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THE SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We're about to embark on the yearly town and department budgeting process. The preliminary General Town Budget was discussed during our regular Monday evening meeting at the Town Hall, November 6th. Initially, we have pared approximately 10% from the '96 budget under this year's. We have also asked that the managers of each of the Town's nine departments and boards work toward the same end; to tighten things up with the goal of reducing their costs. For your information, the 1995 tax rate of \$41.39 (per \$1,000) is divided as follows:

- \$8.40 (20%) goes toward operating this town
- \$30.94 (75%) goes toward operating the schools
- \$2.05 (5%) goes to the county

We welcome your involvement in the budgetary process and encourage you to attend the two scheduled public budget reviews scheduled for Monday, January 8th and Monday, February 5th. Both meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at the Little Town Hall. It is very important that you voice your suggestions, concerns, and interest in the process.



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MARY McGRORY, 1995 FREEDOM MEDAL AWARD WINNER

Izi Nichols

"The handsomest house on White Birch Point" was the scene of Mary McGrory's introduction to Gregg Lake and Antrim, when she came to visit her aunt in 1936. As a little girl from Boston, she fell in love with the beautiful surroundings and has visited the area every year since, for at least a few days.

In recent years, the Washington-based columnist has taken an interest in our community, especially its political stance, and local citizens have often found themselves quoted in her syndicated column. On one occasion she was responsible for the appearance in *Newsweek* magazine of a picture taken at Town Meeting.



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FIRST LIGHTING

Antrim's sixth "First Lighting" will be at Touchwood Square on **Saturday, Dec. 9. At 5:00 p.m.**, the town tree will have it's first lighting and John Robertson, the emcee, will announce the art contest winners. Music will be provided by townspeople. Santa will arrive at 5:15 by fire truck with his bag of candy canes. Along the way, he will see our lighted bandstand, bridge, and town hall tower. Large wreaths made by Women's Club members and others will hang on the front of the town hall.

The Garden Club members will have filled the window boxes with red, green, and silver. The club has also funded the window mural contest prizes to be awarded to students from Fran Hewitt's Middle School art classes. We will be looking for you there!

WHITE MOUNTAIN TRADERS

Retail and Import store newly located to Elm Avenue

Steve and Charmine Miller of Washington, who have operated Executive Apparel from their home and adjacent barn, have purchased the former Artek Building. Much work has been done to improve the warehouse and dock area. The retail store, White Mountain Traders, and offices are also in the same building.

Executive Apparel imports casual shirts from Pakistan and wholesales them to U.S. companies. These shirts, plus coats, sweatshirts, (and sno-bibs in the near future) are available in the retail store. The same factories in Pakistan also produce for Reebok, Arrow and Rockport. Prices are in the wholesale range.

Store hours are:

- Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday (December only) 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Patty Belanger of Antrim is the store manager and there are four other local people employed. Credit cards and checks are accepted in the store. This is a great place to do some Christmas shopping.

THE PRICE FARM SCHOOL

Dick Winslow

Since 1980, children have attended a New Hampshire state-licensed private school in Antrim located at the end of Gregg Lake Road. The school, in the home of Jane and Rod Miller, is called Price Farm, after the name of a previous owner of the property whose buildings date from 1794. Jane Miller, the school's founder, director and teacher, had previously taught in both public and private schools, but when she began having her own children (there are two, Archer and Elvie), she started Price Farm School in order to continue a career in education. I was fortunate recently to have had this interview with Jane about the school and her teaching.

Q. *What are the aims of the school?*

A. Children learn best through experiencing all sorts of materials. Our mornings are devoted to such things as carpentry, clay sculpting, cooking, sewing, etc. These activities change with the seasons and also according to student interests. In the afternoons, we do individual tasks in reading, writing, and computing.

Q. *It sounds a bit like the old one-room school.*

A. It is very similar.

Q. *What grades do you offer?*

A. Grades one through six.

Q. *How many students are there?*

A. We aim for ten but this sometimes spills over to fifteen because, where a family has more than one child, we take them all. At the moment we have eleven.

Q. *What was your own training?*

A. I took a B.A. at Oberlin College, an M.A. in Education at the University of New Hampshire, and am currently working on a doctorate at the University of Massachusetts, also in education.

Q. *What are your plans for the future?*

A. The school will go on indefinitely. At some point, I'd enjoy teaching adults, perhaps in a teacher training program.

Q. *How do parents learn about Price Farm School?*

A. Word of mouth only.

Q. *Aside from the widely-known devotion of students and parents to your work, what kinds of professional recognition has the school had?*

A. None, really—although Antioch College sends students here to intern.

Q. *Do you have tie-ins with Antrim institutions?*

A. We use Tuttle Library regularly. It has been exceedingly generous to us, not only with book loans but also allowing us to use the big upstairs room for Morris Dancing and Sword Dancing.

Q. *Good heavens! You teach Morris and Sword Dancing?*

A. Always. Anne Thomas, the mother of a student, comes in to do this once a week. By the way, another Antrim tie-in is with the Antrim Grange where every year on January 6th we get together with Grange members for a Twelfth Night party.

Q. *I've been aware of your annual spring play at the Grange Hall, but had not known of the Twelfth Night party. Is it, like the play, open to the public?*

A. No, it is a party for Grange members and the Price Farm community.

Q. *Community?*

A. By that I mean our students and their families. The families make up a nice community of people who have chosen to send their children here.

Q. *Do you offer physical training?*

A. There's the dancing, but also the children spend ample time in outdoor activities including cooperative group games. Furthermore, Price Farm abuts the Audubon Society's land preserve, so we have marvellous woods to explore.

Q. *Where do students come from?*

A. Antrim and neighboring towns; Deering, Hillsboro, Henniker, etc.

Q. *What is your husband Rod's relationship to the school?*

A. He's our artist in residence. (*Editor's note: Rod Miller is a distinguished fiddler and violin maker.*) His workshop is at the other end of the building and in that way he interrelates with school activities.

Q. *Does he play for the dancing?*

A. For Morris Dance performances. By the way, Bill Thomas plays for the Sword Dancing. And while we're talking about music, the children sing and do singing games every day as well as recite, from memory, poems, every day.

Q. *How do your students adjust to other schools after they leave Price Farm?*

A. We've had really good luck. Our graduates have moved on with confidence. And where there have been kids with special needs, CONVAL has been wonderful in helping make sure the transition is a smooth one.

Q. *My last question is off-the-wall. Is there a dark side anywhere?*

A. I'd be hard-pressed to think of one.

Following the interview, I spoke with parents of students. Their appreciation is so warm and admiring as to make Jane's description of her work seem modest. A recurring term was "flexible", such that the curriculum may alter from year to year in response to the nature and needs of particular students and groups. It also became clear that whatever tasks the children undertake, there are standards to live up to and schedules that must be met.

MAPLEHURST NEWS

The other day a guest checked in and as he filled out reservation card, he explained that he and his wife had come back to visit Antrim for the first time since moving away in 1956. He had been an electronics engineer at Monadnock Paper Mills. He said that he really liked a small town and always hoped that he could come back. As he thumbed through the phone book he found with great delight many names of folks that he knew when he and his wife lived here.

