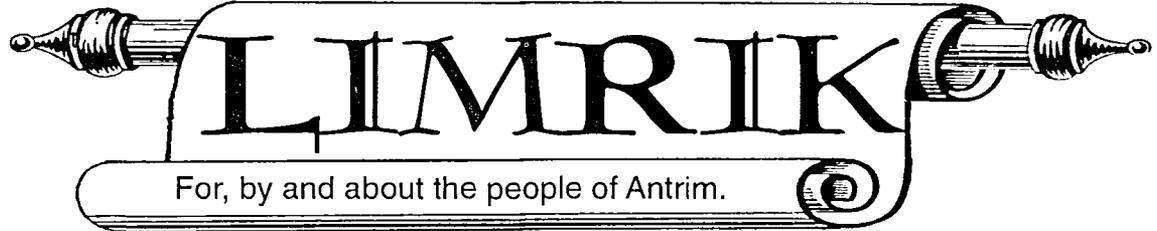




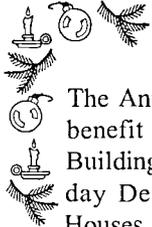
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HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR



The Antrim Holiday House Tour to benefit the James A. Tuttle Library Building Fund is scheduled for Saturday December 9th from 1-6 PM. Houses will be beautifully decorated for the holiday season and home-baked cookies and punch will be served at the five homes on the tour. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$8 at the Tuttle Library, Antrim Village Cafe, the Wool Room, Granite Bank, Tenney's Farm stand, Parkside Gallery in Antrim, and Mon Ami and the Dodge Library in Bennington. On the day of the tour, tickets will be \$10 and will be available at the Maplehurst Inn, also the location of the bake sale. Volunteers are needed to play seasonal music at homes on the tour; call Diane Chauncy at 588-2857 if you have a musical talent that you would like to share. The tour promises to put everyone in a festive spirit. Don't miss it!



RICK PALMER LEAVING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Reverend Dr. Richard Palmer of Antrim's Presbyterian church has tendered his resignation and will be moving to Gainesville, Florida in December to serve a troubled church he believes he was called to serve. Those of us who have received his support during difficult times and camaraderie during joyous times will sorely miss him. Reverend Palmer's last worship service will be December 17th at 10:30 AM. A farewell reception will be held for him and his family immediately following the service. Please come worship with us and help us bid the Palmers a fond farewell.

Rick Palmer has served the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim for the past ten years. He served on the Peace and Justice Committee, Budget and Finance Committee and the council for the Presbytery of Northern New England. As chairman of the Presbytery of Northern New England's Mission and Outreach Committee,

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FIRST LIGHTING

The first lighting of Antrim's Christmas Tree and Santa's arrival will take place on Sunday December 10 from 4-5:30 PM at the **Memorial Park Bandstand**. Children from Great Brook School will be singing holiday songs at 4 PM in preparation for Santa's appearance around 4:30 PM. It has been suggested that children might bring a can or package of food for the community food pantry when they visit Santa. For more information or to volunteer to help decorate the park call Dottie Penny at 588-6605 or Janet McEwen at 588-6151.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The public is invited to attend a Christmas Concert at the Antrim Baptist Church on Sunday December 17th at 7 PM. Three choirs, all directed by Ray Sweeney, will take part: the Conval High School Concert Choir, the Conval Select Choir, and the Baptist Church Choir. The program will include choral selections, readings and congregational participation in carol singing. Following the concert, refreshments will be served in the church's Fellowship Hall.

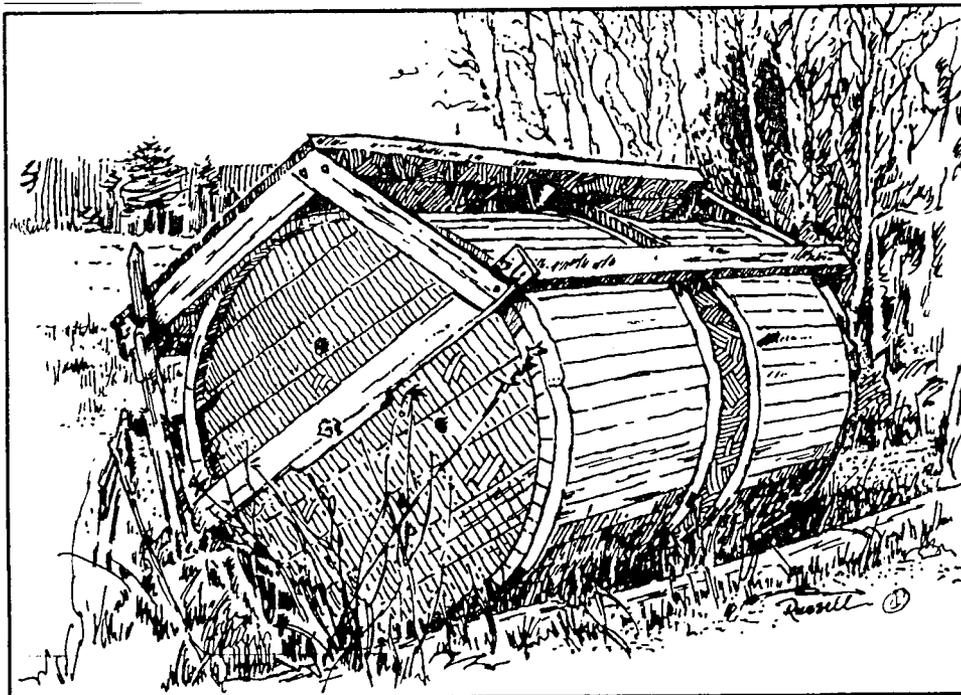
THE SNOW ROLLER

By Lyman Gilmore

Heavy snows fell that winter one hundred years ago when the new century began. Like today, people had to get to work, to the store, to school. But unlike today, there were no snowplows to clear the way. Instead, when a blizzard struck, Antrim's huge snow roller was hitched to two or three teams of horses, hauled out of its barn, and driven up and down the roads to every house in town, packing the snow.

But the snow roller, introduced around the last quarter of the nineteenth century, was a relatively late method for living with deep drifts. From Antrim's earliest days in the

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Snow Roller by Russ Russell

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SELECTMEN’S REPORT

As we are sure many of you have seen, work is proceeding on the renovation of Town Hall at a fast pace. Aside from the obvious changes on the outside, the downstairs interior has been largely framed for its new configuration, the elevator shaft in place, and the lower floor braced as planned. While no promises can be made yet, if all goes well, Town Meeting in March may be taking place there. If that happens it will be the first time since 1973.

TAX BILLS

On a not so happy note, we have all received our tax bill for the year, which shows a significant increase. Both the Town rate and the Local School rate increased slightly more than twenty percent. With the State School and County rates dropping slightly, the overall increase was 16.1%. As we work on a proposed budget for 2001, we will try our best to keep the Town rate in line though we realize that the first payment on the Town Hall bond will add about \$1.44 to the rate, an increase of 13.5%.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER

Recently Jeff Parsons was hired as the Town’s Building Inspector/Zoning Officer. He has extensive experience in the building trade and we are confident that he will perform these duties well. While on this subject it should be pointed out that a building permit is required in order to “erect, enlarge, construct, reconstruct, demolish or structurally alter any building” before starting any work. It is very important to be sure that the project meets zoning and building code requirements. Two recent projects, in which work started before obtaining a permit, demonstrate the problems caused when this is not done.

BOB FLANDERS

Finally, we offer our congratulations to Bob Flanders for his victory in the Senatorial race. We wish him the best as he deals with the complex issues that the legislature will face in the next two years. ♣

GLORIA SCHACHT

The LIMRIK suffered a great loss with the passing of Gloria Schacht who died Friday, November 3rd. She was a tireless reporter and editor who for many years served as a lifeline between the paper and a large segment of the Antrim community. Issue after issue was shaped, to an important degree, in response to wise suggestions and comments made by her at editorial meetings. Thank you, Gloria, very much indeed.

— Editor

FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Representative Richard Herman

This will be my last column as your State Representative, since I was defeated by Kimberly Dionne in the November elections. I offer my congratulations to Kimberly, wish her success and hope she and her colleagues will be able to find a way out of the taxation gridlock that has been haunting us for so many years, starving our schools and communities and preventing us from moving forward with so many other vitally important issues.

For me it's an embarrassment that as a legislature of 400 and senate of 24 we could not finally resolve the school funding issue with all the resources of the state at hand. After thousands of hours of study by highly qualified people, it's amazing to think we are still in many respects back where we started in 1998!

