



FROM THE SELECTMEN

By Phil Dwight

It seems a very long time ago that we sat down to write this quarterly letter. The tragic events of September 11th and the subsequent terrorist activities have no doubt changed our lives. What time will bring is still uncertain, but hopefully it will bring us closer as citizens of our Town, State and Country.

For Antrim the only immediate change was the cancellation of the Open House/Dedication of the renovated Town Hall. After consulting with various groups and individuals it has been decided that a brief ceremony will be held during Town Meeting,

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LIBRARY BEGINS FUND DRIVE

By Lyman Gilmore

Our James A. Tuttle Library will be 100 years old in 2008. Its size has been adequate for much of that time, but over the past ten years our circulation has increased so much that space for people, books, audio-visual materials, and public use computers has run out. The Library is here for all Antrim residents regardless of age, gender, or income, but to serve everyone adequately it must grow.

The Building Committee and Trustees have worked hard with an excellent architect who specializes in building libraries to design an addition that will maintain the historic beauty of the present building while providing much needed space at the lowest possible cost. The project will provide the following improvements by:

- Creating a new children's room
- Making the entire library handicapped accessible
- Providing adequate parking space
- Adding 2,000 square feet of space

Now we have begun a capital fund drive to pay for renovation and expansion. We hope that everyone in Antrim will support the future of their library by participating in this fund drive.

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TREE LIGHTING AT THE GAZEBO

Antrim's 11th Annual Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 9th at the Gazebo in Memorial Park, sponsored by the Antrim Friends of Recreation. Girl Scouts will decorate the tree at 4 PM followed by caroling led by the Antrim Players. Santa arrives by fire truck at 4:30 PM. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served. Bring flashlights or lanterns. In case of inclement weather please call the Rec Center at 588-3121.

And don't forget to drive by the tree in Touchwood Square as well as look at the murals painted on the windows of Town Hall by GBS students.

LIVING NATIVITY PROCESSION

After the Tree Lighting Ceremony, at 5:30 PM on December 9th, join the Shepherds with their flock at Memorial Park Bridge and proceed to the (Maplehurst) Inn, singing carols and remembering the true meaning of Christmas. Everyone is invited to the Presbyterian Church afterwards for a light dinner and celebration of the season, sponsored by the Church. For more information call Mary Sawich at 588-2086.

THE LIMRIK'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Our first issue appeared in November 1991 under the name of *Antrim Community Newsletter*. It was founded by Bev Tenney. The first editor was Nancy Timko and the Business Manager, then as now, was Lois Harriman. A feature article announced a contest for a name for the publication, the winner to receive a \$35 gift certificate at Rynborn's. The winning entry, submitted by Madeline Dusky, turned out to be *The Antrim Limrik*. When Madeline was asked what she thought of the publication 10 years later, she replied: "I love it. It catches the pulse of the town. I especially value the calendar of events which I post on my refrigerator door."

ANTRIM PLAYERS

"It's A Wonderful Life"

Dec 14, 15 & 16

Have you ever wondered what the world would be like without you in it? Have financial troubles got you down? Has your Uncle Billy ever left a pile of cash, belonging to your company, on your competitor's desk on Christmas Eve? Does this sound all too familiar? Well it does to George Bailey! Who is George Bailey you ask? Well you can find out this and much more December 14, 15 and 16 at the Antrim Players production of the musical *"Its A Wonderful Life"*. Players old and new will take the stage at 8 PM on Friday and Saturday and 3 PM on Sunday, at the newly renovated Antrim Town Hall. Veteran players gracing the stage this time around include Becky Davison-Paquette as Mary, Dean Proctor as Bert, Sheila Haley as Violet, William Harris as Harry, Trudy Dean as Mother Bailey, Jimmy Harris as George, Tom Dowling as Potter, Rick Swan as Clarence and a *long-time* Antrim Player as the voice of Joseph. Joining this wonderfully talented troupe are newcomers Peter Beblowski as Ernie, Dean Homo as Uncle Billy and Megan Clemens as Zuzu. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for kids 12 and under and older folks, 60 plus. Save one dollar per ticket by buying them ahead of time at the T-Bird Mini-Mart and

Tenney's Farm in Antrim and the Toadstool Bookstore in Peterborough. For reservations call 588-3403 or send an e-mail to tickets@antrimplayers.com



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NEWS DEADLINE



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

CARTOON

The cartoon on page 4 is the creation of Russ Russell, Art Editor of the LIMRIK.

TOWN HALL MURALS

DESCRIPTIVE BROCHURE

A beautiful illustrated brochure about the murals atop Antrim's Town Hall is now available at the Tuttle Library, Granite Bank, Appleshed Realty, and Town Hall itself. The brochure's opening words set the tone: "Whether approaching Antrim Town Hall from the north, south, east or west, look upwards and you will see an eight-foot square mural illustrating life in Antrim.

The brochure includes not only color duplications of the four murals, but also biographical sketches of the artists (Gif and Russ Russell, Barbara Shea, Lois Harriman, and Gaye McNeil) and an account of the process whereby the murals were conceived, created and mounted on the Town Hall tower. It was put together by Lois Harriman, Dotti Penny, Izi Nichols, and Nan Haggarty.

The brochure committee is grateful for generous support from these sponsors: Antrim Congregational Church, Antrim Historical Society, Gwen Cutter (former secretary of the Historical Society), Antrim NEXT, Granite Bank, Odd Fellows Lodge, and the Monadnock Paper Mills.



ANTRIM TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN OFFICES 588-6785

Monday	8 AM - 4 PM
Tuesday	8 AM - 4 PM
Wednesday	8 AM - 4 PM
Thursday	8 AM - 4 PM
Friday	Closed

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Meet most Monday nights at 6:30 PM
PLANNING BOARD: Meet 1st Thursday of month at 7 PM and 3rd Thursday if needed

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Meet Tuesdays at 7 PM on an as needed basis

LIBRARY TRUSTEES: Meet 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Monday	8 AM - 12 NOON 6 - 8 PM
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	8 AM - 12 NOON
Thursday	8 AM - 12 NOON 1 - 4 PM
Friday	Closed

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	2 - 7 PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9 AM - 2 PM
Saturday	9 AM - 5 PM

TUTTLE LIBRARY 588-6786

Monday	2 - 6 PM
Tuesday	2 - 8 PM
Wednesday	2 - 6 PM
Thursday	2 - 8 PM
Friday	9 AM - 12 NOON
Saturday	10 AM - 4 PM

EDMUNDS' STORE

By Dick Winslow

In what Antrim store can you have a key made? or glass cut to size? or buy a wheelbarrow, or a length of stovepipe, or long Johns, or grass seed or...? A complete list would run to thousands of items and the answer is Edmunds's Store—both a hardware store and an extraordinary old-fashioned general store minus the food. To enter it is to find a place jam-packed, floor to ceiling, with an astonishing array of items—chances are you'll find exactly what you're looking for. Paint? Kitchenware? Sledge hammers? Work boots? Rope? Nails? Plumbing supplies?...sure.

A chat with Dick Edmunds, owner of both the Antrim store and Edmunds' Department Store in Henniker, reveals that his extraordinary inventory includes many low-profit items simply because people have indicated a desire for them—for instance, stationery, sewing materials, and holiday decorations. In this sense, the store is the direct opposite of chain stores which stock only high-profit items. Edmunds's Store is a community-sensitive operation—which is a matter of pride to the Edmunds family.

Yes, "family". Bookkeeping and payroll are handled by Lorraine Edmunds, Dick's wife, and the Antrim store is managed by their son, Rick, who with a degree in economics from UNH could have gone elsewhere for a career but elected to stay in Antrim. Lorraine, by the way, has her office in the Henniker store, both because there's more space and because the all-important computer equipment is there. Dick's father and mother, Clarence and Hattie Edmunds, started the Henniker store in 1942 and the Antrim store in 1962. (And before that, Dick's grandfather, Aaron Edmunds, owned and operated a general store in Bennington for some 40 years.) Clarence and Hattie, though living in Henniker, ran the Antrim store until Dick returned from the Service when he took over its management and began to build up the inventory which was then only a small fraction of its present size. In 1966, he and Lorraine married and moved from Henniker to Antrim where they have lived ever since.

Going into the Antrim store may give a sense that it runs by itself—which, of course, is an illusion. A staff of nine, not including any Edmunds, makes the store go. They are: Patty Adams, Bill Bailey, Bonnie Bailey, Maurice Flagg, Holly Fox, Marta Hebert, Frank McHale, John Wylie and Charlie Zabriskie. Most of them have charge of a certain category of items and all are crucial to inventory control. As someone said, "It's amazing how they know where everything is." Well, they do know, and there's always someone about to help customers find what they need. If it should happen that an item is not in stock, chances are it will be ordered immediately.

Dick's responsiveness to the community shows up not only in the store's generous inventory but also in community service. He has been a member of the Antrim Fire Department for some 30 years—Assistant Chief for much of that time—as well as supervisor of the Checklist and a Water Precinct commissioner.

Disaster struck the store in 1986. The old Antrim Fire Station next to Town Hall caught fire, burned to the ground, and in the process sent up live embers that were wind-blown across intervening buildings to land on Edmunds' store and set ablaze what was at the time the third floor. Firefighters saved the first two floors of the building, but smoke and water damage wreaked havoc with the store's merchandise. The Edmunds' family responded to this calamity by keeping the store open while it was being refurbished, supplied with new fixtures and restocked with an even larger in-

ventory—at the same time, what had been a three-story building was being transformed into the two-story structure you now see.

Edmunds' Store is an associate of the ACE Hardware national "buying group," which allows it to offer very competitive prices for its merchandise.

Shovels? Rakes? Power tools? Lengths of chain? Electrical supplies? Certainly.

Go in and take a look around. You'll enjoy yourself.

Editor's Note: The building itself has been used as a store since 1845 with a dozen different owners. No previous store, however, was as long-lasting as Edmunds'. A history of the building, giving a lively sense of Antrim's needs and wants at various times, is being written by Izi Nichols for a future LIMRIK. ♣

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which will take place at Town Hall, Thursday evening March 14th. Obviously we hope that all of you will visit your building at any time during normal business hours long before then.

