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ANTRIM REC CENTER

Susan Pearson is taking over as Recreation Center director and Gym coordinator, succeeding Pat Maynard who served in that position for three years. Mae Lizotte continues as co-director, which helps facilitate the transition.

Volunteer Crisis. Due to a lack of chaperones, the Rec Center faces a temporary shutdown or reduced hours. Parents who do not volunteer because it may make their children uncomfortable need to know that numbers of volunteer chaperones have dropped drastically. The Center cannot stay open without a sufficient number of chaperones. Without them, the task of operating the Center becomes extremely difficult and may even put youngsters at risk. There are enough kids attending on weekends so that even if a parent volunteered once every three months there would be plenty of coverage. An experienced supervisor is always on hand, familiar with the rules and the kids. To discuss volunteering, please call Susan Pearson at 588-2674.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Antrim Scholarship Committee encourages all high school graduates and college students to apply for financial aid from the Jameson, Thompson and Tibbetts scholarship funds. Applications can be picked up at the Town Office or at the Guidance Office at ConVal High School after March 1st. The application deadline is May 1st. High school graduates are especially encouraged to apply, as the bulk of the scholarship funds are earmarked for entering freshmen. Call Paul Ruess at 588-6573 if you have any questions.

FOLK TALES

"THE ERRAND" by Fred Roberts

About 1940 when I was ten years old, the town voted at town meeting to build a new sidewalk on Concord Street. The work was done on my summer vacation from school. They brought in a cement mixer, piles of sand, bags of cement and water from a near-by hydrant. This was before the advent of large truck concrete mixers you see today. In 1940 all the work was done on site.

The man in charge of construction was E. H. "Bill" Edwards. E. H. was a large imposing man and had a deep voice that could be heard at a great distance. There were half a dozen men working for E. H. and it was fascinating to watch, especially for a ten year old. It seemed like magic the way the concrete was made from the raw materials.

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NEW TOWN DOCTOR

Scott C. Jaynes, M.D., a Board-Certified family physician, has signed a letter of intent with Monadnock Health Services to take over the practice in Antrim which is temporarily being served by Dr. Suzanne Coble. It is hoped that Dr. Jaynes will start work here in the late summer or early fall.

The LIMRIK has learned from Monadnock Health services Chief Operating Officer, Sarah Taylor, that (a) the Hospital is deeply committed to having Antrim medically well-served (b) following the resignation of Dr. Schorschinsky, the Hospital mounted a vigorous search for a strong replacement (c) she has great confidence in Dr. Jaynes. Sara Taylor also expressed gratitude for the splendid manner in which Dr. Coble is serving in the interim.

Scott Jaynes grew up in Vermont, took his undergraduate degree at Dartmouth College and had his medical training at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. His medical residency was at the University of Utah Family Medicine Center where, since 1993, he has specialized not only in Family Medicine but also Orthopedic and Acute Care medicine. His fiancée, Annika Brown, is also a physician; she will practice Family Medicine with Monadnock Family Care in Peterborough.

The Antrim practice is also presently served by registered nurse Sue Ward who will continue working with Dr. Jaynes.

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TUES	March 11		Voting for Town Officials, Town Hall		
			8:00 am - 7:00 pm		
THURS	March 13		Town Meeting, Great Brook School		
			7:00 pm		
TUES	April 8		ConVal Budget Vote (location TBA)		
			8:00 am - 7:00 pm		

ANTRIM'S YOUNG DRIVERS

Brian A. Brown, Chief of Police

On February 1st the NH Department of Motor Vehicles, Licensing Division, enforced a law that has been around for a while. This law affects people with their first driver's license who are ticked for any offense: they will lose their license twenty days for the first offense, forty-five days for the second, and ninety days for the third.

Thus, if you are a licensed driver under the age of twenty and are convicted of a motor vehicle violation of any kind, you will be subject to a fine (as would any person) but also to a license suspension of 20 days or more. The suspension will be done administratively through the Department of Motor Vehicles, not at the time of any court proceeding.

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SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Raymond Cote - Antrim School Board Member

School District Meeting. By the time you read this, the ConVal school board will have presented its budget for 1997-98; will have held several public informational sessions; and will be thinking about the upcoming District Meeting. Since this year the voting under the new Senate Bill 2 rules will be different from last year, I'd like to answer a number of questions which are frequently asked.

Is the budget easily available so I can read it? Yes. Soon after the budget is adopted by the School Board, a copy will be available at the Tuttle Library. You can also request to see the budget at the district office behind South Meadow School in Peterborough.

When and where is the District Meeting? The District Meeting is held in two parts. The first part will be on March 12 in the Lucy Hurlin Theatre at ConVal High School. The second part will be on April 8 and will *probably* be at ConVal High School as well.

Why are there two District meetings? Should I go to both? Unlike past District Meetings which consisted of a combination of both discussion and voting, the new format consists of two distinct events. On March 12, voters will gather to discuss and potentially modify the budget as presented by the School Board. At this meeting, motions may be made to amend or modify the budget before it is voted on by everyone in the District. This meeting is very much like the typical floor discussion which has taken place at previous District meetings.

On April 8 you will go to the polls to actually vote on this budget. This will not be a meeting, only a simple vote. Polls will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

It is important that you attend both meetings. On March 12th, you will have an opportunity to voice your vote on how your tax dollars are spent. Your opinion of how others suggest that the budget be altered will be also important. The April 8th vote will be equally important. This is when you will vote to accept or reject the entire budget.

Why do you say we will "probably" vote in Peterborough on April 8th? According to the current rules of Senate Bill 2, this meeting must take place at a central location. It may not take place in the local towns. The School Board has elected to hold District elections in Peterborough. However, the School Board has also voted unanimously regarding its desire to hold the vote in each of the local towns if the law is changed to allow this. Work is currently underway at the State House to change the law to allow this. If the law is changed in time, the ConVal School District intends to hold voting in each of the local towns.

District Meeting is a time when your voice and your vote can be heard loud and clear. At District Meeting your vote has a direct effect on both our property taxes and the education of our children. It is important that you attend so your voice can be heard.

Preparing For NetDay

NetDay is a grass-roots volunteer effort to wire schools so that they can network their computers and connect them to the Internet. There are many ways you can be involved with

NetDay. You can volunteer to lend a hand on April 19th (which is when NetDay occurs this year). Volunteers are needed for many tasks: from running the network wires through the ceilings to ensuring that the computers are all communicating with each other. Don't feel you need to be a computer wizard to participate in NetDay. Mostly what is needed is old-fashioned manual labor. However, you will get a chance to see how the schools' computer network functions from the inside.

NetDay also relies on sponsors who purchase networking "kits" for the schools. Each kit contains enough wire and connectors for several classrooms and each school needs several kits. Local school organizers will be working to find sponsors for the wiring kits.

For more information about NetDay activities contact Nancy Winnett, who has volunteered to coordinate NetDay for the Great Brook School at gb1_school@conknet.com. Check it out on the net at www.netday.org or simply call either Phil Dwight at 588-6285 or myself at 588-3139 and we'll put you in touch with the local coordinators.

Don't hesitate to call us with any suggestions, concerns or questions relating to the budget or any school matters.

FOLK TALES

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One day E. H. called to me to do something for him. He wanted me to go to Old Man Daniels' drug store in the Town Hall block and buy a *carton* of Lucky Strike cigarettes and a *carton* of Camel cigarettes. He gave me two dollars and said I could keep the change. In those days cigarettes cost ten cents a pack or ninety cents a carton. I was all puffed up to be doing an errand for E. H. Edwards and practically ran all the way to the drug store. When I got to the store I told Old Man Daniels that Mr. Edwards wanted me to get him a *pack* of Lucky Strike cigarettes and a *pack* of Camel cigarettes. When I gave the money to Mr. Daniels he gave me back \$1.80 in change. He didn't say anything to me but in looking back on it I think he knew what was going to happen.

When I got back to E. H. and he saw what I had done, he let out a bellow that could have been heard in Bennington.

"Boy, don't you know the difference between a *pack* and a *carton* of cigarettes?" he yelled.

All the men were laughing and I wished I could crawl into a hole. Finally E. H. calmed down and did give me ten cents for doing the errand even though I had goofed it up.

REACH EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN ANTRIM

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THE GRAPEVINE AND THE AIKEN HOUSE

Susan Bartlett and Bob Bernstein

You may be wondering about the new storefront on Main Street next to the Village Store. This is The Grapevine, a family resource center helping parents and children in Antrim and nearby towns to develop in the healthiest possible ways. The center's emphasis is on parent education and improving access to health and social services. Classes in stress management, problem solving, household budgeting and other important life skills will also be offered. Individuals facing similar issues will have a chance to learn from each other in support groups. Together these activities aim at prevention—keeping common challenges from becoming crises that harm families and impact the whole community. With many new programs in the planning, The Grapevine is fast becoming a whole community resource, a place where people can help themselves and each other.