Why are we still at the starting gate? First, because the long shadow of William Loeb stretching back fifty years, continued to intimidate elected leaders and cloud the clear thinking of so many intelligent people dedicated to finding a reasonable solution.

Second, we lacked the courage to accept the principle of taxation based on a person's ability to pay, rather than on what they own. We are stuck more than a hundred years in the past when our wealth was based primarily on the size of a farm rather than one's annual income. Today, there is a clear and easy measure based on what we earn in salary, receive in interest and dividends and/or social security.

For decades, ordinary citizens have complained about the unfair weight of the property taxes and pleaded with elected representatives to make a change. Promises were made, but little relief delivered. Most towns and cities struggled to provide what was needed for adequate educational programs and facilities, often making sacrifices of other important services in order to support local schools.

This has been an unfair choice for the electorate, similar to the food vs medicine choice faced by the elderly. In the kind of humane, prosperous society we have in America today, this is not right or fair.

We must have the courage and wisdom to recognize that a good education is a fundamental right of all our children, regardless of socio-economic background, and our highest economic priority must be funding that education. This is the cornerstone of continuing prosperity and a responsible citizenry of caring, productive adults. We should settle for nothing less.

The worst single cynical act I can recall during my two years as a legislator was the house finance committee's establishment of \$4,300 (HB 117) as the basic cost of educating a child in the state of New Hampshire, when everyone knew the real state average tuition figure was \$6,015! We cannot afford to gamble with the most important resource we have—our children—in this cynical and selfish way.

In the next legislative session we must establish a permanent and equitable system for funding education, one that is constitutional and based on a person's ability to pay. After two years of careful study, my recommendation remains with the income tax solution which is fair, records the existing system and would reduce your state property tax to ZERO. I believe that Governor Shaheen is finally poised on the threshold of providing leadership on this issue.

Thank you for providing me with the chance to serve you for two years.



FOLK TALES

Fred Roberts of Pleasant Street grew up in Antrim, son of the late Miriam and Ross Roberts. He recently received the following from his brother, Edwin:

Dear Fred,

I thought you might be interested in this manuscript of mother's which has recently surfaced. She calls it: *My Three Crises* and in the forward she suggests that she has modeled it after Richard Nixon's *My Six Crises*.

Upon waking one morning the president opened the bureau drawer only to be confronted with—no clean shirts!!

Help!! What am I to do, the president wailed. I have no clean shirts. What a terrible crisis. Pat! Pat! What am I to do?

Pat Nixon rises to the occasion. Here Dickie-boy, here is a clean shirt. Now don't be getting yourself all upset. It's only a crisis after all.

And so we approach mother's manuscript with mounting interest and fervent apprehension. She begins thus:

I suppose you think that I will assign one crisis to each of my sons. Well, you're dead wrong! They all belong to Fred. Or should I say that Fred created them all. He was, after all, the one with the headstrong, devil-may-care attitude, the middle son, always trying to prove something.

Crisis # 1 The Shoe

One day Frederick and Edwin were home alone. Though eight years apart, they fought like cats and dogs. Frederick was able to get Edwin's goat both verbally and physically. And this day was no exception. At one point, so I'm told by a little fly on the wall, Frederick was chasing Edwin around the living room/dining room area slipping on the rugs and all the while taunting Edwin with how stupid he was and how inadequate and how he should wish he was somewhere else.

Finally, Edwin had had enough and picked up an old heavy shoe and threw it at Fred as hard as he could. Fred of course, always the artful dodger, stepped aside and the shoe hit the window in the living room just to the left of the front door—the door which was rarely used.

The window broke which caused a good deal of consternation in both boys, although Edwin felt justified in throwing the shoe because he had been so unfairly taken advantage of.

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TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

“SNOWBOUND”

By Isabel Nichols

*“The sun that brief December day
Rose cheerless over hills of gray,
And, darkly circled, gave at noon
A sadder light than waning moon.*

...

*A hard, dull bitterness of cold
The coming of the snowstorm told.”*

So does John Greenleaf Whittier begin “Snowbound”, a seemingly endless saga of northern New England winter.

In the mid-eighteenth century Antrim’s first settlers were already injured to deep drifts and sub-zero temperatures, being some generations removed from the relatively mild winters of the British Isles. They had developed the skills of survival needed to make it through the long dark months.

But the “hard winter” came in 1779-80. Reverend John Whiton, in Antrim’s first history, tells of the extreme cold when no water dropped from the eaves for six weeks. Snow was five feet deep for most of the winter, and the only means of transportation was with snowshoes. Since roads couldn’t be opened up it was impossible to get to the grist mills for meal and flour, and people existed on a monotonous diet of boiled corn and broth.

Perhaps more than the physical hardships, the hardest thing to endure was the forced isolation. With fathers and sons away at war, the women and children were left to cope with the weather and to find ways to pass the time without the companionship of neighbors. In some cases the log houses were completely covered with snow from the frequent storms and fierce winds that shaped the snow into huge drifts.

Denison Gould, a farmer on the Old Turnpike in the northern part of town, kept a diary of weather reports during the middle 1800s. His entries regarding snowfall are often followed by “good sledding”. This was not so much a matter of entertainment (sleigh rides were popular social events) as it was for the purpose of getting firewood out of the

deep woods with a team of oxen and a sledge, and into the woodshed where it would dry until the next winter. On December 2, 1836, he says: “We are lazing about doing nothing that amounts to anything only chopping firewood and burning it up.”

It has been said that the blizzard of ’88 was the storm to which all subsequent storms were compared for as long as anyone was around who had lived through it. It occurred in March on town meeting day, and was so severe that no one in Antrim, including the town officers, could reach the town hall which was then what we know as the Grange Hall. The annual meeting had to be postponed until March 30, and may have been the one and only time that town meeting was not held on schedule.

Helen Hills Swett was a local historian who lived all of her life (1892-1977) in Antrim, and shared her memories of events and memorable characters with school children to enhance their study of the town. In an oral history interview she told about an unforgettable blizzard in 1918.

“We had four days when it snowed steadily all day long, day and night, and the trains couldn’t get through. There was no mail, no papers. The coach would go down to the station every day waiting—hoping that the mail would come, but it didn’t come. The snow was piling up; I couldn’t see out of the windows in my house on Waverly Street. The snow had got on people’s nerves pretty well, with no telephone, no mail, no nothing. So Hiram Johnson, he was the superintendent down at Goodell Company, and Archie (Archie Swett, Helen’s husband was the postmaster) went over to Perkin’s livery stable and hired a pung sleigh. They put a handsled into the back of the pung and drove over to Haneock to what is now the Haas farm. From there they waded down with the handsled onto the track and followed the track down to Elmwood Station. They picked up six or seven big bags of mail and piled it onto the handsled and brought it back to the sleigh and back to Antrim, where everybody was waiting for their mail. It

was long after midnight when Archie got home. And the next day the trains came through.”

From *Parades and Promenades*, page 132:

“The last of several heavy snowstorms during the winter of 1932-33 was the famous ‘blue’ snow in April, which deposited thirty inches at forty degrees temperature. The bluish cast on the snow seemingly defied scientific explanation. Needless to say, school was closed, a rather uncommon event up until then, and this met with due appreciation.”

Antrim was incorporated as a town on March 22, 1777. When it came time to celebrate the bicentennial in 1977 the committee planned to hold a costume ball on the anniversary date, at Hawthorne College. It was decided to go all out and hire a big name band—Les Elgart—to play for dancing. The band came at no small expense. Fortunately, they weren’t sure how far into the backwoods Antrim was, so they arrived early in the afternoon. Shortly afterwards an old-fashioned Nor’easter started to batter New Hampshire with high winds and heavy wet snow, and by the time the dance was to begin the driving was nearly impossible. Electric power was knocked out, and the very young musicians were unfamiliar with the old favorite arrangements and couldn’t play in the dark.

Fireman Dick Edmunds came to the rescue by somehow getting to the firehouse and bringing back a gas-powered portable generator, and light was restored, at least enough for the band to see their music. And the dance went on, although very few people were able to get to the college, and the committee felt a financial strain as a result.

Everything must have a moral, and the moral of that is: Beware the 22nd of March! It’s too close to the vernal equinox which can bring snowstorms of gigantic proportions just when you think spring is here.

For further reading about the winter hardships of Antrim’s residents in years past, see:

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Souvenir Program of the Bicentennial Celebration, 1977

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PICTURES GALORE

The Antrim Historical Society wants every resident in the year 2001 to become a part of Antrim's history.