One very gratifying announcement is to report the receipt of a bequest from the William G. and Elizabeth B. Richardson Trust to fund new youth summer programs. More details on this are in a separate article on page 10.

This is now the season for us to begin work on next year's budget. While we have only reviewed a few departments we do not see many changes in our normal operating budget. We hope to be able to hold this at the same level as 2001 or with minimal increases.

However, there are a number of potential warrant articles that could affect the tax rate. There are no definite amounts set and we are not sure if these issues will even come before the voters this year:

- A request for funds to expand and renovate the Library.
- A request for funds relative to the Aiken House. At this point it is not certain whether these would be for a partial or full demolition, or partial or total renovation.
- A request for funds for the Town's share of a State grant to install curbing and side walks in the Downtown Tax Incentive District.

We hope you will keep abreast of all budget issues in newspaper articles and by attending the preliminary budget hearing on Monday, January 7th at 7:00 PM.

Another issue that probably will come up will be the possibility of going to a "pay as you throw" program at the Transfer Station—see the notice that came with your tax bill and separate article on page 10.

Finally, we should point out that the period to sign up to run for an elective office next March occurs from January 23rd through February 1st. As of this date the following positions will be open:

Selectmen (2)	1 @ 3-years
	1 @ 1-year
Moderator	1 @ 2-years
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	1 @ 3-years
Trustee of Trust Fund	1 @ 3-years
Water & Sewer Commissioners (2)	1 @ 3-years
	1 @ 2-years
Trustee of the Library	1 @ 3-years
Planning Board (3)	2 @ 3-years
	1 @ 1-year
Supervisor of the Checklist	1 @ 6-years

We hope all openings will have qualified candidates. ♣

NAMED AFTER A HORSE

Interview conducted, transcribed,
and edited by Lyman Gilmore

My name is Carter Proctor, and the horse was named Carter June. The funny part about that was that I was named after that horse. My mother went bonkers about that. My name on the birth certificate was Carter June Proctor for a while—I don't know how long—and my mother was furious. My father wanted "June." He wanted me to have the full name, so apparently the hospital put down "June." It got changed back to "Harwood" down the road. I don't think an awful lot of time went by, maybe a few weeks or a couple three months, I don't know.

ON THE FARM

(*Note: Then known as the Proctor Farm, now owned by the McCullochs*). I was brought up on the farm, and I loved animals. Horses were my life, really. In fact what I was going to do when I got out of the service in 1956 was to start the farm back up. But times had changed, and it wasn't cost effective; it cost too much. We had closed it down when I went into the service in 1952. When I was about five, roughly, maybe a little younger than that—and nobody knows how this happened—my mother woke up one morning and I wasn't in my bed. Of course I was always out in the barn even as a little kid helping do the chores, even when I couldn't hardly do anything. So she's running around, she can't find me. Now it's time for chores, and my grandfather's about ready to go out to the barn and everything, so he goes up to the barn, and the door was open a little bit. That would be what is now Chandler's barn across the road. He went in and Carter June was standing in his stall and I was sound asleep between his legs.

Bud Hardwick was one of my dad's close friends, and they spent a lot of time together. He used to come up to the farm and he'd ride the horses, and he used to ride Carter June. 'Course Bud was quite an admirer of horses, he loved horses. He had this little picture of Carter June, and he carried it all through the war. It is interesting to think because he flew over the Hump and everything. (*Note: Flying the Hump in World War II refers to the very dangerous missions of flying cargo planes carrying gasoline from India over the Himalayan mountains to our Chinese allies fighting the Japanese.*)

WORLD CHAMPION

We always had race horses. Carter June won the world championship up in Maine.

They came from all over the world to race, and he still holds the record. He was a pacer. Gramp (Fred Proctor) drove him up there over the road, raced best out of seven races, and drove him home. He set the record and won the world championship! These races were on ice. That's why I say his record will never be broke because they don't do that any more. I don't know where in Maine it was, I haven't a clue. The thing is, we had the big fire at the farm, and we lost all the records and stuff the year I was born, 1935. I have to guess it was around 1920.

PUT DOWN

Carter June was a sweetheart, he was very nice. He was a big horse, about a good sixteen hands. (*Note: One hand = 4 inches. Measurements to the horse's withers, the hump at the top of the shoulders.*) He was just a handsome horse! He got so old he lost his teeth, and he couldn't eat. So Gramp had him put down. Well, George Nylander was the chief of police back then. And he used to work for us off and on, haying and different things. So Gramp had him put him down. In fact he was put down in back of Arthur Ellison's place down on Goodell Road. Do you know where Arthur lives? Right straight across the road from Quackenbush. Well, there's a knoll out in back of his house with a lot of big pine trees. Well that's where he was laid down. He's out there on the knoll. Gramp took me to Haywoods ice cream stand down in Milford so I wouldn't be there when they put him down. This is all kind of vague to me as far as remembering. Of course I always fed Carter June, even though I was little. I always fed him in the night and the morning. I can remember giving him

water. Anyway, he was just a gentle giant. I used to ride him out to the pasture every morning and every night when we brought him in. And, of course, my Gramp would put me up on his back.

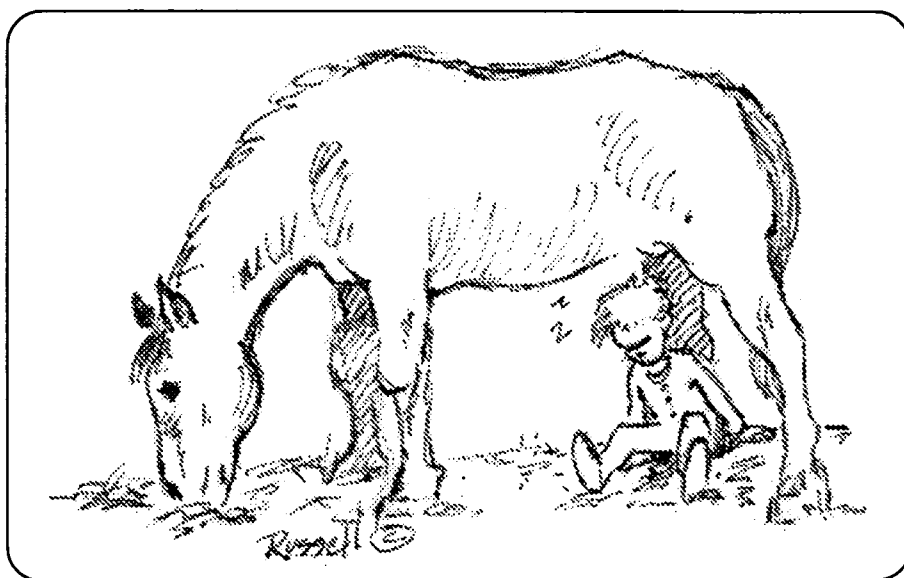
WHERE'S THE HORSE?

That night, we got home, and I'm going, "Well, we got to go get Carter June in the pasture." I went out, but of course he was already buried. Gramp says, "Well, I didn't see him. I think he's way down back." You know, he made an excuse like, "We'll come up later." Nobody wanted to tell me that they'd put him down. They made some excuse that day, and I got through that day, but I remember the next day I was really mad because I was just a little kid, but I went and searched the whole damn pasture. I didn't know. Well, time went on. I don't remember how much time went on before it got leaked and I found out that he'd been put down and that George Nylander was the one that put him down. So, I hated George Nylander! Oh my God, I hated him! All those years I hated him, all the way up from, like I say, five or six years old, all the way up till I went in the service during the Korean War.

MILK AND PITCHFORK

One night we was doing chores and I was milking, and my grandfather was on the cow behind me milking. George had stayed clear of the farm and of me and everything because I hated him and I'd threatened I was going to do him in, oh boy! Well, for some reason he come walking in the barn that night to ask my grandfather about something, I don't know what it was about, and

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"Horse & Carter"

of course there we were milking. Well, I had a twelve quart milk pail about three quarters full and I'm sitting there and I see him coming around the corner. Well, jees! I jumped up off the stool and I went and grabbed a pitchfork and I took out after him out of the barn. I must been around six or seven or eight, I don't know. In the process of doing that I spilled the milk. My grandfather, of course, came after me, he grabbed me, he scolded the heck out of me and gave me all kinds of hell for spilling all his milk. I never knew if he was mad at me for stopping and putting a pitchfork into George or spilling the milk.

FORGIVENESS

Well, I went into the service, and you know, I don't know how much I've ever grown up in my life, but it was funny, you get in, and you're a little homesick. Back then we had Nina Harding and all them, and we used to get a letter every month, everybody who was in the service, where they were, how we were doing, and all this stuff. Like a newsletter. Nina was in on it and Jane Hill. They were the two, I think, main ones that did it. It was nice. Every one of us really enjoyed it. (*Note: Nina Harding reports that the newsletter was written by Don Madden and that several people helped send it out, including Carter's mother, Dot Proctor.*) We liked getting that newsletter. There were only about nine hundred people in town then. There were only a hundred and one kids in school from first grade through twelve, as I remember. We all went to school together, old, young, in between, you know. So, a little smalltown boy, I'm writing people that were old men, you know, and I can remember I got to thinking about George, and I says, you know, why do I hate him so, he only did what had to be done. So I wrote him a letter, and forgave him, and when I came home on leave I went down saw him and told him how sorry I was for being such an idiot or whatever, you know. He didn't live too much longer; I don't know when he passed.

I used to have a whole set of four shoes from Carter June, but they got waylaid somewhere. I do have a pair, and just this last winter we put them upstairs in the attic because I was redoing the house. They were made into book ends.

Interview conducted in Carter Proctor's house November 2, 2001. ♣

TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

A CHANGING MAIN STREET

By Isabel Nichols

"Where have all the trees gone?" This is a question that many former residents of Antrim have asked when returning to the old home town for a visit. An obvious answer is: nothing stays the same. The great hurricane of September 21, 1938 started the devastation when many full-grown maple trees that lined Main Street were thrown to the ground in the space of a few hours. Subsequent widening of the street following World War II made replanting a lost cause.

This was only part of the gradual decline of Main Street that took place in the latter half of the Twentieth Century. Originally it was part of the first "leading road" in town, built in 1777. Starting at the Contoocook River, the road followed a route now known as Depot Street, Main Street, Clinton Road, Whiton Road and up over Meeting House Hill, down to Route 31 and North Branch Village, and thence to the Hillsboro town line.

