dr. Schorschinsky recently completed his residency at St. Barnabus Hospital in New York where he served as Chief Resident. He received his doctorate in osteopathy from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Westbury, NY. He is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the American Osteopathic Association.

As a doctor of osteopathy, Dr. Schorschinsky has received the same schedule of training as a medical doctor, that is, a four year undergraduate, four years of training in a medical school, and a year's residency in a hospital. In addition, an osteopathic physician must have 300 to 500 additional hours of training with a focus on joints, bones, muscles, and nerves. Part of the philosophy of osteopathic medicine is a concern with the whole body, knowing that one ailment may affect other areas of the body. All aspects of the individual are considered in diagnosis and treatment of conditions, including psychological, nutritional and social, as well as physiological.

Dr. Schorschinsky joins David Browning, physician's assistant, certified, in providing primary care services to Antrim and the surrounding communities. Patients wishing to make an appointment are encouraged to call Antrim Medical Group at 588-2400, Monday through Friday.

## Maplehurst Inn

We recently had the pleasure of interviewing the Maplehurst's new inn keepers, Rick and Kitty Swan. You've probably seen them about town. Kitty is a third grade teacher at the elementary school and Rick has been behind the bar periodically since the inn's reopening last year. They're naturals for this type of endeavor, and manage everything from the fourteen rooms (all named after water fowl) to an occasional kitchen stint when the chef is off. Rick has been seen twisting wrenches, plowing snow and splitting

# about town

wood. Together with the owners, Steve and Leslie Crowell, Rick and Kitty have introduced some new marketing strategies, such as including the Maplehurst on the Monadnock Student Discount Card. Also, this year's first prize for the Antrim Elementary School's Winterfest program is a dinner and one night's lodging at the inn. On the afternoon I visited, there was a couple being married in front of the fireplace in Woodbury's Tavern. Some of the special weekend packages include "The Theatre Weekend" and "The Blues Weekend." Things are happening over at the Maplehurst!

When Rick and Kitty were asked what they like best about this adventure, they replied, "The people!"

## Antrim Woman's Club

The Antrim Woman's Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Antrim Baptist Church. On March 8, the speaker will be Arlene George on "American Indian Lore." At this meeting also, craft work of members will be displayed prior to going to the State Federation for judging in a state-wide competition.

On April 12, the President of the GFWC-NH Federation of Women's Clubs, Ann C. Eneguess of Peterborough, will speak on the topic "Our Treasure - Our Earth," featuring the Girl Scout Camp to be opened on the site of the old Camp Sachem on Gregg Lake in Antrim.

The annual meeting will be on May 10th, featuring a noon luncheon at a place to be announced.

## Scholarships

The Antrim Woman's Club is pleased to announce that scholarships have been awarded to Antrim students Cynthia Dunlap, Lynn Edwards, Rebeca Gerbert, Jennifer Haggarty, Melissa Lawless, Virginia Mattson, Nicholas Tatro; and to Bennington students Tracy Paradise, Meredith Reed and Frank Taylor.

## Antrim Garden Club

The Antrim Garden Club will start its active year on April 25th, time and place to be announced, followed by meetings on May 23rd and June 27th. (Meetings are usually on the fourth Monday of each month) The Club would be pleased to welcome new members. Those interested should call the membership chairman, Helen Hammond, at 588-2264.

## Rabies - Be Prepared

Although no documented cases of rabies have yet been found in Antrim, there is a real threat in the region. Surrounding communities have had cases and it would be extremely foolish to think we will not be affected.

To properly prepare for this, it is imperative to have all dogs and cats vaccinated. To help reach this goal, the Great Brook Veterinary Clinic has volunteered its services for a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 9th, 10-12 am at the Antrim Highway Garage. This clinic will be for dogs only. It will also be possible to have your dog licensed for the current year at the clinic. There will be a fee for the cost of the vaccine.

The Antrim police will aggressively pursue dog licensing laws this year to insure compliance. This will help insure the safety of the community in the face of the rabies problem.

Please let's all do our part for the safety not only of our pets but of our children who come in contact with them. Let's be prepared!

Brian Brown, Chief of Police

## EAT TO BEAT CANCER

April is Cervical Cancer awareness month. Materials are available through the American Cancer Society for individuals and groups interested in learning more about beating this disease.

Contact Claire Hadley, American Cancer Society, 306 Rt 101 and 501, Bedford, NH 03110-5032.

### Carpet Master

Carpet Master, owned and operated by Mark Chirichiello, is located at the corner of Pleasant St. and Bryer's Lane. It is a cleaning service for carpets and upholstery at businesses and residences. Mark uses a self-contained, truck-mounted system and deals with waste water away from the premises. Covering the Monadnock area, Carpet Master gives prompt service at a low cost -- \$18.95 for rooms up to 200 sq. ft. For more information, call 588-6211.

### Historical Society

Following the usual winter hiatus, monthly meetings will resume in April. The first of the spring programs is entitled "Victorian Houses" and will be held at the Little Town Hall on Thursday, April 28 at 7:30pm. Giffin Russell local artist, has painted a series of watercolors featuring the porches on Antrim's Victorian houses, and these will be on display at the meeting.

On Thursday, May 26, also at the Little Town Hall at 7:30, a panel of historians will discuss the year 1894 as it was recorded in the Antrim Reporter, our weekly newspaper for over 50 years. The program is called "And So It Goes (Went)," and as with all Society meetings, the public is cordially invited to attend.

The Antrim Historical Society was the moving force behind organizing the upcoming Centennial Celebration, and members are working diligently toward its success. A major project will be the publication of a pictorial history in July. This hard-cover collection of local memories is sure to be of great interest; reserve copies in advance by calling Nina Harding at 588-6175.

### Odd Fellows

The Odd Fellows will be holding a benefit dinner on Friday April 15 from 5:30pm to 7pm at Odd Fellows Hall on West Street.

The profits from the supper will benefit Antrim youth projects and the Arthritis Foundation.

### Revival Shop News

#### SPRING CLOTHES BEGINNING

**MARCH 4:** On March 4, the Revival Shop begins accepting spring and summer clothes in anticipation of the new season. Because of the recent volume of incoming clothes, the shop will be more restrictive as to the style of both consigned and donated clothes. Out of date prints, wide lapels, etc., do not sell, and end up taking space away from more saleable clothes. Please review your consignments carefully before bringing them in.

#### "100 YEARS OF ANTRIM FASHION" BANDSTAND BENEFIT

A fashion show and luncheon to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Antrim's Main Street will be held on April 23 at noon. Members of the Antrim Players and the church will model vintage fashions from the 1890's to the 1990's to the music of Isabel Nichols on the piano. Luncheon tickets are \$4 and are available at the shop. Proceeds benefit the building of the town bandstand and footbridge project. For more information, contact Nancy Blair at 588-6676 (evenings).

#### VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

If you have some time you'd like to give back to the community, consider working with the Revival Shop.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome, including teens and seniors, and you need not be a member of the Presbyterian Church. Our minimum commitment is only three hours per month. Call Brian Beihl (588-3014) for more information. Don't forget the fringe benefits: as a volunteer, you get first crack at new consignments!