A recent statewide study identified a need in Antrim, Bennington and Greenfield for health and social services for people whose incomes are lower than the local cost of living. For some time, area service providers have been looking for a place from which to offer assistance since many families, especially those with small children, have trouble getting to the services they need. The Grapevine grew out of the concern and enthusiasm of a group of Antrim residents working with Andrea Gilbert, executive director of Families and Communities Together (F.A.C.T.)—a family advocacy coalition working in the ConVal district. The coalition includes Southern NH Services, UNH Cooperative Extension Service, Home Health Care, Hospice & Community Services, and Women's Crisis Services among others. Antrim native Peter Martel is The Grapevine's part-time coordinator, and Syd Smith is leading parent-child events and coordinating Grapevine volunteers. Please see the insert enclosed in the LIMRIK for a listing of current programs.

Funding for this, our first year, came through F.A.C.T. from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human services. Support for a second year is under consideration and hopefully will enable The Grapevine to build on what is has started as well as add programs to boost adult literacy and prevent teen pregnancy. Additional local and state, private and public sources of money will be approached this year. With many responsibilities shifting from federal to state and local levels, centers like ours are being asked to meet the needs of families in our communities, especially those of modest means.

New Hampshire has more than a dozen family resource centers in operation and an informal statewide association. Funding for many core programs comes from state and federal programs. What all of these centers have in common is their focus on bringing valuable resources into their communities. Yet each is unique in tapping local volunteers and providing what is appropriate for its local situation. In addition to education, health and social services, some community centers help in various ways with housing and economic development.

Possible Use of Aiken House

As a small nonprofit organization, The Grapevine will only survive if it can find a suitable, inexpensive home. Antrim's

Aiken House, next to the Tuttle Library, offers the exciting possibility for the family resource center to share space with the Antrim Historical Society, Women's Club, 4-H, Boy Scouts and others. A facility for these groups and The Grapevine would really offer something for everyone. It's possible, but is it practical? What would the center look like—inside and out? Who would pay to renovate and operate the building? Who would manage it? Where would people park, and how would the development of the Aiken House as a community center impact the future needs for expansion of the Tuttle Library? These questions and more need to be answered before any further steps can be taken.

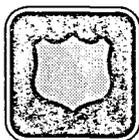
A **warrant article** will be presented at Town Meeting asking voters to authorize the Selectmen to apply for federal funds to conduct a feasibility study and appoint a committee to participate in and oversee the study. No town money is being requested for the study. Conducting the feasibility study would not be a commitment to proceed, even if the study says the project can work.

The federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides funds on a competitive basis for feasibility studies and development of projects like this. If a study determines that the project can work and is eligible for CDBG funding, then public meetings are held to discuss the project further and to decide whether or not to give it the go-ahead. If Antrim voters support the project, the Selectmen can apply for funds to renovate the building.

You can find out more by calling or dropping by The Grapevine. And, you can get involved by volunteering, signing up for activities, and by voting in favor of conducting the feasibility study at this year's Town Meeting.

ANTRIM'S YOUNG DRIVERS

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The State of NH as a whole has been experiencing a notable increase in accidents involving young drivers and, in an attempt to decrease this tragic problem, has come up with the above solution.

As I think about Antrim's young drivers, I can't help but feel that this law may not be as helpful as it may first appear. I have found that the majority of young drivers in this area are responsible young adults, with only a very few exceptions. Most have jobs, or have outside-school activities that require their own transportation.

I am not saying that motor vehicle violations should be trivialized. It affects someone's safety any time a law is violated. However, in fairness, why isn't it just as hazardous with a thirty-five or a fifty year old? I don't have solid statistics but if memory serves me correctly, the Antrim Police find far more over-twenty year old motor vehicle violations than under-twenty.

I bring up this recent law change so that people can be aware of it and adjust accordingly. I hope it does what it is intended to do, but also that it does not subject our young drivers to unfair or harsh punishment. Mandatory sentencing does little to solve problems by itself.



TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

THE ADVENTUROUS THOMAS NICHOLS

Isabel B. Nichols (no relation)

While writing and researching his book, *History of Antrim NH, 1744-1877*, the Rev. Warren R. Cochrane seems to have found the adventurous Mr. Nichols to be one of the most colorful characters among the early settlers, making reference to his life in several sections.

Born in Antrim, Ireland, Thomas Nichols came to this country in 1745 while still an infant. His love of adventure surfaced at the age of thirteen when he ran away from an apprenticeship in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and found his way to the cabin of James Aiken in Antrim, New Hampshire. Looking only for a remote place to hide from his demanding master, he found a home where he could be of considerable help, in a frontier settlement where he could practice his hunting and tracking skills.

"He was an adventurous and smart boy, fearless, and roving" says Cochrane, "...He bravely entered the forests alone, shot the bears that encroached upon Deacon Aiken's domain, killed a moose that fall near the Deacon Worthley place (now the McCabe property), and his keen, smart undertakings were such as would do credit to an experienced hunter."

At this time, James and Molly Aiken and their four little girls were the only settlers in South Antrim, the nearest neighbor being Philip Riley who lived near the Hillsboro town line. Their cabin was built near Great Brook at the foot of Depot Street hill. The hardships that this family endured are the same as those recounted in every pioneer tale, but Cochrane outlines one experience in the summer of 1768 in which "the boy Thomas" was called on to use his prowess with a gun to help his adopted family in a crisis.

Deacon Aiken had gone on foot to New Boston for corn and was detained there with a lame back. His cows had followed him, crossed the river and gotten lost in the woods, leaving Molly and the children with no source of food for several days. Cochrane writes: "Sabbath morning, early, a flock of pigeons alighted on a tree near the cabin. Very reluctantly and only on the grounds that they were starving, Mrs. Aiken consented to let the boy Thomas Nichols shoot them on the holy day. Only one was brought down, but this (with a few ground nuts), made into a broth, relieved the distress of hunger..." Until the cows were found in Greenfield!

Two years later another refugee found shelter in the Aiken home, and this was a fortunate turn of events for Thomas. George Bemain, a deserter from the British army in Boston, was an educated man, and in return for his board, provided schooling for Thomas and the Aiken children as well as for neighbor children when other families began to arrive.

It would seem, however, that education didn't interfere with Thomas's first love, hunting, and in the following years he roamed all over the forests of Antrim in search of game. In this way he found what he considered the best place to start his own farm when the time came. The part of town known as "Over East" was his choice and he built the house now owned by Evelyn Perry on Elm Avenue. Subsequently three of his brothers came to town and began farms in the same area, so there were four Nichols brothers living in a row.

There were very few Native Americans living in Antrim in the 1770s, and no recorded incidents of assault, but Thomas Nichols experienced a near miss. Through his game hunting he came to know and trade with Indians, but on one occasion they believed they were being cheated by him. His method, according to Cochrane, was to tell them that his fist weighted a pound, and to use his fist to balance furs when weighing them. "The red men thought he got 'too much pound', and laid their plans to kill him!"

Thomas suspected trouble and dug a hidey-hole in the cellar of his house which he could climb into and close behind him with a foundation stone. He slept in this hole for a long time until the immediate danger was past. But he was watchful for years until the Indians had completely left this place. This experience earned him the nickname of "Indian Trader".

During the war years the courageous Nichols was appointed Captain in the militia, an office of great honor and importance. But following the end of the Revolution, civilization came rapidly to Antrim and by 1808 it was a well-established, self-sufficient community with a population of over a thousand residents. The wild expanses of forest had been tamed and opportunities for good hunting diminished. The adventurous Captain Nichols, although in his mid-fifties, was still looking for wilderness to conquer and moved his family to a new frontier in New York state. There he died in 1811 and was buried in a huge trough, since his wife had no way of procuring a coffin.

Cochrane concludes Nichols' biography thusly... "Capt. Nichols' life was full of romance. He had a roving disposition—was smart and cunning—was an influential, stirring man; and he ended his active life as he began it—a pioneer in the wilderness."

FROM THE STATE HOUSE

Representative Gordon Allen

The legislature is now in full swing and we are working hard in our committees to consider the 1100 bills that have been introduced. The pace is frantic because each of these 1100 bills must have a formal public hearing before a committee in the space of about a month. Each committee specializes in a particular type of bill and there are 20 committees in the House (with about 20 members each) focusing on such areas as the environment, health, transportation, children, and commerce. To give you an idea of the work load, some committees have been assigned over 100 bills. This is a lot of hearings and work over the space of the 6-8 weeks the committees have to finish their work.

At the public hearing introducing each bill, all members of the public are given time to speak their piece. During the hearing, committee members can also ask questions of the people testifying to get needed information. The "give and take" in these hearings is often the most lively and productive part of the whole legislative process. Emotions can range from tears to laughter, and powerful testimony from the public can carry the day. I urge you to attend if you feel strongly one way or another about a bill, or have suggestions on a better way.

Your testimony, including calls and letters to me or the committee, is very valuable. It provides us not only with im-

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Carol Smith

portant information, but gives us a critical "reality check" on the fancy testimony we get from the paid lobbyists. Your testimony keeps us focused on our job of determining the bill's real impact on NH citizens. As you might imagine, we get very nervous when we have a public hearing and only the paid lobbyists show up. Without public testimony from people who will actually experience the benefits or costs of the bill, it can be very difficult to pin down what will really happen in the community. These impacts need to be carefully understood and weighed in the committee work sessions on the bill where the detailed "nitty gritty" work on the bill is done and where the bill's fate is largely determined. If a bill is important to you, it is critical to follow and, if possible, attend these work sessions. They are open to the public and are usually scheduled at the public hearing.