The only Eighteenth Century house still surviving on Main Street is the Aiken House. This was built as a farmhouse in the 1790s by James Aiken Jr., reportedly the first male child of European descent to be born in Antrim. The house later became mill housing for Goodell shop workers and their families, and then was divided into many apartments for a more or less transient populace of the 1970s. In this way the house exemplifies the changes in Antrim's life-style over its first two hundred years.

Trees are not only the landmarks that have disappeared. Several imposing buildings that graced both sides of Main Street at the turn of the Twentieth Century have given way to the pressures of progress, or been destroyed by fire. During the industrial growth of the town in the Nineteenth Century the street evolved into what is called a ribbon structure; the west side, following the path of Great Brook which supplied energy for the several mills, became the commercial side, while spacious residences were built on the east side.

The Granite Bank building, modest by comparison, has taken the place of the grand home of N.W.C. Jameson, built in 1861 on the site of Daniel MacFarland's never completed "mansion". Mr. Jameson had nine children, some of whom figured prominently in social and business endeavors locally, and the house reflected the size and needs of such a family. Legend has it that at one time they

had five grand pianos for the benefit of the two youngest daughters, Jennie and Gertrude, who were musically talented. Superfluous indeed!

After the Jameson family had dwindled and dispersed, the house became the Harris Tavern, with the wide front piazza welcoming summer guests, and dancing in the large barn on holiday occasions. Croquet on the north lawn was a regular feature for many years. Eventually the house became used for small art-related businesses, but finally it fell into such disrepair that the bank foreclosed and had it torn down.

Across the street stood the largest commercial building the street has ever known—the Jameson Block. With three stories in a mansard design it housed a wide variety of businesses—restaurants, a harness shop, barbershops, and the long-lasting Antrim Fruit Store, which had several attractions. Perhaps it was most popular as an ice-cream parlor, but in its last years it also functioned as a bus depot. This magnificent building (see page 41 of "A Stroll Through Antrim NH") was torn down around 1948 to be replaced by an Esso Station and a First National Store, now called "Wayno's".

On page 60 of "A Stroll Through Antrim NH" is a picture of the house once referred to as "the mansion on Main Street" which was built by Luke Woodbury in 1849. The Honorable Luke served his community and country well, and at the time of his death in 1851 he was a candidate for governor of his state. His widow lived out her life in the house, and then it was purchased by a scion of the Jameson family, Nathan C., who extensively remodeled it into a classic of Victorian architecture. An outward feature of the renovated building was a three-storied tower as seen in the picture, but inside was a suspended ballroom where a gala reception for the only daughter of the household was held at the time of her marriage.

Probably the last time the ballroom was used for a wedding reception was in 1967 for Andrea, the daughter of then owners, Buster and Sylvia Ashford, and her spouse.

Following the fate of several Main Street houses, this one too was eventually made into apartments, and when it burned in the middle of the night on March 17, 1987, several families were made homeless. The architectural gem of downtown Antrim was gone; it has been replaced by the United State Post Office and a vacant lot.

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HIDDEN CEMETERIES OF ANTRIM

By Janet MacLachlan

Antrim has five cemeteries. One is plainly visible—the Maplewood Cemetery is on Route 202 just east of town where traffic passes by the old stone walls and stately maple trees border the lanes. This cemetery was created from a dry sheep pasture in 1862 by Mark and Levi Woodbury and is still in use, maintained by the Maplewood Cemetery Association.

The other four cemeteries are off the beaten track and not as easily found. The oldest of these is the one on Meetinghouse Hill which can be reached from Route 31, taking the dirt road beside the Grange Hall and proceeding straight up the hill to the very top. It is a quiet, peaceful spot with well-maintained stone walls and an iron gate. Silent now, but in 1777 when it was voted by the townspeople, in public meeting, to make this area a burial place, it was in the center of town. The Meeting House was beside it and homes and farms surrounded. This cemetery was first enclosed with log fences, but a good stone wall, standing to this day, took its place in 1794. Over the years repairs were made and a new iron gate was added by the DAR in 1911. Weather and time took its toll on the old gravestones. In recent years Carter Proctor, noticing their condition, approached the selectmen about restoring the stones. One thousand dollars a year was appropriated for use as needed, and John Kaufhold of Peterborough Marble and Granite Company has beautifully repaired broken and weathered stones. The grass is kept mowed and the cemetery looks well cared for and preserved, a testament to the respect and appreciation that the town has for its past and its forefathers. One of the interesting facts about this graveyard is that the oldest Native American Indian in Antrim, Peter Waugh, is buried here at his special request. He lived beside Gregg Lake where a summer house now bears his name.

Cemetery repair will be an ongoing project because we have other ancient cemeteries to be restored. Our second cemetery, begun in 1826, was associated with the Antrim Center Church. Hardly noticeable from Route 31, a path through the field across from the red house where the Andlingers reside brings one to the old iron gate and stone walls of the Center Cemetery.

The tall old gravestones of mostly marble stand close together and perhaps next year this historic yard will be restored.

Further along Route 31 just before Route 9 is reached, Cemetery Road goes to the left and takes one to the third cemetery in town, established in 1862. This is the North Branch Cemetery, still in use, and well maintained by the North Branch Cemetery Association.

A fourth cemetery, started in 1863, was the Over East Cemetery. To find it, take Elm Avenue, off Route 202, and then an immediate right into the White Mountain Traders driveway. Immediately there is another roadway, again to the right, which will bring you very quickly to the Over East Cemetery where American flags decorate the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers. Arthur Bryer and Carter Proctor place these flags on the graves each year to honor these old soldiers.

It is a trip back through Antrim's history to walk in these old graveyards and read the names and dates of families who once lived here. What heroic people they were who lived in Antrim, enduring hard times and good, and overcoming wars, epidemics, droughts and floods to create what we have and enjoy now.

Sources for this article include Cochrane's History of the Town of Antrim and the more recent Antrim history, Parades and Promenades. For more information, the Tuttle Library has resources available. ♣

DISHWASHER MADNESS

By Ed Winslow

Ed Winslow owns Alabama Farm on Smith Road, and uses it as a summer residence.

For Thanksgiving a year ago, we opened our farm in Antrim, and after the big meal found that our new dishwasher was not working properly. The Timer stopped at about 5° before the Dry cycle was to commence. Because of the irregular use of the place, it was not feasible to call for repair service until this past August. Sears Appliance Service did the warranty work and I called them on August 10th. I explained to the sugary voice that answered that we needed a new Timer—that the Timer stopped at about 5° before the Dry cycle was to commence.

Sugar told me that a service man would come on August 15th. He did, with tool kit and lap-top computer in hand. He asked in a

big booming voice what the problem was, and I told him we needed a new Timer—that the Timer stopped about 5° before the Dry cycle was to commence. Boomer went to work and after a while said with great assurance that the problem was with a heat sensor under the machine; he added that, even so, the unit should have been working OK if the water was hot enough. I told him with equal assurance that the water was very hot—over 135°. He then patiently ran the washer through a complete cycle.

Finally, he reported that I needed a new Timer, that the Timer stopped about 5° before the Dry cycle was to commence. I told him I knew this and had so informed Sears, and asked if he had brought a new Timer with him. No, he had not but, using his portable computer and my telephone, ordered one. He asked me if UPS delivered to us. I said I wasn't sure but knew that FedEx did. He talked some more on the phone and after hanging up said that a new Timer would be sent by FedEx; that it certainly would be shipped by Friday so that I would have it by Tuesday; and he would be back on Wednesday the 22nd to install it.

Sugar called at noon on Tuesday the 21st to ask if the Timer had arrived. It had not and she said to call back at 5 o'clock to cancel the appointment if it did not arrive by then. It did not so I called her back and asked that Boomer come on Thursday. I also asked when the Timer had been shipped and Sugar switched me to Customer Service. Customer Service told me in a deep southern drawl that it had been shipped on the 18th by UPS and would be delivered on Friday the 24th. Whaaat? Yes suh, next Friday. On Wednesday the 22nd I picked up a package at the Post Office. It was the Timer. It had been mailed to me on the 16th and had arrived at the Post Office on the 21st.

I then called Sugar to report that the Timer had arrived, and she said that Boomer couldn't come Thursday but would come Saturday. He did, and installed the new Timer, but couldn't get it to work properly. There ensued several lengthy telephone conversations between him and two parts experts. Boomer explained repeatedly that the machine operated fine except for the Timer. He double-checked the part number on his lap-top computer. Towards the end of the conversation with the second expert, Boomer said he was puzzled because the new Timer didn't have a ground wire

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whereas the original did. Aha! All were convinced that a wrong Timer had been sent.

Boomer ordered that the correct Timer be sent directly to him. He said he would call as soon as it arrived to schedule a new appointment, which should be by Wednesday, August 29th. On September 6th, not having had any word from Boomer I called Sugar, explained the situation and asked what had happened. She quickly switched me to Southern Drawl. After checking his computer he informed me that the Timer had been back-ordered and that he did not know when it would be available. A bit later he called back while I was busy and left word that he had been mistaken, that the Timer had been lost in the mail and that another Timer had been shipped.

On September 11th, still having heard nothing from Boomer I again called Sugar who, after an exchange of pleasantries, once more bucked me off to Southern Drawl. He said that Boomer could come the following week, but since that was not convenient for me I suggested the 28th. Southern Drawl assured me that Boomer would be there on the 28th with the new Timer. Wrong. A Sears man appeared, but it wasn't Boomer. It was a handsome six-footer with a full beard who said "I understand your dishwasher doesn't work. What's the problem?" My jaw dropped, as did his after I sat him down and rattled off my tale of woe.