#### CRAFT MATERIAL AND RAGS

Clothing which has not met the shop's quality standards and not fit for charity is available at a nominal fee for craftspeople for rag rugs, quilting, or just plain rags.

### NOTICE

THE UPS SERVICE AT WALT'S PLACE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER DUE TO LACK OF BUSINESS.

### Grange News

#### ANTRIM GRANGE

Reports at recent meetings show continued interest and activity in state and national Grange youth projects. Arthur and Beth Merrill shared stories of their experiences at the National Grange Session in Cleveland, Ohio, and the New England Leader's Conference in Portland, Maine. Four members served as officers for the youth degree team at a Degree Day in Northfield, at which two new members of Antrim Grange received all four degrees. Antrim Grange was represented by six members and one guest at the Winter Youth Rally in Rochester, and plans to send a team to the Bowling Tournament on March 13.

The sixth annual Twelfth Night party, presented by Price Farm School, was held at the Grange Hall with an attendance in excess of eighty people.

A special open meeting will be held at the Grange Hall on April 27 at 7:30pm in observance of National Grange Week. An interesting program will be presented and all questions about our family organization will be answered.

Antrim Grange welcomes interest in its activities and meetings - the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. Call 588-6615 for location of winter meetings.

#### CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY POMONA GRANGE

A Pomona Grange is a district or country range made up of members from several area subordinate or town Granges. Several members of Antrim Grange belong to Contoocook Valley Pomona, which meets monthly on an as-invited basis, at each of its local Granges. Antrim members, Arthur and Beth Merrill currently serve as Master and Lecturer of the Pomona Grange.

Programs from upcoming meetings include a Deaf and Youth program on March 7 in Contoocook, Home Economics Night on April 4 at Oak Hill in Frankestown, and Degree Instruction and Talent Night on May 2 in Antrim. All meetings start at 7:30pm and are preceded by a 6:30 pm pot luck supper.

### **Donna's Dolls**

Learn the art of porcelain doll making, from cleaning greenware to painting faces. Dolls are a very fun hobby. Donna has been working with them for eight years. Sometimes the hardest part of making a doll is choosing the color of the eyes and wig. Come join the fun!

Classes begin in February (night and morning classes) shop open by appointment. For more information, call Donna at 588-2348.

### **Church News**

#### **ANTRIM BAPTIST CHURCH**

On March 20 Antrim Baptist Church is having a community-wide "Friend Sunday." All in the area who don't now attend church regularly are invited to come to Antrim Baptist Church for the 10:25 am Worship service and are also invited to stay for an informal noon luncheon.

The Antrim Baptist, First Presbyterian of Antrim and Bennington Congregational Churches are again joining together for a series of five Wednesday noon Lenten Lunches. Come at 12:00 noon with a bag lunch (the host church will provide beverages and dessert). At 12:30 one of the community pastors will bring a short devotional message. Adjournment is at 1:00pm.

The first Luncheon will be at Antrim Baptist Church on Wednesday, Feb. 23, and the complete schedule will be announced at that time. Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

The first Presbyterian Church of Antrim and the Antrim Baptist Church will again join together for an Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 3. The service will be held on the lawn of the Presbyterian Church and the public is invited to join in the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. A breakfast will be served (indoors) following the service.

#### **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 6:30pm  
Good Friday Ecumenical Service at the Baptist church, 7pm  
On Easter, the (only) Worship Service is at 9:30am and there will be no Sunday School.

#### **ST. PATRICK PARISH, BENNINGTON**

The St. Patrick Women's Guild will meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish hall at 7:30pm. All are invited to attend.

Upcoming events:

Mar 9 - Lenten Retreat

April 13 - Silk Screening by Barbara Shea

May 11 - Baskets and Doll Making by Susan Dow

Confirmation I classes have resumed and are held on Sunday evening at 6:30pm. Contact the rectory for more information.

OCIA (adult religious education) meets on Thursday evening in the Parish Hall at 7pm.

A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served in March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Watch local paper

### **VFW News**

The Bennington VFW Post is now formally known as the Brown and Knight Post 8268. At a recent ceremony, a number of veterans gathered to honor the memory of Sgt. Calvin Brown, the Bennington man who was killed in action at Dinnard, France, in 1944. In moving words, mention was made of Sgt. Brown's popularity with the men of his company, his leadership and his heroism.

Public Sunday Morning Breakfasts continue to be served at the VFW Hall, 7-11am.

### **Roberts Update**

Have you been wondering about Fred and Marguerite Roberts and their new life in Nigeria? Well let me tell you, they're warmer than we are. The Harmattus winds blowing in from the Sahara desert are causing a virtual heat wave!

Marguerite informs us, by way of letter, that she and Fred have no television and no phone. Mail has only been delivered twice since their arrival!

The Roberts successfully made it through orientation and training, adopting Hausa as their second language. So far they've done one assessment. Once they got past the dirt, poverty and apathy, they discovered the Nigerians to be a very happy group with a deep sense of community responsibility. Shortly after arriving in this particular village, Fred and Marguerite were presented to the Oba (ruling elders) and the ruling council (town officials). Upon passing inspection they were introduced to the medical community - a local chemist who deals with potent drugs and a traditional healer who is an herbalist. There is a government clinic and a private clinic. They had the opportunity to meet women whose jobs are to meet with virtually every family in the community every morning! What a system!

No doubt about it, Fred and Marguerite are very busy! But not so busy that they won't welcome the time it takes to read letters from friends. If you'd like to contact them they can be reached at

Fred and Marguerite Roberts  
c/o Peace Corps Office  
39 Jabbi Road, Kuduma  
Nigeria, WEST AFRICA

### Mescilbrooks Farm

In September of 1993, The Riding School at Mescilbrooks Farm opened on Whiton Rd. and Rte. 31 in Antrim. Owner and Manager Bill Harris is a graduate of equine science from Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, PA. Concentrating on a balanced seat, The Riding School offers a wide variety of school ponies and horses ranging from 10h to 15h. The school offers group as well as private riding lessons, for ages four through adult. Currently, a stable management/horsemanship class is also being offered.

For more information call Bill Harris at 588-2607.

### Parenting Workshop

#### TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SEX

##### *A Free Presentation for Parents*

This presentation will provide parents with information for, and methods of talking with their children about sex and love. The presenters will be Dr. Lisa Shingler of Bennington and Dr. Lyman Gilmore of Antrim.

DATE: Wed, Mar 16, 1994

PLACE: Great Brook School

TIME: 7-8:30pm

Refreshments will be served.

### Neither Rain, Nor Snow.

The Post Office wants to thank residents for the outstanding job on snow removal around their mailboxes. We greatly appreciate your effort!

The **1994 U.S. GUILD TO STAMPS** and the **1993 COMMEMORATIVE STAMP COLLECTION** are now available to the public. Additionally, the 1994 Winter Olympic stamps are on sale.

A reminder to the schools and civic organizations: we are happy to conduct tours of the Post Office upon request. Just call or stop in and see the Post Master, Glenn St. Clair.

