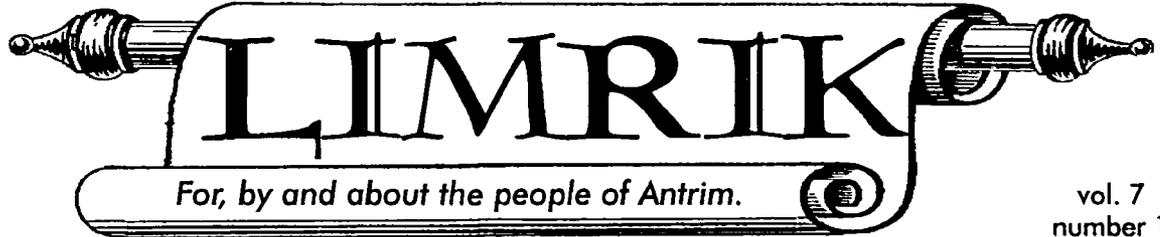


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REC CENTER RENEWED

The Rec Center, in new quarters at the Old Gym, is up and running again! After a 5-month shut down due to problems that have now been addressed, the Center re-opened on the weekend of November 8th.

Schedule

Fridays 7-10:00 pm 8th grade and up

Saturdays 6-9:00 pm 5th —7th grade

Future Plans 3-5:00 pm elementary school students

Membership. Forms must be filled out by students and must be signed by parents. The Center is for residents of the ConVal School district. Members may bring guests and non-members may attend special activities which require entrance fees such as dances and basketball tournaments.

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END OF AN ERA: PHIL DWIGHT CROSSES THE STREET

Lyman Gilmore

Antrim government won't be the same. Come town meeting Phil Dwight will cast off his mantles as Selectman and Business Manager and depart the Town Hall where he has well served his neighbors for ten years. Gone from these halls of governance will be the grizzled beard, the wry smile, the bright dedication to Antrim's solvency, and the critical role he played with such skeptical glee, a role that some of us have come to be both value and dread, the old Devil's Advocate.

But he won't be going far. Citizens who want still to sip from the trough of Phil's wisdom and wit—literally and figuratively—need only venture across Main Street and pull a chair up before the fire in the Maplehurst Inn where he

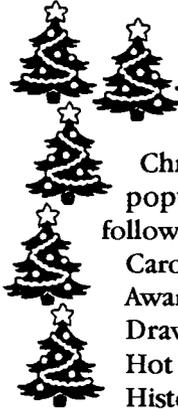
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FOLK TALES

THE STING by Fred Roberts

Rob and Sadie Munhall lived on a farm "over east". The farm house was the house that now sits at the corner of Elm Avenue and Concord Street. There was a large barn that burned several years ago. When Rob got to the time to retire the farm was sold and he and Sadie moved to a house on Concord Street in town. He had an old horse that he had owned for years and he took the horse with him and kept it in a small barn on the property on Concord Street. Rob also had the use of two small fields on the old homestead to grow hay for feed for the horse.

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FIRST LIGHTING

Thursday, December 11th at 5 pm, come and share the 8th First Lighting of our Christmas tree at Touch Wood Square. The ever popular John Robertson will be emcee for the following activities:

Carolers from Great Brook School

Awards for Main Street Window Paintings

Drawing for the BIGGEST STOCKING IN ANTRIM

Hot chocolate and cookies sold by the Antrim Historical Society

Santa will leave his workshop and stop at the square during the festivities to give out candy canes from his pack. Mike Beauchamp, the fire chief, has arranged a ride on a fire truck (about 5:20 pm) so that Santa's reindeer can rest. People of all ages will have the chance to talk with Santa and give him their wish lists.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

MARIJUANA: HOW DOES IT GET THERE?

Brian Brown, Chief

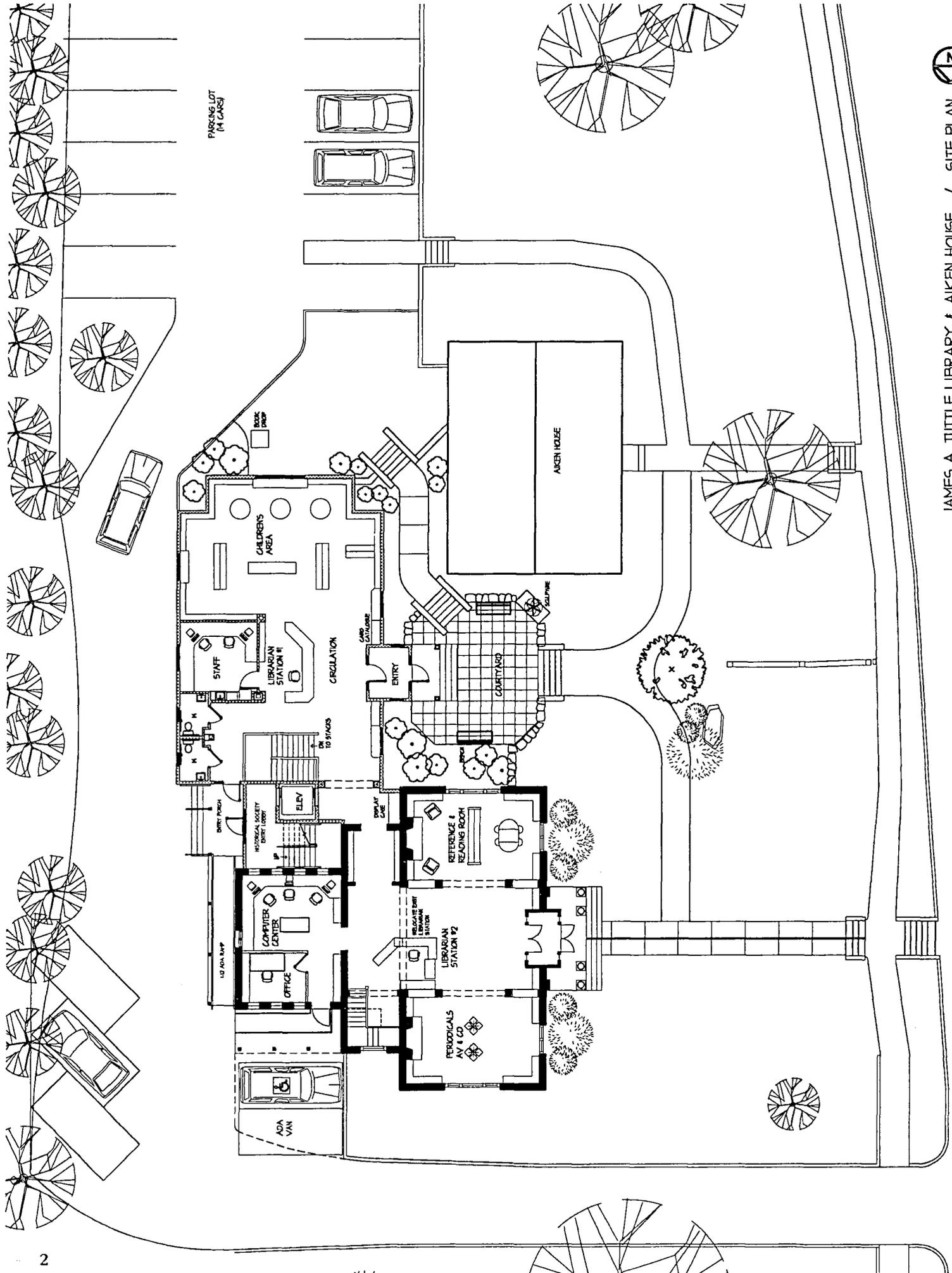
Several weeks ago I went to a social gathering here in Antrim. I had a great time and spent a lot of time talking about kids and how wonderful they are. It got late so I left.

About three or four days later, while working on some other information, I was made aware that several of the adults at this gathering were very happy about me leaving. It appears that someone had brought marijuana and since I had left, it was OK to participate in its consumption.