Turned out that Boomer was from a Keene office, the Beard was out of Manchester, someone in Attleboro, Massachusetts did the dispatching, and the Sears computer network had thoroughly screwed things up. The Beard, determined to make amends, spent about an hour on my phone. He then reported that things were straightened out and that he would be back next week with the proper new Timer. He was good to his word and returned with not one, but two, new Timers, each in its own box. I quickly concluded he had had unhappy experiences with parts suppliers, for when he opened the first box a broken piece fell out. He then opened the second Timer and to his (and my) relief it was in one piece. He installed it and, voila!, eight weeks after my first call, the dishwasher was fixed—in good time for this Thanksgiving. I now fear that the counter next to the sink will look barren without the drying rack we used while doing dishes the old fashioned way. ♣

JOHN BRZOWSKI

WORLD WAR II NAVY VETERAN

This interview with John Brzowski is part of the LIMRIK's series about Antrim's WWII veterans. It was conducted by Russ Russell only five days before John's death from an illness that accounts for disjunctures in the material.

John, who grew up in Hillsboro, was in the Navy from 1939 to 1949, mostly aboard the U.S.S. Sumner, a geodetic survey ship. After his Navy service he and his wife Maddie moved to Antrim. He was with Sylvania for 28 years prior to retirement.

John's wife, Maddie, welcomes me at the door. John, himself, is sitting in his chair in the living room of the house they built over 50 years ago. He shakes hands cordially but weakly. John is lucid but tires, so pauses are needed.

In 1939, I worked in the mill in Hillsboro and things were pretty slack there and this other fellow talked me into heading out west and see what was to be got there. So we took a bus from Concord, I think, to New York. It cost us five bucks. The Worlds Fair was going on there at the time. So, I asked a man I knew "are you hiring anybody?" He said, "Yeah, we could put you on as a bus boy." I answered "Okay." So they put me on. They paid you a dollar a day and the hotel paid you a dollar a day. So, you got 14 dollars a week. And your job was you had a nice jacket on and all you had to do was set the tables and clean the tables up after. So, I done that for *(pause)* oh, it must have been four months or more. And sometime, I guess, the hotel says we going to have to lay you fellows off because we're not getting the business we expected.

But every once in a while, I would go down to Times Square which was only a block away. I would go into Diamond Jim's which was a big restaurant and drinking place and I heard these two sailors that just came back from Europe and they was saying what a good time they had over there so I thought—I didn't ask them any questions—but, I said "by golly, that's what I'm going to do."

So I came back home and I—and the other fellow—went to join the Navy.

THE U.S.S. ARKANSAS

They told us we'd be on call, but when they called us we'd better come. So, it wasn't until the 13th of November in '39 I was called. I did my bootcamp at Newport News and from there they transferred us to the ship. There's where I went aboard the Arkansas, the battleship. All I can remember is, I was walking up the gangplank, these sailors were giving us the good old welcome. They said "You poor bastards. *(laughter)* You should have stayed home." *(John has to stop and rest. Maddie gets him a drink.)* Anyway, I signed up for six years. I thought I was doing good on there until a Sunday afternoon down in Cuba. We were playing penny-ante. I knew the laws but I didn't think they were that effective. *(John tells how the captain doesn't allow gambling aboard the battleship. The interviewer and Maddie are amused at the concept of a shipload of puritanical sailors.)*

THE U.S.S. SUMNER

I got transferred to a ship (the U.S.S. Sumner) that just come from Equador. It wasn't a fighting ship. It was a geodetic survey ship—as a matter of fact, it was the only ship that went across the Equator with one name and came back with another. My job was to build steel towers and to make sixty-pound concrete weights.

You see, we couldn't fight—we had a couple of guns but we couldn't fight and we couldn't run. As a matter of fact, this ship

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A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO FLY

By Schatze Moore

September 11, 2001. Forty five passenger planes from various airlines, all en route to destination, some almost to destination, receive word from ground control that they are being diverted to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Reason given: two US passenger planes deliberately flown into the World Trade Center.

Ten thousand people sitting in 45 planes for as much as four hours. The pilots and airline attendants do all they can during an interminable wait.

Cathy Harriman, a native of Antrim (her parents are Smith and Lois Harriman) was on one of those 45 planes. She had been traveling from Zurich, Switzerland to Boston Logan airport when the captain's voice came over the intercom explaining that, due to a ground control report of the terrorist attacks, their plane was being asked to divert to Gander, New Foundland. Shortly thereafter the pilot again spoke and explained that the plane would be landing at Halifax, Nova Scotia instead.

Cathy was traveling with her two and a half year old daughter Julia. Anyone ever having traveled by air with a young child probably remembers the challenges faced. The number one objective is to keep the experience as pleasant as possible. Now add four more hours to the anticipated traveling time!

When the plane landed and the passengers were finally told they could disembark it was only to spend additional time on the tarmac having their luggage searched. After that procedure, the 170 Swiss Air passengers were invited inside the airport. This time they were told that emergency arrangements had been made on their behalf but they should expect an additional wait.

As it turned out, however, it was a very short wait before busses arrived to transport all the stranded travelers to school gyms, a sports arena and an exhibition center. Cathy and her daughter found themselves bussed to the exhibition center where they were greeted by the Red Cross and various other well-organized volunteers.

Cathy lived in Switzerland but had also lived in Germany for a number of years and of course speaks the German language and, as often happens in difficult circumstances, complete strangers bond for no other reason than language. A young man had been helping Cathy and Julia make their way when someone approached believing they were a family. They were being offered accommodation in the home of a young family. Speaking German to one another, Cathy and her helper agreed that it was a very good idea to accept the hospitality being offered. They spent two days in the home of a family where Julia had a playmate near her age.

Late during the evening of the second day, Cathy was informed that next day would bring a very early return to the exhibition center. Apparently two Swiss Air employees, one retired and the other just traveling, had taken matters into their own hands. On behalf of themselves and the other Swiss Air passengers they had made arrangements for busses to carry them all to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and then ferried to Portland, Maine.

In Portland, Cathy and Julia were met by Cathy's mom and cousin, Barbara Black, who brought them to Antrim. Welcome home! ♣



I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

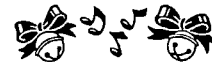
I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

Till ringing, singing on it's way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.



ANTRIM PLAYERS

"CAUGHT ON TAPE"

Recently the Antrim Players were invited to audition for voice-over parts in a documentary video about the beginnings of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, founded in Washington, NH, c. 1840.

Kim Proctor organized a cast of auditionees. Previously, the producer had failed with professional actors trying vainly to manage the Yankee accents being sought, but Kim was confident that Players' voices would succeed. Those who auditioned were Izi and Martin Nichols, Barry Proctor, Marguerite and Fred Roberts, Hal Grant, Sherry Phinney, Bill Nichols, and Kim herself. Of these, Marguerite, Barry, Hal and Bill were chosen, and their voices were used for six different parts in the documentary. A fee of \$250 was paid for each of these six parts, netting the Players \$1500 to be used in future productions.

The video was directed by Mark Ford on behalf of the Seventh Day Adventist World Church Headquarters near Washington, DC. The purpose of the video is to teach Seventh Day Adventists about their past.

The readings were taped in the Ladies Parlor of Antrim's Presbyterian Church. It took an entire evening and, according to participants, was a lot of fun. ♣



ABOUT TOWN

RICHARDSON TRUST FUND

A GENEROUS GIFT

The young people of Antrim will soon be enjoying the benefits of an expanded summer recreation program, thanks to the generosity of the late Bill and Betty Richardson.

The William G. and Elizabeth B. Richardson Trust in the amount of \$144,590 is now in the hands of the Selectmen. The Trust requires that the income be used for a summer youth recreation program other than swimming and already funded programs; for example, some of it might go to pay the salary of a tennis instructor. The administration of the Trust has yet to be delegated.

Bill Richardson grew up in the Over East section of town, and graduated from Antrim High School with the Class of 1929, after which he attended Massachusetts Agricultural College. Betty Anderson lived in Melrose, MA, where she and Bill were married in 1939. They spent their life together in Antrim, eventually building the home on Smith Road now lived in by Phil and Ann Dwight.

Although they had no children of their own they always maintained an interest in young people. Betty taught little children in Vacation Church School, while Bill's landscaping business offered out-door summer jobs for several teenage boys each summer. Stanley Dutton, who now owns the business, was one of Bill's "boys".

Neighborhood children were often welcomed in their home, and they entertained Fresh Air children from New York City on occasion. In view of this life-long interest that they shared, it's not surprising that the bulk of their estate has been designated to provide all of Antrim's children with the opportunity to enjoy new summer experiences.

Other local recipients of the Richardsons' largesse include the Antrim Rescue Squad and the First Presbyterian Church. Bill died in 1977 and Betty died in 2000 at the age of 92, and are remembered fondly by their former co-workers and friends. Their thoughtfulness will reach many more people in the years to come. ♣

TRASH DISPOSAL OPTIONS

By Ruth Benedict

Throwing away trash in Antrim will be more expensive in October 2002.

The Antrim Needs Trash/Recycling Information for March (ANT/RIM) Committee has begun the task of identifying options for trash disposal because Antrim's 5-year contract with Waste Management will expire in October 2002. It is expected that the cost of a new contract will be substantially higher. It is the goal of this committee to investigate and present options to residents at the March 2002 Town Meeting, where a decision will be made about how to handle future trash disposal.

One option that is available is Pay-As-You-Throw (P.A.Y.T.). In this program residents purchase specially printed garbage bags at local stores. (Bags are usually sold in two sizes. An example of pricing/sizing from Peterborough, where this program is in use, is 75¢ per 15 gallon bag and \$1.50 per 30 gallon bag.) There is no fee at the time of disposal at the Transfer Station. One effect of the program is less burden in the town tax bills for trash disposal. Also, recycling options at the Transfer Station may expand to include mixed paper. This in turn could reduce the number of bags a household would generate for disposal. More information on the P.A.Y.T. program can be found at <<http://www.state.nh.us/recycle/index.html>> (Click on the Pay-As-You-Throw link at the left side of the home page.)

Recycling, in any event, would continue to be free of charge.

The ANT/RIM committee members are Ruth Benedict (588-6208), Kelly Pale (588-2597), Dotti Penny (588-6605), and Chris Rawnsley (588-2723). They welcome your comments, questions and suggestions. ♣

AMERICAN LEGION ODD FELLOWS

Once again the Legion/Odd Fellows hall will be used in December for the wrapping of Operation Santa Claus gifts for underprivileged children. ♣

A NOTE FROM YOUR POST OFFICE

By Dan French

As we approach another holiday season we would encourage you to mail cards and gifts as early as possible. We have almost anything you would need to do your shipping and if we don't have it, we'll help you find it. Our window hours are 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday and 7:30 to 11:30 AM on Saturday.