Unfortunately, public hearings often run behind schedule (especially for bills later in the day) because it's hard to predict how long they will take. (make sure you leave extra time if you plan to attend and call the committee the day of the hearing to confirm the time.) Hearings can take anywhere from 1/2 hour to days, depending on how many people show up. For example, this term I am again on the Finance Committee, and we are expecting testimony on the State Budget to go on for several weeks! Following that testimony, our meetings in the full Finance Committee and the three subcommittee will likely take hundreds more hours before we make our final recommendation to the full House. All these meetings are open to the public (even though they are sometimes called "executive sessions"), and at most, the public can speak. To get a schedule of these and other committee meetings on bills, please call me at the Legislature (271-3165) or home (588-2742) and I will get back to you.

Overall, I have little to report to you now since over half the bills have yet to have even their public hearing. In the next issue of the LIMRIK I will be able to give you the scoop on the major bills, including the largest bill of them all—the State Budget. We are just starting work on the budget, and as I predicted in my last column, after all candidates in the last election (except yours truly) studiously denied a budget deficit existed, everyone now admits we have a deficit ranging from \$35–50 million. Coming off a long period of budget cuts, freezes, and deferrals, this time around it appears that we may not be able to avoid making some hard choices on taxes (such as cigarette tax increases) and spending. These are hard topics to discuss rationally in the NH Legislature, but I'm hopeful we can put rhetoric aside long enough to get the job done for you. Please call if you have any ideas on where we can realistically cut spending or increase revenue. As a Finance Committee member, I can put these directly on the table. We need all the help and ideas we can get.



HEARD AT BUDGET HEARING

I came out of that session
smiling like a rose.

In December we hosted the second Regional Selectmen's Meeting. This group consists of Selectmen from the towns in the ConVal, Jaffrey-Rindge, and Conant School Districts. Their goal is to band together for the mutual benefit of the individual towns. The major topic at this time is how we can work together to influence the current Legislature to reconsider the way that education is funded. Other topics of discussion include potential ways to reduce costs in the highway department and consolidation of purchases.

The Selectmen are also in the midst of implementing structure to our town-employee policies. Since this is a major undertaking we will be working on individual portions as time is available. We are currently working with department heads on creating job description for each town employee. Preliminary work has begun on updating the Employee Handbook. Once these two areas are finalized we will work on creating pay ranges for each town employee. Since each year at least one selectman leaves and a new one begins, we envision these changes as a way to bring stability to policies and as an aid to department heads in managing their departments.

January and February found the Selectmen meeting with department heads, trustees, and committees to discuss budgets. Our goal in preparing the 1997 budget was to keep costs down as much as possible so that the townspeople could continue to enjoy the new-found tax relief brought about by the funding formula change. We also realized that it was our responsibility to insure that the Town of Antrim be able to function in an efficient and financially practical manner now and in the future. With this in mind the overall budget has been increased by approximately \$24,00 primarily due to increases in Capital Reserve allocations to fund the replacement of equipment within the next 10-25 years for both the Highway and the Fire Department.

We hope that you will make your voice heard on election day, Tuesday March 11th. The polls will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. The following individuals are running for office:

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| 1 Selectman (3 yr) | Philip Dwight
Raymond Whipple |
| 1 Trustee of Trust Funds (3 yr) | James Dennison |
| 1 Health & Welfare Director (1 yr) | James Lamothe |
| 1 Water/Sewer Commissioner (3 yr) | Fernando Barsanti |
| 1 Water/Sewer Commissioner (1 yr) | Christopher Rawnsley |
| 2 Library Trustees (3 yr) | Lyman Gilmore
Constance Kirwin |
| 2 Planning Board Members (3 yr) | David Essex
Marion Noble |

Town Meeting will once again be at the Great Brook School Gym on Thursday March 13 at 7:00 pm. We also want to remind you of how important it is that you attend the ConVal Budget meeting on Wednesday March 12th at 7:00 pm at ConVal High School. This meeting will give you the groundwork in preparation for the new voting procedures being implemented now that Senate Bill 2 has been passed. Please attend this first informational meeting and then follow it up by casting your ballots at ConVal High School on Tuesday April 8th. It's important for all of us!

HITTING THE ROAD

Lyman Gilmore

The two friends were quietly jogging along the dirt road when the black bear came out of the woods fifteen feet in front of them. Nose up, head swaying, lumbering along purposefully, it did not see them. Suddenly it turned to face them, and quicker than each thought possible, it reared up on its back legs, forepaws stretched up over its head, neck hair bristling, seven feet of dark, menacing, wild beast. Hearts pounding in terror, they stopped dead in their tracks. In a confused flash each tried to remember what to do when confronted by a bear: run, freeze, walk slowly, make eye contact, don't make eye contact! But, beating them to a decision, the bear turned its back, dropped to all fours, and loped back into the woods. Wayno Olson and his partner Sherry Gould were shaken as they picked up the pace running home. They are two of a growing group of hearty Antrimites who share an enthusiasm and commitment—some might say a mad, foolhardy obsession—for regular running.

Hearty Stan Dutton has probably run more marathons than anybody else in town, including the famous Boston Marathon five or six times. Owner of Great Brook Landscaping, Stan started running in 1960 at the old Antrim High School on Main Street when coach Chick Hamel came to town

and said that anybody who wanted to play basketball had to sign up for the new track team. In those days you could field a track team at zero cost since every kid had all the necessary equipment, a pair of sneakers. Stan and his friend Don Putnam wanted to play basketball, so they became runners, a sport that stuck with them for many years after their last hoop shot. Stan kept at his running through Springfield College, let it fade during the Army in Korea, and picked up the pace again for the road races sponsored by Wayno's Market.

Wayno's races put Antrim on the running map. Wayno Olson created his first hilly, five mile race for the town's Bicentennial celebration in 1976, and all of thirty-eight runners showed up. The next summer he offered colorful t-shirts and prizes, and twice as many racers entered. For the next eight years, as the word spread that this was a challenging but terrific race, more and more runners from all over New England flocked to Antrim until there were nearly four hundred runners crowding the starting gate at the gun. Many loyal Antrimites helped manage the races, including Dick Conti, Pat Beers, Donna Holt, Sandy Nay, Bev Watterson and Cinda Gilmore. Finally, Wayno says, it got to be too expensive, costing up to five thousand dollars a year, and he decided, sadly, to discontinue his sponsorship.

Another local person who got a running start with Wayno's races is Neil Sharby. Neil admits that the story around town about his first race is pretty much true. He had been to a party the night before the first race in 1976, and although he hadn't run to speak of since he was a boy, and despite his being in less than top shape, he rose to Wayno's challenge and bravely showed up at the starting line early the next morning. He started easily down Main Street, and began to believe

the fantasy many unsuspecting runners in the Antrim Race have had, that this was going to be a cinch. By the time he was half way up the long West Street hill, he knew, as a lot of us have known, that he was about to die. Ruefully, he remembers that moment twenty years ago with sharp clarity and considerable understatement: "It hurt, it was rough, it was very hard." But Neil pushed through the notorious West Street Envelope, and not only did he finish the race, he has run nearly every day since. Like clockwork, every noon hour you will see Neil with his short, brisk pace eating up a four to six mile round trip between the Monadnock Papermill and Antrim. His wild beast moment happened two years ago when he was thrilled to see a beautiful black bear tear out of Tenney's field, cross the highway right in front of him just south of Jim Rymes' gas pumps, and scramble up the hill into the woods.

No bears for Wayne Dekoning, but other wild things in the dark. Wayne began running twenty years ago "as a form of sanity" when he owned the Texaco station from 1970 to 1977 where T-Bird stands today. It was a tough, frustrating job, and after twelve hours pumping gas and changing tires, he needed to unwind with what he discovered was the best therapy, a nighttime jog. Smith Road is beautiful in the daytime, but at night it is a black world. More than once he'd be flowing along at an easy, relaxed pace—his mind "off in a wonderful zone, sorting things out, better than tranquilizers"—when suddenly in the dark he'd almost step on some scurrying forest critter, and they'd both nearly die of fright.

Most runners don't encounter wild animals, but they are passionate about dogs. Everyone interviewed for this article has a nasty canine story, and even if they are dog lovers, they are wary of your precious pet. Gentle and playful indoors with the family, a loose dog outside, protecting its territory, or harboring fantasies of its wolf ancestors, can viciously threaten and even attack an innocently passing jogger. When that snarling, barking animal with its neck hair on end comes after you, there's no way of knowing how serious it may be. It is a terribly helpless—and infuriating—feeling to be threatened by a dog during a run. And even if you are reasonably sure that it won't actually bite you, the surprise of its rush at you can make you swerve into the road in front of somebody's pickup truck. Antrim has a leash law that requires dog owners to have their animals in control at all times, but some residents, especially those living in the country away from the center of town, allow their dogs to run free. The Antrim police say they will take an owner to court whose dog bothers someone passing by.