A major project is in the planning stages to commemorate the third millennium, and we want *you* to help. Sometimes we think that history is all in the past, but it's being made right now, every day. In the year 2100 there are sure to be descendants of all of us, descending on the town in search of clues to their heritage, and we need to prepare for them now.

The plan is to gather pictures of all the houses in town and the people who live in them now; after displaying them for all to enjoy, the pictures will be placed in the permanent Historical Society collection for future use. This collection now houses many pictures from the 1900s and before which are constantly being used for study and enjoyment.

The instructions are:

1. Only two pictures from each household, one of the house and one of its occupants. The ideal would be one picture of both the house and the occupants.
2. Please label each picture on the back with the street address and the names of the people (how often have we looked at an old picture and wished someone had labeled it properly!).
3. If you would like to participate but need someone to take pictures, you can call Pat or Carole Webber at 588-2332, or Phil or Ann Dwight at 588-3605 to set up an appointment, and the pictures will be taken free of charge.

THE SLEIGH

What follows is my version of the 1902 death-by-accident of my grandfather, William White, at Alabama Farm on Smith Road. I learned the story from his widow, my grandmother, when I was a child. This version was written for my first great grandchild, Emma Winslow Horwitz—who would be William White's great great great granddaughter.

— Dick Winslow

With snow on the ground they must travel by sleigh
For in those early days there was no other way.
One Sunday, my Grandfather White hitched his horse
To a sleigh and—my Grandmother with him, of course—
Drove the horse and the sleigh to their church in the town.

After church, in the cold with the snow coming down,
They got half way to home when the horse took fright,
Gave a leap in the air and threw Grandfather White
Wholly out of the sleigh, a most terrible fall;
And he lay on the ground without moving at all.

My grandmother walked a long mile through the snow
To seek help from a neighbor who said "Oh! Let's go!"
And they went in his sleigh just as fast as they could,
Taking bandages, blankets, and medical goods.
But the accident brought such a blow to the head
That my Grandfather White, when they reached him, was dead.

This tragedy happened long, long years ago
Before I was born—so I never did know
This mythical figure, this Grandfather White.
But all those who knew him reported that he
Was a wonderful man, sweet and kind as could be.

4. Pictures can be left in a box at the Tuttle Library, where they will be picked up by Historical Society members who are in charge of the project. Please turn your pictures in by July 1, 2001. The exhibit is planned for late summer 2001.

This could be an overwhelming project—there are over 900 dwelling places in Antrim right now. But we feel that it's important because the first purpose of the Antrim Historical Society reads: "Researching and preserving Antrim history, past and present." We hope there will be enough interest to carry the project to completion.

Meanwhile, Dotti Penny and Jacque Cottle are preparing a winter exhibit which will open on December 21 and be available for viewing throughout the winter. Included will be examples of:

Celebrating the Holidays
Ice Fishing
Ice Cutting
Antrim's first ski area
Winter sports
Winter survival stories.

If anyone has information, materials or a story that would add to the interest of this display please call Dotti at 588-6605 or Jacque at 588-6385. They are particularly interested in locating an ice saw, used for cutting blocks of ice from lakes and rivers.

The Celtic display will be open to the public through December 9. All Historical Society exhibits are upstairs in the Tuttle Library and are open during library hours.

For further information, call Izi Niehols at 588-6581. ♣

ANTRIM MAN HIKES ENTIRE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

An Antrim resident was recently able to accomplish his dream of hiking the entire Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine. His face would be familiar to you if you had ever visited Edmunds' Hardware store on Main Street as he is Rick Edmunds, 26 year old son of Lorraine and Dick Edmunds. His love of hiking started during his years in the Boy Scouts when the troop would spend a week in the summer hiking and camping in the White Mountains. He continued this interest in hiking with friends, climbing most of the mountains in New Hampshire.

During this past year Rick and UNH roommate, Geoff, mapped plans to do the Trail but in the spring Geoff developed knee problems which caused him to drop out. Rick, however, decided to go on his own, and on April 6th flew to Atlanta, Georgia to reach the start of the trail in Springer, Georgia.

The Appalachian Trail is 2,167.1 miles long and winds through fourteen states. There are 3-sided shelters located at 6 to 8 mile intervals where it is possible to spend the night or just get in out of the weather if necessary. About 4,000 hikers start the trek annually but only 10-15% complete the trail from start to finish.

Rick kept a daily journal of his experiences, recording the type of terrain he was covering, the weather, how far he hiked and where he stayed each night. A typical day would start around day-break or 6:30 AM. He would climb into clothes probably still damp or wet and cook a pot of oatmeal on his portable stove. After breakfast, he would fold his tent, store any gear in his 40 to 45 pound backpack, and set out, perhaps alone for awhile on the trail. Later he might be joined by fellow hikers and they would take a mid-morning break at a scenic spot to rest and eat a high energy bar dipped in peanut butter. He tried to maximize calories because he was burning about 5,000 a day. As it was, he lost 30

pounds over the course of hiking for five months. Another sneak in the mid-afternoon and then the hikers would seek a shelter at which to spend the night. If the shelter was already occupied by 6 to 8 hikers, tents would be set up outside and Rick would rest and share experiences with the others as they cooked packaged meals such as Lipton's Noodle dinners. There was a spring or brook near every shelter and he carried a water purifier to ensure that his water was safe to drink.

Every six days Rick would hike into a nearby town to a designated post office to pick up a waiting package sent by Geoff, his UNH roommate, who made himself responsible for keeping Rick in supplies. While in town Rick and his hiking friends would look for a restaurant offering an all-you-can-eat buffet and fill up. Occasionally, they would stay overnight in a hostel or motel to do laundry and have hot showers.

Rick started on the trail alone but met hikers and made friends as he traveled. The hikers adopted trail names and Rick was known as Magnum P.I.—because he liked to wear Hawaiian shirts. Other hikers with whom he found himself traveling were called variously, Welehs, because he liked grape jelly, Mousetrap because he had caught a mouse in the shelter, and Likin' Hikin' which seems self-explanatory. These three traveled with Rick for the entire 169 days that he hiked, sharing food and enjoying the camaraderie of overcoming obstacles, hiking through pouring rain, climbing rocky mountains and ridges, achieving the mountain tops to see 360 degree views of the countryside which were breathtaking. There were cold days, even snow once, warm sunny days, mud, and at times mosquitoes.

Rick said that meeting these friends and traveling with them was a great

moral support when days were harder than expected or spirits were low. He knew what to expect of the camping and hiking aspects of the trail but he had not known that he would make good friends

who would be with him all the way. That was one of the best parts of the five months. He said they always were able to laugh every day.

Reflecting on the total experience, Rick said he was very glad he did it and would recommend it to others. It gave him a sense of accomplishment and made him realize that he preferred a slower-paced life. Coming back to Antrim to resume his work at the hardware store was not difficult because he finds the people here pretty laid back, friendly, and outgoing, and the rural pace of life to his liking. He still hikes

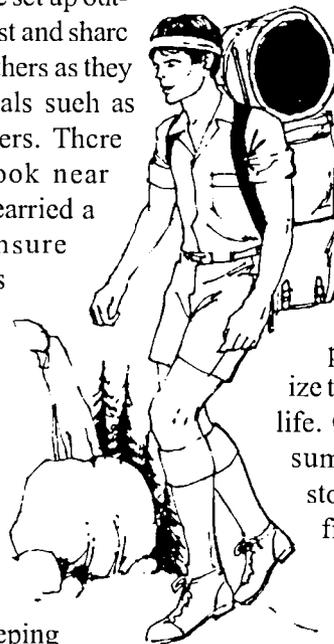
whenever he can and goes mountain biking with friends. In fact, he feels that doing the Appalachian Trail hike energized him so that he feels a need to be outdoors and to be more active than he used to be. This has brought about a change that he enjoys.

Next summer Rick plans to hike for a week on the Long Trail in Vermont. He has already hiked 100 miles of it because part of the Long Trail is a section of the Appalachian Trail, but he would like to continue it up into Canada.

If you have access to a computer Rick's journal may be read at: trailplace.com, 2000 thru hikers. Reading the daily reports will really reveal what it is like to be outdoors in all kinds of weather, hiking over rough trails, coming upon wild animals, sleeping and eating where you find shelter, for five months.

Rick reached the end of the trail when he climbed to the top of Mount Katahdin and embraced the trail end sign. On September 22 he had fulfilled his dream and achieved his goal.