As they toured the inn, stopping to admire some of Elsa Voelcker's photography, Mr. R pointed out the repaired spot in the parlor ceiling where the huge grandfather clock used to be. Then as we stepped into the dining room where the old piano now stands, he slapped his thigh and burst into laughter. It seems that back in the early 50's an electrician who was doing some work at the inn needed help. One Saturday morning Mr. R was summoned to help add outlets to the tavern walls. "I knew I wasn't inside the wall. I drilled and drilled but the bit just wouldn't break through. Couldn't figure out why I wasn't gettin' through." Then Mr. R pointed to the piano and told me that if we were able to lift it and look up through the leg we'd find a hole. It seems that the "electrician" had drilled right up through the piano leg!

Future happenings to look for at the Maplehurst.

- Free steamers in the tavern every Wednesday night
- Lion's Club sponsored Cribbage tournaments every 2nd and 4th Thursday
- Washington Craft Guild trimming of Christmas tree.
- Area Women Photographers exhibit in January.
- New Years Eve festivities
- Gary Gagnon's new band trying out their tunes

- Local artist exhibits and receptions
- Another Murder Mystery Weekend (The Chauffeur did it!)
- Mardi Gras Party (second annual!)...Think about your costume

Please call me, Trish Overby, if you have any questions about our services and events that we offer or with some suggestions for future happenings.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT continued

Some good news! The former Goodell Company grounds and building interiors have been decontaminated. The final report is now in the hands of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for review and completion approval. GeoInsight, the environmental engineering company that conducted the cleanup, reports that the project list was completed on October 30th, and was signed off by NHDES the following day, Halloween. Excavation of exteriors, soils removal, relandscaping, asbestos removal, trench residue, quench pit cleaning, and the removal of the entire boiler system plus boiler room building have been completed according to plan. Rye grass and other forms of erosion control have been put into place. Also, the hay bales and sill fencing used to keep erosion at bay will be in place until GeoInsight determines conditions are stable along the banks of the Great Brook. Monitoring of the sight will continue into late next year.

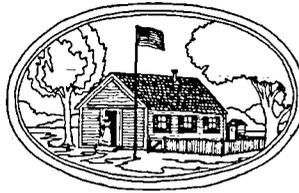
Thanks to all those residents who had to put up with any inconveniences posed during the work at the Goodell site. I think we can all breathe a sigh of relief that the cleanup is now complete, express our appreciation that Chicago Cutlery saw the responsibility through, and look forward to opportunities that this keystone facility might some day present. At this time there is no indication as to what the owners have in mind for the sight. If you have any ideas or suggestions, the Selectmen would love to hear them!

There will be an open seat on the Board of Selectmen in 1996 as Tom Davis will not be seeking another term. We're open and available most Monday nights now, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Come on in and see what we do, or just stop by to give us a piece of your mind. We'd like to hear from you.

Peter Moore for the Board of Selectmen

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

In Stoddard, a fellow who was shingling his roof tossed about every other nail onto the ground. A neighbor asked why he did this and was told, "The heads are on the wrong end." So the neighbor advised, "Save them for the other side of the roof."



THE GOLDEN RECTANGLE

Mrs. Flemming's 7th grade math groups have been studying the Golden Section with architect-in-residence Laura Campbell. They have been exploring the connection between math and architecture and how architects use both algebra and geometry in designing buildings.

Ancient Greeks saw in the human body a mathematical system of proportions which they replicated in their temples. Renaissance architects built upon this theory of a line being divided geometrically so that the lesser part was in proportion to the greater part as the greater part was to the whole.

Confused? So were the students until they began to apply the golden rectangle to different structures they were building. Using colored paper to construct different buildings, the students found that they could use a variety of rectangles for windows and doors, cut a rectangle diagonally to create a roof structure, and trim a little here and there to make an arch.

The golden rectangle not only introduced students to the tools of an architect, but also showed how the math they study now is preparing them for future career opportunities.

HERE WE GO A CAROLING...

Again this year, the GBS musical groups will fill the halls, and streets, with music. On December 12th, the 6, 7, and 8th grade musicians will travel to Crotched Mountain. Drivers are needed, so whether or not you have a child involved, please volunteer to drive. This is one of the highlights of the season, and a good time is always had by all.

On December 14th the GBS gymnasium will rock with the sounds of the GBS band and beginning band. The Glee Club, Chorus, and Chorale will sing some old favorites as well as introduce you to some tunes you may not have heard. The public is cordially invited to attend—the more the merrier.

If you are shopping in Keene on the 15th, stop by the Colony Mill to catch the GBS Chorale entertaining the shoppers. Call the school close to the 15th for the schedule.

If you hear singing outside your door the week of December 18th, it will be the GBS 5th grade Glee Club. They will be cruising the downtown streets with some good old fashioned caroling.

"ONCE UPON TOMORROW"

Although not one of Grimm's fairy tales, it will be the realization of many a youngster's dreams. The New Hampshire Dance Institute's theme this year will have students looking ahead to the future. Thirty-one GBS dancers will strut their stuff across the stage at Brickyard Pond—Keene State College—May 24, 25, and 26th. Students practice for an hour each Friday afternoon to be ready for the performance of a lifetime.

NHDI is holding a raffle to raise funds for costumes and other expenses. If you or your company would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact Nancy Robbins at GBS (588-6630) or Mary Fraser (588-6635). Any help will be greatly appreciated.

GBS WINTER SPORTS

Wrestling and basketball are the sports offered at GBS during the early winter months. Both are open to both boys and girls and will hold practices at GBS.

Basketball meets after school each afternoon until 4:00. Wrestling practices are from 4:30–6:30 pm, Tuesdays and Fridays and 9:30–11:30 am on Saturdays.

ADD A TROPHY TO THE CASE

It's been a long time since GBS has had so exciting a fall sports season. The girls' field hockey team and both soccer teams turned in superb, record-breaking performances.

The boys' soccer team blitzed the season with a 12-0 record, outscoring opponents 46-0. To commemorate this auspicious occasion, the GBS PTO is funding the purchase of a trophy to be placed in the trophy case in the main hall.

USER FRIENDLY

The first in a three part Artist-in-Residence Program, called "The Great Brook Connection", has just been completed at GBS. For 24 days Architect Laura Campbell worked with teams of fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders to design a walkway and ramp access to the wetland behind GBS. One of the real-world requirements of the designs was that they be wheelchair accessible for at least the descent and one of the walkways and observation areas.

On November 8th, sixteen teams of students presented their plans to the general public and honored guests. Students had prepared visual models, drawings, and narratives. Via video each group presented

its plan and told what made it different and why it was a good approach. Students were at their displays to answer questions.

The "User Friendly" plan was picked by the judges as the best architectural design. The design used wood walks and hard packed paths so that the whole walk was accessible to the handicapped. Using cedar wood protected the environment and the design provided for spaces between boards to allow rain water to reach the ground underneath. Although elements from several plans are likely to be used in the final construction, this group was the overall choice for individual plan. Drop by GBS to see the designs on the main bulletin board.

Throughout this school year, GBS students will work on different phases of the project with ELP teacher Donna Fairbairn. Their next step is to work on problem-solving, fund-raising, and public relations. The plan is for students to start actual construction this coming spring.

WHO ARE THOSE GREAT CHILDREN?

What group is this? What polite youngsters! I wish I had thought to ask that! Boy, those students are well prepared!