Joe Burton, who manages the Maplehurst Inn, will never forgive the German Shepherd that cost him his high school sports letter. He was training for a big track meet with the Coast Guard Academy, when a Shepherd took a small piece out of his leg. Because the doctor had to take a stitch—just a single stitch—Joe wasn't allowed to compete, and although he had an excellent record for the season, he didn't qualify for his letter. But he's glad to be a runner, not only because as a "pudgy kid" he got himself into shape, but also because he



so loves hitting the road that he wants to start a "Maplehurst Running Club" for people who will get together for regular jogs followed by bagels and juice at the Inn. He says to give him a call if you are interested.

The athletic Maplehurst is over-represented in this survey as its personable bartender, Don Winchester, is a runner too. While Don is one of the special few who have completed the Boston Marathon, he has a refreshingly laid back attitude about his sport. Many runners tend to be compulsive about getting out there every day, or logging so many miles or minutes. But Don takes a relaxed approach. Stay home in snow and ice, run for fun, take it easy. Good advice, but of course most of us jognuts will ignore it.

One person who has a different philosophy from Don (although they are friends) is police officer Brian Gianmarino. Brian has to be physically fit in his job of protecting us, and he takes both his conditioning and his responsibility to the town of Antrim seriously. A runner since high school, Brian joins Wayne and the rest of us in jogging for stress reduction; "it really clears me up." Last December he decided that beginning January 1st he would run every day, and he wanted to complete 120 miles by the end of the month. He made it to 118 miles, but because he wanted to visit his son Sam's school—nothing is more important than Sam—he came up two miles short. Off toward a new goal, he reports "pushing hard" on a recent seven mile trek to Hillsborough.

Dental hygienists are in great shape if Dr. Homicz' staff is any indication. Kerry Jordan began running twelve years ago, and today she takes care of the canine threat on the five days a week she hits the road with her own yellow Lab "KC" loping at her side. Her colleague Amy Binette ran her first race at nine years of age with the encouragement and inspiration of her mother who has run the Boston Marathon.

Since 1967, in all seasons, many of us have seen a familiar sight on Route 202 south of town, a lone, bearded runner galumphing along slowly but earnestly. Sixty-three year old Lyman Gilmore figures conservatively—and absurdly, he says—that he has run at least thirty thousand miles between his Highland Avenue home and the old Bennington ballfield on 202. (Do the numbers yourself: four miles a day, five days a week, fifty weeks a year, for thirty years.) He claims running for him is therapy, meditation, and inspiration, that between Tenney's farm and Platt's cornfield he cured his asthma, composed his doctoral dissertation, recovered from cancer, and kept from getting too fat. Coming from Puritan stock, and only a little masochistic, he says that those runs below zero and under broiling sun help work off sin and guilt.

Like a lot of us, Linda Bundy was shy in school and hated gym class where you had to perform in front of everybody. If someone had told her back in Bristol, Connecticut, that her goal one day would be to run a ten kilometer road race, and that in October of 1996 she along with six thousand other women would complete the "Tufts 10K" in Boston, she would have said that's crazy, absolutely nuts! But that is what she has done, beginning cautiously eleven years ago with little

half mile jogs, and working up to several three-to-six mile runs a week. She got started innocently enough when the Happy Valley Pre-school in which her son Nathan was enrolled in Peterborough sponsored a fund raising road race, and she hasn't stopped since.

What is it that keeps these people hitting the road? Besides the fun of it and the obvious health benefits—acrobic exercise that strengthens heart and bone and burns calories—nearly all our runners speak of an important psychological, almost spiritual, component to their runs. There comes a moment as you are swinging along in the open air when suddenly your mind soars off into its own inner space, while your body continues to work and care for you by watching for uneven footing and oncoming cars, automatically, unconsciously. Neil and Wayne and others speak of entering a wonderfully pleasurable mind-state in which your body seems to float and time stands still. Sometimes you abruptly realize that you have been running for several minutes, have covered a mile of road, without being aware of it. Psychologists explain that this is actually a light hypnotic trance, and that it is very restful and healthful. All runners know that for lifting depression, spicing doldrums, improving the day, dissipating a hangover, boosting sexual energy, and simply making you feel good, nothing beats a run!

Running can be beautiful, but it has its dangers. Aside from dogs and the odd bear, injuries sometimes occur, as is inevitable in any sport. Pulled muscles and ankle sprains do happen, and as at least one of our runners has discovered, if you think angry enough thoughts while running, you can trip and fall! Some people like the highway because there are frequent passersby to help in case of a problem, but others, like Stan Dutton, prefer deserted back roads through woods and fields. Although it doesn't happen often, women runners need to be aware of the possibility of sexual harassment on the road. One woman remembers that as a young girl just beginning to love running, she quit the sport for years when a pickup full of men terrified her by slowing their truck and making obscene remarks at her. Recently one of Antrim's women runners tells of a van that slowed as it passed her on Route 202 north of town. When she reached the space where Artek used to be, there was the van with its driver standing on the side of the highway exposing himself and laughing at her. Frightened and furious, she stopped at the next house and called the police who captured the Concord man in Hillsborough.

But despite these occasional threats, running is generally safe, inexpensive, healthful, and best of all, joyous. What better way to greet spring—and change your life—than to hit the road!

Not every Antrim runner has been mentioned here; among others are Denise Holmes, Rick Nannicelli, Mark Reynolds, and newcomers to town, Melissa Chapman, and Lisa Cochran who is training for this spring's Boston Marathon.

OK, where are my sneakers?





SCHOOL NEWS

Barbara Black

"AHA". Emile Birch, well-known New Hampshire artist and sculptor, will be working with student sculptors in grades 5-8 to design and create a gateway to the GBS wetland walk. Mr. Birch presented an introductory slide show to the entire GBS student body showing examples of his work at parks in Sunapee and Exeter. He also shared his work-in-progress for the Law Enforcement Memorial to be placed on the State House grounds in Concord. Using his slides, Birch invited students to see the world through the eyes of a professional artist.

Students then submitted applications for the positions of student sculptors. Each prospective sculptor submitted a 3D model of a possible wetland gateway. From these applicants forty-two students were selected to work with Emile Birch over the next three months. Student sculptors and Birch will explore various structural designs and materials to create a gateway. The gateway will reflect the personality of the GBS wetland and the students who study it. Students will explore, adapt, and combine ideas until "Aha" the perfect match is found. Then sculptors will develop plans and build a working model from which student builders will create the gateway. To be unveiled on April 17th, this gateway will reflect the spirit and ideals of the GBS environmental studies program.

WASHINGTON TRIP. Thanks to all townspeople who have hired 8th graders for odd jobs to help them earn their way for a trip to Washington, DC in mid-April. Among other objectives, the students will visit the National Air and Space Museum, and the Holocaust Museum, the Capital and the Smithsonian Institution.

THANK YOU. The GBS Job Shadowing program (see LIMRIK Vol. 6, No. 1) continues to flourish thanks to the generosity of many community members. Many, many people have been kind enough to spend part of a day with an eighth grader explaining their job and how to prepare to enter that field. Dr. Perry and Homicz, Leslie Richards, Bob Wilson, Margaret Baker-Salmon, Elsa Voelcker, and Jane Lauber have been especially generous with their time. If you would like to be part of this exciting work/school connection, please call GBS counselor Maggi Picard (588-6630).

DON'T FLY TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN. It's a bird, it's a plane, it's... From early mythology to space shuttles man has always been fascinated with the concept of flight. What will the future bring? No one knows, but GBS seventh and eighth graders will think about it.

Seventh graders will pursue an integrated study of the beginning of flight through space travel. In literature, students will read myths and records of early attempts to fly. Science classes will explore the concepts of lift, thrust, gravity, and drag.

Eighth graders will focus on NASA space flight and the solar system. In math, students will work with scale and angles to help them create rockets in their industrial technology classes.

The school has access to some telescopes and is looking for community members who would be interested in helping to organize a star watch night. Anyone with expertise in

astronomy or professions that involve flight (pilots, navigators, etc.) would be very welcome guests. Please call Kitty Swan at GBS (588-6630) if you would be willing to meet with staff and/or work with students.

"YOUR HONOR, I OBJECT". This is the second year GBS students will participate in the New Hampshire Bar Association's Mock Trial competition. Two teams are now hard at work learning the statutes and law procedures that they will need to prepare three cases for the competition.

The GBS eighth grade mock trial team is working with teacher Ellen Salmonson and Antrim attorney Harry Sewall. Marcia King and Peterborough attorney Glenn Smith are helping the combination seventh/eighth grade team prepare.

GBS SERVICE CLUB. The Club meets Mondays after school. They're not asking for help, they're giving it. If you have an idea how they can "lend a helping hand", please call the school (588-6630).

A SENSE OF PLACE. Do you love to travel? Are you interested in meeting famous people (both past and present)? Are you concerned with how man is destroying the rain forests? Not enough money to sail around the world this summer? Well, visit the GBS Multicultural Fair on April 3rd and you can satisfy your thirst for travel all in one place for an evening.