### Antrim Ambulance Squad

The Antrim Ambulance responded to 25 calls in 1993. These calls are broken down as follows:

Antrim	143
Bennington	41
Stoddard	24
Mutual Aid	7

(Peterborough 3, Hancock 2, Hillsborough 1, Francestown 1)

Our principal focus for 1993 was finding a replacement for the '79 Ford Ambulance as its age is making it unreliable. We originally searched for a newer used model. After much searching, discussing, and evaluating all the options, we concluded that buying a brand new unit was the best alternative for the long run. To that end we have held various fund raising ventures with great success.

The Ambulance Squad wishes to purchase a new ambulance for an estimated price of \$60,000. This money would come from the \$27,000 now in the fund's treasury and \$12,000 from the capital reserve fund. The remaining \$21,000 would come from a low interest 5 yr loan to be repaid by fundraising.

The members of the Antrim Ambulance Squad would like to extend to each resident and supporter their appreciation for all the help you have given us. With your help we will strive to serve the community to the best of our ability.

Newly elected 1994 officers are:

*Chairman:* Richard Atkinson

*Ass't Chairman:* Pat Loverning

*Secretary:* Lisa Olson

*Treasurer:* Harry Payne

### American Legion

Commander Bob Allison reminds all members that meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm in the Legion Hall on West St.

### Antrim Fire Department

#### 1993 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In January Company #1 and Company #2 had the interior of both buildings repainted with the assistance of the N.H. Department of Corrections. The 1974 hose reel truck was refurbished in April.

The new 1994 Freightline Emergency One Class A Pumper was placed into service this September. The new truck replaced the 1956 Ford pumper which was sold.

The Antrim Fire Department responded to the following number of calls in 1993:

Structure Fires	1
Chimney Fires	8
Auto Accidents	7
Brush Fires	3
Other	20
(stove fires, deer in water, smoke investigation, gas wash, etc.)	
Training	7
Fire Meetings	11
Mutual Aid	11
Fire Alarms	15
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>83</b>

Chief marshal Beuchamp would like to thank the community for their continued support.

The 1994 Officers for Antrim Fire Department are:

Chief Marshall Beauchamp  
Asst. Chief Richard Edmunds  
Asst. Chief Robert Bethel  
Captain Douglas Cottle  
Captain Marshall Gale  
First Lt. Jay Hennessy  
First Lt. Thomas Davis  
Second Lt. Richard Cottle  
Second Lt. Matthew Rabideau

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OF THE **LIMRIK!**

## The Centennial Celebration - 1994

The Centennial Celebration Committee has shifted into high gear with less than six months to go before festivities commence on August 3. The public supper at the Presbyterian Church on January 29 has been deemed a huge success, with over \$700.00 added to the treasury. Supreme Supper Organizer Nina Harding mumbled something about loaves and fishes when she realized that 150 people had been served, having planned for a maximum of 130. Afterwards each member of the committee spoke briefly about specific plans for activities in the coming months. Questions were raised by the audience, suggestions and offers of assistance were made, and the evening concluded with a Gay Nineties entertainment and sing-along. A special thank you goes to all the townspeople who contributed food for the occasion.

Fundraising Chair Dotti Penny would like to thank all the cooks who baked pies for the Thanksgiving Day pie sale. It was a sellout; along with proceeds from the ski-skate swap and other money-makers before Christmas Dotti was able to give over \$500.00 to the committee treasurer Brian Sawich.

The Board of Selectmen has agreed that all sales of the most recent town history, *Parades and Promenades*, published in 1977, may go toward the celebration fund. For those who haven't read this entertaining survey of life in Antrim in the 20th century, they cost \$15.00 and may be purchased through Dotti Penny, 588-6605.

A special treat for music lovers of all ages, as well as for those who like to eat, will be a spaghetti supper and band concert on Saturday, March 26 at Great Brook School. The menu is as follows:

Spaghetti with meat or vegetarian sauce

Tossed green salad

Garlic bread

Beverages and dessert

Serving will be continuous from 6 to 7:30pm in the school cafeteria, followed by a concert featuring popular band music of the 1890s by the ConVal High and Great Brook Middle School Bands, to be held in the gym. Three hundred tickets for the supper and concert will be sold at \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children. They may be purchased in advance from band members and celebration committee members. To contact ConVal Band Director Tom Reynolds, call 924-3869; Great Brook Band Director Pam Snitko, 588-6630; committee chairperson Cindy Haskins, 588-3149. Proceeds will be divided between the ConVal Band and the Centennial Celebration.

Local organizations and family groups are encouraged to start planning their floats for the gala parade on August 13. First and second place winners in each of these categories will receive prizes of \$300.00 and \$150.00. Winners in the local businesses division will receive plaques. The theme is "Hometown Pride: Past, Present and Future," and parade entry forms may be picked up at Wayno's or Edmunds' stores, or by contacting Chair Bob Allison, PO Box 333, Antrim.

Cratspeople who are interested in setting up booths along Main Street on Parade Day should contact Concessions Chair Martha Pinello at 588-3761. Organizations and individuals are invited to set up food stands; space may be purchased and locations will be designated by her committee.

Activities of all sorts are being planned for every day from August 3 through August 14, although Saturday the 13th will be the fullest and most exciting day. The Antrim Road Race, organized by Wayno Olson and his committee, will precede the parade, with the dedication of the new bandstand and an old-fashioned band concert following at 4pm. If anyone has any energy left, there will undoubtedly be something to do in the evening.

Volunteers in all areas are requested; the goal of the general committee is to involve the whole community in a celebration that will never be forgotten, so that long after August 1994 is history, our pride in our hometown will still be present.

### Exhibits for the '94 Celebration

The Exhibit Committee of the Antrim Historical Society is assembling material for the summer celebration. Exhibits will be displayed at many places in the community for a two week period.

Contributions of photos, brochures and artifacts will be appreciated. All items will, of course, be returned, although the committee would ask permission to make copies where feasible for the archives at our expense.

If you have items relating to the following exhibit categories, please contact either Gif Russell (588-2043) or Carol Webber (588-2332) to be referred to the person responsible for a particular exhibit: Antrim Players, Past Celebrations, Churches, American Legion, Mills, The Goodell Co., Library, Farms, Fire Dept., the Grange, Main St., Businesses, Homes built in 1894, the North Branch, the Post Office, Roads, Schools, Sports, Town Hall.

Volunteers are still needed for exhibits about: Artists, Cemeteries, Medical People, Recreation and Gregg Lake.

# school news

## **\$1,750 in PRIZES!**

Little rubber duckies will be floating down the Contoocook River at 2:00 p.m. on August 13, 1994. The first one to cross the finish line will win its owner **\$1,000**. Second prize is **\$500** and third **\$250**. "Duck" tickets will be on sale for \$5.00 each at various events around the Great Brook towns from March 1st through August 13th. Proceeds will fund GBS PTO projects for the next school year. The Monadnock Paper Mill has volunteered the use of its lawn for family picnicking so all can enjoy the race. Mark your calendar!