These are just some of the comments GBS fifth graders heard at Plimoth Plantation this fall. Dressed alike in blue and white T-shirts they had silk-screened themselves, prepped to interview the Pilgrim character they were adopting the role of back at school, equipped with little field notebooks for sketching and taking notes, and full of enthusiasm, 75 students, teachers, and parents enjoyed a two day stay at Plimoth Plantation.

When the village closed for the day, the fun and education had just begun. At supper students waited on the adults, as Pilgrim children would have done, ate with only spoon and knife for utensils, and partook of a typical Pilgrim meal, only slightly altered for modern tastes.

Next came an evening of Pilgrim games, creating a mural to take back to school, and dressing in replicas of Pilgrim clothing. Everyone slept well after a hard day and awoke refreshed and ready to trace the genealogy of their Pilgrim on the Plantation computer and make their final visit to the village.

Students continued their Pilgrim study back at school cooking, creating scale replicas of the buildings and village, and making Pilgrim dolls.

SCRAPS AND NOTIONS

The Consumer and Family Studies department at GBS is in need of scraps of material, lace, buttons, etc. for student projects. Pieces too small for your projects, but just too good to throw away would be greatly appreciated. Please call Nancy Robbins at GBS (588-6630) or drop off materials at the school. Thanks!

GROUPS, FIELDS, AND RINGS

At 6:40 am, seven GBS students are attending a special math class called MEGSSS, Mathematics Education for Gifted Secondary School Students. On top of their regular class load which may include algebra, students work in small groups and independently to become more deeply involved in mathematical concepts. The program continues through high school. In fact the GBS students made a poster illustrating MEGSSS terms such as "operations on relations" to display in the high school MEGSSS classroom. The picture showed an uncle operating on his nephew—clever!



SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 7 Forum Meeting 7:00PM
at CONVAL HIGH SCHOOL
- 12 GBS 6, 7, 8th Grade Musicians
to CROTCHED MOUNTAIN
- 14 GBS Winter Concert 7:00PM
GBS GYM - FREE
- 15 GBS Chorale to perform at
the COLONY MILL in KEENE
- 20 Boys & Girls Basketball 3:30PM
vs South Meadow
at GBS GYM

JANUARY

- 4 Boys & Girls Basketball 3:30PM
vs Jaffrey-Rindge
at GBS GYM
- 4 GBS Ski Club to PAT'S PEAK
- 11 GBS Ski Club to PAT'S PEAK
- 17 Boys & Girls Basketball 4:00PM
vs Kearsarge
at GBS GYM
- 18 GBS Ski Club to PAT'S PEAK
- 25 GBS Ski Club to PAT'S PEAK
- 29 Boys & Girls Basketball 4:00PM
vs Monadnock
at GBS GYM

FEBRUARY

- 1 Boys & Girls Basketball 3:30PM
vs Boynton
at GBS GYM
- 1 GBS Ski Club to PAT'S PEAK
- 5 Boys & Girls Basketball 3:30PM
vs Murdock
at GBS GYM
- 9 Boys & Girls Basketball 3:30PM
vs Marlborough
at GBS GYM
- 13 Antrim Rec Tournament TBA
GBS • Murdock • Boynton
Marlborough
- 15 Antrim Rec Tournament TBA
GBS • Murdock • Boynton
Marlborough

CUT & SAVE



WHAT'S THE REAL STORY?

The sixth grade team is working on its Caribbean Exposition. This year the team will be focusing on breaking the stereotype of Caribbean vacation land and look further into what the real story is on the islands, the side that the tourists do not see.

If you have spent extensive time in the Caribbean and can offer insights beyond the tourists view, your help would be greatly appreciated (588-6630).

SURFING THE INTERNET AT GBS

Students and teachers at GBS are slowly learning to "surf the net" to find the most up-to-date information available, even conversing with people in other countries.

The seventh graders will use the net to gather information for their upcoming multi-cultural fair. Fifth graders who did not go on the Plimoth Plantation trip pulled up the Plantation's page on the internet.

Conknet out of Hillsboro has donated two 24 hour server lines to the school. One is set up in the computer room, and the other will soon be connected in the library.

If you are curious to see how the internet works, librarian Jennifer Hartshorn welcomes community members to come to the GBS library to see it in action. Please call ahead to make sure the installation has taken place. Also, anyone who would like to volunteer in the library, please call Ms Hartshorn (588-6630).

OSMOSIS

Defined by Thorndike-Barnhart as "a gradual, often unconscious, absorbing or understanding of facts, theories, ideas, etc." OSMOSIS is also the name of the new CONVAL middle schools' magazine to be for and by middle school students throughout New Hampshire.

Last spring students from Great Brook and South Meadow Middle Schools met with Language Arts Consultants Paula Flemming and Jim McGuinness to plan a new magazine. Students from both schools chose their parts of the magazine staff. Communicating via telephone conference calls, the students have worked together on the various aspects of the paper.

Sixth graders at GBS organized a contest for the name of the magazine. Students at both middle schools finally selected OSMOSIS.

"Here's your chance to get your work published in a real magazine." "WE WANT YOU to show off your talent by tuning into this letter." So started some of

the business letters written by Mrs. Proctor's seventh grade English students. They invited students in middle schools throughout New Hampshire to submit essays, riddles, etc. to the first issue.

The seventh graders also wrote a variety of acceptance form letters and also rejection letters. Mr. Drogy's eighth graders chose the best of the seventh grade letters to use.

The eighth graders have also created Rubrics which list what is needed for a paper to be selected for publication.

Students from both middle schools are now in the process of making final selections for inclusion in the magazine.

Students have directed and worked in all phases of the process from surveys to editing to preparing the magazine for publication and distribution. OSMOSIS, yes, the title does seem to fit.

SUCCESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CONVAL District is working hard to prepare students for success in the 21st century.

As you may already know, the CONVAL School District conducted a community forum this fall to solicit input from members of our local communities pertaining to general educational goals for students in our schools. As a result, six goals were developed:

1. To form an alliance between the community and the schools for the 21st century.
2. To define what students need to know, value, and be able to do for the 21st century.
3. To define the expectations for teachers and the school system for the 21st century.
4. To define the expectations for students in the 21st century.
5. To define the expectations for parents to help their children succeed in the 21st century.
6. To produce an assessment system that measures success for the 21st century.

Forum members have divided themselves into six groups; each to work on developing strategies to achieve one of the six district goals.

On December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at CONVAL High School, each group plans to continue work on its goal. If you are interested in participating, please contact the SAU office or simply meet us at the high school on the evening of December 7th. All community members are welcome. We value your input!

NATIONS AND CAMPS

The first quarter the eighth grade team divided into Native American nations to study the treatment and interaction of Native Americans and the European settlers throughout our history. On November 2nd the students presented a multimedia look at Native American history and crafts.

After the Thanksgiving break, the team will divide into camps to study the Civil War period. The help from many community members last year was greatly appreciated. If you have Civil War information or artifacts that you are willing to share, please call Mrs. Salmonson at GBS (588-6330).

WELCOME!

GBS students and staff welcome Sal Landi to the Great Brook family as our new night custodian. Mr Landi comes to us from Florida and is now living in Bennington.

SNOW!

The GBS Ski Club will hit the slopes at Pat's Peak starting Thursday, January 4th. Through February 1st, 70 GBS students, coordinators David Dodge and Jim Sweeney and teacher and parent chaperones, will spend Thursday afternoons skiing.