Seventh graders will study the continents using the five themes of geography: Place, Location, Regions, Movement, and Human Environment Interaction. Each student will research a country and assume the role of one of its famous personages. Each seventh grader will write a biography of a famous person and assume that role at the Multicultural Fair. At no cost, you can't beat this price for a world-wide tour.

PHOTOJOURNALISM. Photographers Bill Gnade and Mime Mike Zurphy shared with seventh graders how pictures tell a story. Using examples of his own work, Mr. Gnade helped students see how small differences in angle and light can affect the story that a picture tells. As a mime, Zurphy shared how he uses his body instead of words to tell a story.

Armed with their new knowledge and cameras two students from each core went out into the GBS community in search of stories to tell. Photographer Elsa Voelcker and GBS librarian Jane Gehling helped students make enlargements from their negatives. Using the library and interviews as sources, the photojournalists wrote factual stories to go with their photographs.

HEROIC ARCHEOLOGISTS? Well, not really, but put the sixth grade Odyssey of the Mind performance with the seventh/eighth grade team's reproduction of an archeological dig and that's what you would get.

Each year GBS sends teams to the regional OM competitions. These events require students to approach problem solving with creativity, skill, and resourcefulness. Students are asked to create a performance centering around a given theme. They must create the script and build the props with little help from their adult mentor. The second part of the competition requires students to think quickly and creatively under tight time restrictions. Topics are kept secret up till the last minute.

The seventh/eighth grade team chose the classic problem for their skit. Their archeological dig includes past and future relics presented in a humorous play. Members Carrie

Marcouillier, Tom Bryan, Jane Jackson, Rob Anderson, Maggie Tarrio, Heather Lawless, and Jackie Robbins have been hard at work all fall.

Talented sixth graders Kate Chabot, Christianne Amodio, Devyn Young, Becca Johnson, Laura Belcher, Yvette Courtemanche, and Elisabeth Miller have created a heroic performance. The requirements were to create a male or female character which has one very small or very large feature. The character must use this feature to save someone in its own species and a member of another species. This hilarious skit will be performed March 22nd at Keene High School. The public is invited to attend all of the regional skits performed that day. There is no admission charge.

600 CANS AND GROWING. Great Brook students have been recycling aluminum cans to help our environment and a local charity. In December, the first month of the program, students brought in 600 cans. Students compete each month to see which class and individual brings in the most rinsed cans. These are added to the cans recycled in the lunch room at GBS. The money collected from selling the cans to a recycling firm will be presented to a local charity at the end of the year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—MAKER OF MEN. Nathaniel Hawthorne's short story THE GREAT STONE FACE captures the pride New Hampshire has in this symbol and its men and women.

The first act of this year's New Hampshire Dance Institute production of GREAT STONE FACE: TALE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE has an environmental focus. Great Brook students will be hikers. The second act tells Hawthorne's story. Great Brook students have two individual numbers as well as participating with the huge ensemble pieces. This night of dance and music, color and excitement is a wonder to behold! There is something to delight young and old.

Thirty-two GBS fifth through eighth graders have been practicing since October for the May 23-25 performances at the Redfern Art Center on Brickyard Pond at Keene State College. Call the box office in early April to order tickets.

MAN AND WATER. Fifth graders have been exploring the use and harnessing of water power. Starting with Great Brook's wetland, students have studied the animals which live in and along the brook. From aquatic invertebrate samplings to animal tracks, students have explored nature's use of water. Chemical testing and studying the history of mills along Great Brook has enabled students to see man's impact on water quality.

CREATIVITY. Art teacher Fran Hewitt has a busy spring planned. From working with guests artists to using art techniques in team integrated projects GBS students will have a wide variety of artistic experiences.

Artist Emile Birch and student sculptures will be in residence in the GBS art room for 16 days this spring designing and creating the GBS wetland gateway.

Anne Hennessy, owner of the Wool Room in Antrim, will share her experiences with fifth graders who are studying the move from home to factory work during the American Industrial Revolution. Mrs. Hennessy will demonstrate the art of spinning wool. She will also help students understand the origins of the yarn they will be using to create their own weavings in art class.

As part of their preparation for the Multicultural Fair seventh graders have been studying costume design and creating paper figures. They have also created travel posters and regional wall hangings.

Eighth graders will create tiles for a remembrance wall to commemorate the Holocaust. Students will create political cartoons to illustrate the "Jim Crow Laws" they are studying in social studies.

Art will also be an integral part of the seventh/eighth grade flight and space unit.

CELEBRATION! We're having a party, and you are all invited! Come celebrate earth's gifts at the GBS Earth Day Celebration on Thursday, April 17th. The celebration will officially begin with the unveiling of the GBS Wetland Gateway. Then there will school-wide displays and activities celebrating our environment.

Northern Lights will provide an interpretive dance. There will be a stage production and music created by GBS students. Plans are in the works for a community dinner.

Thursday, April 17th will be GBS's gift to the community. Please join in the celebration!

OUR PRINCIPAL. Rick Nannicelli has been nominated for the New Hampshire Association of School Principals' Principal of the Year award. The overwhelming number of endorsements chronicling this superior administrator's abilities and achievements indicate the high esteem in which he is held by the GBS community. We hope Rick will receive the state-wide recognition he deserves.

GBS CALENDAR

MARCH

- 12 District Meeting 1 – ConVal HS 7:00 pm
- 13 PTO – GBS Library 7:00 pm
- 21 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workshop
- 22 Mock Trial – Location TBA TBA
- 22 Odyssey of the Mind – Keene HS TBA
- 28 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workshop

APRIL

- 3 Multicultural Fair 7:00 pm
- 8 Voting – ConVal School Budget
- 10 PTO – GBS Library 7:00 pm
- 14-18 Environmental Week at GBS
- 15-19 Eighth Grade Trip to Washington, DC
- 17 GBS Earth Day Celebration – open to the public
- 21-25 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

MAY

- 8 PTO – GBS Library 7:00 pm
- 15 Wagon Wheels West! – GBS Gym 7:00 pm
- 16 Wagon Wheels West! – GBS Gym 7:00 pm
- 23-25 NHD1 performances – matinees and evenings
Redfern Arts Center at Keene State Center
- 26 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
- 29-30 Fifth Grade overnight at Plimoth Plantation



AIKEN HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Aiken House Committee was charged with researching the potential use of the house and property that was donated to the town by Jim and Carol Rymes in 1966. Three options were investigated: (1.) convert the building into a Community Center for use by local groups, clubs, and town agencies (2.) demolish the entire building, (3.) demolish the rear add-on portion of the building and convert the remaining front portion into a Community Center for use by local groups, clubs, and town agencies.

The Committee recommends in its annual report that the town adopt Option 1. The committee vote was recorded as follows: 5 in favor, 2 abstaining. Community groups such as the Historical Society, the Woman's Club, the Garden Club, the Conservation Commission, The Grapevine, and the 4-H Club have expressed interest in using the building for meetings and office space. The Grapevine and F.A.C.T. (Families And Communities Together) have prepared a warrant article for Town Meeting which would authorize the Selectmen to seek Federal Funds for a feasibility study to investigate and determine long-term use of the Aiken House. *See article about The Grapevine on page 3.*

In 1994, the NH State Architectural Historian James Garvin inspected the Aiken House and found the original building to be an historically significant landmark on Main Street. In the fall of 1996, an inspection was done by State Fire Marshall Don Bliss who made recommendations for fire and safety improvements. An estimate for demolition including disposal of hazardous materials, grading, and paving the site was done by committee member Keith DuBois.

The extension of the Tuttle Library driveway out to Aiken Street and the paving of the parking area at the Aiken House, a joint effort between the Library Trustees and the Town of Antrim, were completed in 1996 under the guidance of the Aiken House Committee. The interests of the Tuttle Library are represented by committee members/library trustees, Connie Kirwin and Ruth Zwirner. The interests of the Historical Society are represented by committee members, Martha Pinello and Carole Webber. The Town of Antrim is represented by committee member/selectmen Peter Moore, and committee members Tod Bryer and Keith DuBois represent the interests of the community at-large.

*The annual Town Report contains an abridged version of the full report of the Aiken House Committee. The long version of this report is available at the Tuttle Library.

ANTRIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Aiken House Notes. Built as a farmhouse in the 1790s, the Aiken house is the only remaining 18th-century building on Main Street, blending in with Victorian and more modern types of architecture. In its 200-year life it has also served as mill-housing for the Goodell Company workers when that company was Antrim's main source of employment, and later as an apartment house.

Four years ago the Historical Society received an inquiry from Robert Aiken of Colorado Springs, a direct descendant of James and Molly Aiken, Antrim's second family. Their son James Jr. built the farmhouse on his father's property. Subsequently, the Colorado Aikens came to Antrim and were pleased to find physical evidence of their family's life in this town and the prestige that went with it.

A more recent inquiry was received from Thomas McKean of Moscow, Idaho whose great-great-great-grandfather David McKean (sic) bought and lived in the Aiken House from 1840-1862. He too plans to visit Antrim to see the home and community of his ancestors. Members of the Historical Society are always glad to respond to this kind of inquiry, and doubly pleased when they can show visitors actual property that has been preserved. This is our goal—to save and care for the town's heritage. Curator Carole Webber is preparing an Aiken House exhibit which will be on view at Town Meeting.