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

As announced in the last issue of the **LIMRIK**, the GBS Computer Club has been working on visuals for various community groups. At Christmas time letters were sent to the libraries, town offices, fire departments, and police departments of the GBS towns. The Bennington selectmen took advantage of this offer for the graphs and charts in their upcoming town report. A flier was designed for the Frankestown library and student survey charts appear in the GBS Newsletter. Remember, if your organization or group would like to make use of this service, call Ruth Behrsing, computer specialist at GBS.

The Computer Workshop for Community Members advertised last issue has ten members who will meet for four Wednesday evenings. The first two sessions covered Claris works and creating spreadsheets. The group includes parents, senior citizens, a teacher, and a librarian.

The \$50 donations are being used to augment the school computer technology. A Digitizer will be purchased which will hook a cam corder to a computer to input students' pictures which can then be modified using computer commands.

Ms Behrsing is willing to offer another workshop should there be enough interest. Call soon so a convenient schedule can be set up (588-6630).

## **APRIL SHOWERS BRING MUSIC**

Back by popular demand - the GBS **MUSICAL**. On the evenings of April 14th and 15th you will once again find students from grades 5-8 putting on the grease paint and captivating audiences with their acting and singing talents. The play will be chosen soon and rehearsals will start after February vacation. If you would be interested in helping with sets or cos-

tumes, please call Pam Snitko at GBS (588-6630).

The **SPRING CONCERT** on April 20th will feature all the GBS chorus groups as well as the band and beginning band. The whole community is invited to this free concert. Come and see budding talent!

The **APPLE HILL CHAMBER PLAYERS** are expected to be at Great Brook in April also. Pam Snitko has applied for a grant to fund a presentation for all third and fourth graders in the district, right here in the GBS gym. There are also plans for an evening public performance. Watch local media for an update, or call the GBS office in early April.

## **PLAY BALL!**

Reserve the Memorial Day week end for some of the finest dancing you have ever seen. Great choreographing, spirited music, and enthusiastic 5-8 graders from all over the Monadnock area will dazzle you with performances fit for Broadway. Thirty-four GBS dancers have been practicing weekly since October with Renee Blinn for a chance to strut their stuff in this year's New Hampshire Dance Institute's performance at Keene State College. Act I features "body parts". Renee has choreographed an "arms and legs" number for GBS's solo. All the students will perform in **BODY ELECTRIC**, the first act finale. The second act slides into the baseball theme with an original short story. Five GBS students have been chosen for the elite SWAT team which will perform intricate numbers in both acts. Call The Keene State College box office for ticket information (358-2168).

Besides selling candy bars to earn money for costumes and sets, the NHD students and parents have organized a giant raffle with over 46 prizes. Among the prizes are a \$25 savings bond from the Peterborough Savings Bank, a guided trail ride for two at Silver Ranch, a haircut at Manhattan East, and a Cheesecake from Eli's Finest of Chicago. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Contact Nancy Robbins (588-6630), teacher liaison, for ticket information or if you would like to donate a prize.

## **OLD SKIS RECYCLED**

Have you moved on to new cross country skis, or just stopped using them? GBS Special Olympic students can use all sizes and styles. In an effort to broaden experiences for the special needs students, staff and volunteers have spent a great deal of time in practice sessions and

meets. Funds and equipment are sadly lacking. At the recent Faculty/Student Basketball Tournament the students sponsored a 50/50 raffle which netted them enough money to pay for some additional pool time, but they have had to limit their practices for the winter Olympics at Bretton Woods due to cost of slope time and equipment rentals. Donations of skis would help reduce the costs. If you have equipment to donate and/or your company or group would be willing to help with volunteers or finances, please call Janet Pietrovito or Beth SanMartino at GBS (588-6630).

## **WANTED**

Remember the softbound book that used to be available to teach children to tie shoes, zip zippers, snap....? Well, a area book and toy stores don't. If you have one, no longer in use, that you would be willing to donate for use with a physically challenged student, please call Barbara Black (588-6630).

## **PARENTING WORKSHOPS**

The Parent Center at GBS has been offering workshops to help parents deal with issues concerning their developing adolescents. The first was an AIDS AWARENESS speaker in the fall. Currently an 8 week workshop titled **EFFECTIVE PARENTING-ADOLESCENCE THE WONDER YEARS** is being held in the Parent Center on Thursday evenings.

On March 16th Elizabeth A. Shingler, PHD and Lyman Gilmore, Ed.E. will speak on "HOW TO TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SEX". The group will meet in the GBS Library from 7:00-8:30 pm. Please call Betty Borry (588-6630) to make reservations for free child care, sponsored by the GBS Student Council.

## **MARCH IS YOUTH ART MONTH**

GBS photographs by volunteer Jay Wibben's Thursday afternoon photo club will be on display at the Corner Gallery in the Superintendent's office on Route 202, Peterborough for the month of March. GBS is looking for an artist who would be willing to work with students on a variety of art and craft projects. These can be one session offerings or more. The Beady Eye in Bennington will present a session on beaded jewelry. Anyone interested in sharing their hobby or professional work with enthusiastic students, please contact GBS art teacher Fran Hewitt (588-6630).

GBS members of the National Junior Art Honor Society have been busy on a variety of individual projects ranging from drawings and paintings to clay and plaster of Paris sculptures. These will be on display at the Corner Gallery throughout the summer.

## **BLUE RIBBON WEEK**

The acceptance of the Blue Ribbon Award by volunteer coordinator Catriona Beck and Principal Rick Nanicelli topped off a week of celebrating volunteers in Great Brook School. Monday was staff/community "Drop in for Morning Coffee" morning with coffee and baked goods served in the Parent Center. Tuesday each homeroom worked on banners, place mats, napkin rings, nut cups, or center pieces for the supper sponsored by the GBS Student Council. Wednesday the staff hosted a volunteer breakfast. Sixty people attended the Volunteer Banquet Thursday served by the Student Council and their advisor Ms. Borry. The week was capped off with Volunteer Recognition at the Student/Staff Basketball Game Friday night. The Great Brook Community is fortunate, and appreciates the many hours of work donated by Volunteers.

## **GBS SPORTS**

The basketball season is winding down with both the boys and the girls teams improving as the season progressed. Track and field and fencing are the only two interscholastic sports scheduled for the spring. Fencing has been offered throughout the year with students attending one or two days a week. Fencing does not depend on size and strength so many fifth graders have been able to participate on an equal footing with older students. Individuals can sign up to participate in area meets usually scheduled for Saturdays. The fencing students are working to raise money for their own equipment so they will not need to rent it.

Intramurals offer something for almost everyone. Wrestling is scheduled to start after February vacation. Volleyball will be offered in March and April. Indoor and outdoor soccer will cover both April and May. Intramurals meet twice a week for five week intervals.

## **THE ILIAD IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?**

If you are a member of the 6/7/8 grade OM team, yes. The students must read and interpret a scene from the ILIAD, recreate it and write a 20th century scene which parallels it. This they will perform at the regional competitions at Keene H.S.

Not to be outdone, the sixth grade team has written a skit for the "Furs, Fins, Feathers" problem choice. Their play deals with people from an animal's point of view.