From THE CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

Phil Dwight School Board Member-Antrim

When you read this, the Conval School board will have begun the long process of putting together the 1996-1997 school budget that will provide both the necessary education for the children of the district, but which also reflects the concerns of many people over the increasing tax burden that it causes.

This year the Board faces more issues than normal, and eventually you the voter will face these issues also. It would be impossible to cover all of them in any detail in this report, but the main ones are listed as follows:

1. A new teacher's contract.
2. A new school bus contract and the issues about which students should be picked up, and the length of the trip.
3. Increased enrollments and the effect on the budget.
4. Teacher/student ratios.
5. The need for new elementary schools.
6. A change in the funding formula.

Peter Lamb and I, as your School Board representatives, would like to know your feelings on these and any other issues that you feel are important so that we may make informed decisions during the budget process. We would also urge you to attend any School Board meeting so that you can have direct input in the process. The following are important dates and are scheduled at the Superintendent's office (behind South Meadow School) in Peterborough at 7:30 p.m. These date could change so check before by calling the Superintendent's office at 924-3336.

Tues. Dec. 5 Discussion of the Funding Formula and Senate Bill 2 (see below)

Tues. Dec. 19 The Elementary School Bond Issue

Tues. Jan. 9 Discussion of the Preliminary budget.

Tues. Jan. 23 Further discussion of the Budget and also the Teacher's contract (if negotiations are completed)

In addition to all of the above, there is another very important issue that you will face next spring on Town Election day, March 12. You will be voting on a proposal to change the way School budgets are adopted in years to come. Instead of voting at the School District meeting, you would vote in your own Town on election day. This process, known as Senate Bill 2, will be fully explained at a meeting to be held at the Antrim Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday February 13.**

Please remember the following important dates!

March 12 Town Election Day - voting on Town Officials, adopting Senate Bill 2, possible changes in the Funding Formula

March 14 Town Meeting-Great Brook School-7 pm

March 23 School District Meeting-Conval-10 am

PLEASE GET INVOLVED! Attend as many meetings as possible or call Peter Lamb at 588-3063 or me at 588-6285 to express your opinions.

The School Budget

A property owner named Dunn,
Said "Taxes are not any fun—
And I'm really not seeing
Where fencing and skiing
Are needed for schooling my son."

Did you know that ...

There is a decorative work called fretwork? The dictionary says "perforated or interlaced ornamental work in wood or stone". **LEE BEZIO** at 21 North Main Street in Antrim uses a scroll saw on wood to accomplish this. She has Gay Nineties figurines, letters (for signs), silhouettes, plaques, trains, small animal figures, etc. These are made from thin birch plywood and are ready to be painted. On December 9th she will have an exhibit at the Pierce School crafts fair. After the first of the year, she hopes to have regular business hours two weekends a month. Many of the items are already in stock. If anyone is interested in seeing them or placing an order, call **588-2504**.

The **BUSINESS DIRECTORY**, Published by the **Antrim Women's Club**, will be available in December? This directory is free and will be found at the Primary Bank, Tuttle Library and many stores in town. Be sure to pick one up for convenient reference.

CHRISTMAS TREE FARM, Route 202 North, just about a mile out of downtown, will be open from Saturday, November 25 to December 23, from 10:00 a.m. until dark? They will have fresh cut, locally grown balsams and some cut your own "bargain" trees. Santa will visit on December 9 and 10 and December 16 and 17 from 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m. Bring your camera, enjoy hot drinks and cookies by the Cookie Lady and visit with Santa. Preschool tours of the farm (appointment only) and handmade wreaths are available. For more information, call **588-3145**.

DESIGN INTEGRATION at 97 Main Street, Antrim, can help you or your business with Office Automation, Computer systems, Printers, Modems and other peripherals? **Bob Wilson** says; "We buy and sell new and used computer equipment. We also do System Management, Consulting and Installations." Call **588-3100** and Happy Computing!

Russ and Giffin Russell run an art studio, **THE OLD SLAUGHTER BARN STUDIO** on West Street? They give painting classes and sell their work from there. Call and check it out at **588-2843**. They are open by appointment and plan an open house for December 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A recent story from Russ: a teenage girl called asking about a ten year-old painting of mine currently on exhibit at Keene Colony Mill Gallery. The work was of a little four year old girl, standing, yawning in an early morning exercise class. Told of the circumstances of the work, the teenager became very excited and cried out "That's me, that's me." The painting is now in her family's possession. Sometimes, things come round just right and there's a happy ending for everyone—even the painting, perhaps.

Connie Kirwin, who does the design and page layout of the Limrik, operates her own business at 103 Old Pound Road? **OLDE POUND GRAPHICS** offers computer graphics, desktop publishing, advertising and marketing, and database management services. With over fifteen years of printing and publishing experience, Connie certainly knows "What's fit to print!" Call her at **588-3269**.

TYLER'S SMALL ENGINE SERVICE offers a complete line of snow blowers, chain saws and tractors? They also service most makes of power equipment. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., closed Saturday and open Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This family run business has been in operation since 1983. Call **588-6200** for more information.

WHITE MOUNTAIN TRADERS are located in the former Artek Building on Elm Avenue? See the spotlight article on page one.

If anyone is interested in having their business listed in this column, please call **Gloria Schacht**, at **588-6338**, or write to: PO Box 143, Antrim. Also, any of the Limrik staff listed on the back page will take your information. To those who have responded favorably to this column, we extend our thanks and appreciation. And, to all of our readers—**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

HISTORICAL BALANCING ROCK!

Helen Whitemore

Balancing Rock is located on Antrim's Robb Mountain. This natural wonder, a caprice of the ice age, weighs several tons and is perched precariously on a much smaller stone!

At the April 26, 1897 meeting of the Antrim Improvement Society, it was voted to investigate the possibility of building a carriage road to Balancing Rock. There already was a sled road leading to a point near the rock. Throughout the years, Antrim has lured people from far and wide to enjoy its natural beauty and tranquility. People are still enjoying the site of Balancing Rock. Those who came as children are now bringing their children and grandchildren. Girl scouts and boy scouts visit the Rock.

E.D. Putnam, photographer of Antrim, published many commercial post cards of interesting places in town. You may find these at antique book sales and flea markets. The Antrim Historical Society is the best resource to learn about the interesting places in town.

Antrim Conservation Commission Information on Balancing Rock

Balancing Rock is accessible from Brimstone Corner Road, just beyond the Cuddihy's and across from Camp Chenoa's upper entrance (potential headquarters area). A road goes west through Girl Scout property, descends to cross the main tributary of Gregg Lake (which flows north and eventually down and under the bridge on Craig Road), then gradually ascends for a half-mile to the Whitemore cottage. The Rock is about 50 yards to the north behind the house. This area is the juncture of trails that access the West Ridge hills and lead to Willard Pond, Salmon Brook, and to Stoddard Box. Most of the area is private property and part of the Supersanctuary that, among other things, aims to preserve a wildlife corridor connecting to the Peirce Reservation (South west Stoddard) and beyond. Obviously, owner rights should be respected. Anyone having questions about hiking in this area should call Rod Zwirner at 588-2879.