Genealogical Exhibit. The current exhibit at the Tuttle Library is made up of items of genealogical interest—scrapbooks, family bibles, ledgers, and local history books. A new addition to the Society's collection is David Hurlin's extensive catalogue of old homes. For newcomers to the community, this catalogue offers the names of original builders, and follows the list of occupants to the present day.

Recently shown on PBS was a new series, "Ancestors", which may inspire people to search out their family history, much as "Roots" did twenty years ago. Methods of locating information beyond the local level are also included in the exhibit. For assistance in using these materials, please call one of the following representatives of the Historical Society: Nina Harding, 588-6175; Isabel Nichols, 588-6581; Giffin Russell, 588-2843; Carole Webber, 588-2332.

Pictorial History. "A Stroll Through Antrim New Hampshire", a 112-page pictorial history of our town from 1870-1920 is well on its way to completion and will definitely be available in time for Christmas 1997.

Volunteers Brian Beihl, David Hurlin, Nancy Haggarty and a host of active Society members have spent hundreds of hours preparing what will be a much sought-after record of the town. Information about placing orders for the book will be published in the next issue of the LIMRIK.

HEADLINE BLOOPERS

Power Outrage Hits During Blizzard

Did you know that ...

The **Steele Homestead Inn** opened its doors again two years ago? **Barbara** and **Carl Beehner** offer warm, personal hospitality in a smoke free environment. They serve hearty, healthy breakfasts which have been enjoyed throughout the years by many relatives and friends of Antrim residents. The Inn is located on Route 9 in Antrim North Branch. They do appreciate advance reservations, but also accept last minute "drop-ins". They also welcome visitors to come and view the accommodations offered. Call **588-2215** or write to them at 125 Keene Road, Antrim, NH 03440.

A new business has opened that offers photographic services? **Lighthouse Photographic Services** provides pre and post loss insurance documentation, real estate listing packages as well as promotional packages for businesses and organizations. Contact **Travers A. Rank** at PO Box 580, Antrim NH 03440 or call **588-2546** for more information about this business.

Blair/Bristol Construction is located at 23 Elm Avenue in Antrim? **Jim** and **Fred Blair** are general contractors and builders. They are experienced residential and commercial contractors and would be interested in hearing from you on your plans to remodel or build this spring. Their phone number in Antrim is **588-3129** and in Keene is **355-2200**.

Mainline Courier Services is another new business in Antrim? This service provides pick-up and delivery of documents, packages, prescriptions and perishable items. They also offered customized shopping and grocery services, and airport pick-ups and deliveries. For more information contact **Travers A. Rank** at PO Box 580, Antrim NH 03440 or call **588-2546**.

Peter Volpe owns and operates **Volpe's Tax Service & Electronic Filing** and **Fox Graphics**? Both of these home based businesses are located at 21 Elm Street in Antrim. Peter has been a tax preparer since 1987 and in 1990 he was IRS certified for electronic filing. Since he cannot, nor wants to prepare taxes all year round, he started a wholesale silk-screening business, Fox Graphics, which seems to seasonally coincide with the tax practice and keeps him busy from early April to late December. Throughout his business career Peter has tried to implement new knowledge and technical expertise in service to his tax clients and his silk-screen business customers with courteous and prompt services at reasonable prices. Please call **588-3191** to make a tax appointment or to get a free silk-screen quote of your custom logo printed on T-shirts or on a variety of other products such as the book bags for the Tuttle Library.

HEARD AT TOWN MEETING

Anyone working for the town should be above and beyond approach.

MAPLEHURST NEWS

Deb Burton

Spring is typically our slowest season at the Inn, so we're making an offer that's hard to refuse! **Stay two nights for the price of one during March and April!** If you have family, friends or business associates planning a trip to the Monadnock area this Spring, be sure to let them know. We also offer ski packages in conjunction with Temple Mountain including lift tickets/trail passes, overnight lodging and breakfast. Our blues packages with the Rynborn are still a great bargain too.

Spring also brings the celebration of our fifth year in business under the ownership of the Crowell family. Our traditional St. Patrick's Day Buffet on Monday, March 17 (5-9 pm) will include Corned Beef & Cabbage, Stuffed Sole, Maplehurst Chicken, Irish Soda Bread, Bailey's Irish Mousse and more, all prepared by our very own Irish Chef, Garret Sullivan. During dinner Irish folk melodies will be played and in the Tavern we'll be serving up green beer! Call to reserve your place for this fun-filled evening.

In response to your requests, in January we began offering casual dining on Monday and Tuesday nights, 4 to 8 pm. We were hoping to fill in the gap left when the Rynborn rearranged their hours. The response has been mixed, everyone thinks it's a great idea—but nobody's coming! Our menu includes soup, salad, stew and sandwiches. If this is something you would like to see continue, please join us on a Monday or Tuesday night.

SPRING HOURS

Lunch:	Wednesday	11:30 am- 2:00 pm
Casual Dining:	Mon & Tues	4-8:00 pm
Fine Dining:	Wed-Sat	5-9:30 pm
Buffet Brunch	Sunday	10:00 am-2:00 pm

Cribbage is every other Thursday starting with March 13 at 7:00 pm in the Tavern.

For more information contact the innkeepers, Joe and Deb Burton at the Maplehurst Inn, 67 Main Street, PO Box 155, Antrim, NH 03440 or call 603-588-8000.

RYNBORN'S

RESTAURANT

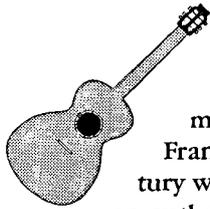
Thursdays-Saturdays	4:00 pm-10:00 pm
Sundays	7:00 am-2:00 pm
Sunday Light Fare in the Lounge	2:00 pm-4:00 pm
Sunday Dinner	4:00 pm-9:00 pm

New menu: all entrees includes both old favorites and new specialities. The Frequent Diner Policy—the lunch and dinner chips you've been collecting—is still in place.

BLUES CLUB

The Blues Club is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 4:00 pm-1:00 am. Headliners are all your great regional and national bands.





LIVEOAK

In April the LiveOak Concert Series continues its quarterly offerings with performances by master guitarist and baritone Frank Wallace. Playing and singing 19th century works by Mertz, Regondi, and Schubert on an authentic 1854 guitar from Sevilla, Frank will also be playing on a modern classical guitar, performing his own compositions as well as the works of Bach and Bernstein.

Concert Series Dates

Sun. April 13 3:00 pm Good Tymes Restaurant
Main Street, Antrim

Sat. April 19 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm
Peterborough Historical Society
19 Grove Street, Peterborough

LiveOak Workshops

Guitar Classes: Taught by Frank Wallace using the popular Childbloom™ Guitar Program for children ages 5–12. Classes are ½ hour long and have 2–4 students per class. Currently there are openings in Antrim (Wednesdays), Peterborough (Tuesdays) and Keene (Mondays).

Voice Classes: Taught by Nancy Knowles, there are openings for both adults and children on Mondays in Peterborough and Wednesdays in Antrim. Classes are either 1 hour or 1½ hour long.

Harp Lessons: Taught by harpist Mary Graham of Wilton who was featured in the recent LiveOak Concert Series program of medieval and Shaker music.

LiveOak Workshops Open House (FREE): Prospective students, friends, and everyone interested in music, hear selections from the concert series and student groups and get to know us on Sunday March 9 at 3:00 pm at the Good Tymes Restaurant, Main Street, Antrim.

For more information call 588-6121.

LIONS CLUB

Members of the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club would like to thank all in the community who helped make our Operation Santa project a success. We were able to bring Christmas joy to 80 local children. The community's support was received through individuals taking tags from the Christmas Tree at Primary Bank in Antrim and purchasing the requested gifts; by donations, and by buying Christmas Trees from the Lions Club, as the monies generated from tree sales help support this project. We would like to thank Alycema Flanders and all the elves who helped her coordinate the gifts. Thank You! This is truly a community project.

Lions Club International is the largest service organization in the world. Our primary focus is on health related issues such as eyesight, hearing, diabetes, and drug prevention/awareness. Only through the community's support are we able to assist people. If you are interested in membership or have any questions about the Lions Club, call Bob Edwards at 588-6861.



TUTTLE LIBRARY

NEWS

The recent Friends-of-the-Tuttle Library Raffle yielded nearly half of the funds needed to purchase a computer with CD-ROM for public use. The Library has applied for a grant to make up the difference. We are especially grateful to those who donated Raffle items: Antrim Mailbox Video, At Wits End, Antrim Lumber, Old Hancock Glass, Baker's Garage, Chauncey Farm, Rose Chisholm, Cook's Garage, Don Dunlap, Edmunds Hardware, Mary Fraser, Great Brook Veterinary Clinic, Susan Gross, Diane Gutgesell, Maplehurst Inn, Tom Meyers, Lynn Nadeau, Fran Olsborg, Lisa Olsen, Patten Hill Farm, Reade and Woods Insurance, Plants Alive, The Robertsons, Rynborn Restaurant, Barbara Shea, Shear Locks, Syd Smith, Tenney Farm Stand, Wayno's, The Wool Room, Livery Stable Crafts, Michelle Volpe, White Mountain Traders and Tuttle Library.