I'm not writing about this to name names or to point fingers but I would like to try and understand how this is acceptable around so many responsible parents. If it is allowed at your own social event, how angry or upset are you going to be when you find out that your child has been offered marijuana at someone else's?

In order for an individual to possess marijuana, someone had to grow a plant. From that plant a minimum of four baggies (lids) were harvested. An adult got one baggie, where did the other three end up? So when we find drugs being possessed by our children, maybe it came from the same dealer that this adult is helping to keep in business; maybe it came from the same plant; or maybe if you have a bag at home, the marijuana came from that same bag.

EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN STARTS IN THE HOME WITH US...SO WHAT ARE WE, AS PARENTS, REALLY TRYING TO TELL OUR KIDS?



PARKING LOT
(14 CARS)

BACK
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CHILDREN'S
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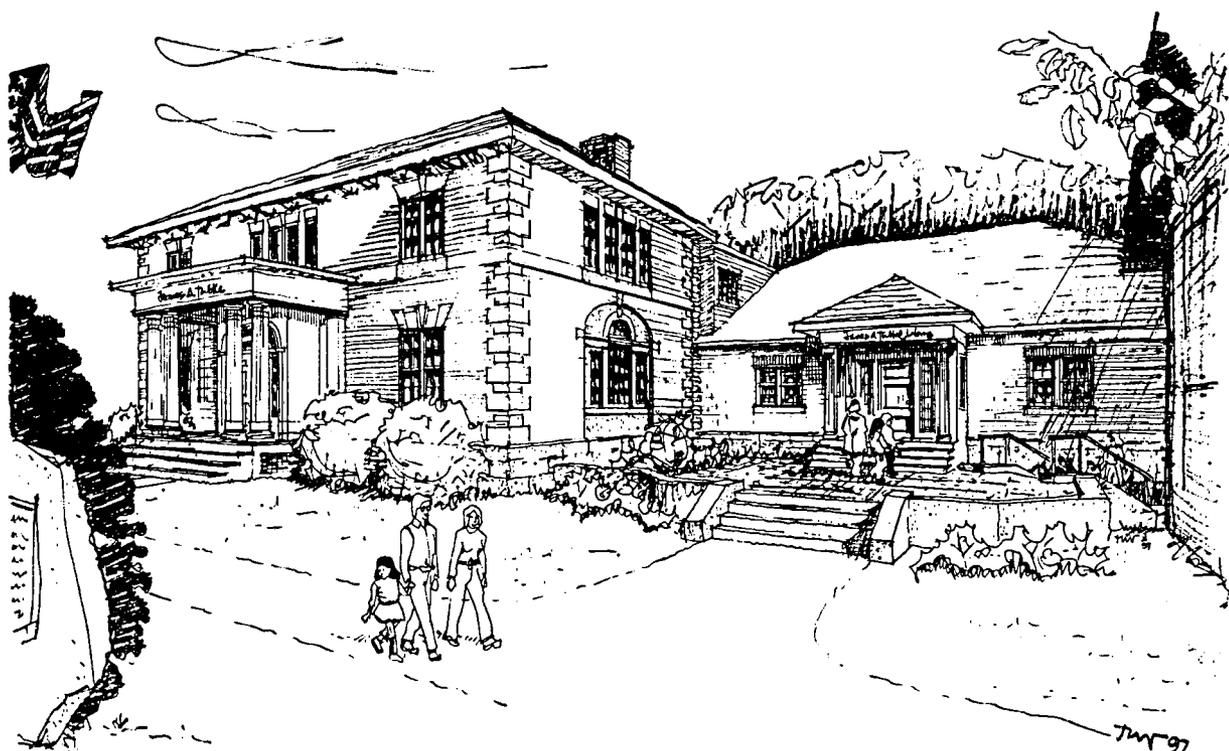
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TUTTLE LIBRARY GROWS

Lyman Gilmore



JAMES A. TUTTLE LIBRARY PROPOSED ADDITION

The Trustees of Antrim's James A. Tuttle Library have announced preliminary plans for an improvement and enlargement of the library.

For the past ten years an increasing lack of space for an adequate children's room, book shelving, computers for the public and librarians, comfortable adult reading facilities, and a staff work room has prevented the library from providing Antrim residents the services they deserve.

In 1993 the trustees created a Long Range Planning Committee to discover ways to enlarge the library, but with Main Street to the west and abutters on the other three sides, there was no room to grow. The crowding problems have gotten worse since then as demand for library services has grown significantly. Three years ago 20,173 items per year circulated; last year 27,298 items were taken out. Space limitations will become still more critical in coming years, and while it is impossible to predict Antrim's population in the twenty first century, the October 1997 projections by the N.H. Office of State Planning estimate that Antrim will grow 30% by the year 2020, from the current 2374 people to 3334.

Trustees and staff have been frustrated not to be able to enlarge the present facilities. However that frustration began to lift in March 1995 when the town voted to accept James Rymes' generous offer to give the Aiken property to the town and to allot \$2500 so the library could build a driveway and parking area. Finally public land next to the library was available for possible building expansion.

This past year the trustees and staff have created a preliminary plan for improving and enlarging the library. They solicited recommendations from Antrim residents through questionnaires, individual interviews, and two well attended public meetings last April and June. In addition, they studied space and equipment guidelines created by the New Hampshire Library Association and the American Library Association. This fall, after careful analysis of what Antrim should have for its library, the trustees interviewed several architectural firms and hired Weller, Adams, Pietz & Michal of Keene.

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Architect Tom Weller has created an excellent library enlargement plan which is preliminary pending the town's decision to set aside a portion of the Aiken property for the library's addition. The trustees hope to have the project completed by the centennial of the library in 2008 or sooner. Architect schematic drawings show an addition attached to the south side of the rear of the current library building extending onto part of the Aiken property. In order to preserve the integrity of the front of the original library building as viewed from Main Street, the addition is set back and with a lower roof line and has been designed so that the current number of staff can still operate the enlarged building.

As part of the plan, the trustees have agreed to shared use with the Historical Society of the current second floor of the library for exhibit space and public meeting room. The smaller room on the second floor will be set aside for the Society as a work room for preserving historical objects, preparing exhibitions, and storage. (Structural engineers have determined that the load bearing capacity of the second floor is inadequate for book shelving.) A small elevator will serve the second floor so it will be handicap accessible. The elevator and second floor meeting room will also be available when the rest of the library is closed. Parking will be available in back of the building and on part of the Aiken property.

Our library is a major resource for young people and their families, and one of the most important improvements planned is a larger and better equipped children's room with more books, separate sections for children of differing ages, a carpeted story time area, an uncarpeted arts and activities area, and nooks and crannies where children can curl up and read without distraction.

Currently adult book shelf space is woefully inadequate, and the space that does exist is scattered in different locations throughout the library, including the second floor. The new plan calls for most adult books to be shelved in the lower floor of the new addition, also served by the elevator. This means that the reference room which is now crowded with general adult books will have room for more research materials and comfortable seating. Books on Antrim and New Hampshire history and the growing genealogy collection will be located in the reference section.

Libraries today must offer electronic technology to their patrons. Many families cannot afford computers, yet for children and adolescents in school, as well as adults seeking career improvement or a return to higher education, computers are a necessary tool. The current stack room will be converted to a computer area so patrons will have access to word processing, the world wide web, and other educational programs. Staff too will need computers for the card catalogue, inter-library loan communications, and access to internet resources.

Lack of librarian work space and supply storage is one of the greatest obstacles to efficient library operation, and a larger area for the staff is included in the plan. Currently there is no room for new books before they are catalogued and placed in the regular stacks, so storage space has been added in the staff work room.

The trustees are very pleased to be finally addressing the library's need for more space, and they are emphatic that while their plans are preliminary, they are determined to provide Antrim with the most useful and beautiful library the town can afford. Residents are invited to offer suggestions by visiting the library and speaking with the Director, Kathy Chisholm, or calling one of the trustees: Sharon Dowling, Lyman Gilmore, Connie Kirwin, Dana Welch, Ruth Zwirner.