— Janet MacLachlan



1740s, to the 1800s, winter blizzards meant being snowbound for days and sometimes weeks on end. In Antrim Center, Clinton Village and near the post office in the South Village, people might shovel paths and slog about, but farther out, in the farms and cabins beyond Gregg Lake, up toward North Branch, out past East Village toward Campbell Pond, the woodpile, the well, and the barn were about as far afield as one got.

Around 1800, whenever heavy snows shut down New Hampshire towns, a crude method for making the roads passable was introduced. "Eight to twenty yoke of cattle were teamed together, without any plowing implement behind them, and simply driven along the roads. With the larger teams, one man was in charge of every three yoke. A considerable share of the burden of course fell on the leading yoke and for this reason it was necessary to change it frequently. This method of 'plowing' undoubtedly left much to be desired, but it at least rendered possible travel of a sort over the main thoroughfares." (From *Rolling the Roads* by Henry N. Andrews, Jr., Old Time New England, January 1948.) In the mid 1800s, another method for making winter roads passable was introduced, dragging a large block of wood next to a sled. Then, about a hundred and twenty-five years ago, New Hampshire towns decided that it would be more efficient to pack the snow down rather than push it aside with heavy blocks of wood, and the snow roller came into existence.

The first of these were made from the biggest birch logs that could be found, dragged behind a team of horses or oxen. By the end of the century rollers were being made in the form of large drums out of stout oak planks held in place by iron hoops attached to iron shafts.

Eb Chamberlain, who was born in 1911, remembers Antrim's snow rollers in the mid 1920s: "The town bought two rollers for seventy-five dollars. They were all horse drawn, with one or three pair of horses. They'd roll to wherever anyone was living, up by Gregg Lake to

the old Price place, to Brown's farm on Craig Road, south to Bennington, and out the Concord Road." The roller packed the snow down so sleighs and motor cars could move about, but it quickly got 'pretty greasy,' making travel risky. Eb and his pals took advantage of the 'greasiness' with a double-runner sled that held six or eight people. "We started up at the Grange Hall, and if we made the corner at Clinton Village, we'd make it all the way down to South Village. They stopped using snow rollers in 1927 and started using a big tractor with a V-plow and wings held up by chain falls. It was a hard job working those chain falls."

Eb may have constructed the last snow roller in New Hampshire, and you can see the results of his labor across the bridge off the Old Concord Road, just past the hangar at the airport in Deering. Here is how he remembers making it:

"Well, I still got somethin' that's still hanging in town pretty good, that old snow roller that I built. That's over at the airport right now, just sitting long side of the road. The Chamber of Commerce came to me one time, it was 1976, and they wanted to know if I could build a snow roller. I says, well, I think so. I can remember about what they looked like. I tried to find one in Maine and Vermont. They didn't even have one. So I says, doggone it, we used to have one in town here, and Elmer Merrill was the Road Agent, Smokey's father, and knowin' Elmer, it's probably up there in the pasture somewhere. So I went up and I wandered around out back of his barn, and doggone if I didn't find it, all rotted out, and I got the hoops off it and the big shafts that go through the middle of it. So I took the parts off it and I built it up at the lumber company 'cause they had the lumber there and it's just as easy there. Andy (Lane) used to get the lumber and the nails and everything, spikes and so on, and that's all made out of oak, two-by-four oaks all the way around it, six feet high. The round ends... Humphrey and I went up to a reel com-

pany up in Warner. So we bought two big reels and took 'em apart and used the ends for those. Some day, in a hundred years or so, when it rots down and somebody's lookin' it over, inside it I got an aluminum plate about that square, 'Built by Eb Chamberlain, 1976,' stamped right in there. (*Chuckle*) It's still there. It isn't too bad right now, but they should put it under cover." (*LIMRIK*, September 1999)

Eb's snow roller is still in pretty good shape. A few of the oak planks have begun to rot, but it remains an impressive symbol of deep winters past. Stand next to Eb's roller—lean on it perhaps—and you can feel how massive and heavy and solid and strong it is. Twelve feet wide, consisting of two rollers each five and a half feet across, with one foot in between to make turning easier, and with its top frame, more than six feet high. Go see it. ♣

THE LIBRARY MOURNS

The Trustees and staff of Antrim's Tuttle Library are deeply saddened by the loss of their colleague and good friend, Dana Welch. Here are some of the memories we have of Dana: the way he would sit in a meeting, silent and thoughtful, and then voice an astute observation while hunkered down, head bowed, eyes twinkling; how when we became grandiose about some plan, he would bring us back to earth, reminding us that we are a small town library; a great grin and sense of fair play; his love for his quirky little dogs (and a great affinity with and for other people's quirky little dogs). He was subtly wise, with a quiet, gentle humor. He loved the music of Lisa McCormick. He was laid back, yet got things done. He was an ardent library supporter. He was sensitive to young people, and encouraged them. Obviously he was one of the responsible, decent, kind men the world needs more of.

We are very pleased that Penny Welch has agreed to fill the remainder of Dana's term as Library Trustee. ♣



ABOUT TOWN

BOXES ON BOARD FAMILY ON BOARD

Brian Beihl's duplex enterprise, part packing service (Boxes on Board), part retailer of travel items (Family on Board) is visibly expanding at 42 Main Street. Until now, the combined operation has been located on the ground level of the old Goodell Company building at its south end, but work is in progress to turn the upper level of the building into office space and a retail store for Family on Board. Boxes on Board will remain in the lower level, along with a warehouse area. The public should watch for an announcement of a Grand Opening of the upstairs area in February.

STYROFOAM PEANUTS.

Boxes on Board will accept those pesky little plastic "peanuts" that are used to prevent breakage—the ones that clutter up your house after you've opened a package. Please bring the stuff to 42 Main Street or to the receptacle at the Antrim Transfer Station. ♣

WRITERS WANTED

The *LIMRIK* needs writers for general reporting, feature articles and the like. If you are a beginner, we'll help you. If you're an experienced writer, you may teach us a thing or two. If you're interested, please phone Dick Winslow at 588-2498. ♣

HOW WE GOT OUR NAME

We are frequently asked how we came to be called *LIMRIK*, which seems to be a misspelling of "limerick". Damned if I know. But I admire it.

— Editor

COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL

Have you seen the new CK'S sign in town? Wondering what's up on High Street? Well it's the opening of a Cosmetology School located here in Antrim. Locally owned and operated by proprietors Michael and Cynthia Kettle.

Cynthia has twenty years of experience in the field of cosmetology as stylist, manager, educator, technician, sales person and instructor. She has successfully completed the curriculum for the school and license requirements of the state of New Hampshire Board of Cosmetology.

Michael has fifteen years of experience in the construction field and has completed the building located on their home property at 31 High Street in Antrim. The business will operate as CK'S Characteristics School of Cosmetology.

For more information, stop by or give them a call at 588-3518 or 877-588-3518 for out of town calls. Grand Opening will be scheduled for January 27th or March 2nd. Watch for details. They are also offering a "Pamper Me Silly" give away. Scholarships are available at ten of the area high schools. ♣

LIMRIK ARTICLES INVITED

The *LIMRIK* is "for, by and about the people of Antrim". It encourages submission of articles or ideas for articles from individuals or groups, to be considered for publication. Material may be given to or discussed with a staff member (see staff listing on page 2) or left off for the *LIMRIK* at the Tuttle Library. ♣

JUNIOR GRANGE #153

Since the last issue of the *Limrik*, the Antrim Junior Grange has gone through a lot of big changes. In August, we had election of officers: Master-Corey Bowmaster; Overseer-Melissa Cody; Lecturer-Alex Skinner; Steward-Carrie Cody; Assistant Steward-Corey Hale; L.A.S.-Cierra Folley; Chaplain-Samantha Buxton; Treasurer-Brant Wright; Secretary-Angela Skinner; Gatekeeper-Justin Wright; Ceres-Sarah Mereier; Pomona-Heather Hale; Flora-Kayla Mereier.

September was a busy month for everybody so we only met once to make colored leaves for the windows and construct two fine scarecrows for the season. October was an exciting month. The officers received the Obligation to become Junior Grange members and were installed into their office by the New Hampshire State Grange Master, Daniel Bascom. Mr. Bascom also delivered and signed our new Charter to reinstate the Antrim Junior Grange as official in the New Hampshire Junior Grange federation. On October 30th we had a Halloween Party and had some new people in attendance.