McGRORY _____ continued

At summer's end you might catch a glimpse of Mary in broad-brimmed hat and sun glasses, hiking around Gregg Lake in search of the elusive great blue heron. Or, she might be taking tea on the porch of the Maplehurst Inn. But be sure to look for her in February, 1996, when she will be following New Hampshire's choices in the presidential primary. She likes the small town way of making major decisions, where every individual believes his vote counts.

Recently, Mary was a recipient of a Freedom Medal awarded by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. "Mary McGrory is a syndicated columnist with the *Washington Post* whose conscience and wit have held public officials to account while keeping a large and loyal public informed", is how she is described as having upheld Roosevelt's essential freedoms and lived the spirit of his ideals. Other 1995 four Freedom laureates included former President Jimmy Carter, Andrew Young, Lane Kirkland, and Elliot Richardson.

The awards were made in Warm Springs, Georgia, on April 11, commemorating the 50th anniversary of F.D.R.'s death, and to top off a great day, Mary got to fly back to Washington with President Clinton in Air Force One.

Not every small town has an ambassador of Mary McGrory's stature to sing its praises; Antrim is lucky. And the moral of that is: Be Kind to Summer People.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

There's a dog in Bennington named Blacksmith, because whenever he's kicked, he makes bolt for the door!

What's Wrong With My Pet?

Dr. Tom Dowling

Great Brook Veterinary Clinic

Modern technology has made the practice of medicine a more exacting science than many dreamed possible twenty years ago. While many people benefit greatly from diagnostic testing, many question the rationale behind multiple blood samples, x-rays, sonograms, etc.

In the average veterinary practice, many of the diagnostic marvels developed for human medicine are unavailable on-site. However, most of the essential tests can be run in-house, while other more sophisticated procedures can be referred to university veterinary facilities.

One of the biggest limiting factors in arriving at a definitive diagnosis for the veterinary practitioner is the reluctance of pet owners to allow diagnostic testing to be performed on their animals. This is usually due to financial constraints of the owner. Such an attitude can prove to be penny-wise but pound-foolish because skipping over simple tests can be quite revealing in the process of affecting a cure for the pet. Frequently the frustrated veterinarian must resort to his or her best guess as to what the problem might be and try one treatment plan after another losing time and costing additional money to pet owners in the long run.

Feline leukemia testing is the first blood test that all cats should have performed for them. This is one of the best safeguards in assuring a healthy life for a cat. People who have experienced having a cat die from leukemia want their kittens tested for leukemia before investing another penny in the preventative health care plan. These people are as smart as they are caring. They know that cats that carry leukemia virus are a walking time bomb ready to explode, striking them down in their tracks, and what's worse, infect other cats in the household or the neighborhood.

A common owner's complaint heard in veterinary clinics regarding sick dogs is that the dog is acting "lethargic" or "he's just not himself". Physical exam findings don't always provide answers for this type of problem. A lethargic dog may be dealing with a simple fever, but may be having trouble due to certain infections, anemias, heart, liver or kidney problems or hormonal imbalances such as sluggish thyroid gland (common in retrievers and crosses thereof).



When your veterinarian recommends simple diagnostic testing, be sure you consider the cost-benefit aspects involved, but remember that a wealth of information can be obtained from these procedures. And, if our pets could talk, it would be much easier to figure them out. Without the help of diagnostic tests, we may all be barking up the wrong tree.

FOLK TALES

Emergency Measures At The Cemetery

Fred Roberts

Bob Nylander, younger brother of George Nylander, (long time Chief of Police of Antrim) was a Navy veteran of both World War 1 and World War 2. When Bob died in 1963, the Legion Post #50 of Antrim was asked to participate in the funeral with a color guard and ceremonial firing squad. The Post was more than pleased to help honor the veteran of two world wars. The Colors and honor guard were posted by the casket in the church. After the service they joined the firing squad outside the church and went to the North Branch Cemetery for the committal.

Joe Peat, the commander of the firing squad, had brought blank ammunition rounds from a new batch that the Post had just received for ceremonial use. As he passed out the rounds, one of the men started to place a round in his rifle and discovered that it wouldn't fit. Several other men tried, the result was the same.

What to do? All the rounds at the Post Home were new ones so they wouldn't fit and anyway, there wasn't time to get any because the funeral procession was arriving. Just then one of the men discovered three rounds of ammunition in his ammo belt that had been left from some other occasion. He tried one in his rifle and it fit! Quickly, Joe told the man to do the actual firing of the three rounds while the rest of us would go through the motions as if we were also firing. The only other question was would the rifle fire all three rounds because the old Springfields would occasionally jam and not eject the cartridge.

Off we marched into the cemetery just as if all were well. The committal service, the folding and presentation of the flag, the firing of the three rounds, and taps went off without a hitch, much to our relief. After we left the cemetery and were loading our equipment into cars, a man came up to us and said that he had been to several military funerals and he had never heard such good shooting as we had done, everyone exactly together. We thanked him and went on our way leaving the man and everyone else at the service none the wiser.

THE AIKEN HOUSE COMMITTEE

Carole Webber



"James Aiken, Jr., the first male born in Antrim, built on the farm of his father (in the 1790s), just north of the deacon's (Aiken) residence, the large house now (1879) Mr. Whittum's and previously Gove's and Barretts'."

-Cochrane c. 1880 pgs. 339/261

As you can tell from Cochrane's history, the house, south of the library, was built by James Aiken, Jr. and called the Whittum House during the late 1800s. The committee appointed by the selectmen in 1994 to study the use of this building, have chosen to refer to it as the Aiken House Committee, after its original builder and resident.

At the 1995 Town Meeting, the Antrim community voted to accept the Aiken House, a generous gift from Carol and Jim Rymes. When the final transaction is completed at the end of 1995, the committee hopes to have a plan for the use and maintenance of the house.

Over the years many alterations and additions have been made to what was once a simple farm house. The front of the building is part of the original structure, making it an integral part of the history of Main street. Asbestos siding covers the original clapboards. The asbestos, probably added in the 1940s, has been examined and could remain in place as it poses no hazard.

The property can be invaluable to the Tuttle Library, affording improved parking and driveway access. Although the house is not suitable for the heavy weight of book stacks, town ownership of the property is an asset and is essential to any future Library building expansion. The Library Trustees are working on plans for the new driveway and parking, conferring with Police Chief Brian Brown, Road Agent Bob Varnum, and numerous local contractors to insure the safety of all Library and Art Academy patrons.

The Antrim Historical Society also has an interest in the Aiken house. It is an ideal location for meetings, exhibits and storage. At present, the Historical Society with its growing collection, occupies needed space on the second floor of the Library. Many people find that climbing stairs is a physical problem, therefore they miss the opportunity to view exhibits.

In addition to the Library and Historical Society's interest in the Aiken property, the house is viewed by the committee as a potential "community-use structure". Other organizations such as the Women's Club,

Garden Club, Lions, Monadnock Knitters, the Conservation Commission, and the Boy Scouts have expressed a need for meeting and storage space.

Some minor repairs and (hopefully volunteer) cleanup should have the building functioning by late 1996 or early 1997. Inevitable costs are yet unknown but every effort will be made to limit the financial burden to the community. Meetings are held monthly. Check the calendar in the Town Hall or contact a member with your ideas or suggestions.