Many new books by your favorite authors have been acquired in all categories: Margaret Atwood, Maeve Binchy, Michael Crichton, Ken Follett, John LeCarre, Scott Turow, Rita Mae Brown, Patricia Cornwell, Colin Dexter, Tony Hillerman, Jonathan Kellerman, and Diana Gabaldon. Additions to our Video collection include: *Forrest Gump*, *Land Before Time IV*, *Riverdance*, and *Sense and Sensibility*. Audio tapes include: Patricia Cornwell *Cause of Death*, Ken Follett *A Dangerous Fortune*, Stephen King *Dolores Claiborne*, E. Annie Proulx *The Shipping News*, and Amy Tan *The Kitchen God's Wife*.

Some of our new acquisitions have been financed by generous patrons through the Library's annual Adopt-a-Book (or audio or video tape) Program. As you clean out your bookcases, keep in mind our annual book sale will be coming up this summer. And speaking of generosity, the Library has received its first donation specifically earmarked for future Library expansion, i.e. our Building Fund.

Scheduled book displays will be:

March WOMEN
April POETRY
May CAREERS and TRAVELLING
June GARDENING

Scheduled exhibits and activities will be a possible repeat of the slide tour of Scotland by Bob McElroy and Kathy Chisholm; artwork exhibit by Antrim Elementary and Great Brook School students; and, an community amateur photography exhibit. Note that the summer reading program this year will begin one week after school closing and will conclude at the end of July.

REMINDER: Please have your library cards with you when you are checking out materials. We are updating our records and need to verify patrons and cards issued.

Friends of the Tuttle Library meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Library.

 We need YOU as a "FRIEND"! 



Ecumenical Lenten and Easter Services

Lenten Luncheons:

- Feb. 12 Antrim Baptist Church
- Feb. 19 Antrim Baptist Church
- Feb. 26 Antrim Baptist Church
- Mar. 5 Antrim Baptist Church
- Mar. 12 Antrim Baptist Church
- Mar. 19 Bennington Congregational Church



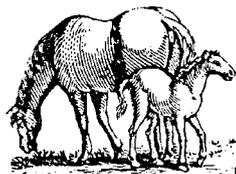
Antrim Baptist Church

- Mar. 27 † Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
Communion
- Mar. 30 † Sunrise Service 6:30 pm
Easter Service 10:30 am



Antrim Presbyterian Church

- Mar. 27 † Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 pm
Communion
- Mar. 28 † Good Friday Service 7:00 pm
- Mar. 30 † Easter Service 10:30 pm



HOT TO TROT 4-H CLUB

The Hot To Trot club has been very busy this new year starting off with eight new members. The club had two members competing at the Horse Bowl Competition on February 1. Meagan Slater represented Hillsborough County's senior team and did very well; Ryan Richard was on the junior team, and they both had a great time. Kerrah Cutter was an alternate for the junior team and that was also a great accomplishment.

We are getting ready for the County Activities Day on March 22 with members sewing a project for the Fashion Revue, preparing demonstrations and public speeches.

Project Gem Star is on hold for a few months while the weather is keeping us from working with her on a regular basis. The club is still planning to breed her in the beginning of July if everything goes on schedule.

Meagan Slater and Brigitte Gutgesell were selected to be on the state judging team after a cold, long day of judging five classes in November. Great job!

The club is planning to hold its annual horse show in August and will be gathering sponsors throughout the summer months. We hope that local residents will again come and watch this year.

If you have any questions about 4-H, please call Beth at 588-6615.

Meanwhile, the Rec Center is extremely grateful to the many people who have donated time and money. Quoting Pat Maynard, "Some great people volunteer at the Center, some of whom don't have children there. Thanks!"

100 Hour Tee Shirts. Kids who attend the Rec Center for 100 hours receive free Rec Tee Shirts designed by Bo Dunaway. The latest lucky winners are: Hannah Wylie, Jon Blair, Missy Whitely, Aben Whitely, Jesse Allen, Casey Cook, Chris Bacon, Jayboy Aborn, Do Dunaway, James Smith, Heather Lizotte, Ken Harvey, Olivia Ali-Oglu, River Holka, Dan Kurz, Ben Mooney and Alex Colby. Congratulations!

Friends of Recreation Scholarships. As in the past, the Antrim Friends of Recreation have raised money to provide two \$500 scholarships to Antrim college students. Students may obtain application forms at the ConVal Guidance Office.

Use of Rec Center. Any group wishing to use the Gym or Rec Center facilities may call Sue Pearson for information. Currently, activities include basketball, gymnastics, and aerobics.

GIRL SCOUTS

It's Girl Scout cookie time once again! If you were not asked to place an order, there are extra cookies available! Call Robin Quinn at 588-3209 or Kathy Burke at 588-8058. Boxes are \$3 each.

The Girl Scouts are in need of cadet and junior leaders for this fall. If you are able to help, please call Robin Quinn.

Children's Stories You Wish You Could Finish

Violet, Grouvella and Hogle

by Angela, age 8



Introduction

Once upon a time there was a princess named Violet. She was tall and skinny and she had long hair. Now on the other side of town there lived a magician, an evil magician. He was a midget. He had short hair and his name was Hogle. He also had a sister and her name was Grouvella. She was also a midget and she had long hair.

Chapter One

One day Hogle went to the fortune teller and the fortune teller told him that his death would be because of the princess Violet. So, one day the magician came to Violet's house to talk to the king. Now the king loved money and so the magician asked the king if the princess failed three tasks would he have permission to chop off her leg? Now the king was not sure that he wanted that to happen to his daughter. But just as he was deciding that the answer was no, Hogle pulled out a chest from his pocket and opened it. Inside was a lot of money.

Then Hogle said, "If you let me chop off her leg, this whole thing will be yours."

As you would have guessed, the king said, "Oh, yes, yes, definitely."

Chapter Two...



ANTRIM GARDEN CLUB

There will be a meeting on Monday, April 28, time and place TBA. Membership chairman is Helen Hammond, 588-2264.

ANTRIM WOMAN'S CLUB

Note that all regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Fellowship Hall in the Antrim Baptist Church. Membership chairman is Jean Berry, 588-3762.

- March 11 Speaker: Joan Duncanson
Songs For Celia—the story of Celia Thaxter
- April 8 Speakers: Local drug enforcement officials
Drug Awareness and Prevention
- May 13 Annual Luncheon, time and place TBA.
Speaker: Lori Frandino
Merchant Marines

Eight students from Antrim and Bennington were awarded book scholarships offered by the Antrim Woman's Club. They are: Joshua Fletcher, a junior at Bridgewater State College (MA) majoring in aviation science; Pamela French, a junior at Keene State College majoring in elementary education; Joanna Fraser, a sophomore at Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales (PA) majoring in dance; Kevin Kimball, a freshman at Franklin Pierce College majoring in business management; Ryan MacGregor, a freshman at UNH majoring in business; Micah Pascucci, a sophomore at the U of Maine at Machias majoring in outdoor education; Aaron Zwirner, a junior at Lafayette College (PA) majoring in government; and Matthew Zwirner, a sophomore at Springfield College (MA) majoring in sports management.



MONADNOCK KNITTERS GUILD

The guild meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Tuttle Library at 7:00 pm.

- Feb. 25 The Great Hat Challenge
- Mar. 25 All the Ons and Offs of Casting
- Apr. 22 Cooper Creations

FIREFIIGHTERS AUXILIARY

The newly formed auxiliary has been hard at work raising funds to purchase necessary supplies and equipment. The purpose of the auxiliary is to assist at a prolonged fire with food and beverages for the firemen. The freezer is being stocked and arrangements made for groceries needed in an emergency. Wayno Olsen has agreed to open Wayno's Supermarket in the event of a nighttime fire. The auxiliary hopes to purchase large hot and cold carriers to deliver beverages to a fire. Donations toward this purchase will gladly be accepted by the auxiliary treasurer, Linda Bryer.

The anonymous winner of the recent Christmas raffle donated the prize to Operation Santa Claus. The gifts in the large stocking were given to children on Santa's list. The Valentine Basket raffle was won by the Whites of Hancock.

YOUTH BASEBALL NEWS

Spring is almost here and the next baseball season cannot be far behind. The Antrim Youth Baseball program begins with sign-ups on the following dates:

- Sat. March 22 10:30 am-12:30 pm Antrim Town Gym
- Sat. March 29 10:30 am-12:30 pm Antrim Town Gym
- Mon. March 31 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Antrim Town Hall

Registration fee is \$10 per child or family of 3 or more children is \$25. All boys and girls ages 6-12 years old are welcome. Remember that all children who have signed up in the program will participate. The emphasis is on Teamwork, Skills, Sportsmanship, and most of all having FUN! The season will begin April 21 and last through the month of June. Support and help is always welcome for these youngsters. We are looking for local volunteers and parents to help participate in coaching and umpiring. If you have any questions, please call Bill Ruoff at 588-2932 or Sam Harding at 588-2442.