Upcoming events have not been decided yet but we have received next year's Junior Grange packet. If anyone would like to come and check out our meetings or are curious about the Junior Grange, feel free to stop by or call Renee Mereier (leader) at 588-2334 or Beth and Arthur Merrill (co-leaders) at 588-6615. Our meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday night of each month from 6-8 PM. Meetings are held at the Grange Hall until the cold and snow arrives, then we will meet at The Grapevine. We welcome kids ages 5-14 who would like to try something new and make new friends. ♣



Antrim Presbyterian Church
588-2209
Pastor Richard Palmer

Sunday Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Youth Sunday School 10:30 AM
Fellowship hour 11:00 AM

(child care available for 4-year-olds and under)

- Dec. 10 Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner** 5:30 PM
- Dec. 17 Farewell Reception for the Palmer Family** 11:30 AM
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship** 6:30 PM
- Feb. 17 Washington's Birthday Dinner** 6:00 PM

Antrim Baptist Church
588-6614

Pastor Charles V. Boucher
Cherryl Boucher, Associate Pastor

Sunday Schedule

Worship 10:30 AM
(Nursery and junior church provided)

- Dec. 17 Christmas Pageant** during worship 10:30 AM
- Dec. 17 "Christmas In Song"** concert with three choirs. Carols, anthems, readings. 7 PM
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve candlelight service** 7 PM

Antrim Church of Christ
588-6178

Pastor Bill McNich

Sunday Schedule

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Potluck Lunch (as announced)

Bible Study

Mondays-Ladies 10-11:00 AM
Wednesdays-General 7-8:00 PM
Thursdays-Pre-Teen & Adults 7-8:30 PM

Clothing shop and Food Pantry open the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:30-12 Noon.

Bennington Congregational Church
588-2398
Rev. Dan Poling

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Thursday Bible Study 11:00-12 Noon

Saint Patrick Church
588-2180

Rev. Richard A. Smith

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:15 PM
Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM
Mon-Fri 7:30 AM
Penance 1/2 hour before all weekday masses and by request

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Children's Mass 4:15 PM

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass
9:00 AM

Sacramental Life

Baptism by appointment
Marriage arrangements 6 months before wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick. Please notify rectory of confined or sick members.

Religious Education Classes

Grades K-8 following 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday

Grades 9 & 10 on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 PM. For more information contact Brenda Wesoly at 547-2670.

LIVING NATIVITY PAGEANT

A living Nativity Pageant will be presented following the Town's First Lighting on December 10. With live animals (a donkey and two goats), the Pageant will start at 5:30 PM in front of the Presbyterian Church with a procession, leading around the Inn to a barn in the back. For more information, phone Mary Sawich at 588-2086. ♣

Rev. Rick Palmer *continued*

he was instrumental in obtaining a mission grant for Antrim's The Grapevine. Reverend Palmer also served as chaplain for the Antrim Fire Department. He rode along on patrol with the Antrim Police Department on several occasions and volunteered as an unofficial part-time crossing guard at the Antrim Elementary School. He managed the Antrim operations for the Salvation Army and dispensed much needed financial aid to needy residents. Rick provided crisis intervention and counseling services to the general community. He also conducted frequent visits to the Great Brook Middle School, Antrim Elementary School and the Conval School District Superintendent's office to provide support and a concerned ear to students, teachers, and administrators. Over the years he has performed numerous marriages and funerals for members and non-members of the Presbyterian Church. The full extent of Reverend Palmer's service to the community cannot be measured.

The Reverend Ralph Booth will conduct the Christmas Eve worship service at 6:30 PM on December 24. There will be no morning worship service on December 24th.

— H. Keith DuBois
Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Antrim

ANTRIM WOMAN'S CLUB

On Tuesday November 14th, Ruth Ward, a weaver from Stoddard, was guest speaker at the Woman's Club monthly meeting. A memorial ceremony was also held in remembrance of Virginia Young, a longtime member who recently died. In her memory \$25 was added to the scholarship fund. Anyone interested in making a donation to the Woman's Club Scholarship Fund in Virginia's memory may contact club treasurer Susan Taylor at 588-2501. Club members will gather for a Christmas Luncheon on December 12th.

RESCUE SQUAD CHRISTMAS CARD

On November 24th members of the club will be at Wayno's with the Rescue Squad Christmas Card. Please stop, sign your name and make a donation for the Rescue Squad to show your appreciation of their dedication. Money collected goes toward new equipment. ♣



BOOK DISPLAYS

- Dec Holidays & Cozies (Mysteries)
- Jan Late Greats
- Feb Health & Medicine

PROGRAMS

- Dec Holiday Storytime with the Junior Girl Scouts. Details TBA.

ANTRIM VILLAGE VISITS

- December 6
- January 3
- February 7

COMMUNITY PHOTO EXHIBIT

We are presenting a Community Photo Exhibit to be held at the library from December 2000 through January 2001. Bring us your best or your favorite photo! All of us have taken pictures—either by design or chance—of which we are particularly proud. This is your chance to show them off. No professional experience is necessary—just bring in your photo, of any subject, in any size, framed or mounted. The exhibit is open to all ages.

NEW FACES AT THE LIBRARY

Janet MacLachlan and Kristin Readel have joined Maura Pascucci as alternating Saturday clerks. Stop in and say hello.

“ADOPT A...” PROGRAM

Every year the Library asks patrons to participate in giving to an adoption program for books. This year, during the months of December and January, we are asking for donations to purchase audio-visual materials—videos, audiobooks, books on CD, and music CDs. We are continuing to build these collections and would greatly appreciate your gifts.

NEW ADULT BOOKS: FICTION

Baldacci *WISH YOU WELL*; Gedge *THE OASIS*; Carr *KILLING TIME*; Greeley *A CHRISTMAS WEDDING*; Hamilton *DISOBEDIENCE*; Ishiguio *WHEN WE WERE ORPHANS*; Kingsolver *THE PRODIGAL SUMMER*; Lindsey *HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS*; Ludlum *THE PROMETHEUS DECEPTION*; Martin *SHOPGIRL*; Rice *MERRICK*; Weldon *RHODE ISLAND BLUES*.

NON FICTION

Caudill *MANAGING PAIN BEFORE IT MANAGES YOU*; Longman *THE GIRLS OF SUMMER*; McCourt *SINGING MY HIM SONG*; Maas *THE TERRIBLE HOURS*; Stewart *THE MARTHA STEWART LIVING COOKBOOK*.

MYSTERIES

Block *HIT LIST*; Clark *DECK THE HALLS*; Cornwell *THE LAST PRECINCT*; Hart *SUGARPLUM DEAD*; Kaminsky *NEVER CROSS A VAMPIRE*; Pears *THE IMMACULATE DECEPTION*; Perry *SLAVES OF OBSESSION*; Robb *JUDGEMENT IN DEATH*; Robinson *COLD IS THE GRAVE*; Roosevelt *MURDER IN THE LINCOLN BEDROOM*.

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Hertbert *DUNE: HOUSE OF HARKONNEN*; Jordan *THE EYE OF THE WORLD*.

BIOGRAPHIES

Cramer *JOE DIMAGGIO*; Salinger *DREAM CATCHER (biography of J.D. Salinger written by his daughter)*.

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon & Wed 2–6:00 PM
 Tues & Thurs 2–8:00 PM
 Friday 9:00 AM–12 Noon
 Saturday 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Library will be closed on the following holidays: Monday December 25 (Christmas Day), Monday January 1 (New Years Day), Monday January 15 (Martin Luther King Day), and Monday February 19 (Presidents’ Day).

WE HAVE MORE THAN BOOKS

- Genealogy Assistance
- Income tax forms (coming up soon!)
- Interlibrary loan
- Photocopying
- Public use computer for Internet access or word processing (including Internet tutorials for the beginner)
- Reader advisory
- Telephone renewals
- Research and Reference assistance

When in doubt, ask a librarian.

LIBRARY CARDS & AUTOMATION

Please stop by the Library and update the information on your library card. We’ve started the automation process and the accuracy of the information is important to us and to you.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Don’t forget to set aside Saturday December 9 for the Annual Holiday House Tour, sponsored by the Library and the Friends of the Library as a fund-raiser for the Library’s building expansion project. (See page 1)

Also, please drop off your favorite cookie recipe at the Library for inclusion in the “cookie cookbook”.

AWARD TO CAROLE & PAT WEBBER

At a recent meeting of the Antrim Grange, the 2000 Community Citizen Award was presented to Pat and Carole Webber. Many friends and family members were on hand to give their impressions of the Webbers, telling of the many and varied projects that they are involved in. Some of their accomplishments are; Aiken House Committee (s), Library Trustee; Historical Society, Zoning Board, The Grapevine, the Community Christmas Tree, Parks and Recreation Committee, Rural Rides, etc. They also grow Christmas trees and blueberries at their home at Patten Hill Farm. It was a privilege for the Antrim Grange to honor this hard-working couple who do so much for the town of Antrim.