Canada Geese on Antrim's Town Hall Pond

At 10 A.M.
Likd a squadron of fighter planes
They fly in from the south
For a landing,
Hearlding their own arrival
With ungodly honks,
Feet angled up
To break impact with the water.

It is picturesque,
Quite beautiful,
But sometimes one wishes they
Would shut up
Or at least
Stop befouling
Whatever they touch.

R. K. W.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Carol Smith

This past summer found our town highway department busy with a number of sprucing up projects. Most of the streets in the downtown area were paved and given a new lease on life. Rocky roller coaster rides of the past have been turned into nice, smooth passageway. Dead trees were cut down around town by an outside tree service to prevent possible problems for this winter. The Gregg Lake Bridge has been reconstructed with a deck on one side for fishermen. The deck will alleviate the safety problems caused by fishermen standing in the traffic lane. The construction came in slightly over budget due to reimbursements owed to the Girl Scouts for past traffic studies which the town had agreed to early in their relationship. We are, however, looking into possible rebates from the state to offset the overage due to the Craig Road restoration. The bridge was reopened to the public on November 4th.

The tax rate is slightly lower this year for the second year in a row. Although the decrease was not as great as last year when the formula was changed, any decrease is positive news. This year the town received more state aid than in the past which translated to a small decrease.

Preparations for Town Meeting. The selectmen have begun their budget discussions with department meetings scheduled as follows: Nov. 10 Highway Department; Nov. 17 Police Department; Nov. 24 Library and Parks & Recreation; Dec. 1 Fire Department and ARTS; Dec. 8 Building Inspector, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and ZBA. The first public budget meeting will be held Jan. 12 and the final public hearing scheduled for Feb. 9.

A number of positions will be open this coming election! We are in need of quite a few people who have common sense and a willingness to participate. The following is a list of openings:

Moderator	1 @ 2 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist.....	1 @ 6 year term
Library Trustee	1 @ 2 year term
	1 @ 3 year term
Planning Board	2 @ 3 year term
School Board	1 @ 3 year term
Health & Welfare Officer	1 @ 1 year term
Sewer & Water Commissioner	1 @ 3 year term
Selectmen	1 @ 2 year term
	1 @ 3 year term

The position of Moderator for the ConVal School Board will also be open this year. To apply for this position you must do this at the SAU office in Peterborough.

Phil Dwight has resigned from the Board of Selectmen at the end of October. We agreed to appoint Phil to the position for the remainder of this year's term and in March a new selectman will be elected to fulfill the remaining two years. Peter Moore's term will also be complete in March 1998.

Phil has also indicated to the board that he will be leaving his position as Business Manager. This will necessitate a decision by the Town on how best to fill this role. At this point the two options are either to hire a full time Administrative Assistant or a Town Manager. An Administrative Assistant would handle the daily business in the town hall and act as liaison between the department heads and the public with the Selectmen. A Town Manager would have the same daily responsibilities and would include supervision over the Department Heads. The Town Manager would report directly to the Board of Selectmen.

Antrim is a town with a lot of talented, hard working residents but we need more people to volunteer and participate. Think of the countries where people have no voice in their government. Let your voice be heard! Sign up for the 1998 elections. Participate in your town!

Footnote to TOWN HISTORY REVISITED ALABAMA FARM

Edw B. Winslow

At the end of her two part essay about Governor Goodell, Isabel Nichols notes that he was an "example of success gained through hard work and never missing a good opportunity." I can report that in his drive not to miss an opportunity, he made a significant contribution to my family—the name of our old farm.

Through the years, the name "Alabama Farm" for a New Hampshire place has begotten endless queries as to its origins. My grandmother explained that it was so named because "Alabama" in Indian (Native American, that is) means "here we rest". She was correct as to the meaning of the word but not the reason for the name.

In the 1890's Governor Goodell became convinced that big money was to be made in a recently discovered oil field in Alabama. This was, he thought, too good an opportunity to be missed, so he promoted an oil drilling venture there and induced a number of Antrim citizens, including my great grandfather Charles Pratt, to invest in it. The Governor should have missed that opportunity because the venture flopped and the investors lost all of their money.

Charles Pratt allowed as how he was going to take something from Alabama, by God, and if it wasn't to be oil it would be the name; and he named his property "Alabama Farm". My grandmother valued her dignity and was, to use one of her words, mortified by the whole episode and couldn't bear to have the facts known. Hence, her Bowdlerized version.

TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

THE BIRTHPLACE OF FRANKLIN PIERCE 14th PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Isabel B. Nichols

"HAS ANTRIM THE HONOR OR NOT?" asks a headline in the *Antrim Reporter* of December 16, 1914. The query was prompted by the occasion of the dedication on November 25th of the Franklin Pierce statue in front of the State House in Concord, and local lore had it that he might have been born in Antrim. The statue was long in coming; since his death in 1869 the supporters of the controversial ex-president had made several attempts to get the legislature to vote for a fitting memorial to the state's only president, but without success.

The Pierce Homestead in Hillsboro Lower Village was indeed Pierce's boyhood home; later he served that town as representative to the General Court and began his law practice there. But he was born on November 23, 1804 in a two-room log cabin in the vicinity of the Antrim-Hillsboro town line at North Branch. The family moved into their new home when Franklin was just a few weeks old.

If the townspeople of Antrim showed no interest in preserving the cabin or creating a shrine at the site of Pierce's birth the explanation could be that Pierce fell out of favor with the whole country during his presidency. A contemporary writer in an overview of Pierce's life and effectiveness in politics, concludes that he may have been the most hated man in the republic by both North and South. At best Pierce was a supporter of states' rights; at the worst, an advocate of slavery and an enemy of the abolitionists even in his own state. He never wanted to be President and seemed to get things wrong when he was.

After serving in Congress for five years he resigned his Senate seat in 1842 and left Washington to come home to his family and to resume his law practice in Concord. When President Polk offered him the position of Attorney General, he declined; he continued to decline other prestigious appointments until the Democratic National Convention in 1852. Although he was not well-known outside of New Hampshire, he became a compromise candidate and was elected on the 49th ballot to run for President of the United States. In November, running against several splinter candidates, he won in a landslide.

From then on his life began a downhill course. Two months before the inauguration the last surviving of his three children, Ben, was killed in a train accident as his parents watched in horror. Mrs. Pierce never fully recovered from the shock. Doubtlessly still in deep mourning Franklin Pierce took over the helm on March 4, 1853, when his country was only eight years away from the greatest inner struggle it has ever known. General Gilman Marston, a political and military leader and friend of Pierce, is quoted as saying, "He was... a man of undoubted patriotism.... He honestly believed that the

Union would be destroyed if we went to war about it; and I believed that it would be destroyed if we didn't go to war.... He was as honest and sincere in his convictions as I was in mine, and...if the South had had a little more money and a few more men, Franklin Pierce would have been right and I should have been wrong."

In 1857 he turned the country over to James Buchanan and left Washington without fanfare, coming home to a silent reception in Concord. Unhappy in his home life, bitter about Lincoln and the Civil War and always fighting the battle of the bottle, Franklin Pierce died unmourned by the country. His long-time friend from college days at Bowdoin, Nathaniel Hawthorne had remained faithful to him until his death in 1864, and when a college was built in Antrim's North Branch in 1962 it was named Nathaniel Hawthorne College in recognition of this friendship.

But two generations were to pass after the Civil War before New Hampshire saw fit to recognize its only President with a memorial statue. Passions had mellowed and people were ready to accept Franklin Pierce with some measure of pride.

Antrim Reporter, December 2, 1914:

Since so much has been said concerning the birthplace of President Franklin Pierce, the matter has been gone into quite extensively, and it has now been quite definitely settled that he was born in Antrim in a house leading from North Branch to Hillsboro Lower Village. When only a few days old his parents removed with him into Hillsboro. A few words to this effect might be added to the inscription on the new statue in the State House grounds at Concord.