On the delivery side, it would be hard to forget all the snow we got last winter. With that in mind, please try to do your best with keeping the approach and exit to the box cleared out. For safety reasons, the carriers are not allowed to back up after placing the mail in the box. It would be very easy to hit a child who was playing in the snow or scooted behind the car to go get the mail. Thank you for all that shoveling you did last winter!

We would also like to thank you for the words of encouragement and concern that have been shown in light of all that has happened since September 11th.

Our goal in turn is to give you the best service we can. ♣

ANTRIM GRANGE

Antrim Grange will meet at the Grange Hall through December, weather permitting, and looks forward to co-hosting the annual Twelfth Night Party with Old Pound Road School.

The day after the front of the hall was given a new coat of paint this fall, Master (president), Carryl Davis, was called to active duty in the National Guard and has been assigned to the Manchester Airport.

Delegates from Antrim Grange attended the recent State Grange Convention and acted on resolutions dealing with topics such as education funding, pledge of allegiance and moment of silence in schools, mandatory liability insurance, and establishment of veteran's clinics.

Members have started working on projects associated with their status as an Action Grange, and are looking forward to future training sessions with the National Grange Strategic Planning Task Force.

Beth Merrill placed second in the Public Speaking Contest at the national meeting of the Grange in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In order to compete at the national level, she first had to win the NH contest and then the Northeast Regional contest. Beth also took part in the sign-a-song contest with a group that placed third. ♣



CHURCH NEWS



Antrim Presbyterian Church
588-2209
Rev. Jonathan Lange

Sunday Schedule

Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM
(child care available for 4-year-olds and under)

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:30 PM

Antrim Baptist Church
588-6614

Pastor Charles V. Boucher
Cherryl Boucher, Associate Pastor

Sunday Schedule

Bible Adventures 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
(Nursery and junior church provided)

Dec 23 Christmas Pageant 10:30 AM

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 PM

Food Pantry open every Saturday from 10 AM to 12 NOON.

Antrim Church of Christ
588-6178
Pastor Bill McNich

Sunday Schedule

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

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 AM to 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 ½ hour before all weekend masses and by request

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Family Mass 5 PM & 7 PM

Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass 9 AM

MEETING HOUSE HILL HURLIN TRAIL

ANTRIM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
By Rod Zwirner

The Meetinghouse Hill/Hurlin property trail exists in the context of Antrim's trails on conservation lands owned by NH Audubon, the Nature Conservancy and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. NH Audubon's Willard Pond sanctuary (once known as West Pond) is accessible from Route 123 in the southwest corner of town. The Nature Conservancy's Loveren's Mill Atlantic White Cedar Swamp is off Route 9 across the bridge on Loverens Mill Road. Lastly, the NH Forest Society's McCabe Forest is entered from the corner of Elm and Concord Streets.

For the Meetinghouse/Hurlin trail, let's start at the geographical center of town, Antrim's original center. This area was part of a Great Brook School project last year and is accessible from Route 31 or the Antrim Center (Meetinghouse) Cemetery. Proceed up the gravel road next to the Grange Hall on Route 31. Park by the cemetery and look to the left where a plaque commemorates the town's first Meetinghouse, part of which was taken down the hill and incorporated into the present Grange Hall. The "Revolutionary" cemetery is well worth a few minutes to explore the grave sites of many of Antrim's founding families. They cleared the hillsides between the North Branch and Contoocook Rivers—hard work that opened up broad vistas now largely blocked by the reforested landscape.

Proceed through the iron gate at the rear, then take a sharp left to the south. The trail goes through woods connecting to the town-owned Hurlin property. Proceed down the hill carefully, for the landowners have generously given us access. Did you notice where you crossed the beginning of Holt Hill Road that crosses Route 31 and Old Pound Road on the way to Gregg Lake? Other roads that led to the Meetinghouse went to Hillsboro, North Branch and South Antrim (the present downtown).

After going about one third mile through the woods you come to the northeast corner of the Hurlin area. Large trees suggest this was not grazed during the 20th century. Fifty yards ahead we reach pasture that is returning to forest. On either side of the mown path there is a wonderful example of field

succession with hundreds of saplings that have grown in the pasture. Just 200 yards down the field it opens up because we have mowed it every year after possible bird nesting. We have left a few trees standing, which are beginning to block the view of Great Brook and Contoocook Valleys and Win and Rose Mountain to the east in Lyndeboro. We need to decide which trees should be cut. Have a seat at the picnic table and take in the view. At one time the original Antrim Presbyterian Church rose up by the road. It was a brick structure similar to one that is still in Newport. There are three wells on the property that provided piped water to the church and houses below.

Watch for small stumps that show how hard it is to keep a field open even in poor soil. After 100 yards down, bear right on the southeast corner of the main double wall. Proceed west about 100 yards to the area of a house that was torn down about 100 years ago. The trail pinches out to a corner of the Old Post Road and Route 31 then heads right back into the forest. Notice the dug area that probably supplied fill for road building. Go up the top of Hurlin Field, and back to the corner and retrace to the old cemetery.

This short hike can tell us much about Antrim. Many people made decisions large and small that result in today's landscape. Give it a try and tell any ACC member what might be done to improve this walk. For more information, call Rod Zwirner at 588-2879. ♣

SHOPPING AT GREAT BROOK

Come to the Great Brook School Cafeteria on Friday, December 7th from 5-8 PM to do your holiday shopping. Vendors such as Pampered Chef, Creative Memories, Home & Garden Party, Longaberger Baskets, Serenity Lights, and Country Peddler will be present. Delivery is guaranteed for December 20th. Door prizes, hot dogs and refreshments will be available. Bring a friend, co-worker or relative. Contact Martha Blanchette at 525-4025 or Brenda Schaefer at 588-3700 for more information, catalogs or to become a participating vendor. Sponsored by the GBS Parent Advisory Committee as a fund-raiser. ♣



BOOK DISPLAYS

- December Holiday books
- January Late Greats
- February Love stories

PROGRAMS

- Dec/Jan *Adopt-a-Video/Audio/CD* for the Library (ask staff for details)
- March 1 (Friday of school vacation week) *Pet Read-In*

ANTRIM VILLAGE VISITS

- December 5
- January 2
- February 6

NEW ADULT BOOKS: FICTION

David Baldacci *Last Man Standing*; Clive Barker *Coldheart Canyon*; Joy Fielding *Grand Avenue*; Diana Gabaldon *The Fiery Cross*; Brian Herbert *Dune: House Corrino*; Ursula Hegi *Hotel of the Saints*; Fern Michaels *Kentucky Rich*; Anne Rice *Blood and Gold*; Danielle Steele *The Kiss*; Ken Wales *Sea of Glory*.

MYSTERIES

Nancy Atherton *Aunt Dimity, Detective*; Lawrence Block *Hope to Die*; Rhys Bowen *Murphy's Law*; Margaret Coel *The Thunder Keeper*; Stuart Kaminsky *Murder on the Trans-Siberian Express*; Archer Mayor *Tucker's Peak*; Robert B. Parker *Death in Paradise*; Anne Perry *Funeral in Blue*; Ian Rankin *Falls: An Inspector Rebus novel*; Peter Robinson *Aftermath*.

NON-FICTION

Yonah Alexander *Usama bin Laden's Al-Qauida*; Karen Armstrong *The History of God*; Jimmy Carter *Christmas in Plains: Memories*; Patricia Cornwell *Food to Die For* (cookbook); Jerald Dirks *The Cross and the Crescent: An Interfaith Dialogue*; Tony Hillerman *Seldom Disappointed* (autobiography); Sebastian Junger *Fire*; Dav Klausmeyer *Trout Streams of Northern New England*; Reeve Lindbergh *No More Words*; Tasha Tudor *Forever Christmas*; Bruce Wilkinson *Secrets of the Vine; Wood Projects for the Garden*.

VIDEOS

"Billy Elliott"; "Legend of Bagger Vance"; "Remember the Titans"; "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"; "Anne of Green Gables: The Continuing Story"; "Lorna Doone"; "Shrek".

BOOKS ON TAPE

Patricia Cornwell *Isle of Dogs*; Frederick Forsyth *Veteran*; Diana Gabaldon *The Fiery Cross*; Robert Ludlum *Sigma Protocol*;

Robert B. Parker *Death in Paradise*; Anne Perry *Funeral in Blue*.

A BRAND NEW COLLECTION BOOKS ON CD

Patricia Cornwell *Isle of Dogs*; Diana Gabaldon *The Fiery Cross*; Sebastian Junger *Fire*; Jeff Shaara *Rise to Rebellion*; and more.

NEW BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Year They Burned the Books; Blood and Chocolate; The Crystal Prison; The Other Ones; Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants; (audiotape) Brian Jacques' *Marlfox; Autobiography of a Face; Glory of Unicorns; The Golden Sword; The Princess Diaries*; (audiotape) *Princess in the Spotlight; Rowan Hood, Outlaw Girl; Wizard's Dilemma; The Shape-Changer's Wife*; (books on CD): *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*; Tamora Pierce *Squire*; Brian Jacques *Taggerung*.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Christmas After All (Dear America series); *Victoria, May Blossom...* (Royal Diaries series); *Sam Samurai* (Time Warp Trio); *Magic Treehouse* books; *Afternoon on the Amazon; Night of the Ninjas; Pirates Past Noon; Sunset of the Sabretooth; Caleb's Story; Early Sunday Morning; My Face to the Wind; Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul; Lemony Snicket's The Hostile Hospital*.

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:

- Dec 24 Christmas Eve
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Jan 1 New Year's Day
- Jan 21 Martin Luther King Day
- Feb 18 Presidents Day

BOOK DROP

Please remember not to put videos, CDs or audiotapes in the outdoor book drop; please use the front book drop for those items only. The cold will damage audiovisual materials.

When in doubt, ask a Librarian.