At the recent New Hampshire State Grange session held in Laconia, Beth Merrill was reelected to the office of State Lecturer and Arthur Merrill was reelected a member of the State Grange Executive Committee, also the Antrim Grange was recognized for having attained a net gain in membership, and received a certificate for the grassroots forum on Industrial Hemp. ♣

UNIVERSITY GRANT TO ANTRIM STUDENT

An Antrim first year student is among those named as winners of Denison University’s Provost Award. Those selected by Denison’s Admissions staff to receive this grant include Jennifer McInnis, daughter of Pam Caswell of Antrim and Clayton McInnis of Hillsboro. Jennifer is a graduate of Conval High School year of 2000.

The Denison’s Provost Award provides 40 percent tuition and is renewable for four years if the student achieves and maintains a stipulated grade point average. The grant was awarded to students who demonstrated outstanding leadership both inside and outside the classroom.

“Denison has a tradition of producing exceptional alumni successful in all types of professions,” notes Perry Robinson, director of admissions. “We are pleased to provide this type of award to promising students who will continue that legacy.”

Denison University, in Granville, Ohio, is a coeducational liberal arts college founded in 1831.

The LIMRIK is particularly pleased to note Jennifer’s success since, when she was a Conval student, she contributed articles to it.

— Editor

EMERALD HORSE 4-H CLUB

On September 17th the club hosted it's first annual charity benefit open horse show at Townsend's Training Farm in Pembroke, NH. Our thanks to everyone who helped make the show a success; because of your generous support, \$800 was raised for the NH Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Members are already hard at work planning next year's show which will benefit the Horse Power Scholarship Fund. Horse Power is located in Temple, NH and is a therapeutic horseback riding program for those with special needs, physical and mental challenges and learning disabilities. We ask for your support; anyone who wishes to become a show sponsor or would like to be on our show mailing list is urged to call Kathy at 588-2719.

In other club news, Jill Dumont along with three other NH 4-H Junior members took top honors in a team effort competing at the New England Regional 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl held in Chesterfield on October 8th. The contest challenged the team's horse knowledge against other 4-H teams from Rhode Island, Connecticut and Vermont. Great job Jill!

Congratulations to club member Peter Dumont who received his 3rd-year member award at the Hillsborough County 4-H Awards Night held on October 27. The club would also like to welcome new member Tina Burgoyne.

We are looking forward to another great 4-H year and our community service project commitment for 2001. Please join us in our effort to help Horse Power.

— Kathy Dumont

REC CENTER

Soccer this year was, once again, a big success. We had over 150 kids from Frankestown, Hancock, Bennington and Antrim. We are now moving right into basketball and looking forward to another fun and busy season.

Along with the sports programs we are getting ready to start the After School program, beginning with the 1st and 2nd graders. Watch for more information.

Cardio kickboxing has drawn quite a crowd and will soon be starting up again. New players are always welcome at adult volleyball on Thursday nights or men's basketball on Wednesday nights. For more information call 588-3576 or check out our web page at: www.antrimnh.com/reccenter.

BOB FLANDERS

We all know that Antrim's Bob Flanders was elected to the NH State Senate on November 7th. He is the four Antrim man in history so to be honored. In 1797, John Duncan was elected; in 1833 Jacob Tuttle; and in 1887, Nathan Jamesen, each serving one term.

Also—Bob is the third Flanders to be a Senator. His great great grandfather, James Flanders of Warner, served as Senator 1794-98; and again 1800-1804. His grandfather, William Flanders of Weare, was Senator 1921-22.

When Bob announced his Senate candidacy, he had to relinquish his post as Antrim's Town Moderator and appointed Bill Nichols as Assistant Moderator to oversee both the primary elections and the final voting on November 7th. Family continuity again expressed itself; Bill's grandfather, Byron Butterfield, was Antrim's Town Moderator for many years. ♣

ANTRIM MEDICAL GROUP

The Antrim Medical Group is growing! Dr. Scott Jaynes has been joined by his wife, Dr. Annika Brown and Melanie Krauthoff, Nurse Practitioner, in the Elm Street office. Both Melanie and Dr. Brown have been practicing since 1997 in the Peterborough office of Monadnock Family Care. The three providers have looked forward to an opportunity to practice together under one roof and are happy to be doing this here in Antrim. They share a common belief in wellness and disease-prevention and are all committed runners.

Dr. Brown and Ms. Krauthoff provide a full spectrum of Family Medicine for men and women, and share a particular interest in adolescent health and the female patient. Both women will be seeing patients three days per week.

Dr. Jaynes has been named Medical Director of the Wellness Center at Monadnock Community Hospital, but remains primarily committed to the Antrim office and will be seeing patients four days per week.

New staff members include Antrim resident Chris Fletcher in the front office and Anne Freed, RN, who brings both intensive-care and home healthcare experience to our nursing staff. Tori Perham, Amber Fisk and Maureen Durgin continue as the backbone of the office, facilitating all of the new changes. ♣

Folk Tales *continued*

The window was broken only at the very bottom left and Ross never replaced the glass—I think because he wanted to remind us that domestic violence doesn't pay. Well, the pane of glass involved was the whole bottom half of the windows, and in the winter time you had a storm window to put on the outside. So there really wasn't any reason to replace the broken glass.

Between the broken inside windows and the ill-fitting storm window there was enough draft to insure there would never be a problem with radon poisoning.

Crisis # 2 Next issue ♣

LIBRARY SURVEY

RESULTS



By Connie Kirwin
Chair/Board of Trustees

With a 14% response to the survey mailed by the Board of Trustees to every household in Antrim, the results are in and your voice has been counted. Thank you for participating and if you forgot or misplaced the survey, we do have more at the Library so you too can be counted. Many thanks to Diane Chauncey and Pam Bagloe for their efforts in creating the survey.

How important is the library to our community? Ninety-four percent felt that the Library is either extremely or very important.

Topping the list of reasons why you use the Library is to borrow books. Borrowing videos, CDs and audio tapes came in second place. Reference, research and information for a school project were third place with viewing Historical displays another popular reason for visiting the Library.

Ideas for changes to the Library building and property showed that 46% requested the need for more parking. The remaining suggestions, including a larger children's room, larger space for young adults, larger meeting room, and larger building, garnered a combined 93% response.

And, 24% of the respondents have volunteered to help in the Library expansion effort either with fund raising or with the building committee. Thank you Antrim residents for your participation in our survey and support of the Tuttle Library and its expansion project. ♣

GREAT BROOK SCHOOL NEWS

By Barbara Black

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

"Come all ye...." to the GBS Holiday Concert. Wednesday, December 13th, Great Brook School musicians will share their talents. This year's performance will feature a new String Ensemble. The Chorale and Glee Club will fill the auditorium with traditional holiday favorites. Come hear the Beginning Band students in their first public performance and tap your feet to the rhythm of the Concert Band. The concert begins at 7:00 PM and is offered without charge to the entire community.

MAIL TO THE CHIEF

What concerns and issues would you like addressed by the next President of the United States? Last spring GBS seventh graders participated in nation-wide writing project. In their letters to "the next President" they shared their concerns as citizens and teenagers.

Excerpts were taken from student letters to create "Mail to the Chief". The Kearsarge Arts Theater performed the show last summer. This look at the issues facing our nation through the eyes of teenagers was also presented at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC on November 2nd.

Out of 2500 entries submitted, three GBS students' writing was selected. Congratulations to Hannah Williams, Evan Brand and Trevor Burke.

BUSINESSES IS BOOMING

The Alternative Learning Team (ALT) is developing a program to help students learn through hands-on activities.

The group has formed three business groups, each with a different focus.

The "Forks, Knives, and Spoons" group is developing cooking skills. It hopes to establish a catering business soon. Tool Time is focusing on wood working. These students are creating puzzles, shelves and other small wooden items. The ALT Race Team is rebuilding motorcycles which it hopes to sell.

Students are involved in their business enterprises three times a week. They do the paperwork and accounting needed to run their businesses. In addition the class is involved in a number of community service projects. ALT just finished a doll house for the First Friends Preschool.

One whole group project is the Great Brook Bread Company. Students take orders from staff at the beginning of each week. Whole wheat, French, and sourdough bread are then baked in the outdoor clay oven and delivered at the end of the week. See the article below for a step-by-step description of the process.