The editor received several letters in response to this, including this offering from Mrs. May Goodell McGregor:

"...My father has often told me that President Pierce was born in a house which stood on a slope a few rods west of Mrs. Will Dowlin's home. An old apple orchard is there still and traces of the cellar may be seen so he said.... It would be a simple matter to locate the town line which is, I believe, near the "little red schoolhouse" standing between the Dowlin and Tuttle farms."

From Mrs. J. Scott Moore of Hillsboro:

"...The house stood about halfway between the little red schoolhouse to said Dowlin buildings, on the left hand side of the road going toward Hillsboro."

Editor Hiram Eldredge then concluded that evidence received from his readers pointed to Pierce's cabin-birthplace being on the Hillsboro side of the line, although the 1892 map of Antrim shows the schoolhouse and Tuttle farm to be on the Antrim side, with no mention of the Dowlin farm.

In 1914 it might have been a simple matter to locate a cellar hole in an old apple orchard to settle the matter once and for all, but, for present-day history buffs and archeologists who might like to find the actual location, the answer is under twenty feet of water known as Pierce Lake.

FROM THE STATE HOUSE

Representative Gordon Allen

The legislature is gearing up for the start of the January 1998 session. It's been a very busy fall for several reasons. First, the Legislature had to deal with an unusually large number of bills (over 150!) from the last session that were neither killed nor passed, but were "re-referred" for further study during the summer and fall. The work on all these had to be finished by November 1st which made for a busy September and October.

Second, the serious shortfalls in the two year budget we just passed in June of 1997 came to light with the publicity over layoffs in the Department of Health and Human Services. As a member of the Finance Committee, I knew about these problems, but was surprised that the problems surfaced so soon. The last-minute cuts to the Health and Human Services budget amounted to over \$30 million and will make it very difficult for the State to maintain all its programs at current levels—especially starting next fiscal year. The Senate's refusal to compromise on increasing the cigarette tax (the House voted a 20¢ increase and the senate didn't move from its 12¢) was the primary cause of these last minute cuts. (Believe it or not, another one of these last minute cuts was \$1.5 million from the UNH budget to pay for another \$1.5 million in tax cuts for the race tracks!)

To get by, we are draining the \$100 million Health Care Transition Fund (which does good things such as funding the Grapevine) to balance the budget. What's troubling is that we have budget problems even though our revenues are strong and welfare roles are declining rapidly. This does not bode well if the economy stumbles even a small bit. In any case, I will be surprised if the budget problems will really be faced until after the 1998 elections.

Lastly, the "Claremont Suit" was finally heard by the NH Supreme Court. This suit has been working its way through the system for the past five years. It challenges the fairness of relying almost entirely on local property taxes to pay for our public schools. The rationale is that since public schools are mandated by our State Constitution, some level of state funding should pay for them. It is very possible that the NH Supreme Court will find our heavy reliance on local property taxes unconstitutional. As you know, this happened recently in Vermont. This will mean that the NH Legislature will have to make major changes to our property tax system. Since the Supreme Court sets its own deadlines, this decision can come at any time—from the next two weeks to the next two years.

My guess, based on the questions the Supreme Court Justices asked, is that there is a good chance (more than 50-50) the Supreme Court will rule that our school taxes for basic education are unconstitutional simply because they are not proportional between towns as required

by the NH Constitution. In this case, I believe the Legislature would pass a statewide property tax similar to what I have proposed. In fact, I think the NH Legislature is now quite comfortable with a simple flat statewide property tax which would give the same base funding to every student. This would benefit Antrim with lower and more stable school taxes and solve the Constitutional problem. It also is far simpler and more workable than the new and complicated taxes the Vermont Legislature passed in response to its Supreme Court case.

Unfortunately, this court case is our last chance to get any real and lasting property tax reform. If the Supreme Court rules in favor of our current system, there's almost no chance the NH Legislature will voluntarily take any real action on property taxes. The good news for Antrim is that even if there is no state tax reform, I believe our suit over getting proportional taxes in the ConVal District (all towns would have to have the same school rate) and in all cooperative districts still has an excellent chance. The Supreme Court has accepted the case but has not yet heard it. Like the decision in the Claremont case, we will hear anytime.

Re-Referred Bills. I was pleasantly surprised that one of my re-referred bills (HB 697) made it successfully out of committee. It had looked like it was going to be killed. This bill addresses the problem of homelessness which has been increasing rapidly around the state over the past year. Unlike past years, shelters have been full all summer which means they will be over capacity by the time cold weather hits. To make matters worse the federal government is cutting \$500,000 per year in homeless assistance for NH starting in January.

This bill sets up a Homeless Prevention trust Fund to increase shelter capacity and provide more assistance to people in finding permanent housing. It also reimburses towns for their costs in providing temporary shelter. And while there is a growing understanding and concern in the Legislature over the worsening problem of homelessness, this bill will have very tough sledding because it proposes funding the Trust Fund with a flat \$10 tax on each real estate transaction. It is almost impossible to get a new tax passed in the Legislature regardless of the cause. This and the other re-referred bills will be acted on by the Legislature in January, and to become law, it must pass both the Senate and the House and be signed by the Governor.

New Bills for the 1998 Session. Over 800 bills have been filed for the 1998 session including a bottle bill and an increase in capital punishment. I will update you on these in my next report.



SCHOOL NEWS

Barbara Black

Job Sharing. This is a chance to share a little of your time and a lot of your expertise and knowledge with a young person. GBS eighth graders, under the direction of guidance counselor Maggi Picard, are once again looking for people willing to share their on-the-job experiences.

Students spend a day, or part of the day, with their hosts in the workplaces. In order to make informed decisions students need to know the grit as well as the glamour, the educational background as well as the temperament needed to be successful.

With little investment of time and energy you can make a large impact on a young person's future. Those willing to help or interested in finding out more, please call Maggi Picard at 588-6630.

Call for Musicians! There are many people who have played a band instrument in the past and the music department of Great Brook School would like to welcome you to come and play with the band on a permanent or occasional basis. We promise to provide you with music well ahead of time and Mrs. Snitko, band director, will also provide fingering charts if you need to practice! The Concert Band meets every Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 to 2:05. It's a lot of fun! Please join us!

Can You Help? If you have piano skills and can help accompany the Chorale, we would love to have you. We meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 2:05. It is not vital that you come on both days each week. If you are willing and interested, please contact Mrs. Snitko at Great Brook School (588-6630)

"Spring Cleaning" in December. Do you have a band instrument, guitar, or music stand taking up room in your closet? Sweep off the dust and send it to Great Brook School. We will be happy to put it into the hands of a child!

Holiday Music Performances. Great Brook School musical groups will once again be providing holiday music far and near throughout the month of December.

December 11th will be a busy day for GBS singers and musicians. In the morning from 10:00 to 11:00 am, 6-8th grade music groups will perform at the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. This annual event is one of the most popular trips for students. Many GBS students participate and a caravan of drivers is needed for transportation. If you can help, please call the school at 588-6630.

At 5:00 pm on the 11th join GBS singers at the Antrim First Lighting. Lend your voice to the festive activities at Touchwood Square.

On December 16th the public is invited to attend the free Winter Concert starting at GBS at 7:00 pm (snow date is December 18th).

Your last chance this year to catch a GBS performance will be at Colony Mill Marketplace. The chorale will perform at 1:30 pm. If you're in Keene, take a break from hectic holiday shopping to support your local musicians.

Check it out! Fran Hewitt's art students are at it again. As you drive through Antrim this holiday season, check out the town hall. Colorful representations of the season by GBS students will fill the windows. Who will be the winner of this year's contest sponsored by the Antrim Garden Club? Find out at First Lighting on December 11th.

If you have a chance to stop by GBS, please take time to take a tour of the halls. Student work is showcased in each hallway. You'll find paper masks made by 5th graders and plaster masks created by the older students. A wide variety of artistic medium are displayed.