The fifth grade team has invented instruments and devised attachments which enable them to play a tune without touching the instruments. Do you see why their problem title is "unbelievable music"?

All three OM teams and their faculty coaches will be working hard right through

the February vacation to prepare for the regional competitions on March 19th. The competition is open to the public. Come and see some of the best creative minds at work.

## **131.4 LBS., STILL STANDING**

Seventh grader Ian Kelly came in with the winning design for the Industrial technology bridge contest. Each bridge had to use 108 inches of quarter inch pine and withstand a minimum of 100 lbs. Ian's was the only bridge left standing at the end of the competition.

The eighth graders will test their solar cars as soon as the weather turns warm and sunny. Students designed and built their own cars. The GBS winner will represent the school at the NH Junior Solar Sprint, this spring, in Concord.

## **YEARBOOK UPDATE**

When February vacation ends, the yearbook staff gets serious. Students have already been photographing fall and winter activities and will move into high gear to organize and add narratives as well as keep up with current happenings. This year the computer club will help with graphics, layout, and paste up. Students from grades five through eight work with teacher David Dodge to produce a fine chronicle of GBS school.

## **WHEN I WAS YOUNG...**

Native Americans have long valued their elders and the passing down of traditions via oral history. Great Brook eighth graders are looking for people with first-hand knowledge of World War II and World War I historians. There are a variety of ways to share your knowledge. You could be interviewed by one or two students or speak to a small group of 15. Presentations to the whole grade would also be welcomed. Bring your old pictures and memorabilia and help history come alive for the next generation.

## **PANOPLY**

Did you know panoply is "a complete suit of armor" or that internecine is an adjective that means "destruction to both sides, deadly destructive." These are just a couple examples of what you can see and learn in the fifth grade wing of GBS. You can view video advertisements for favorite books. Or maybe you'd like to board one of the galleon ships one classroom has created out of desks to sail to the new world. Across the hall you can lift off the velcroed outer shell to see a detailed illustration of the inner workings and inner decks another class has created during their study of early explorers. You might be interested to check out the 1994 goals bulletin board in another room. Do

"Keep my room clean, be nicer to my sister, stick with piano lessons, or get work in on time" remind you of someone in your house? And of course, you knew that vulpine means "of or like a fox", didn't you? Check out the fifth grade hall bulletin board for more challenging words.

## **LESSER KNOWN, BUT NO LESS GREAT**

Many have heard of Robert E. Peary and most of Thomas Edison, but fewer know of Matthew Henson or Rachel Carson. Minority groups have been long under chronicled in our school books, but the contributions they have made to our society are no less great. Matthew Henson accompanied Peary on his expedition to the North Pole and in Peary's own words was "indispensable". Some historians believe it was actually Henson who made the discovery, but because he was a Black American he failed to get the recognition he deserved.

Rachel Carson in her own time received as little press. Her book SILENT SPRING, however, is now considered one of the best early writings to awaken people to the need to protect our natural environment. GBS sixth graders are currently reading these and other biographies which celebrate the contributions of men and women of all races. A better tomorrow starts with an understanding of our past.

## **LE GRAND CONCOURS**

On March 9th twenty-three GBS French I students will be taking the National French exam. The American Association of Teachers of French are sponsoring prizes such as dinners and trips at the national levels. Last year GBS had 6 students score 12th and below in the New England division. This is a tough competition which gives students a chance to see how they compare with students throughout the country.

## **TRAVEL SLIDES**

Do guests decide to call it an early night when you bring out your slide projector? Do friends groan at the mere mention of your homemade video of the Latin American rain forest? Well, here's a deal for you. Seventh grade teacher Sheila Proctor is compiling a list for next year of community members who have visited Latin and South America and would be willing to share their experiences and/or slides with students. You would only need to serve as a resource for a small group of students. Dig out those old slides and call GBS for an enthusiastic audience.

# after school

## Antrim Rec Center

New hours for the Antrim Community Center are as follows:

Thursdays 3-6pm  
Fridays 6-10pm  
Saturdays 2-10 pm

Activities may be scheduled by phoning the Town's Recreation Director, Pat Maynard, at 588-3121 - or by leaving a message at Town Hall.

Adult Volley Ball is scheduled for one Tuesday night each month, 8-10 pm. The particular date for each month can be learned by phoning the Rec Room (588-3121).

## Good News for Young Ones!

"The Magic Tree" DAYCARE at the Antrim Art Academy will be open throughout the summer school vacation, 8am to 5pm. As a special summer treat for children ages 4 to 6 yrs old, there will be daily art classes with Michaela, cooking classes with Pamela and dance and movement classes in the adjacent dance studio space. Weekly activities will include fieldtrips and picnics at Gregg Lake. Creative children's lunches served every day!

For more information on hourly and weekly rates please call Michaela at 588-2444 at the Antrim Art Academy.

A detailed summer "ART CAMP" program will be available upon request, for students aged 6 to teens.

## Jujitsu

Same time, same place- NEW DAY! As of March 1st, Jim Aborn's Jujitsu classes at Great Brook School will be moving from Saturday nights to Friday nights, still starting at 4pm. With 55 students attending recent sessions, Jim may be offering private lessons if there is enough interest. In addition, plans are in the works to offer a weekly session in Peterborough in the near future. If you have questions, call Jim at 464-5353. He'll be happy to supply more information.

## Hot to Trot 4-H Club

Six members attended Tri-County workshop in January where they received instruction and learned new skills in various topics that were offered throughout the day. Club members assembled an electronic parts-of-the-horse board game and supervised its use at Kids' Night at the Farm and Forest Exposition in Manchester on February 4. The following day a novice and junior team and one senior member attended and competed at the State 4-H Quiz Bowl in Belmont. Team members studied hard, attended numerous practice sessions, and did an outstanding job representing their club and county. They are: Janelle Cunningham, Stephanie Hall, Michelle Lamountain, Caitlin McGurty, Olivia Ali-Oglu, Angie Huntington, Ryan Richard, Meagan Slater and Jennifer McGurty.

Several club members are currently working on talks and demonstrations with which they will compete at the county Presentation Day on March 12. The Antrim Club will also have several competitors at the State 4-H Hippology Contest in April. During February vacation, 4-H members will be canvassing the community soliciting ads to benefit the NH 4-H Foundation. Because of the wonderful generosity of our town's businesses, the Hot-To-Trot 4-H club was recognized last year for having the greatest amount of ads in our county. Thank you, Antrim!

The second annual Model Horse Show is set for March 19 at 1pm, location to be announced at a later date. Anyone interested in obtaining a class list should call Beth Merrill at 588-6615. This event is open to model horse collectors of ALL ages.

Plans are coming along nicely for the club's first horse show, set for August 14. However, it is hoped that someone in the community could assist with recommendations for the set-up and acquisition of an adequate speaker system. Also needed is a

tank which could be used to offer drinking water to the horses. Anyone who could offer assistance please call 588-6615.

## Girl Scouts

The local Girl Scouts and Brownies have just completed collecting orders for the 1994 Cookie Sale. Don't despair if you did not place an order, the delicious Girl Scout cookies can still be purchased! There will be a cookie sale at Town Meeting this year. The cookies are \$3 per box.