By Celeste Lunetta

SOCCER

The fall soccer season was a great success, thanks to a number of volunteers, great effort and spirit of the players, and lot's of good weather. This year, more than 200 children participated in the program, which is organized by the Antrim Rec Department, and includes children, Kindergarten through 6th grade, from Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, and Francestown. Thank you to our coaches and team managers from Antrim: Lara Buros, Janet McEwen, Lisa Cochran, Brian Murphy, Robin Mansfield, Shelly Gardner, David Lemire, Monica Dunton, Lois Essex, Tracy Vest, Charles LeVesque, Chris Baker Salmon, Rick Nanicelli, and Damon Lawrence. Antrim can certainly be proud of the spirit of volunteerism shown by these individuals.

BASKETBALL, ETC.

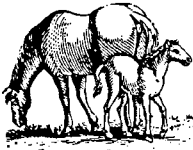
Winter is basketball season, and the Great Brook Basketball League is off to a smashing start, with a healthy sign-up of children and parent helpers. In addition, the Rec Department is holding open gym programs after school—Cup Stacking with Johanna Dow, Family Nights at the gym on the first Friday of each month, Teen Dances, and Craft programs. Men's basketball is at the town gym every Tuesday night, and Volleyball is every Thursday. Both of these programs start at 7 PM.

INSTRUCTORS WANTED

The recreation coordinator is looking for qualified individuals to offer aerobics, strength training, yoga, tai chi or other fitness programs for adults. If you know of an instructor, please contact Celeste Lunetta, Rec Dept. director.

CLOG DANCING

Anticipated to begin in January, clogging will be taught at the Town Hall on Tuesday evenings. Clogging is an American dance form that combines step dance traditions of Scotland, Ireland, England, Cherokee, and other cultures. It is great aerobic exercise, and good foot stomping fun!! For information about this, or any other recreation department program, contact the Recreation Office at 588-3121. ♣



HOT TO TROT 4-H CLUB

The membership of the Hot To Trot 4-H Club has doubled in the last year. All ten members took part in the 4-H cookie sale this fall and wish to thank the community for their support. Caitlin Campbell received recognition at the Hillsborough County Awards Night for her outstanding record form.

At a recent meeting, club members welcomed International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) representative, Kerstin Junghans, who presented a slide show about her home country, Germany. The club wishes to extend congratulations and best wishes to fellow horseman and Antrim resident, Bill Harris, on his recent selection as a 2002 IFYE representative. All are eagerly waiting to learn of his exchange country assignment, sometime in late winter.

As in every other year, winter is a busy time for 4-H members in the horse project. County selections for the judging and quiz bowl teams were held last month, with team members and other interested 4-H'ers now attending practices throughout Hillsborough County. Others are working on demonstrations and speeches, and some members are preparing for the state Hippology contest in the spring.

2002 will be the centennial celebration of 4-H. A website detailing the history of 4-H as well as plans for the observance can be accessed at: www.4hcentennial.org ♣

Library Fund Drive *continued*

The promotional brochure was made possible by the efforts of Pam Bagloe and the donations of Margaret Salmon Baker's design skills, printing by Sims Press, and paper from Monadnock Paper Mills. We thank you all for your generosity.

Members of the Building Committee are: Dave Boule', Kathy Chisholm, Phil Dwight, Mary Payne, Ben Pratt, Pamela Taylor, and Steve Ullman. Board of Trustees are: Sharon Dowling, Lyman Gilmore, Connie Kirwin, Len Pagano, and Ruth Zwirner.

We hope that every Antrim resident will contribute, leaving a lasting monument to future generations of readers. ♣

THOUGHTS ON WHY THE CHICKEN CROSSED THE ROAD

PAT BUCHANNAN: To steal a job from a decent, hardworking American.

DR. SEUSS: Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes! The chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed, I've not been told!

ERNEST HEMINGWAY: To die. In the rain.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR: I envision a world where all chickens will be free to cross roads without having their motives called into question.

GRANDPA: In my day, we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Someone told us that the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough for us.

ARISTOTLE: It is the nature of chickens to cross the road.

KARL MARX: It was a historical inevitability.

RONALD REGAN: What chicken?

KEN STARR: I intend to prove that the chicken crossed the road at the behest of the president of the United States of America in an effort to distract law enforcement officials and the American public from the criminal wrongdoing our highest elected official has been trying to cover up. As a result, the chicken is just another pawn in the president's ongoing and elaborate scheme to obstruct justice and undermine the rule of law. For that reason, my staff intends to offer the chicken unconditional immunity provided he cooperates fully with our investigation. Furthermore, the chicken will not be permitted to reach the other side of the road until our investigation and any Congressional follow-up investigations have been completed.

CAPTAIN JAMES T. KIRK: To boldly go where no chicken has gone before.

FOX MULDER: You saw it cross the road with your own eyes. How many more chickens have to cross before you believe it?

FREUD: The fact that you are at all concerned that the chicken crossed the road reveals your underlying sexual insecurity.

BILL GATES: I have just released XChicken, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents, and balance your checkbook—and Internet Explorer is an inextricable part of XChicken.

EINSTEIN: Did the chicken really cross the road or did the road move beneath the chicken?

BILL CLINTON: I did not cross the road with THAT chicken. What do you mean by Chicken? Could you define chicken please?

LOUIS FARRAKHAN: The road, you will see, represents the black man. The chicken crossed the "black man" in order to trample him and keep him down.

THE BIBLE: And God came down from the heavens, and He said unto the chicken, "Thou shalt cross the road." And the chicken crossed the road, and there was much rejoicing.

COLONEL SANDERS: I missed one?



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GREAT BROOK SCHOOL NEWS

By Barbara Black



MALL OPENS AT GBS

Coming soon to a school near you! Tired of driving an hour or more to fight the crowds? Giving up your weekends to tour parking lots looking for a free space? Do all your Christmas shopping in one evening. From the youngest tot to gram and grandpa, there will be something for everyone at Great Brook School.

The GBS Parent Advisory Committee is sponsoring a Holiday Shopping Spree On Friday, December 7th. Among the many vendors will be Avon, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Tupperware, and Discovery Toys. The "Mall" will be open from 5:00-8:00 pm.

Bring the whole family, friends, co-workers, and people you meet on the street. There will be door prizes as well as refreshments. Product delivery is guaranteed by December 20th.

RAISING SEXUALLY HEALTHY CHILDREN

Ah, your child's first words! Remember how you anticipated that moment? The first time your child could communicate verbally? Then the questions came. Why? How? And you answered them the best you could, searching for the right words to help your child understand the mysteries of nature and society.

Even when your child went off to school, you remained the primary educator. Sharing family values and history, helping your child make sense of the many new experiences s/he faced each day. As your child spends more time away from you, it becomes increasingly important to make the most of the time you have together.

Are you in touch with your own attitudes and values about sexual health issues? Are you comfortable discussing these issues with your child? Do you recognize teachable moments and have strategies for using them effectively? Does your child feel comfortable asking you questions? Are you comfortable answering your child's questions?

Great Brook School will be offering a program to help you effectively communicate with your child, whether primary school or teen, regarding sexual health issues. Facts and issues related to children's sexual health will be discussed. You will have the opportunity to practice ways to be an approachable parent and answer questions children often ask.

The program "Raising Sexually Healthy Children" will be offered the end of January through the beginning of February 2002. Meeting dates/times will be decided by the participants. Space is limited—please register early. Call GBS nurse, Linda Compton (588-6630) to register or for more information.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Linda Compton, GBS school nurse, would like to start a Weight Watchers Program at Great Brook School if there is enough interest. This would be an after school program starting at 3:00 pm (day to be announced) open to anyone in the community. Interested people must register and pay for the class by December 12th. Please call the school for more information.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Great Brook School musicians are preparing for a busy holiday season. The annual Christmas Concert will be held on December 18th at 7:00 pm. The community is invited to join this free event filled with joyous sounds of vocal and instrumental holiday music.

Choral and Band members will travel to Crotched Mountain on December 12th. Parent drivers are needed; please call the school (588-6630) if you can help.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Over a hundred students enjoyed ice cream sundaes and a magic show in celebration of achieving October Student of the Month status at Great Brook School. These students have maintained at least a B- average, participated in an extra-curricular activity, and completed four or more hours of community service.

Students are looking for ways to help out in their communities. If your organization or group has special projects planned and need some "student power", please give the Great Brook School office a call. Community Service requests are announced to students and posted on the bulletin board in the main hall.

Dona Fairbairn, GBS assistant principal, is looking for a poet or an author to speak at a Student of the Month gathering. If you would like to participate or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Mrs. Fairbairn (588-6630).

REACHING OUT

Great Brook students continue to demonstrate how great they are. Throughout the fall, they have reached out to members of the community far and near.

In September, students collected warm clothing and held bake sales to raise funds for victims and rescue workers in New York City. In October \$696.10 in UNICEF donations were collected for the children of Afghanistan. The United Nations will donate \$.25 for each dollar collected.

Canned goods collected as "entrance fees" for the annual GBS Turkey Trot were donated to the Antrim Community Kitchen. Plans are underway in many classrooms to help make the holiday season brighter for families in need. Thanks GBS students for actively demonstrating your concern for our local and global community.

DEPOT UPDATE

Note: The Hancock Depot Association has given GBS permission to use the old Hancock Depot for special projects this year.

This fall the Hancock Depot campus has hosted a variety of classes, each exploring the history and geography of the area while contributing something of its own to the community and to the classes who will follow. Special projects have included refurbishing the model train set in the basement of the Depot and nature observations and trail work in the nearby woods.

In November Mrs. Blanchette's and Mrs. Ripley's classes mapped the railroad system in the area, studied steam locomotives, and learned railroad songs. They also created an American flag quilt and cooked for local elderly and shut-ins. They combined this with daily science, writing, and fitness activities as well as making soup and muffins to go with their lunches.

Plans are in the works for each fifth and sixth grade class to work at the Depot for three weeks during the school year. Each classroom teacher, a unified arts teacher, ELP teacher Beth Frost and an aide will work together to create a program that combines basic curriculum with the unique opportunities offered at the depot. ♣

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Antrim Historical Society recently elected new officers as follows:

Co-Presidents: Janet MacLachlan and Geraldine Rabideau; Secretary: Nina Harding; Treasurer: Martin Nichols.