HELP WANTED: COMMUNITY ARTISTS to share their talents. Ms Hewitt is looking for community members to demonstrate their work. Come for one period, a day, a week or more. Work with a small group or a whole class. To "apply" please call 588-6630.

The Easter Bunny in Santa's Sleigh? It's not even Thanksgiving yet and Christmas decorations fill store shelves. Are we to have the Easter Bunny there too? No, but before the next issue of the LIMRIK, GBS fifth graders will start their major fund raising activity to sponsor their spring overnight trip to Plimoth Plantation. This annual trip to Plimoth Plantation will culminate a study of the earliest European settlements in the United States.

Easter Candy and spring bulb orders can be placed with GBS fifth graders between February 5th and February 15th for April delivery. If you generally purchase any of these items and do not have a fifth grade neighbor, please call 588-6630 or stop by the school to place an order. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

\$10,000 Stock "Purchase" Own stocks? Did yours suffer in the recent weeks? GBS sixth graders have been following the stock market as a method of studying decimals. In conjunction with the Union Leader Stock Market Game each group of students decided on \$10,000 worth of stock to follow. They will be plotting daily profit and loses. At the end of a six weeks period they will "sell" their stock to see if they made or lost money. Dollars and cents certainly make math sense!

Postmark Tokyo. Black silk embroidered kimonos walking on wooden blocks, the bride enveloped in white satin wearing heavy white facial make up, a long moaning chant, loud gongs—so goes a traditional Japanese wedding. These and other images of the orient are part of Dona Fairbairn's six week experience in Japan. Part of the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program, Ms Fairbairn has been sending descriptions via the internet to her fifth grade extended learning classes at GBS.

Next on her schedule are visits to Okinawan schools and businesses. Dona has taken along much needed books and materials to present as gifts to her host schools. In addition she will share a video of New England culture created by her seventh grade students.



NEWS ABOUT TOWN

FOLK TALES continued

One hot August day Rob asked me to help him get in the hay for the next winter. He hitched the old horse to the hay rack and off we went "over east". Rob had kept an old one-horse mowing machine and dump hay rake and had raked the hay into windrows ready to pitch onto the hay rack. It was my job to pitch the hay onto the rack while Rob drove the horse and packed the hay down as I pitched it on.

We were going along smoothly when suddenly the air was swarming with yellow jackets. These bees nest in the ground and I had pitched a fork full of hay onto the rack from right over their nest. Yellow jackets are angry at the best of times and even worse when they are disturbed on a hot day.

I ran as fast as I could to get away and was rewarded with numerous stings for my trouble. Rob held onto the reins and tried to keep the horse from dumping the hay rack over as the horse ran across the field. Rob was one of the last old time farmers that always wore long underwear buttoned at the neck and wrists, flannel shirt buttoned the same and heavy denim bib overalls no matter how hot it got in the summer. He was so well padded that he got stung only a few times but the poor old horse was not so lucky. After Rob got him quieted down we soon discovered that the horse could not lower one of his hind legs to the ground. He had been stung so many times and the leg had swelled up so such that the horse could stand on only three legs. There wasn't much we could do except leave the horse tied to a tree for overnight and see how he was in the morning.

When we arrived the next day the old horse was calmly standing on four legs, none the worse for wear, munching on the hay Rob had left him the night before. The leg appeared to be alright and the horse moved along as though nothing had happened. We quickly pitched on the rest of the hay before it got too hot and the bees came out and we headed for the barn. The old horse survived the winter but one day in the spring Rob found him dead in the barn, probably from old age as he was 30 years old which is old for a horse. Rob was never the same afterward as he had owned the horse for nearly all it's life. He had lost an old friend.

Antrim Historical Society

The on-going exhibit in the Historical room at the Tuttle Library is devoted to six former Antrim residents who left their mark on the town; women artists Laura Chestnutt and Frances Mary Steele, library benefactor James A. Tuttle, manufacturer/entrepreneur David H. Goodell, and the father-daughter team of reverend Warren and Susie Cochrane. The exhibit includes a wide variety of memorabilia, from baby clothes to wedding quilts, and oil paintings to mechanical inventions. Of special interest are several models of Goodell Company's apple-parer, which was the foundation of the town's largest source of employment as well as the means of putting Antrim on the global map. The curators wish to thank the following people for their assistance in putting together this display: Dick and Lorraine Edmunds for the loan of Chestnutt's paintings, Gif and Russ Russell for providing easels, Pat and Carole Webber for the loan of a toy horse and buggy, Izi Nichols for sheet music and equipping Tuttle's crib, Nina Harding for providing refreshments on opening day, and Connie Kirwin for designing the poster. The exhibit will remain in place throughout the winter, and is open for viewing during library hours.

Connie Kirwin has undertaken the job of transcribing the audio tapes of programs and oral histories that have accumulated during recent years; this will make the research process easier for future historians. Thank you, Connie, for taking on this arduous task.

Christmas is coming, and the Society's new pictorial book, "A Stroll Through Antrim New Hampshire" would be just the right gift for someone whose roots are here. In the three months since publication sales have been very good, and the book has generated much interest in the community's past, as well as praise for the creating team. The book sells for \$15.00 and can be purchased at the following sites;

Tuttle Library
Maplehurst Inn
Puckerbrush Barn
Toadstool Bookshop, Peterborough
Museum of New Hampshire History, Concord
Cheshire County Historical Society, Keene

For mail order purchases, please include \$1.50 for postage and handling; make checks payable to Antrim Historical Society and send to Izi Nichols, 10 Depot Street, Antrim, NH 03440.



DEPRESSION: BEATING THE BLUES

Scott Jaynes, M.D.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to contribute a regular column to the Antrim Limrik. We welcome your comments and suggestions for future topics.

Every year depression affects at least 10-15 million Americans, with the true incidence perhaps two or three times that number. One in twenty people are diagnosed at some point in their life. Symptoms include depressed mood, loss of interest in pleasurable activities, insomnia (particularly in the early morning hours), excessive sleeping, persisting lack of energy, feelings of worthlessness or guilt, trouble with memory, concentration, or indecisiveness, to name a few.

Depression often persists undiagnosed due to people's unwillingness to discuss the symptoms and their fear of being labeled with a mental disorder. Instead, depression should be viewed as a disease just like diabetes, pneumonia, or any other serious condition. The lack of proper diagnosis and treatment results in problems not only for the depressed person, but also their family, co-workers, and community.

The good news regarding depression is that treatment is available. Counseling, anti-depressant medication, or a combination of both, can be effective and at times dramatic. Resources are available in our community to combat conditions like depression, alcoholism, attention deficit disorder, anxiety, abuse, and others. Talk with your family, friends, or church. Visit your doctor or the folks at the Grapevine. We can make a difference when we work together.

WAVERLY LODGE

The Odd Fellows meet on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. They share a hall with the Legion Post on West Street. Recently new officers were elected and installed. The installation was conducted by the District Deputy Grand Master and his suite from Marlow. The officers installed are:

- Rod Zwirner, Noble Grand
- Robert Warren, Vice Grand
- Richard Jennison, Secretary/Treasurer
- Sam Harding, Financial Secretary

The Lodge supports various organizations in town with financial support and manpower. Among the organizations are Cub Scouts, James A. Tuttle Library, Antrim Decorating Committee, Historical Society, and the Memorial Park. The Lodge has also been active in support of the Arthritis Foundation. The Labor Day chicken barbecue at the tennis court is a major fundraiser.

Anyone interested in joining the Lodge may contact one of the above officers for information.

New Facility

The Center is now on the Lower floor of the Old Gym, complete with renovations. It includes a juke box, new video games and a refurbished pool table.

Volunteers. The presence of volunteers during rec Center activities is absolutely crucial. The safety of participants depends on this. Those who can help out please phone Sue Pearson at 588-2674 or Mae Lizotte at 588-3044.

Thanks

The Antrim Rec Center would like to thank the following businesses for the donations of money or materials which helped to make the all new Rec Center possible.