BAKING IN A CLAY OVEN

By the GBS ALT Students

First we pick 2 kids to get the fire started in the oven. We put in newspaper and some small wood pieces that will catch easily. Then comes the two big or semi-big logs. We keep going out to check on the oven every fifteen minutes or so. We burn wood and paper in the oven for two and a half to three hours. The oven temperature is about one thousand degrees.

For the cleaning, we use lots of water and some clothes. That way we get it real clean. Then we end up with moist heat that is perfect for bread making. Before we even get the bread in the oven, we have to knead the dough six hundred times!

COSEED UPDATE

Ideas flew, students shined, and a great time was had by all. On November 8th librarians and historians from the four Great Brook School communities and Great Brook staff and students broke bread and shared experiences. This is the second year COSEED has hosted school/community meetings to pool ideas and resources.

Students presented their South Village project from last year, and the Town Centers and Hancock History projects currently underway. Successes and struggles with conducting research in the four towns were discussed. Students shared their struggles to find primary sources in the various towns. Librarians and members of the Historical Societies offered suggestions of possible sources as well as future projects.

COSEED is a Community and School Environmental Education collaborative among Antioch New England Graduate School, Great Brook School, and local communities.

SOUTH VILLAGE

How did the Town Hall clock end up in the Presbyterian Church tower? Why did people clear the street when Mr. Goodell went to work? What strange sitings have been made at the Maplehurst Inn? The answer to these and other intriguing questions can be found in *A Stroll Through Antrim's Changing Landscape: South Village*.

Fifth graders researched twenty-four Main Street buildings to find out what made each special. Nearly three hundred copies of the brochure were given out this summer. They were available at the Fourth of July and Millennium celebrations as well as at local businesses. If you would like a copy of the brochure, please call Anne Kenney or Barbara Black at GBS (588-6630).

Audio tapes of the tour and tape players may be borrowed from the James A. Tuttle Library, Antrim Town Office, and Maplehurst Inn.

TIME AND HISTORY

Students in Kathleen Bigford and Letitia Rice's sixth grade classes began their studies close to home. First the students created a timeline from 1750 to the present for each of the four Great Brook towns. Each student researched the house in which s/he lives and placed that information on the timeline. Important town, state and national events were then added. The result is an impressive picture of history and time.

For the next stage of their project, students are creating a genealogical map for the Hancock Historical Society. With the help of Eleanor Amidon, they are researching the houses on Middle Hancock, Link, Tannery Hill, and Vatcher Roads.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE WE?

Compasses in hand, seventh graders spent October searching for the answer to the question "Where in the World are We?" They hiked the back roads, hills, and valleys of their hometowns seeking out local history and culture. They toured the downtown areas of Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, and Frankestown.

Each student will focus on researching one building in his/her hometown. With the help of librarians, historical society curators and local citizens, students will explore the history of the buildings.

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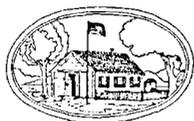
Students will create posters, topographical maps, and drawings and photograph blocks of their buildings to demonstrate the five themes of geography.

HELPING HANDS

Great Brook students are at it again, lending a hand where help is needed. In September alone students contributed nearly 500 hours of service to their communities. From helping in local nursery schools to delivering meals to the elderly, Great Brookers can be counted on to lend a helping hand.

In November the Great Brook School Student Congress sponsored a school-wide "Turkey Trot". Students from Antrim Elementary School were invited to participate. Entrance "fee" for the trot? One canned good. Food collected was donated to the food banks in Antrim and Hancock.

Have a community project in need of volunteers? Call Lauren Dokas, GBS Assistant Principal at 588-6630. Let's see if we have hands that can help.



AIKEN HOUSE UPDATE

Westfield Construction Company was the only bidder at the bid opening last July. Unfortunately, their bid was over \$500,000, far in excess of the \$300,000 budget allowed in the Block Grant. The tremendous general increase in construction costs and the condition of the Aiken House itself were major factors in this disparity. The committee has been working with architect Tom Weller and construction consultant Bruce Armer in an effort to make the design more affordable. We have eliminated the addition and redesigned the floor plan to fit The Grapevine into the basic house structure. We're waiting for plan approval from the State Fire Marshall's office and hope to go out to bid again before the end of the year.

— David Penny

for the Aiken House Advisory Committee

ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

OPEN HOUSE BOOKSWAP

Helen Sullivan
A.E.S. Title 1 Teacher

Antrim Elementary School hosted an Open House in September, attended not only by the student body but also by parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. A feature of the Open House was a Bookswap, jointly organized by the A.E.S. Title One teachers, Helen Sullivan and Judith Parsons. (Title One is a Federal Grant Program aimed at improving reading and language skills).

Judith and I wanted to organize a bookswap that would match our feelings about literacy and children. We told the story of our bookswap to A.E.S. children by using two favorite characters, Calvin and Hobbs. When parents started to ask if there would be a limit to the number of books traded, we knew that the message was getting across and left that decision to parents.

Book collection occurred over the course of four days. My daily visit to classrooms was a reminder of the coming swap and a way to learn student concerns. Some children wanted to trade books but worried that they couldn't. Either they had *no* books to trade or had *no* books that they could part with. "No problem, we have lots of extra books thanks to parents who donated extra books. Just come with me to the book collection space." That was where Judith Parsons kept a tally of books that each child had brought in for trading. The collection phase of our project provided some of those moments teachers always remember, such as listening to spontaneous book reviews by students and hearing astute recommendations from them. It is also sweet to experience the sight of a child who realizes that there is a certain book that must be kept.

Students from Great Brook Middle School helped set up and run the Bookswap for Open House. Since 133 A.E.S. students participated in the swap, the extra help was welcome. "Great idea," was the standard comment by adults helping students choose books. One of our A.E.S. fourth graders summed it up as books were being packed up at the end of the evening, "It's a good thing the school does this."

HARRIS CENTER AT A.E.S.

By Susie Denehy
Harris Center Teacher/Naturalist

Susie Denehy, a teacher/naturalist from the Harris Center for Conservation Education, has been a regular visitor to the Antrim Elementary School this year, supplementing the ongoing curriculum.

Have you ever wondered how New Hampshire's rocky lands came to be. Ask an Antrim Elementary School 3rd grader. These young geologists have sorted rocks, compared rocks to minerals, shared their special rocks and investigated how rocks and minerals are part of our everyday lives. Our rockin' investigation concluded with a wonderful field trip to McCabe Forest. We observed giant boulders, saw first hand how running water turns rocks to sand, followed stonewalls, learned the history of an old brick yard, and dug deep into the soil uncovering its rocky roots. The 3rd grade students did the impossible. They made rocks come alive!

Fourth graders have been soaring to new heights this year with the Harris Center. This past Fall, by comparing bird structure to mammal structure, these students uncovered how our feathered friends can fly. From observing hollow bird bones to comparing fur to feathers, students saw, touched and experienced the mechanics of flight. They even took the "Flap Challenge" to see if they could flap as fast as a robin (23 flaps/10 seconds, or a chickadee (270 flaps/10 seconds).

After studying how birds fly and practicing bird identification skills, these budding ornithologists set out with binoculars, bird guides and field journals to find out who calls the sky above AES their home. In small research groups, we searched field, forest and sky for avian adventurers and the beautiful land around the school proved to be filled with fantastic feathered friends. Pigeons soared over the field, chickadees and nuthatches filled the woods, blue jays called and starlings flocked.

This winter we will be continuing our bird study. Students will set up several different types of feeders and will observe and record daily visitors. We will once again trek out into the school's backyard in search of these flying creatures.



THE GRAPEVINE

The Grapevine Board of Directors is beginning Winter 2000-2001 under the leadership of three new officers and one returning officer. Sarah Edwards is our new President, and Charlotte Lakus is our new Vice President. Both Sarah and Charlotte have been participating in the Better Beginnings program with their twin boys for over two years, and both have contributed tremendously to the growth of The Grapevine.

Ben Pratt was elected Treasurer. Ben has been involved with The Grapevine since its inception, and has made countless contributions of time, talent and energy to the organization. Lauren Kirkpatrick was re-elected to the position of Corporate Secretary. Lauren and her 11-month-old baby Bailey are regulars in our Better Beginnings for Babies program.