At a recent board meeting a schedule of activities for the year 2002 was outlined. The first program will be held on Sunday, January 13 (with the 20th as a snow date) at 2 PM in the Little Town Hall. The guest speaker will be Dr. Robert Goodby who teaches archeology at Franklin Pierce College. He will talk about the Native American population living in this area hundreds of years ago, with an emphasis on a "dig" which was carried out on the Contoocook River in Bennington in the 1970s. The late Dr. Howard Sargent was the leader of this dig which turned up many informative artifacts. Dr. Goodby would be interested in seeing examples from this or any other Native American dig in New Hampshire. Young people who would like to know more about the life styles of these early residents of Antrim are encouraged to come to this program. Everyone is welcome.

The North Branch Chapel, which was featured in the October 2001 issue of *This Old House* magazine as an historic building for sale, has been bought, and the new owner is making arrangements for it to be moved to another New Hampshire town where it may be used for the same purpose that it was originally.

Dotti Penny and Jacque Cottle have finished putting together an extensive display of memorabilia associated with the Antrim Town Hall. Now that the building has been restored for another hundred years, it is interesting to look back on the many and varied activities that took place there during its first century. The exhibition is on view in the Historical Room during regular Tuttle Library hours. ♣

GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS

A LIMRIK subscription makes a nice gift for Antrim-connected friends who live out of town.

A year's subscription may be purchased for \$10. Checks should be made out to The LIMRIK and sent to PO Box 30, Antrim, NH 03440 along with the mailing address of the gift-ee.

ANTRIM'S GIRL SCOUTS

JUNIOR SCOUT TROOP 2172

ANTRIM'S GIRLS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

By Jeana White

There are times when you need to know that you can make a difference. It's a simple idea, but in a world with complicated problems, it is sometimes hard to see how and where you can really help. On Saturday, October 27th, the girls in Antrim's Junior Girl Scout Troop 2172 decided to give it a try. (Junior Girl Scouts are from grades 4-6).

After learning about "National Make a Difference Day", the girls brainstormed ideas about how they could make a difference in their community. After several meetings and compromises, they enthusiastically agreed to a simple plan: spend the day performing "random acts of kindness" throughout our small town.

In preparation for that day, the troop created a list of business owners who have always been great supporters of the schools and community. Those would be the first people to be thanked with an act of kindness. The girls also made a hundred paper flowers with a "random acts of kindness" message. They planned to distribute these throughout the day, with the message: *Pass It On!*

The girls gathered early on that crisp, clear morning, collected their wagons, wheelbarrows, rakes, trash bags and flowers and set out on their task. At each business, a scout went forward with a paper flower, said a word of thanks and requested permission to rake, clean or pick up litter.

Starting at Town Hall, they progressed up and down Main Street to Rick and Diane's Pizza, Edmunds' Hardware, the Tuttle Library, the Post Office, the First Presbyterian Church, Granite Bank, Wayno's, T-Bird Mini Mart and finished up at the Memorial Park bandstand.

If you were lucky enough to be in Antrim on Saturday, October 27th, you may have seen the group in action. The troop was dusty, blistered, and tired at the end of the day but they left the town with cleaner sidewalks, litter-free parks, and the knowledge that anyone can make a difference, if you just give it a try.

For more information about Junior Girl Scouts contact Jeana White at 588-3014. ♣

CADETTE SCOUT TROOP 2706

By Sharon Dowling

Antrim's Cadette Girl Scout Troop is off to a late great start this year, after some initial set-backs. We have said good-bye to leader Kathy Smith and her family, as they returned home to Georgia at the end of May; and by summer's end leader Bonnie Wade found she would be unable to continue on as well. Sharon Dowling is now leader with Jen Parent as co-leader.

Ten enthusiastic, 7th and 8th grade girls have decided to continue on in Scouting, and have decided to focus on fun and adventure; community service activities; and some individual badge work. They successfully planned and executed a Halloween party and three of the Cadettes were also able to assist a Brownie troop with a party of their own. November was chosen for their Bridging and Rededication Ceremony, with all the pre-planning involved, and a Thanksgiving Basket created and donated to a local family was their Service Activity for the month. Thank you to Wayno's Market and the Boucher's of the Baptist Church for their help with that project.

In the works will be fundraising plans to raise money for an exciting weekend trip in March to the Museum of Science for the Cadette Camp-in; additional service projects; an adventure workshop with a counselor from Camp Farnsworth, with (we hope) a chance to do some rock climbing and rappelling either indoors or out; and some camping and collaboration with Cadettes from other nearby communities.

Troop 2706 is sponsored by the Legion Post 50, and meets at the Legion Hall on West Street in Antrim most Thursday evenings from 7-8 PM. Questions about the troop, or possible suggestions for community service projects, can be directed to Sharon at 588-3459. ♣

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES



Christmas Eve candlelight services will be held at 6:30 PM at the Antrim Presbyterian Church and at the Antrim Baptist Church at 7 PM on December 24th. ♣

CONSERVATION FUNDS

LCHIP AND UCT

By Peter Moore

for the Conservation Commission

At Town Meeting in March of 2000, a statewide, non-binding "resolution" was introduced to see if general support could be mustered for the Land and Community Heritage Resolution which was a precursor to the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). Antrim supported the resolution by a unanimous voice vote and joined 108 other town and town councils across the state in its support.

LCHIP

Passed by the legislature in May 2000, LCHIP is designed to help communities conserve New Hampshire's most important natural, cultural, and historic resources. The program provides matching grants to municipalities and non-profit organizations to help save locally-determined open spaces, such as farm land and forest and to revitalize historic sites. Last year the legislature appropriated \$3 million for the first year of LCHIP, and this year, as we enter the second-round of funding, there is \$5 million available in matching grants.

LCHIP works to support local efforts by providing up to 50% of the cost of a conservation or preservation project. It could be used to help Antrim purchase property to add to a town forest, protect farm land with an agricultural easement, restore a historic structure, or study the future uses of a historic building.

To access LCHIP funding, our town, conservation commission, historic society, land trust or other eligible group would work with owners of priority properties who are interested in permanent protection. The LCHIP board would then review the application and score it against other projects from around the state. If selected, the project could receive up to 50% of the project's cost. Local funds and in-kind contributions would make up the difference and all projects are between willing sellers and willing buyers only.

UCT

Your Conservation Commission is looking at options in Antrim right now that could potentially use LCHIP to help preserve some of the special open space in town. One way to get the ball rolling toward acquiring an LCHIP grant is to have funding available to help achieve "matching fund" criteria. A potential source of money the commission will propose at the 2002 March town meet-

ing is allocations from the Use Change Tax (UCT). The Use Change Tax is imposed when land that has been in current use no longer qualifies, usually due to subdivision of large parcels (10 acres or more) or the actual use of the land changes upon transfer to a new owner. In the year 2000 the Town of Antrim collected nearly \$45,000 in UCT, the full amount of which was applied to the general fund.

Relative to the potential use of the UCT which a town collects, RSA (Revised Statutes Annotated) 79-A:25 was passed as state law authorizing a municipality to deposit all or a portion of this tax in a Conservation Fund when it is collected. The fund may be used for expenses associated with land or easement acquisition, land management, studies, maps or any other Conservation Commission activity authorized by RSA 36-A.

To date over 110 communities in New Hampshire have introduced and passed the UCT allocation to help in their efforts to save and protect special and rapidly disappearing open space. Some of those town allocate 100% of the UCT to their Conservation Fund, while others assign a lesser percentage or specify a "cap" of a certain dollar amount of the UCT collected yearly. For example, Deering has adopted a UCT Conservation Fund allocation of 50% of all UCT collected, while Peterborough's also specified 50% but with a "cap" of \$5,000. Some towns like Conway—trying to catch up with rapid open space loss and development pressures—allocate 100% up to \$100,000 and then 50% after that.

Luckily, we in Antrim don't yet face land-loss pressures that are being experienced in Conway today. However, as this state continues on its course of being the "fastest growing state in the northeast" and losing close to 14,000 acres a year to development, it is only a matter of time before this town will feel the pinch as well.

That is why the Antrim Conservation Commission is now planning to submit a warrant article this coming March to seek a reasonable portion of the UCT and build a Conservation Fund. This is not unlike the "capital reserve" funds voted on and set aside for Fire, Police, and Highway departments to purchase new equipment each year. We hope you will support the UCT Conservation Fund effort this coming March at Town Meeting by voting in favor of it. For more information or to share your ideas please contact Peter Moore at 588-2331, or e-mail him at: beappy@hotmail.com. Your input and help is always welcome. ♣

Town History *continued*

Nothing stays the same. But slowly the street is being brought back to some semblance of its former glory. The Sawich and Desharnais homes have been extensively restored to their former Victorian beauty, and our Town Hall has had a face-lift. Antrim NEXT has a definite program in progress for making Main Street attractive. This includes decorative lighting on the east side, granite curbing on both sides, and landscaping. The recent addition of privately sponsored park benches in several locations adds an aura of more gracious day.

Wouldn't it be nice if the trees came back?



FLAGS ON MAIN STREET

Flags regularly appear on Main Street for such special occasions as Veteran's Day and Memorial Day or the national tragedy of September 11th. Although it is widely assumed that the Town takes responsibility for this through one of its departments, the flags are put out and taken down by a volunteer, Carter Proctor, with help from his wife, Sheila, and from Bob Allison.

Presently there are 20 flags attached to poles made by Carter himself and mounted in brackets which were fabricated and donated by Steve Crowell's East Coast Steel. Carter also made a special platform for his truck—to stand on while putting up and taking down the flags. He is presently in the process of increasing the number of flags from 20 to 26.

A SPECIAL FLAG

Passersby may have noted an unusual, large flag flown on Town Hall following the September 11th terrorist actions. This flag, an heirloom of Phil Dwight's family, was made in 1893, the year Town Hall was built, and thus has 45 stars instead of the modern 50 stars. ♣

that I was on was built way back—it used to be a submarine tender back in 1913. (*John's voice becomes fainter and a couple of sentences are lost. He stops and rests a short while.*)

I went aboard her on a Sunday afternoon. Now, on a battleship, the uniform of the day was usually whites and the hats had to be squared at all times. Well, I went aboard this ship and the messenger took me down below and there's a bunch of guys just laying around. (*John's voice fades as he describes how out of uniform the men were.*)

The messenger says "Don't let it get you. You ain't seen nothing yet." So, okay. We look over in the corner—guys over there shooting dice; another corner, playing cards. Money—they weren't quarters—they were dollar bills. I thought I was in the wrong Navy. I got away from a battleship to, ah, gambling ship! (*laughter*) Anyway, I went aboard that ship and I told myself I got to keep my nose clean. It started out pretty good too. They gave me a job making (concrete) weights. In a lot of cases, I had to go ashore with guys with gunnysacks to get sand to make concrete.