Aiken House Committee Members

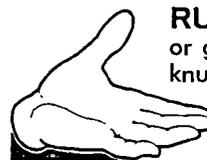
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B ANTRIM MEDICAL GROUP **B**

Robert W. Schorschinsky, D.O.

Did you know that the flu could be preventable?

With the holidays upon us, the last thing anyone wants to worry about, or has the time to think about, is the "FLU" or "Influenza". This viral infection usually starts with an abrupt onset of fever, chills and total lack of energy. Quite often, it is also accompanied with cough and muscle aches. Generally, one's treatment would be merely symptomatic with the use of decongestants, cough suppressants, and Tylenol. More severe cases may require treatment of an anti-viral prescription medication in addition to those previously mentioned. Also, prevention is approximately 85% effective with the annual influenza vaccine. Immunization is critically important for both the elderly and those people with chronic lung disease. If you would like further information about the flu vaccine, please call my office at 588-4200. Here's hoping that you all have a **Happy and Healthy** Holiday Season!



RULE OF THUMB: A rough measure or guide. The part of the thumb from the knuckle to the end is approximately one inch and has often served as a measure when a more precise one was not at hand. Probably the "rule" originated here. Sir William Hope told his readers in the *Compleat Fencing-Master* (1692): "What he doth,

he doth by rule of Thumb, and not by art."



ABOUT TOWN

ANTRIM FIRE COMPANY #1

We're glad to report that things have been pretty quiet for the Antrim Fire Companies these past few months. Of course with temperatures finally starting to feel seasonal, we can expect things to liven-up with the usual chimney fire, or two. Have you had your flues checked and cleaned lately? Contact a reputable chimney cleaning service from the local area. A day time visit from a chimney cleaner is a lot less disruptive and safer than a midnight visit from the fire department! And don't forget the new batteries for all your smoke detectors. A few bucks and a couple of minutes may save your life.

But, if you should need us, rest assured that we have not been idle. Most of the men and women of Companies 1 and 2 have completed 16 hours of training this fall. Everything from pump work to water/ice rescue, to automobile extrication, to mutual aid response, to restringing the flag pole at Memorial Park, has been practiced. For speedy and dedicated service you can reach us at 911.

We're pleased to welcome two new members to Company 1; Bob Therrein and Dave Zelawa have taken on the responsibility of fire fighting. We in Antrim are fortunate to have active participation by so many who are willing to fulfill the needs of our community. And...we're always looking for interested people. For a description of what we do and what you can expect, contact any member, past or present. Or come down to the Company 1 station on Route 31-Clinton Road any Sunday between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Some interest has been expressed about starting a youth division of the Fire Department. Anyone who is 16 years old or older who would like to join, or would be interested in finding out more about this opportunity should call Peter Moore at 588-2331. Get started young, learn something about yourself and your community, and have fun doing it!

FIRE DEPARTMENT/RESCUE SQUAD

A Pot Luck Supper was held in October for members of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad and their families at the Route 31-Clinton Road Station. Many thanks to Joshua Caswell, Angus Chambers, Jennifer McGinnis and Micky McGinnis for setting up the tables.

ANTRIM FIREFIGHTERS' AUXILIARY

The new Firefighters' Auxiliary has grown in numbers, but is always glad to welcome more members. The auxiliary recently hosted a spaghetti supper before the annual Fire Department Turkey Raffle.

Representatives from the Hillsboro firefighters' Auxiliary have offered to speak at the next meeting of the Antrim Auxiliary. Anyone interested in attending may contact Pam Caswell at 588-2906 for more information.

The Auxiliary would like to thank Don and Mary Hammond for their generous donation of two water carriers. They will be used to provide cold drinks to the firemen during fires. Also, thanks to Bill Bezio for donating his time to service the fire station stove.

LIONS CLUB NEWS

The Lions Club got off to a very busy start this Fall. We started this Lions Year with our annual six-mile Walk-a-thon that resulted in raising about \$700 in individual and business pledges. We thank the sponsors for their generous support of this event.

The cribbage tournaments were so popular last year that we have continued them this year too. The Maplehurst Inn hosts this event on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more details, please call Dave Boulé or Steve Schacht.

Our annual Christmas tree sales starts the first weekend in December at the Tenney Farm. We will be selling trees on Saturdays and Sundays until we are sold out!

We are also continuing our support of the Operation Santa project so please watch for the tags at the Antrim branch of Primary Bank. It is through community support that we are able to provide a little brighter Christmas to many of our local children.

Through your generous support of all these events, we, and ultimately you, are able to help serve the needs of our community. If you are aware of a child in need of an eye exam or eye glasses and the family is in financial need, please call us. Local contacts are Sarah and Bob Edwards at 588-6861, Steve Schacht at Wayno's Supermarket, and Dave Boulé at Antrim Lumber Company, 588-2139.

We welcome anyone who might like to participate in a Lions Club meeting and learn more about how Lions members work together to help others.

ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the annual pot luck supper/meeting of the Historical Society, Kermit Davis of Keene read from "Footnotes to History", volume 2, an illustrated transcription of his father's diaries. Clinton Davis grew up in Antrim and managed his family's clothing store on Main Street.

Volumes 1 and 2 cover the years 1899-1906, and may be borrowed from the Tuttle Library. They make fascinating reading, ranging from daily weather reports, through the social life of a young man at the turn of the century, to his accounts of local events and even national events.

For the December meeting, the Society will organize an old-fashioned Christmas Carol-Sing at the Bandstand on Monday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. Plans are in progress for accompanying seasonal treats. Those interested in joining the fun should dress warmly and bring flashlights. For more information call Izi at 588-6581.

ANTRIM RECREATION CENTER

The Antrim Recreation Center, located in the Town Gym, has had a busy year. The Antrim Friends of Recreation continue to be the backbone of support for the Center. We wish to thank the more than 60 volunteers who help paint, chaperone, organize, and participate in activities. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m. Please join us at a meeting or visit the Rec any time.

With help from volunteers, we have been able to sponsor the Great brook School basketball tournament, three Rec Center tournaments, an Easter Egg Hunt, and many youth dances. Our dance admission policy has enabled us to donate hundreds of dollars and cans of food to the Antrim Food Pantry. The Antrim Friends of Recreation has also established a scholarship fund at Conval for a college-bound Antrim student and has sponsored local 4-H, soccer, and basketball teams.

After school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Rec provides supervised but unstructured activities that often include football, basketball, arts and crafts, videogames, ping pong, and more. (Thursdays are for elementary school children only).

On weekends, we normally entertain an average of 60 middle school and high school youths per night. Younger students are welcome to stay until 8:30 p.m. Families are welcome at any time but may find early Saturday to be less hectic.

A recent volunteer luncheon honored loyal supporters. Many thanks to all of them and to Bruce Cuddihy for his entertaining history of the Antrim Memorial Gym. Thanks also to Olivia AliOglu, Becky Platt, and April Kulback who helped serve and set-up.

Rec Center hours are: Tuesdays 3-5:00 p.m., Thursdays 3-5:15 p.m. (elementary only), Fridays 7-10:00 p.m., Saturdays 5-10:00 p.m. Groups that would like to reserve time for an activity should phone Pat Maynard at 588-3121.