ANTRIM RESCUE SQUAD

The Antrim Rescue Squad started off the new year with election of officers. The following members will serve: Chairmen, Pat Lovering; Vice Chairmen, Richard Edmunds; Secretary, Beth Witherell; Treasurer, Harry Payne.

Pat Lovering reports that the rescue squad made 233 calls last year. The squad is made up completely of volunteers who must complete extensive training courses. The squad relies on the support of the town and fund-raisers to purchase necessary up-to-date equipment. The Antrim Woman's Club Christmas card donation provided funds for the purchase of a pulse oximeter. A pulse oximeter tells how much oxygen is in the blood to ensure that there is an adequate supply of oxygen. The members of the squad are very grateful to the Woman's Club for their yearly contribution. The rescue squad would also like to thank the community for its generous support throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated.

ANTRIM FIRE DEPARTMENT

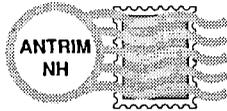
The Antrim Fire Department recently elected officers for 1997. The following were elected for Company 1: Captain, Doug Cottle; First Lieutenant, Jay Hennessy; Second Lieutenant, Tod Bryer; Secretary, Eric Phillips; Treasurer, Mike Caswell. Elected for Company 2 were the following: Captain, Marshall Gale; First Lieutenant, Ken Fales; Second Lieutenant, Gary Wood.

Chief Mike Beauchamp reports that seven firefighters received certificates for completion of a Firefighters #1 course.

NEWS DEADLINE

Contributors to the LIMRIK should provide copy to reporters by the 8th of the month preceding each issue. Issues are published in December, March, June, and September. For the next issue, copy should be delivered by May 8, either to a staff member or to the Tuttle Library.

POST OFFICE NEWS



The US Postal Service has a bright array of new stamp designs for 1997. Already issued are those bearing the Chinese "Year of the Ox" design, a commemorative stamp to black American Benjamin O. Davis, Sr., and swans whose heads come together so that their necks form a heart ("Love Swans"). Coming out in March and April are botanical prints, triangular shaped stamps with a ship and a stage-coach, and a Bugs Bunny stamp. Later in the year we will see stamps with American dolls, Humphrey Bogart, classic American planes, movie monsters, a set of eight composers and conductors, a set of four opera singers, and two picture-sheet sets of dinosaur stamps. These are available from the Antrim Post Office for use or collections as soon as they are released.



THE FLAWED EXAM

Colin Rizzio, son of Pat Rizzio of the Antrim Post Office, has achieved celebrity status throughout the country as the result of finding a flawed question on the college SAT exam. Colin took the exam last October and after it was over he continued to puzzle over one question. He did some calculations and then contacted the Educational Testing Service which creates and administers the test. They confirmed the validity of his discovery and are now excluding the question/answer from the score calculations thereby raising scores for many students who had also taken the exam.

Colin's mother says that his discovery has made him something of a hero to other college applicants whose acceptance hinges on their SAT scores. Those who fell short by just a few points may see the extra points improve their chances of attending the school of their choice.

Colin appeared on the **Good Morning America** and the **Today** shows. He had calls from the Fox network, CNN, CNBC as well as *Time* and *People* magazines. "Colin knows that in a few weeks, nobody will remember who he is," Pat Rizzio said, but for now he is enjoying this well-deserved attention!

ANTRIM IN THE EVENING

Plans for another season of **Antrim In The Evening** Summer Concerts are well under way. By popular request, a series of 10 performances are being planned, including July 4th, Labor Day Blues and BarBQ, family shows, and several Wednesday evening concerts. Some familiar faces will return, and look for some new ones too.

You can help make this summer's concerts a reality with your donation to **Antrim In The Evening**. As a way of saying "Thanks!" we offer some special gifts and acknowledgments which are detailed in the form below.

Your cash donation goes directly to performance fees which are 98% of the cost of the summer concerts. Send your donation before June 1 to receive your special thank-you gift. All donations are tax deductible. Please fill out the form below and sent it along with your donation. If you have any questions, call Jonas Taub at 588-6208. Your donation to **Antrim In The Evening** will be appreciated by all concert goers this summer.



YES! I'd like to help Antrim In The Evening.

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(Make checks payable to Town of Antrim and mail to Jonas Taub, 22 Summer Street, Antrim, NH 03440)

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- \$30 or more **Antrim In The Evening** T-Shirt (Circle Size) S M L XL (Silk Screening by Fox Graphics)
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(Suncatchers and T-Shirts will be available in early June.)

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MARCH

- 5 Lenten Luncheons at the Antrim Baptist Church
- 9 LiveOak Concert at the Good Tymes Restaurant, Antrim 3:00 pm
- 11 Voting for Town Officials, Town Hall 8:00 am-7:00 pm
- 11 Antrim Woman's Club Meeting at the Antrim Baptist Church
- 12 Lenten Luncheons at the Antrim Baptist Church
- 12 School District Meeting Part 1 at ConVal HS 7:00 pm
- 13 Town Meeting, Great Brook School 7:00 pm
- 13 GBS PTO Meeting at Great Brook School Library 7:00 pm
- 16 Friends of the Library Meeting at Tuttle Library 7:00 pm
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Buffet at the Maplehurst Inn 5-9:00 pm
- 19 Lenten Luncheons at the Bennington Congregational Church
- 21 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop Day
- 22 GBS Mock Trial - Location TBA
- 22 4-H County Activities Day
- 22 Odyssey of the Mind Competition - Keene HS
- 22 Youth Baseball Sign-Up at Antrim Town Gym 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- 25 Monadnock Knitters Guild Meeting at the Tuttle Library 7:00 pm
- 27 Maundy Thursday Service at the Antrim Baptist Church 7:00 pm
- 27 Maundy Thursday Service at the Antrim Presbyterian Church 6:00 pm
- 28 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop Day
- 28 Good Friday Service at the Antrim Presbyterian Church 7:00 pm
- 22 Youth Baseball Sign-Up at Antrim Town Gym 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- 30 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at the Antrim Baptist Church 6:30 am
- 30 Easter Sunday Service at the Antrim Baptist Church 10:30 am
- 30 Easter Sunday Service at the Antrim Presbyterian Church 10:30 am
- 22 Youth Baseball Sign-Up at Antrim Town Hall 7:00-9:00 pm

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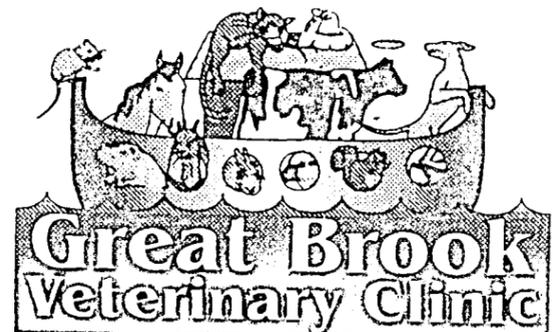
- 3 GBS Multicultural Fair 7:00 pm
- 8 ConVal Budget Vote, probably at ConVal HS 8:00 am-7:00 pm
- 8 Antrim Woman's Club Meeting at the Antrim Baptist Church

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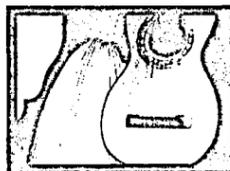
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Antrim Community Calendar

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- 10 GBS PTO Meeting at Great Brook School Library 7:00 pm
- 13 LiveOak Concert at the Good Tymes Restaurant, Antrim 3:00 pm
- 14-18 Environmental Week at GBS
- 15-19 GBS Eighth Grade Trip to Washington, DC
- 17 GBS Earth Day Celebration – open to the public
- 19 NetDay at Great Brook School
- 19 LiveOak Concert at the Peterborough Historical Society 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm
- 20 Friends of the Library Meeting at Tuttle Library 7:00 pm
- 21 Youth Baseball season begins
- 21-25 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- 22 Monadnock Knitters Guild Meeting at the Tuttle Library 7:00 pm

MAY

- 1 Deadline for Antrim Scholarship applications
- 8 Deadline for LIMRIK news
- 8 GBS PTO Meeting at Great Brook School Library 7:00 pm
- 13 Antrim Woman's Club Meeting at the Antrim Baptist Church
- 15 Wagon Wheels West! at GBS Gym 7:00 pm
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- 18 Friends of the Library Meeting at Tuttle Library 7:00 pm
- 23-25 NHDI performances – matinees & evenings – Redfern Arts Ctr Keene State College
- 26 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

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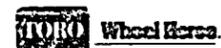
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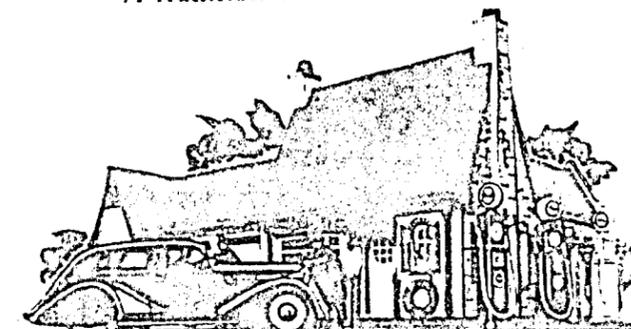
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