- Blair Construction for completely renovating two rooms for activities.
- Edmunds for donation of paint and materials.
- Jest Carpeting for donation of labor and carpet at cost.
- Anonymous donor of \$2,000.
- Town of Antrim for its guidance and support.

The following people donated time for painting, moving the Rec Center downstairs and repairing the equipment:

- Bob & Justin Bagloe
- Fred, Nancy & Jess Blair
- Lisa Blake
- Pat Harvey
- Nick Little
- May & Heather Lizotte
- Mike McCrum
- Pat & Herm Maynard
- Sue & Nick Pearson & James Smith
- Dottie, David, Greg & Todd Penny

A DYING PLANET

Stephen Hamlin
GBS Student

You cover me with a layer of pollution
 Little by little
 You are killing me
 What you call pollution
 To me is poison
 You fight your disputes
 On my soil
 You deprive me of
 My resources
 For what good is money
 When I am dead
 You litter and destroy
 You don't care what you do
 To my precious atmosphere
 Go ahead
 Have your fun
 While you still can
 Because of you
 I am a dying planet.

LIONS CLUB NEWS

At the October meeting of the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club, Kristen Olson from the Grapevine spoke to us about the status and current activities of The Grapevine. At our November dinner meeting, Ben Pratt and Bob Bernstein from the Aiken House Feasibility Committee spoke to us regarding what was happening at the Aiken House. Both evenings were very informative and interesting.

The Club purchased and donated a TV/VCR combination unit to the Grapevine.

As we approach the holidays, the Lions are conducting their annual Christmas Tree Sale at the Tenney Farm stand on Route 202 in Antrim. As in the past, the proceeds from the Christmas tree sales help support Operation Santa in Antrim. Please come and purchase your tree from the Lions because by doing so, you are helping bring Christmas to many children in our community. Trees will be on sale Saturdays and Sundays during December until we are sold out. We greatly appreciate the community's support.

The Lions Club provides assistance for eyesight for those who might otherwise not be able to afford an eye exam and/or eyeglasses. As we are a small club, support is based on financial need. If you or someone you know might benefit from the Lions' assistance, please call Bob or Sarah Edwards at 588-6861 for an eyesight assistance application—as well as for information about the Lions.

DAVID and DOTTI at NEW LOCATION

Almost ten years ago, David and Dotti Penny of Antrim purchased the Reade & Woods Insurance Agency in Hillsboro, a small independent agency that has served this area for nearly 70 years. They specialize in homeowner and auto insurance, and also sell commercial, life and health insurance, serving clients statewide. They especially enjoy individual contact with their local customers.

Before buying the business in 1988, David was an insurance claims adjuster and Dotti ran a preschool. When they were first married, they traveled throughout the country together for a year. They had always wanted to work together and when the agency became available, it seemed the ideal time to start.

During the summer Reade & Woods moved to a new location at 14 School Street in Hillsboro. This new location across the street from Bank of New Hampshire near the Hillsboro Post Office gives them increased parking, handicap accessible entrance, more office space, and a playroom for customer's and employee's children. Walking into the office, one has a sense of a mixture of home and business.

Dave and Dotti have lived in Antrim for 20 years and have three children, Kara 20, Todd 18, and Greg 16, and one granddaughter, Daviana 1. Kara recently joined her parents at Reade and Woods and has obtained her agent's license.

GRAPEVINE NEWS

Thanks to generous help from volunteers too numerous to mention here, we have settled in to our newly renovated space in the Aiken House, next to the library. We are enjoying two warm bright rooms for our play groups, a comfortable meeting room, a full kitchen, two offices, and a separate office for providers from human service organizations. A special thanks to Ben Pratt, who single-handedly insulated the second floor so that we would stay warm this winter!

The Grapevine offers daily programs such as **Parent-Child Playgroups** for children ages birth to 6 years on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am; **Ask the Family Doctor** with Dr. Scott Jaynes of the Antrim Medical Group on Mondays from 12 noon to 1 pm; **Building Communication Skills** with Deb LaFortune of the Women's crisis Services leading the discussions on Tuesday December 9 and Thursday, December 11 from 9:45 to 11 am; **Child Development Education** with Mary Fleischman leading the discussion on Tuesday December 16 and Thursday December 18 from 10 to 11 am; **Read To Me**, a program for parents who have difficulty reading to their children presented by Marty Majoros of Project LIFT on Mondays December 1, 8, and 15 from 1 to 2:30 pm.

Project LIFT offers **Basic Literacy Skills**, one-on-one instruction for adults who wish to improve their basic literacy skills on Tuesdays from 10:30 am to 12 noon. They will also be offering **Free GED Practice Tests**. Call Project LIFT at 464-5285 or The Grapevine at 588-2620.

Dr. Pat Grady from Monadnock Family Services is at the Grapevine on Mondays to provide counseling for children and parent guidance. Dr. Suzanne Coble of the Antrim Medical Group will be leading hands-on workshops on family nutrition.

Sydney Smith has brought together a group of area professionals to coordinate a support group for parents of children diagnosed with ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and ADHA (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder).

Some services are available by appointment only. Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 to register for programs or for more information on programs. Stop in and meet Kristen Olson, Center Coordinator, Mary Fleischman, Family Services Coordinator, Miriam Fischer, Head Teacher, and all our many volunteers.

LET'S SWOP!

Will swop Family Entertainment (live folk music, original guitar/vocals, face painting, dress-up parties) for Landscaping Materials/Scrap Hauling. Phone Kristin Readal at 588-4106.

Did you know that ...

IDEAL PAINTING, aka *Joseph Desbarnais*, is the creator of the Victorian style painting of the Jane Hill house on Main Street? *Joe* has been a painter for about 20 years. His is a third generation profession—his father and grandfather were also painters. **IDEAL PAINTING** does both interior and exterior work and is also experienced in wallpapering. If there is minor carpentry involved in exterior work, he will handle that. If you would like to see a sample of his work, see the “Painted Lady” just above Grove Street. Does he mix his own colors? In most cases no, because today’s paint stores are computerized for this purpose. But he can do it. For more information please call *Joe* at 588-6848.

COUNTRY CONSIGNMENTS is located on Main Street between Penny Pinchers and the village Store? It has been open for about three months and the proprietor is *Roy Dukett*. Merchandise includes everything from baby clothing to a massive oak china closet. Items are old, new, used or just interesting. For those wishing to consign, 80% goes to the consignor. If items are not sold within a month the price is lowered 10% and then a decision is made with the consignor as to further disposition. The shop is open six days a week—Tues. & Wed. from 9 am–5 pm; Thurs. & Fri. from 9 am – 6 pm; Sat. 10 am – 5 pm, and Sun. 11 am – 5 pm. Note they are closed Mondays. Prices are very reasonable. If you would like to know more, please call *Roy* at 588-6138.

In addition to being a fine seamstress, **DIANE GUTGESELL** is an accomplished artist? Her medium is acrylics and her sketches of wild like, domestic animals and winter and fall scenes are done on petrified mushrooms (fungus growing on the sides of old trees). These are her favorites but she also does slates as special one-of-a-kind gifts. She will be exhibiting her craft at the ConVal Craft Fair on December 6th. Stop by to see her or call *Diane* at 588-2686 to find out more about her work.

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY INSURANCE is *John Robertson’s* new agency, located at 314 Clinton Road in Antrim? The agency represents the Cooperative Fire Insurance Companies of Middlebury, VT. With many years of experience as an insurance agent, *John* can help you with all of your personal and business insurance needs. This includes home, auto, farm, life and health. Contoocook Valley Insurance can be reached at 588-6106. Consultations regarding your insurance program are free and he even makes house calls!