YOGA CLASSES

Tom Lawless



Yoga classes have already begun at the Antrim Town Gymnasium on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

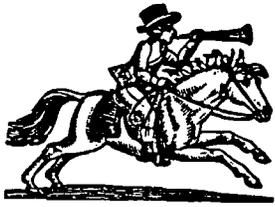
Classes last one hour and a donation of \$2.00 per class is requested. However, if you do not have the money for a donation, you are welcome anyway. Most yoga classes cost considerably more than two dollars, but the purpose of the class is to make the study and practice of yoga available to everyone and to create a group atmosphere that supports individual progress.

The Kundalini style of yoga was developed in northern India among the Sikhs. It is a vigorous yoga that concentrates on flexibility of the spine, breathing techniques, and asanas or postures that stimulate the nervous system and the immune system. Between exercises, there is usually a brief rest period. After a series of exercises, there is a fifteen minute rest periods, during which the student experiences a profound state of rest or meditation.

Kundalini is especially attractive to young people, from mid-teen to young adult. It is an exposure to techniques that they can use for the rest of their lives, for centering themselves during crises.

Those taking classes should wear loose layered clothing, and bring a square sleeping bag or comforter to lay on and cover up with after exercises. All participants should be in fairly good health, and have no major spinal problems. Don't worry if you are a bit rusty, we are starting out nice and easy.

Yoga—it's a chance to get out of the house during these dark cabin-fever days, and feel great! Hope to see you there.



MORE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

The Library welcomes a new staff member, Lynne Nadeau who began working in late October. We're delighted to have her!

Attention parents of preschool children: Pre-School Storytime with Sue McKinnon (volunteer story reader) every other Friday morning, 9:00 -10:00 a.m. The schedule is: December 1, 15, 29 and January 12 and 26. No preregistration necessary.

We are hoping to have some special events during December for both children and adults. If you have any suggestions, or if you would like to share a special craft or skill with other people, please call the library.

Many thanks to local artist and photographer Jane Lauber for her exhibit of photographs of churches and fall scenes in the Monadnock area. The exhibit was held in the Tuttle Library Gallery during November.

The annual book sale held in October was such a success that we have decided to make it an on-going event. Check the book sale rack in the library for hard-cover books, children's books, videos, and paperback books at book-sale prices. Donations are gratefully accepted, and they are tax-deductible!

We would like to re-activate the Friends of the Library Group. Many patrons have asked about a Book Discussion Group also. If you are interested in participating, call or stop in at the library.

The library is looking for volunteers:

- to read to elementary school children
- to help plan, organize, and implement workshops, displays, and exhibits, etc.
- to share a hobby, craft, cooking technique, travel experience, or special interest with others

WANTED: Does anyone have an artists' easel or music stand that they would be willing to donate to the library?

The library has added to its collection many new books. New Fiction: **Silent Night** (Mary Higgins Clark), **Finding Moon** (Tony Hillerman), **Fault Lines** (Anne Rivers Siddons), **Gump & Co.** (Winston Groom), **The Lost World** (Michael Crichton), and **The Horse Whisperer** (Nicholas Evans).

New Mysteries: **Catering to Nobody**, and **Killer Pancake** (Diane Mott Davidson), **Come to Grief**

(Dick Francis), **Windy City Blues** (Sara Paretsky), **Cain His Brother** (Anne Perry), **Simisola** (Ruth Rendell), **The Transcendental Murders** (Jane Langton).

New Reference Books: **Standard & Poor's 500 Guide**, **IBM Dictionary of Computing**, **Americans Traveling Abroad**, **Culturegrams**, **Tax Dictionary For Business**, **Moody's Handbook of Common Stocks**.

The Library recently received a complementary subscription to **Cable in the Classroom** magazine, thanks to Continental Cablevision. This program guide is published for teachers but it is also useful to regular viewers as it divides the programs into categories such as, Literature, History, Science, and age groups from pre-school to adult.

ANTRIM GARDEN CLUB

Schedule of Meetings

- Dec. 11 * 12 Noon * at Rynborn's
Christmas Party (Choose from the menu)
Bring a gift.
- March 20 ♣ Place and Program to be announced

ANTRIM WOMEN'S CLUB

The 1996 Women's Club Community Calendars have arrived with Ann Dwight's beautiful photograph of Gregg Lake. There are a few left and orders may be placed with Janet MacLachlan at 588-2894.

Schedule of Meetings

- Dec. 12 • Christmas Dinner at the Maplehurst Inn at 12 noon
- Jan. 9 • 1:00 p.m. at Antrim Baptist Church
Program: **Harris Center, 25 years from Forests, Ponds and Wildlife to Town and City Schools**
Speaker: **Meade Cadot**, director of the Harris Center for Conservation Education
- Feb. 13 • 1:00 p.m. at Antrim Baptist Church
Program: **Book Reviews**
Speaker: **Kathy Chisholm**, Library Director, Tuttle Library
- Mar. 12 • 1:00 p.m. at Antrim Baptist Church
Program: **Heirlooms of the Future**
Exhibit by club members.

CHURCH NEWS



Presbyterian

Sat. Dec. 2  Hanging the Greens 10:00 a.m.

Sun. Dec. 17  Christmas Party 6:00 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 24  Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

 Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m.

In February, the 88th Washington's Birthday Dinner will be held. Please watch for date and time.



Baptist

Sun. Dec. 24  Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m.

The Community Christmas Eve Service is a family candlelight service that will include traditional carols, choir anthems and a special monologue drama, **The Innkeeper**, performed by the Reverend Charles Boucher, Pastor of the church.

NEWS FROM CAMP CHENOA

The Swift Water Girl Scout Council recently passed the halfway point of a \$2.7 million capital campaign which is providing funds for Camp Chenoa, the new Gregg Lake facility (on the site of the old Camp Sachem). The Council serves girls in New Hampshire and 2.5 counties in Vermont. It has an annual budget of \$3 million, supported in part by twelve United Ways, general giving, investments, and a product sale. Swift Water Council owns seven properties that are used for camping and program activities, but Camp Chenoa is being developed as only the second of two resident camps, the other being in Thetford, Vermont.

Susan McKinnon, Antrim's girl scout troop leader says about Camp Chenoa, "Antrim scouts are in a fortunate position, what with a state-of-the-art camp in their back yard", for, along with girls from all over the state, they are eligible to attend summer camp sessions as well as to use the area year around for such things as hiking and overnight camping. Fees for the two-week summer sessions vary slightly, but for the coming summer they will be in the \$350 range.

The public is invited to visit Camp Chenoa at virtually any time. If you call resident superintendent, Tom Farnham at 588-8009, it would be helpful. Some new buildings are already in place, with more to come.

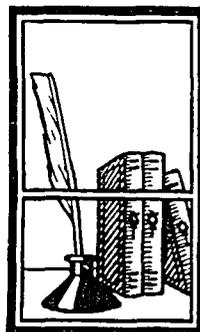
\$ Antrim Women's Club Scholarships \$

The Antrim Women's Club provides scholarships to Antrim and Bennington students who are completing at least the first semester in a post-secondary school. Applications must be made by December 31. Write or phone the Scholarship Chairman, Virginia Young, 3 Pierce Hill Road, Bennington, NH 03442. Telephone: 588-6624.

ANTRIM-BENNINGTON SOCCER LEAGUE

Over 150 kids from the Antrim-Bennington area teamed up this fall to learn, play and have fun chasing, dribbling and shooting the soccer ball. From the first week of school to the darkening evenings of October these children completed an active schedule of practice, hard work and friendly competition.