On Saturday March 12, there will be another cookie sale at T-Bird during the morning.

The money earned from the cookie sales this year will help to rebuild Camp Sachem in Antrim. The camp is now owned by Swift Water Girl Scout Council and has been renamed Camp Chinoia. Chinoia is a Native American word which means white dove and signifies "at peace with the environment."

According to the council, work is progressing at Camp Chinoia. Wells have been drilled and water found. Officials are now in the process of getting permits for demolition of old buildings at the camp as well as permits for building new structures.

Plans are underway for summer events including Dream Builders, a two week camp to introduce girl scouts to carpentry and construction.

The camp officials are also seeking volunteers to help with spring and summer projects. Both skilled and unskilled laborers are needed for building and other jobs. Work days will be scheduled for those willing to offer a few hours of their time. Anyone interested in more information may call Missy Long at 1-800-654-1270.

## TALES AND TRAILS

by Susan Bartlett

There have been so many changes in the landscape of our town: from primeval forest, to stump fields, sheep farms and dairies, orchards and hay fields, mills, dams, roads, factories and new developments. One may wonder if any small corner of its original form still exists. And yet there is a rugged resilience in the rocky hills and glacial valleys, a wild persistence in the regrowth of the forest, as nature reclaims her own. There are places in Antrim where one can feel this tenacious spirit in the rocks, hills, and streams. Here, we can sense a story that began long before us, and will end long after we're gone.

Antrim's western ridge, which includes Willard, Robb and Bald mountains, is an area where the will of the forest has dominion again. From Windsor in the North, Stoddard in the West, and Hancock to the South, there lies several hundred acres of virtually roadless, undeveloped land. This area connects with the Harris Center and Audubon's "Super Sanctuary," a large tract North of Mt. Monadnock. Moose, bear, bobcat and coyote, animals that all require large ranges, find a welcome habitat in this stretch of land. The steep, rocky hills are covered with hard wood trees, some hemlock and an odd spruce or fir. There has been some logging activity in the area in recent years. For the most part, the land remains undisturbed.

Long after the last indigenous people had left this area, (many Native Americans in New England died from imported diseases and wars, or migrated north during the colonial period), settlers from Scotland and Ireland moved up to Antrim's western ridge to eke out a living from the thin soil. By the early nineteenth century, sixty families formed a settlement that was substantial enough to support its own school. The population gradually dwindled as the mountain people let the area, possibly attracted by the promise of fertile lands to the West, or sure employ-

ment in the new mills. All that remain of their efforts are the ubiquitous stone walls and cellar holes.

Balancing rock is one peculiar feature of the western ridge that must have baffled those early settlers, as it would any post-modern explorer coming across it in the '90s. Deposited by a glacier in the last ice age, Balancing Rock perches precariously on a sloping granite slab. This glacial "erratic" is the size of a two-story house, and must weigh several hundred tons. Generations of daredevils have tried to pry the rock off its perch, or have dared it to move by lying under its mass. It remains impassive, unmoving, as if waiting for geologic time to have its own say.

The western ridge drains into Gregg lake to the East, and Willard Pond to the Southeast. Although geographically close, these two bodies of water have distinctly different qualities and are not at all connected. Willard Pond, which is part of an area currently owned by the Harris Center and the Audubon Society is a favorite swimming hole and fly-fishing spot, renowned for its clear water and wilderness atmosphere. Willard Pond had an active sawmill in the mid 1800s. By the end of the century, the salable timber was gone, and the mill fell to disuse. In the 1920s or 30s, the pond plus 1,000 acres of surrounding land came up for sale. The now legendary Countess de Pierrefeu bought it as a retreat for her family. In the following decades, the Countess built rustic cottages for each of her children and a granary to store supplies for the coming apocalypse. Here, she waited out her days until the 1960s, when she started to realize that she was going to come to an end before the world did. Before she died, the Countess carved up the land and gave the cottages to each of her children. She donated the remaining land to the Audubon Society. In 1969, the Fish and Game Department built the road, boat landing and parking area, and in some mixed deal with Audubon, "developed" the lake for a special breed of brook trout. This meant "killing" the lake with Rotenone, and stocking it with the new fish. This

raised the ire of many locals, who had been fishing for bass, yellow perch and pickerels there for years. There started a surreptitious restocking that possibly still goes on today. Some say that kingfishers and herons will also stock ponds by carrying minnows in their bills, or wrapped in pond weed in their feet. The remaining lands surrounding and next to Willard Pond have been acquired by the Harris Center. These parcels include Bald Mountain, Pine Point and the Eastern shore of the pond.

The trek over to Willard Pond from Antrim begins at the Whittemore property and Brimstone Corner Road, just one half mile west of Gregg Lake. The Whittemores have graciously given permission to Antrim residents who are interested in crossing their land. Park a vehicle off the end of their driveway, and walk or mountain bike about one mile up to the Whittemore Camp. Balancing Rock is just a few hundred feet beyond the cottage. There is a sign by their side door. To reach Robb Mountain, continue west behind the camp, on a well-cleared trail. This is a short hike, with rewarding views in leafless seasons. To reach the Willard Pond Trail turn to the South past the camp, and continue on the woods road for about a quarter of a mile. When the road curves westward again and seems to be climbing, look for the trail marked with surveyor's tape and reflectors. This trail follows a fairly straight line though the woods for another quarter mile, then meets a lively brook that feeds the pond. Follow the brook east, and in a quarter of a mile, you will come to the perimeter trail and the shore of the pond. From there, it is possible to connect with trails to Pine Point, Bald Mountain, and the boat landing.

As with any hike that traverses private property, it is always helpful to be mindful of privacy, and to respect the integrity of the land and buildings.

## FOLK TALES

by Richard Winslow

On a snowy Sunday in 1902 when my grandparents, Louise and William White, were driving home from church in a sleigh, their horse bolted, the sleigh tipped over and grandfather White was killed. Prior to the accident, the two had together farmed Alabama Farm on Smith Road. Grandmother continued farming there alone until, several years later, she remarried.

Skip ahead five decades. One summer day when I was raking the Farm's lawn, an elderly man, a complete stranger, appeared out of nowhere driving, surprisingly, a horse and buggy. He reined in his horse and spoke to me.

"You don't know who I am." I said I didn't.

"Well I know who you are .... My name is George .... I was the hired man here when your grandmother was running this place all by herself .... I lived up there," and he pointed to a room over the woodshed.

This was stunning news. I'd had no idea that anyone from so legendary a past was still alive, much less living in Antrim.

"I'm going to tell you something about your grandmother," he said, and he cleared his throat.

"She was a tough lady ....

"One evening in the fall of the year I had milked the cows, hitched up the horse and taken the milk down to the Goodell Farm, where we always took it. When I returned it was pitch dark, and as I drove into the yard your grandmother came out of the house with a kerosene lantern and she says to me, 'George,' she says, 'you can take this lantern and go pick peaches 'till I call you for supper.'

"...Did you every try climbing a ladder to pick peaches holding a kerosene lantern?