BLUE KNIGHT CARPET CLEANING, INC. is owned by *Mark Cavic* and *Brian Brown*? This business originated about eight years ago when Mark’s brother, Mike set it up in Seabrook. Mark and Mike worked there and in northern Massachusetts. In April of this year, after Mike had moved out of the area, Mark and Brian joined together to purchase the company and brought it to the Antrim area. They have a mobile van-mounted steam extraction unit, which heats the water to approximately 195°. It mixes the detergent with the steam and extracts water and dirt with a powerful vacuum. Currently they have several commercial accounts in Antrim, Bennington, Hillsboro and Concord. But the main source of business is residential. You will find that they are competitive in prices and are happy to do free estimates. For service, please call 800-933-5991.

Liz and *Damon Lawrence*, at 255 Clinton Road in Antrim Center have been in business for 11 years designing jewelry adapted from museum collections? Each design is authorized by a museum, which in turn is paid a royalty for every piece sold. The business, **PROCREATIONS**, wholesales to museum stores, high-end gift shops and museum catalogs across the country and around the world. The Lawrence family came here 5 years ago from Southboro, MA. With “big city living” coming closer to their back door, they wanted their children to grow up in a rural setting. Damon grew up in Peterborough so it seemed logical to settle in this area. They needed ample living space and a place to continue their jewelry designing. When they found the house previously owned by the Dwights, they knew they had found their new home.

If you have started a new business or are expanding on a previous one, please send information to the Antrim LIMRIK, PO Box 30, Antrim, NH 03440.

BE YOUR OWN REPORTER

People who have news for the LIMRIK are urged to contact one of the editors listed on the back page.

Chances are excellent that what you know others will want to know also.

Copy deadline for the next issue is February 8.

CHURCH NEWS



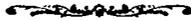
Antrim Presbyterian Church 588-2209

Regular worship hour is 10:30 am.

Dec. 21  Advent service "Christmas in Song"
6:30 pm

Dec. 24 † Christmas Eve Candlelight service
with message and carols 6:30 pm

Feb. 21 Annual Washington's Birthday Supper
6:00 pm



Antrim Baptist Church 588-6614

Regular worship hour is 10:30 am.

Dec. 21 Christmas Program 10:30 am

Dec. 21 Christmas Concert sponsored by the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, held at the Presbyterian Church. A choir of singers led by Ray Sweeney, as well as a children's choir and string ensemble. Refreshments to follow with a performance by the ConVal High School Chorale.
6:30 pm

Sundays in December will include special choir music, drama, readings and a message for the Advent season at morning worship.

Dec. 24 † Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with carols, drama, choir anthems and the traditional lighting of candles. 7:00 pm



Church of Christ

† Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Sunday Evening Bible Devotional 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm Pre-teens & Adults

Sundays 9:30 - 10:30 am All Ages

Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 am Women

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm Teens

Clothing Swap Shop is open the second and fourth Saturday and is free to all.

Bread of Life is available every Monday at 12 Noon. Delivery is available. For more information, call Larry Warren, Evangelist, at 588-3491.



Bennington Congregational Church 588-2398

Regular Worship hour is 10:30 am.

A NEW KIND OF CHRISTMAS WREATH

Nina Harding

For the past few years we at the Presbyterian Church have had the chance to earn some \$3000 by pre-wrapping Christmas gifts for Eastern Mountain Sports. This year that project was phased out, to our general disappointment. Not only had there been a profit for the church but the working together evenings and Saturdays had been great fun and fellowship.

To our pleasure, a new E.M.S. project was offered to us, thanks to the good offices of Jeana White, an E.M.S. buyer. It would consist of making Christmas wreaths, using scraps of Polar Fleece left over after garments had been cut. Jeana brought a sample wreath to our Session Meeting and showed us the method of construction. A bit dubiously, we agreed to do 100 wreaths. The deadline was only a few weeks away, so we started immediately, preparing strips of fleece, getting right sizes and doing a trial wreath to find the number of strips needed.

We then put out a call for cutters and wreath assemblers. Scraps arrived in huge plastic bags, all shapes and colors. Many people took bags of scraps home to cut and bundle into packs of tens or twenties so that color coordinators could count them. Daily, big containers of strips came in, and as fast as kits could be made up, they were taken home to finish.

Soon we learned that *another* 100 wreaths were needed! So we kept right on going.

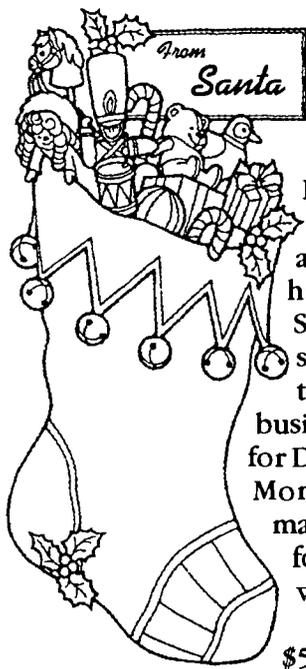
To make 200 wreaths, 100,000 strips had to be cut! Men and women did this, using shears, roller cutters, razor blades, rug cutters, etc. Then came evenings when 30 to 40 men, women, and children met and worked and fellowshiped together. A smaller group continued the work on Saturdays.

When I announced at a church service that we had reached the 200 mark, there was applause—but I then added that the ante had been raised. The final number needed would be 300!—and there was only a week left. Folks pitched in and completed the additional 100.

E.M.S. paid \$30 per wreath. Comments as we finished up the project emphasized the pleasure in working together, meeting the challenge, as well as earning some \$9,000 for the church. E.M.S. is using the wreaths all over the country, for holiday decorations, to show off the many colors of their garments, as well as to demonstrate yet another use for recycling materials.

It would take a full page to list names of all our project workers, but to each, a great big *Thank You* for a job well done.

P.S. to E.M.S. If you need help again, you've got our phone number.



FIRE FIGHTERS AUXILIARY

The Antrim Fire Fighters Auxiliary will again hold the **BIGGEST STOCKING IN ANTRIM** raffle. The stocking is designed and created by Lois Harriman and has something for everyone on Santa's list. The gifts filling the stocking are all generous donations from local merchants and businesses. They include fleece pants for Dad, hair and beauty products for Mom, accessories for the home, many, many gift certificates and toys for the kids. This is all stuff that would make Scrooge smile.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and the stocking will be on display at various locations throughout town. Drawing for the **BIGGEST STOCKING IN ANTRIM** will be at the First Lighting at Touch Wood Square on December 11 at 5:15 pm. An alternate date for the drawing will be at the firehouse on December 13 in case First Lighting is postponed due to inclement weather.

GRANGE NEWS

Members of Antrim Grange attended the recent State Grange session at the Margate in Laconia. Carryl Davis served as Assistant Steward and Meagan Slater as Executive Committee member when the Youth Association opened the session on Saturday morning. Donna Slater was a member of the Rose Drill team coached by Beth and Arthur Merrill. The delegates discussed and acted on 67 resolutions covering By-Laws, Good of the Order, and policy changes.

Arthur Merrill was elected to a three-year term on the State Grange Executive Committee and will also serve as the Legislative Director for 1998.

Beth Merrill will finish her term as Lady Assistant Steward, and starts her new role as the Grange representative on the I.F.Y.E. Committee.

Carryl Davis will serve as a Junior Deputy.

Officers of the Antrim Grange for 1998 are: Master-Carryl Davis, Overseer-Arthur Merrill, Jr., Lecturer-Eliot Davis, Steward-Meagan Slater, Assistant Steward-Bob Varnum, Lady Assistant Steward-Kristy Farnum, Chaplain-Donna Slater, Secretary-Beth Merrill, Gatekeeper-Bill Gutgesell.

The program planning meeting was held and many interesting and varied programs will be offered in the coming year, such as making Ginger Bread houses on December 17, learning about computers on January 21, and Community Night on July 15.

For more information about the Grange or the Grange Hall, call Beth or Arthur Merrill at 588-6615.

ANTRIM WOMAN'S CLUB

Members are involved in two projects until Christmas. The first one is the Christmas Card for the Antrim Rescue Squad. This will provide an opportunity for the community to express its appreciation to the squad by signing the card and making a donation. The money will be used for needed equipment. The card will be available at Wayno's on weekends from November 29 through December 20.