The organizers of the league would like to thank all the dedicated coaches, players, and parents for their os the most successful soccer program ever. We look forward to next year with pleasure.



GILMORE READING AT TUTTLE LIBRARY

On Tuesday January 9 at 7:30 pm, Lyman Gilmore will discuss and read from his biography-in-progress of the extraordinary poet, playwright, and journalist Joel Oppenheimer. One of the famous Black Mountain Poets who helped change American poetry, Oppenheimer lived and wrote in New York's bohemian Greenwich Village of the 1950's through the 1970's where he was at the center of rebellion in the arts and society. From 1982 until his death in 1988, Oppenheimer taught at New England College in Henniker, and he continued to publish books of wonderfully eloquent and insightful poetry and write wry, satirical articles in *The New Hampshire Times*.

Copies of some of Oppenheimer's writing and the first chapter of Gilmore's biography are available at the library. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can have enough refreshments. Library telephone: 588-6786.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

A Hancock family keeps empty bottles in their wine cupboard—in case someone comes over who doesn't want anything to drink.

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Antrim Community Calendar

DECEMBER

- 1 Preschool Storytime – Tuttle Library – 9:00 am
- 1 Blues at the Rynborn – *Blue Hornets*
- 2 Blues at the Rynborn – *Loaded Dice*
- 2 Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale – Tenney Farm (Sats & Suns, 'till sold out)
- 2 Hanging the Greens – Presbyterian Church – 10:00 am
- 4 Antrim Friends of Recreation Meeting – Rec Center – 7:15 pm
- 5 School Board Meeting – Funding Formula, Sen. Bill 2 – Supt. Office – 7:30 pm
- 7 21st Century Forum Meeting – CONVAL High School – 7:00 pm
- 8 Blues at the Rynborn – *Flight 505*
- 9 First Lighting – Touchwood Square – 5:00 pm
- 9 Blues at the Rynborn – *Toni Lynn Washington*
- 11 Antrim Garden Club Christmas Party Meeting – Rynborn – 12 noon
- 12 GBS Musicians – Crotched Mountain
- 12 Antrim Women's Club – Christmas Dinner – Maplehurst Inn – 12 noon
- 14 GBS Band, Glee Club, Chorus and Chorale – GBS Gym – 7:00 pm
- 14 Lions Club Cribbage Tournament – Maplehurst Inn – 6:30 pm
- 15 Preschool Storytime – Tuttle Library – 9:00 am
- 15 GBS Chorale – Colony Mill – Keene
- 15 Blues at the Rynborn – *Jay Walkers*
- 16 Open House – The Old Slaughter House Barn Studio, West St. – 10 am to 4 pm
- 16 Blues at the Rynborn – *Biggs Band*
- 17 Christmas Party – Presbyterian Church – 6:00 pm
- 18 GBS 5th Grade Glee Club – Caroling downtown Antrim
- 18 Historical Society Christmas Carol-Sing – Bandstand – 6:30 pm
- 19 School Board Meeting – Elementary School Bond Issue – Supt. Office – 7:30 pm
- 22 Blues at the Rynborn – *Blue Hill Kickers*
- 23 Blues at the Rynborn – *Art Steele*
- 24 Christmas Eve Service – Baptist Church – 6:30 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve service – Presbyterian Church – 6:30 pm
- 26 Blues at the Rynborn – *A Night of Comedy*
- 28 Blues at the Rynborn – *Otis & The Elevators*
- 28 Lions Club Cribbage Tournament – Maplehurst Inn – 6:30 pm
- 29 Preschool Storytime – Tuttle Library – 9:00 am
- 29 Blues at the Rynborn – *West End Blues Band*
- 30 Blues at the Rynborn – New Year's Eve Party – *Chicago's Big Jack Johnson*
- 31 Deadline for Antrim Women's Club Scholarships

JANUARY

- 5 Blues at the Rynborn – *Flight 505*
- 6 Blues at the Rynborn – *Kat In The Hat*
- 8 Public Budget Review – Little Town Hall – 7:00 pm
- 9 School Board Meeting – Preliminary Budget – Supt. Office – 7:30 pm
- 9 Antrim Women's Club – Antrim Baptist Church – 1:00 pm
- 9 Lyman Gilmore Reading – Tuttle Library – 7:30 pm

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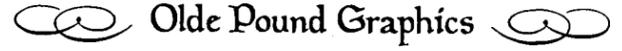
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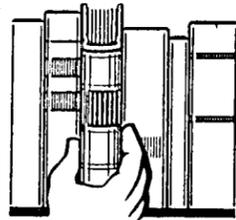
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- 12 Blues at the Rynborn – *The Loan Sharks*
- 13 Blues at the Rynborn – *Loaded Dice*
- 19 Blues at the Rynborn – *Art Steele*
- 20 Blues at the Rynborn – *Toni Lynn Washington*
- 23 School Board Meeting – Budget and Teacher's Contract – Supt. Office – 7:30 pm
- 26 Preschool Storytime – Tuttle Library – 9:00 am
- 26 Blues at the Rynborn – *Albert Otis Blues Band*
- 27 Blues at the Rynborn – *B.J. Magoon & Driving Sideways*
- 29 SCHOOL BUDGET Presentation Meeting – Great Brook School – 7:30 pm

FEBRUARY

- 2 Blues at the Rynborn – *Shirley Lewis*
- 3 Blues at the Rynborn – *Jacksonville*
- 5 Public Budget Review – Little Town Hall – 7:00 pm
- 9 Blues at the Rynborn – *Tony O. & The Tornadoes*
- 10 Blues at the Rynborn – *D.D. & The Road Kings*
- 13 SENATE BILL 2 MEETING (proposal to change the way school budgets are adopted) information & explanation – Antrim Elementary School – 7:30 pm
- 13 Antrim Women's Club – Antrim Baptist Church – 1:00 pm
- 16 Blues at the Rynborn – *Monster Mike*
- 17 Blues at the Rynborn – *Vykki Vox*
- 23 Blues at the Rynborn – *TBA*
- 24 Blues at the Rynborn – *Biggs Band*

MARCH

- 12 TOWN ELECTION DAY – voting for Town Officials, adopting Senate Bill 2, possible changes in the School Funding Formula
- 14 TOWN MEETING – Great Brook School – 7:00 p.m.
- 23 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING – CONVAL – 10:00 am

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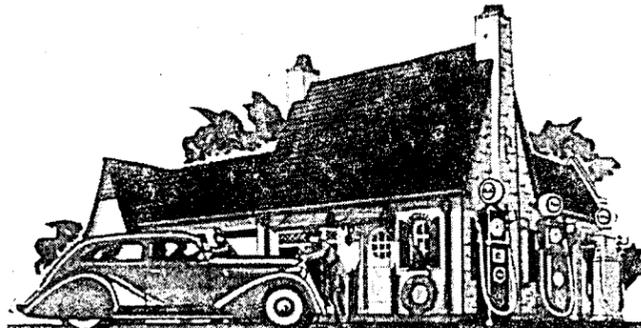
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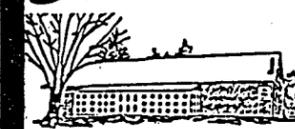
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