"... Anyway, I says to your grandmother, I says, 'I won't do it!' and she says 'If you don't do it I'll sell the cows!' and I says 'Well, I'm not going to do it,' even though I knew if she sold the cows - there'd go my job."

He though a moment. Then he continued:

"In fact, she sold the cows.

"... woke me up the next morning at 3 A.M.

"... had to walk the cows all the way to Peterborough.

"... that was the end of my job."

There followed a long silence. He seemed to have finished and I was tongue-tied.

Finally he said, "Well - nice talkin' to you," and he clucked to his horse and slowly disappeared down the road towards town.

June '93

## Volunteer of the Year Nominees

### *Vote at Town Meeting*

#### ANTRIM RESCUE SQUAD

available at all hours for assistance

#### PAT BEERS

Runs Antrim Road Race

Heads Antrim Days

Parks and Rec Committee

#### RENEE BLINN

Layout and design for the Antrim Limrik and other newsletters

Choreographs plays and productions at AES

Directs young people's dance company

#### COLEEN HARDING

Volunteer at AES and GBS

Soccer Coach

Active in PTO of both schools

Snack program at AES

Driver to sports programs

#### IZI NICHOLS

Pianist for Great Brook School

Pianist for dance institute

Directed a "Charlie Brown Christmas" with 4th graders

Works on Historical Society, Antrim Players, 1994 Celebration Committee, church work.

#### GIF RUSSELL

Major contributor to new Antrim Pictorial History

Works on First Lighting projects

Curator of Antrim Historical Collection

## A Report on the Conval School District Budget

The proposed Conval School District Operational Budget for the 1994-95 school year is \$18,870,734. This is almost \$480,000 higher than the budget for 1993-94, and represents an increase of 2.6%. This budget will be voted on at District Meeting, which will be at Conval High School on March 5th at 10 am.

The Board has worked very hard to keep the budget increase at this level, and there has been a lot of disagreement over what was finally included in this budget. Some of the reasons why the budget is up are the need for additional staff to handle higher student enrollment (the total number of students will grow by 3% and the High School population by 11%), necessary repairs to school buildings (especially in Bennington), higher bus costs, and increases in mandatory retirement and special education costs.

On the other hand, costs have gone down for interest payments, the new computer labs in the middle schools, site costs for the High School Technology Center, fuel oil, and the elimination of two programs: Consumer and Family Studies (CFS, once known as Home Economics) and the Accountability program (which evaluated students for basic competencies and on standardized tests like the CATs). The district administration recommended that these programs be cut in response to the Board's directive to keep the overall budget increase to less than 3%.

Also, this budget does not include any salary increase for teachers. At the time I am writing this article, the School Board and Teacher's Union have not reached an agreement on wages or benefits. If an agreement is negotiated before March 5th it will be voted on as a separate warrant article at District Meeting. If an agreement is not reached, there will have to be a Special District meeting at a later date, when voters will have the opportunity to approve or reject the salary and benefits that will be proposed for 1994-95.

There are several other warrant articles to be voted on at District Meeting. First, there will be an article asking for a Deficit Appropriation for the 1993-94 budget, in the amount of \$180,000. The Board has placed this on the warrant because of several unanticipated court-ordered placements for needy students in out-of-district institutions, and the high cost for these students could not be absorbed in this year's regular budget. The state will reimburse the district for some of this cost, but not until next year.

Also there is an article requesting \$35,000 to have detailed plans prepared for improving or replacing the elementary schools in Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, and Temple. While it will probably be several years before the many problems of these schools will be fixed, the process must begin now. This is especially important because none of these buildings are handicapped accessible, and we need to begin taking steps to improve them, or face serious consequences for failure to follow the law. The School Board supports this warrant article.

There are two other articles that have been submitted by petition from citizens. Both seek to add money to the budget for expenses that the Board cut from the proposed budget. One would add \$91,000 to restore CFS (Home Economics) to the Budget. Another asks for \$175,000 to purchase computer equipment for the High School. The Board has not yet decided to support or oppose either of these spending requests.

Now for some estimates on Antrim's tax rate. If the basic budget, \$180,000 deficit appropriation, and \$35,000 elementary school articles are all approved (a 4% increase over this year's budget), Antrim would see virtually no change in its contribution to the Conval District. This is because of the way the current funding formula works, and the fact that our student

population did not increase nearly as much as all the other Conval towns for the 1994-95 school year allocation formula.

If the CFS and computer articles are also approved, Antrim's costs would go up by 1.5%, while the overall district tax impact would increase by 5.5%.

Because there is no agreement yet on teacher salaries, I cannot provide you with an estimate of what impact it would have on Antrim's costs.

While there has been much concern and disagreement over school programs and costs, the Conval District is widely regarded as one of the best school systems in New Hampshire, and it brings important benefits to all the residents of Antrim. Public education involves more than just teachers and books. It can be costly, and it isn't perfect, but it is absolutely necessary for the best interests of our community. The Board clearly recognizes that it is important to maintain the quality of our schools, while at the same time keeping our program cost-effective. While it wasn't unanimous, the majority of the Board feels that this budget strikes the best balance possible, and we hope it will receive your support.

Finally I want to urge all Antrim residents to do three things:

1. Register to vote, if you haven't already registered.
2. Come to the District Meeting at Conval High School on March 5th at 10am.
3. Vote at town elections on March 8th and support the change to the Conval Articles of Agreements.

*Paul Ruess*

# Zoning Changes

The Antrim Planning Board is placing four amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance on the March ballot. Here are some details:

**Amendment #1.** This deals only with Village and Highway districts. In the Village Business District, the following will now be permitted: veterinary clinics, storage facilities, laboratories, printing and publishing facilities, building supplies, recreational facilities, roadside stands, elderly housing and light manufacturing. In the Highway Business District, newly permitted are: kennels, recreational vehicle parks, riding academies, condominiums, cluster housing, and farm-employee housing.

**Amendment #2:** This handles all other districts. In the Residential District, public utilities are now permitted as are, **by special exception**, public and private schools,

churches, social clubs, bed-and-breakfast establishments. In the Rural District, the following are now permitted: schools, churches, kennels and farm-employee housing. And in the Lakefront Residential District, duplex dwellings.

**Amendment #3** places the Tenney farmstand and the Reel Shop properties (on Rte 202/Water Street) in the Highway Business District. The Planning Board enthusiastically supports this change.

**Amendment #4** is mandated by the Federal Government to all towns that currently qualify for federally-subsidized flood insurance. Towns are being asked to change several flood-ordinance sections (Article XII of the Zoning Ordinance, Floodplain Development District). In these changes, recreational vehicles are defined according to size, chassis type, etc., are required to be licensed, and may be parked in a flood zone for only 180 consecutive days.

## Important Dates

### Saturday, March 5

School District Meeting  
Conval High School Gym - 10am

### Tuesday, March 8

Elections for Town Officers AND  
Vote on Change in Conval Funding  
Formula  
ANTRIM TOWN HALL - 10am - 7pm  
(Absentee Ballots Available)

### Thursday, March 10

Town Meeting  
GREAT BROOK SCHOOL GYM - 7pm

### REGISTRATION DATES:

Supervisors of Check List meet:  
Wednesday, February 23 - 7 - 9 pm  
Saturday, February 26 - 11 am - NOON

Also, you can register with the Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk any  
Monday through Thursday from 8am to 4:30pm  
or Monday 7 - 9 pm.