THE LEARNING VINE

The Grapevine's newest program, The Learning Vine, is off to an exciting start. This learning experience is the brainchild of a group of parents who wanted a readiness program for their children who will be entering kindergarten next year. The parents hired Carol Lunan, a master's level early childhood educator, to teach the program. The Learning Vine uses a hands-on approach to learning the foundations of reading, math, science and art. Children have the opportunity to problem-solve, investigate and experiment with guidance from the teacher and the parent assistant. This Fall the children went on three field trips—to the Tuttle Library, Tenney Farm, and Norway Hill Apple Orchard. The children turned the fruits of their visits to the orchard into apple crisp, which they shared with Grapevine staff.

Class size is limited to 10 to ensure that each child enjoys individual adult attention. Currently, 8 children are enrolled. If you wish to enroll your 4-year-old child for the second semester (beginning in January), or if you would like more information about The Learning Vine, please call Mary at The Grapevine. Enrollment for Fall 2001 begins in April on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Learning Vine meets Wednesdays and Fridays from 9–11:30 AM.

GRAPEVINE PROGRAMS

• **Better Beginnings Parent-Child Program** meets Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30–11:30 AM. The children's program takes place in a large well-equipped playroom. There are many carefully chosen toys designed to develop creativity and problem-solving skills, as well as sensory materials including paint, clay, crayons and glue. There are dress-ups and a housekeeping area with dolls, dishes and a play sink. There is a small outdoor play area with a sandbox and places to climb. The adult-child ratio in this program is one adult for every three or four children. The goals are to develop language and social skills using adult intervention and modeling. The morning concludes with a healthy snack and circle time with a story, songs and finger plays.

While the children play and learn, parents meet with our parent educator to discuss child- and family-centered topics. The parent group is sometimes a class, sometimes a support group. Each week is different. The parent educator invites qualified community members to address topics such as child development, self-esteem, communication, children's emotional difficulties and child health.

The Grapevine is searching for one or two people who enjoy playing with children to volunteer as playgroup helpers for our Better Beginnings Parent-Child program. Our volunteers work as few as 2 hours each week, and up to 6 hours, under the direction of our early childhood educator. Please call Mary at The Grapevine if you would like to help out.

• **Better Beginnings for Babies** meets Wednesday from 1–2:30 PM. This program is for moms and their babies (birth to 18 months). The playroom is carpeted and well-equipped with new and interesting toys. This program offers an opportunity for babies to get acquainted with other babies, and explore new toys in a baby-friendly environment.

Moms are invited to talk with our early childhood educator and with the other moms about the joys and challenges a

new baby brings to the family. Topics frequently discussed include nutrition, when to call the doctor, teething, sleeping habits and toys. Guests are invited to demonstrate baby massage and to talk about early childhood development and other baby-related topics.

SERVICES AND CLASSES

• **Heating Fuel Assistance.** Southern New Hampshire Services is available by appointment on Fridays beginning in December to take applications for fuel assistance.

• **Child and Family Counseling.** Monadnock Family Services offers counseling by licensed psychologists by appointment Monday, Tuesday afternoons, and Wednesday.

• **Family Conflict Resolution.** Milford Area Mediation offers free family mediation by appointment. Issues include truancy, family communication, and issues related to divorce.

• **Women's Crisis Services** offers help with domestic abuse situations.

• **Yoga.** Janet Archer will be offering her Yoga program again starting January 11 for twelve weeks.

• **Baby Massage.** Licensed massage therapist will offer monthly massage instruction to parent of infants. Call for dates and times.

To register for programs or for more information, call The Grapevine at 588-2620. We are located behind the Tuttle Library (follow the signs to the temporary Antrim Town Office).

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization. Funding for our programs is provided by grants from Hillsborough County Incentive Funds, the NH Department of Health and Human Services (Division of Youth, Children and Families, and the Division of Alcohol Prevention and Recovery), Monadnock Paper Mills, Monadnock Community Foundation, the NH Children's Trust Fund, Monadnock Community Hospital, New England Presbytery, and by generous contributions from local organizations and individuals. ♣

MEDITATION & RESSURECTION IN NORTH BRANCH

By Lyman Gilmore

When Hawthorne College closed in 1988, the once vital and attractive campus fell into ruin. Paint peeled, windows broke, weeds thrived, shingles fell, buildings slumped. It was sad to see, especially for me. A job teaching English at the college had brought me to Antrim in 1964, along with Cynthia, five year old Richard and three year old Lisa. My four years at Hawthorne were among the happiest of my career, and I have hated watching the campus deteriorate.

So it was with considerable pleasure that I came away from a long conversation in mid-November with Rolf Erickson at The Maharishi Vedic School. We met in a tastefully decorated and carpeted room of quiet color and comfortable modern furniture, a far cry from the tacky dorm it once was. (The building is just down the hill where my ski team and I had built a rope tow thirty-five years earlier.) His wife Renee greeted me when I arrived and offered a gently exotic and delicious herb tea. Rolf and I spoke of many things, and I learned a great deal about

their work. But what I remember most clearly is their strong commitment to resurrecting the old Hawthorne wasteland into a once again vibrant education and conference center. At this point their development plans are modest; they hope to remove, renovate or build several buildings.

Rolf and his Renee have lived on the North Branch property for five years. They came here from far away posts where they taught the principles and methods of Transcendental Meditation, including Africa, the Soviet Ukraine, Japan, and Puerto Rico. Currently Rolf is a national administrator of the TM® health program and the editor of the widely read magazine, *Enlightenment*, which has 170,000 subscribers, somewhat more than the *LIMRIK*. Rolf explained that TM®, as it is usually called, is an ancient form of meditation that is very beneficial to anyone who practices it. He gave me summaries of hundreds of scientific studies indicating the many positive physical and emotional benefits of TM®. Health risks that are improved include hypertension, heart trouble, asthma, sleep disturbance, memory loss, and stress. The school benefits Antrim as well. Although it is a non-profit organi-

zation, according to Selectman Phil Dwight, it contributes considerable tax revenue to the town.

Rolf and Renee will give a free talk on TM® at Antrim's Tuttle Library, Wednesday evening, December 13, 2000, at 7:00 PM.

CHAPEL FOR SALE - ONE DOLLAR

According to the Historical Society's *A Stroll Through Antrim*, the North Branch Chapel was built around 1900 "to serve as a nondenominational meeting house, a function it served until 1942." Thereafter, it was owned by Hawthorne College and used as a classroom. Recently the Chapel was offered to the town by its current owners—the Maharishi Vedic School—for one dollar. They have other plans for the site. It was a generous offer, but a committee appointed by the Historical Society (Martha Pinello, Dave Penny, Martin Nichols, and Ben Pratt) decided that, given Antrim's financial situation and the expense of moving and maintaining the building, it is not likely that the town will be able to accept.



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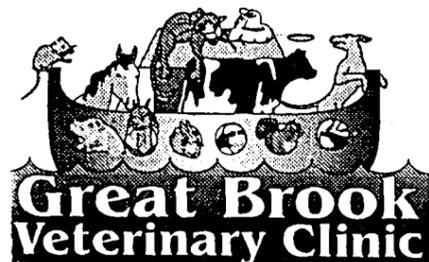
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- 9 HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR • 1-6 PM
- 10 FIRST LIGHTING • Memorial Park Bandstand • 4-5:30 PM
- 10 LIVING NATIVITY PAGEANT • 4:30 PM
- 10 CHRISTMAS PARTY & POTLUCK DINNER • 5:30 PM
Antrim Presbyterian Church
- 12 ANTRIM WOMAN'S CLUB • Christmas Luncheon
- 13 GBS HOLIDAY CONCERT • 7 PM
- 13 TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION Talk • Tuttle Library • 7 PM
- 17 FAREWELL RECEPTION for the Palmer Family • 10:30 AM
Antrim Presbyterian Church
- 17 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT • Antrim Baptist Church • 10:30 AM
- 17 "CHRISTMAS IN SONG" • Antrim Baptist Church • 7 PM
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
Children's Mass • Saint Patricks Church • 4:15 PM
Worship Service • Antrim Presbyterian Church • 6:30 PM
Candlelight Service • Antrim Baptist Church • 7 PM
- 24 CHRISTMAS DAY
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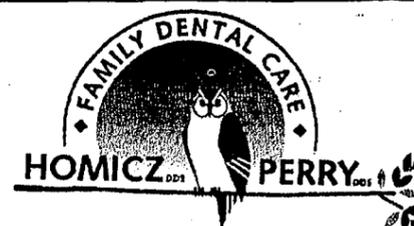
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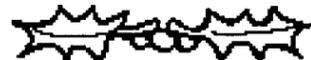
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