The second project is making lighted Christmas wreaths for the outside of the town hall. Each year these are created by members of the club to make Antrim look more festive. This event is under the direction of Fred Roberts.

The Antrim Community Calendar, showing a beautiful picture of the Presbyterian Church, is now available for \$3.00. Call Janet MacLachlan at 588-2894 to buy one.

Book Scholarships

The Woman's Club again offers book scholarships to residents of Antrim and Bennington who have completed at least one semester of post-secondary education. Write to Virginia Young, 8 Pierce Hill Road, Bennington, NH 03440 or call her at 588-6624. All applications must be returned by December 31.

Meetings are scheduled in the Baptist Church.

Dec. 9 12:30 pm A Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon
Bring a gift to exchange.

Jan. 9 1:00 pm "Sojourn in Hong Kong" with
speaker Catrina Beck
Hostess: Luise Buerkert

Feb. 10 1:00 pm "Let's Talk Library" with speakers
Kathryn Chisholm, Tuttle Library;
Leslie McGregor, Dodge Library
Hostess: Jean Berry

If you would like to become a member of the Woman's Club or to attend a meeting, call Jean Berry at 588-3762. You are welcome to just come to a meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.

BOY SCOUTS

This past August the Boy Scouts of Troop 2 ventured down the Magalloway River along the New Hampshire-Maine border. Sixteen scouts, leaders, and parents started the canoe trip in the timbered hills of Maine. The Magalloway River flows southward through man-made Aziscoos Lake before turning to cross the NH border just east of Errol. This remote river runs clean as it wanders across vast woodland tracts. There are a number of campsites along the way for tenting. The scouts were able to test their skills on one of the swiftest rivers in New England!

ANTRIM'S FIRST LIGHTING *continued*

From the square you will see the beautiful wreaths made by the members of the Woman's Club. Also, on the town hall will be the window boxes arranged by the Garden Club. The light poles will display the town's candles, gratefully installed by Public Service Company representatives. The tree and decorations in the bandstand area are the products of Pat Webber and Fred Roberts.

Please note that we have gone back to holding the First Lighting on Thursday evening so that everyone can participate and enjoy. Remember to bring a flashlight or lantern to light your way.

END OF AN ERA: PHIL DWIGHT *continued*

and Ann are to become Mr. and Mrs. Innkeeper. At seventy-one years of age, Phil decided to retire once again, is it the third or the fourth time? He says that he and Ann love Antrim and plan to stay, and what better new career to settle on than welcoming and caring for guests to the town that means as much to Phil and Ann as they do to it. He has relished his public service here—practically since the moment they moved to Antrim—as Selectman, town Treasurer, Planning Board Chair, Business Manager, and School Board member, but he says that after ten years one “tends to get stale. It isn't as fun anymore. The town needs new viewpoints.”

Describing himself as “hyperactive”, Phil says that he and Ann enjoy buying old houses, renovating them (doing all the work themselves), and then selling and moving on to another. They have just sold their third such house, on Old Pound Road, and the fortunate buyers have gotten a beautiful, exquisitely livable home with Phil's and Ann's subtle touches everywhere. Asked how he feels about moving from such a spacious and elegant house, with long views down the Contoocook valley, to cramped rooms over the kitchen at the inn, he laughed a trifle ruefully but with the undaunted enthusiasm of a man who likes a challenge, “We're excited about giving it a try.”

In a 1993 interview in the Monadnock Ledger, Phil described his peripatetic job history. After a 1950 Yale degree in applied economics, he became a vice president with a large textbook publishing company, business manager of a small Quaker school in New York, business manager of a Head Start and day care program in Vermont, director of Mental Health Services in southeastern Vermont, and chief financial officer of the influential Educational Development Center in Boston. Phil and Ann “retired” to Antrim in 1986 so they could get away from the city yet be close enough for visits with their nine children and fourteen grandchildren, most of whom live in the Boston area.

So, hail to Phil for his decade of serving the town with fierce dedication and sly humor. With his new abode and calling just across the street, don't be surprised if you come upon what you think is his ghost wandering the lonely Town Hall. It'll be Phil keeping his eye on things, as usual.

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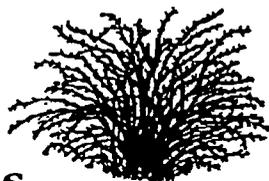


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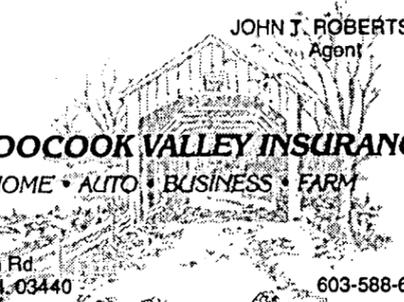
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Antrim Community Calendar

- DEC**
- 5 RYNBORN – *Skip Philbrick Blues Band*
 - 6 RYNBORN – *D.D. and the Road Kings*
 - 9 Woman's Club Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon – Baptist Church 12:30 pm
 - 11 First Lighting – Touch Wood Square 5:00 pm
 - 12 RYNBORN – *Jimmy and the Soul Cats*
 - 13 RYNBORN – *Biggs Band*
 - 16 GBS Winter Concert – Middle School 7:00 pm
 - 17 Grange Program – Making Ginger Bread houses
 - 19 RYNBORN – *The Renee-Randall Band*
 - 20 RYNBORN – *Art Steel Blues Band*
 - 21 Christmas Program – Baptist Church 10:30 am
 - 21 Christmas Concert – Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm
 - 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm
 - 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Baptist Church 7:00 pm
 - 26 RYNBORN – *Otis and the Elevators*
 - 27 RYNBORN – *Vykki Vox*
 - 31 RYNBORN – New Years Eve Celebration – *The Peter Malick Band*
- JAN**
- 2 RYNBORN – *Electric Blue Flames*
 - 3 RYNBORN – *The State Street Rhythm and Blues Band*
 - 9 Woman's Club Meeting & Program – Baptist Church 1:00 pm
 - 9 RYNBORN – *Charlie Dee*
 - 10 RYNBORN – *Kat in the Hat*

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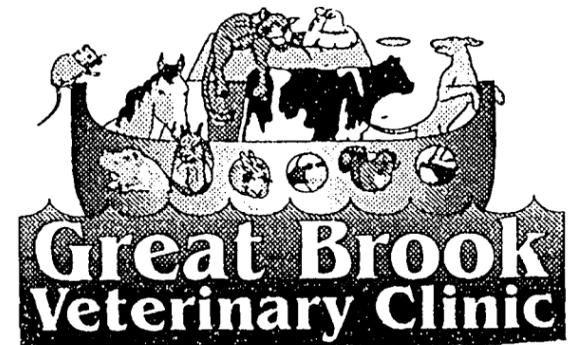
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- JAN**
- 12 Public Budget Meeting – Town Hall
 - 16 RYNBORN – Dick Easter and Midnight Lightning
 - 17 RYNBORN – K.D. Bell
 - 21 Grange Program – Learning About Computers
 - 23 RYNBORN – Jim Ambrose Blues Band
 - 24 RYNBORN – Alligator Recording Artist Carey Bell
 - 30 RYNBORN – Kan-Tu Blues Band
 - 31 RYNBORN – Jimmy and the Soul Cats
- FEB**
- 6 RYNBORN – The Renee-Randall Band
 - 7 RYNBORN – Jacksonville Blues Band
 - 8 LIMRIK news deadline
 - 9 Public Budget Hearing – Town Hall
 - 10 Woman's Club Meeting & Program – Baptist Church 1:00 pm
 - 13 RYNBORN – Sweet Roy Jones
 - 14 RYNBORN – Chris Fitz
 - 20 RYNBORN – Otis and the Elevators
 - 21 RYNBORN – Two Bones and a Pick
 - 27 RYNBORN – Vykki Vox
 - 28 RYNBORN – The Toni Lynn Washington Band



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