### Last Day to Register to vote:

School Meeting - February 23  
Town Elections - February 26

### Comparison of current and proposed funding formulas using data which determined the 1993-1994 allocations

	EQUALIZED VALUE PER PUPIL	COST TO TOWN OF		1993 TAX RATE		TAX ON A \$100,000 HOME	
		CURRENT FORMULA	PROPOSED FORMULA	CURRENT FORMULA	PROPOSED FORMULA	CURRENT	PROPOSED
ANTRIM	\$258,437	\$2,788,371	\$2,128,240	\$39.38	\$32.40	\$3,938	\$3,240
BENNINGTON	\$306,214	\$1,408,500	\$1,174,595	\$31.68	\$27.87	\$3,321	\$2,843
DUBLIN	\$704,292	\$1,504,749	\$1,906,486	\$17.60	\$20.93	\$1,777	\$2,114
FRANCESTOWN	\$535,655	\$1,435,186	\$1,590,762	\$20.95	\$22.47	\$2,095	\$2,247
GREENFIELD	\$402,482	\$1,395,528	\$1,340,690	\$24.64	\$23.95	\$2,976	\$2,898
HANCOCK	\$550,873	\$1,553,731	\$1,746,227	\$20.77	\$22.52	\$2,201	\$2,388
PETERBOROUGH	\$498,960	\$5,635,082	\$6,029,387	\$21.29	\$22.58	\$2,490	\$2,607
SHARON	\$487,942	\$ 321,411	\$ 340,093	\$19.27	\$20.17	\$1,927	\$2,017
TEMPLE	\$295,836	\$1,166,737	\$ 952,815	\$24.58	\$21.48	\$3,023	\$2,642
		\$17,209,295	\$17,209,295				

**CANDIDATES ARE:****Selectman - one for three years**

Philip T. Dwight  
Larry Elliott

**Moderator - one for two years**

Robert B. Flanders

**Trustee of the Trust Funds - one for two years,  
one for three years**

2 yr term - Robert Edwards  
3 yr term - James Dennison

**Health and Welfare Director - one for one year**

James LaMothe

**Sewer & Water Commissioner - one for three  
years**

Fernando Barsanti

**Planning Board - two for three years and  
one for one year**

3 yr term - David Essex  
Judy Pratt  
1yr term - Hugh Giffin

**Supervisor of the checklist - one for six years**

Kimberly Elliott-Dodge  
Martin Nichols

**Library Trustee - two for two years**

Lyman Gilmore  
Constance Kerwin

**Contoocook Valley School District  
School Board Moderator - one for one year**

Gary Gagnon

**Ballot Questions:**

\* 3 Zoning Questions

\* QUESTION ON CHANGING CONVAL  
FUNDING FORMULA

**TOWN ELECTIONS**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1994**

**POLLS OPEN: 10AM TO 7PM**

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**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,  
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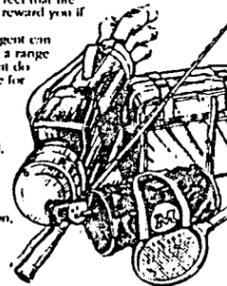
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# Antrim Community Calendar

## FEBRUARY

- 23 Registration Day, 7-9pm (last day to register for School Meeting)
- 26 Registration Day, 11am-NOON (last day to register for Town elections)

## MARCH

- 4 Rivival Shop begins accepting Spring and Summer clothes
- 5 School District Meeting, Conval HS Gym, 10am
- 5 Rynborn Blues Club presents *KAT IN THE HAT*
- 8 Antrim Woman's Club presents "American Indian Lore" by Arlene George, 1:30pm.
- 8 Elections for Town Officers AND Vote on Change in Conval Funding Formula Antrim Town Hall, 10am - 7pm
- 9 Lenten Retreat, St. Patrick Parish, Bennington
- 10 Town Meeting, Great Brook School Gym, 7pm
- 12 Rynborn Blues Club presents *LOADED DICE*
- 16 Parenting Workshop, "How to Talk to Your Children About Sex" GBS Library 7-8:30pm
- 17 Rynborn Blues Club presents *LUTHER JOHNSON*
- 19 Rynborn Blues Club presents *TONI LYNNE WASHINGTON*
- 20 "Friend Sunday" sponsored by Antrim Baptist Church, 10:25 am worship followed by informal noon luncheon.
- 26 Spaghetti Supper and Band Concert, GBS. supper served 6-7:30, followed by concert of popular band music of the 1890s by Conval HS and GBS bands.
- 26 Rynborn Blues Club presents *ART STEELE BLUES BAND*
- 30 AES Music Concert, 6:30pm, Antrim Town Gym.
- 31 Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Presbyterian Church, 6:30pm

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## APRIL

- 1 Good Friday Ecumenical Service at the Antrim Baptist Church, 7pm
- 2 Rynborn Blues club presents *LITTLE RONNIE AND THE SLOAN SHARKS*
- 3 Easter Sunrise Service, lawn of the Presbyterian Church. Breakfast follows
- 9 Rynborn Blues Club presents *BJ MAGOON AND DRIVING SIDEWAYS*
- 12 Antrim Woman's Club presents "Our Treasure - Our Earth" - Ann Eneguess
- 13 St. Patrick Women's Guild - presentation of silk screening by Barbara Shea Parish Hall, 7:30pm
- 14-15 GBS Spring Musical (TBA)
- 15 Odd Fellows Benefit Dinner, 5:30-7pm at Odd Fellows Hall, West St.
- 16 Rynborn Blues Club presents *LOADED DICE*
- 23 Fashion Show and Luncheon. Rivival Shop, noon.
- 23 Rynborn Blues Club presents *RADIO KINOS*
- 25 Antrim Garden Club begins season, time and place TBA.
- 27 Special Open Meeting at Grange hall in observance of National Grange Week 7:30 pm.
- 28 Historical Society program - "Victorian Houses" - Little Town Hall, 7:30pm
- 30 Rynborn Blues Club presents *KAT IN THE HAT*

## MAY

- 7 Northern Lights Dance Theatre Spring Performance, LHT, Conval, 6pm
- 7 Rynborn Blues Club presents *TONI LYNNE WASHINGTON*
- 10 Antrim Woman's Club Annual Meeting, with noon luncheon. Place TBA.
- 11 St. Patrick Women's Guild - presentation of Baskets and Doll Making by Susan Dow, Parish Hall, 7:30pm
- 14 Rynborn Blues Club presents *CHUCK MORRIS AND SIDEWALK BLUES*
- 21 Rynborn Blues Club presents *LOADED DICE*
- 26 Antrim Historical Society presents "Antrim in 1894" - Little Town Hall, 7:30pm
- 27 Rynborn Blues Club presents *LITTLE RONNIE AND THE SLOAN SHARKS*
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