PEARL HARBOR

We were working on the East coast and we were recalled to the West coast—no one knows why. They wouldn't tell us anything. We put on a couple of machine guns and a 5-inch gun there in California. We were going to Pearl Harbor to meet this man who, with his own yacht, had been around the world several times and he knew a lot about the islands. We arrived in Pearl on the 1st of December. Matter of fact, I and this other boy went ashore. I went to get a tattoo—I said I'm going to get a tattoo. Just for identification.

The 6th of December, I had the watch, quarter deck watch. I had the messenger watch, I'm still just a peon. But this guy came to me—he had a radio on his shoulder. He had just come aboard ship a few days prior. He had been on a destroyer. He had seven years in the Navy and he spent most of his time in Asiatic waters. Evidently, he had picked up a few words of Japanese. He came to me with that radio on his shoulder and says, "Ski, I just heard on my radio that the Japanese are going to attack Pearl Harbor." This was the 6th of December. I said "Well, come with me and tell it to the Exec (officer)". I knew the Old Man (the Captain) was ashore. I went to the Exec's office and said "Commander, this man would like to

tell you something." So, he told him what he'd heard. The Exec was a reservist; he said "Ah, don't worry about it. If they was, we'd know about it." I went to bed that night just like everybody else.

Next morning, I was sitting on about 30 tons of dynamite used to blast the coral reefs. I went three decks below, I had a little office down there. I was writing a letter home to my parents and I heard the alarm go off for fire or whatever it could be. Never expecting an attack! This was about 7:55 Sunday morning.

There they were. Boy! The sky was full of Japs—just full of planes. Subsequently one man on our ship, he knocked down the first plane. We didn't hear from him (the Executive Officer). They sent him to Annapolis or something. By golly, they gave him his own "tin can" (destroyer) and a rank of full captain. I often wondered why he hadn't listened to what I had to say.

The Japs didn't know we were there. I guess they thought we were a yacht and they didn't care about us. Thank God! They didn't want to waste a shell on us. I was on a gun—the only gun—a 3 inch 23 gun. My job was to set the shell. I didn't even have time to put cotton in my ears. Never mind setting the shell. I just was handing the shells as they were. The Japs would come down with the chances of hitting us with a torpedo. That was the beginning of a long, mystery tale.

IWO JIMA

Iwo Jima, it was terrible. We were hung up—the Island hadn't been surveyed in so many years. Well, we were in too close. We got hit and they told us to back up. We were about a half a mile from shore, not very far off shore. Matter of fact, I had just come up around a lumber pile and WHAM! It got two men standing there shooting the breeze, two sailors. That shell never went off—it just went through them, it killed them both. It hit the bulkhead of the ship and evidently it was on an angle and it didn't drop. It just sheared off the ship. Had it gone off, I wouldn't be here. They were pretty big guns and them Japs were there to stay.

John is obviously very tired and Maddie stops the interview for a while. During that time, she pointed out the framed decorations and insignias on the wall in the next room. There also, is a photo of the survey ship, the Sumner, and other memorabilia of John's long service.

BORA BORA

We almost sunk in Bora Bora! There was this island that was only 15 or 20 feet above

sea level. We were there to chart the waters to make sure the Navy could get in. Right next to Bora Bora is Guadalcanal. Every moonlight night, this one Jap plane would come over with a bomb. They called him "Washing Machine Charlie". He would come over and drop a bomb. He wasn't after the ship—he was after the Island. Once in a while, he would hit a locker that was full of ammunition. It was usually at night that he came over but earlier one evening a merchant ship came in. "Charlie" came over and dropped the bomb near us. The merchant ship didn't get the word about not firing on anything so, what did they do when the Jap came over, they fired at it. The Jap turns around—he hadn't dropped it yet—so he dropped it near us. He came about 50 feet from us. We got some wounded guys from the shrapnel. Good friend of mine got wounded, not bad.

(John is describing an occurrence at an unnamed harbor). One place where you see all that smoke, he came in there to get fuel. And, while we were waiting there for fuel, the oil tanker was coming in—loaded with fuel. I guess he had no "tin can" (destroyers) or anything out there protecting anything. That "tin can" hadn't got in too far, WHAM! the Japs got him.

We were, I don't know how many miles, off the coast of Australia and the Great Barrier Reef. This one sailor, up ahead, noticed that the water was getting really, really rough. And, I think he hollered "Look out, we're headed right into the reef". Nobody listened. We made it but why we made it, I'll never know. We used to draw 15 feet of water and when the water is rough like that, you really don't know because it's not the current that does it, it's the ups and downs that hits bottom. We missed the bottom. Well, thank God we did because the place down there is loaded with sharks, man-eating sharks just waiting.

YOU NEVER KNEW...

You never knew where you were going; never knew when we were coming back. Matter of fact, we left the States in '41; we came back in '44. Went back out in '44 and we were in the Philippines when the war ended. I've been to Australia, China, New Guinea—lots and lots of islands out there.

Ex Chief Petty Officer John Brzozowski (USN) died on September 5th—a few days after this interview. This interviewer was impressed with the man and feels that it was a privilege to have John share his experiences. ♣

FOLK TALES

OLDTIME AUTUMNS

By Fred Roberts

The fall colors seemed to be extra bright this year. Many people traveled to our area in search of the fall show.

This time of year there used to be another show. The new models of major car manufacturers came out in all their splendor. For several weeks, truck loads of new cars, all covered with tarps so no one could see the new features were delivered to the dealers.

Mid October was when the automobile show began. This was a major event and was eagerly awaited by young and old alike. Any male or female with the use of a car would load it up with friends and head off to Manchester. There, with search lights sweeping the skies, the dealers had their new models on display, and what a show! Bright colors, loads of chrome, and distinctive features that separated one manufacturer from another. The dealers had their most expensive models in showrooms. It was a thrill to sit behind the wheel of these expensive cars and dream of owning one some day. You could tell by the style which manufacturer built which car. No "cookie cutter" cars here where they all look the same. In the 1930s Ford came out with the Model A, a car that every family could afford to own (according to Ford). One feature of this car was the gas tank placement. It was between the engine and the driver, separated by a "fire wall". Where was OSHA when you needed them!

Most cars had a hood ornament over the radiator cap. When you were learning to drive, if you lined up the ornament with the side of the road you knew you were far enough away from oncoming traffic to get by. Cars today have done away with that "travelers aide", sad to say.

Another show this time of year was the World Series. Remember when it used to be played in September daylight? You are no longer young if you remember when infielders and outfielders, coming into the dugout between innings, would drop their gloves on the grass just before the dirt infield. They would claim them on their way back to the field. This action was deemed too dangerous, as a player could trip? Did anyone ever get hurt? ♣

THE GRAPEVINE

By Kristen Vance

Brenda Saxton, the grandmother of two children who come to The Grapevine's Better Beginnings program, helps her daughter out by occasionally bringing her grandchildren to playgroup. Last spring she happened to visit when Amy Zaluki-Stone, an oncology nurse from Antrim, gave a talk to the parent group about skin cancer prevention. Amy passed out photographs of "moles" which showed the danger signs of melanoma. Brenda took these home with her and compared the pictures to a mole on her back. As a result, she made an appointment with a dermatologist, who removed the mole. It was in the first stage of melanoma, but Brenda is fine thanks to the early detection. "I'm very thankful I went to The Grapevine that day," Brenda says. And The Grapevine is thankful for Amy Zaluki-Stone's generous contribution. We hope to have Amy back again this winter to talk with more parents.

The Grapevine is growing in new directions even as its programs for families and young children grow stronger. This is possible because of the help and support offered by many local people.

The Learning Vine and our "baby group" are flourishing in their second year. Diane Kendall, a licensed massage therapist, is showing the new moms massage techniques to soothe their babies. Craft instructor Charlotte Lakus, who has been sharing her talents with parents for two years now, has carried her program down the hill from The Grapevine to the Antrim Village senior apartments for craft activities. Anne Hennessy has turned several groups of non-knitting moms into a creative work force. And The Grapevine is now partnering with Celeste Lunetta and the Antrim Recreation Department to offer after school activities. The collaborative first effort is an Open Gym once a week for 5th and 6th graders. Thirty children participated the first week.

WILD GAME BANK

Peter Gagne operates the Butcher's Barn in town, where local sportsmen bring their deer and moose. Peter is asking his customers to donate a portion of their meat to help people who cannot afford to buy meat from the grocery store, and he recently asked The Grapevine to help with distributing his customers' donations. We contacted Rev.

Boucher at The Baptist Church, who said there was certainly room in the church for a freezer, and that the meat could be distributed through the existing food bank at the church. Rev. Boucher added that a freezer would make it possible to store other perishable foods for distribution to families in need. Please call The Grapevine at 588-2620 to donate a freezer, or for more information about the Wild Game Bank. Peter has collected about 50 pounds of meat so far, including a sizeable donation of moose meat from Bruce Edes. Recipes for game meat dishes will be included with each package of meat.

WOOD BANK

Since planning for the wood bank began in August, two people have donated firewood. Thank you Lee Harding of Hancock, and Peter Gagne. This week, wood was distributed to a local family. If you have wood to donate, need wood to heat your home, or know of a central and accessible location in town where wood can be stored, please call The Grapevine.

PARENT-CHILD PROGRAMS

Better Beginnings offers children an opportunity to play with other children in a spacious, sunny playroom while parents take a break and have some "adult time." Guest presenters in the parent group this winter will include Catrina Young, a dental hygienist from Antrim, who will talk about dental care for infants and toddlers, and a doctor from Monadnock Regional Pediatrics. Better Beginnings meets Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

Better Beginnings for Babies, also known as "baby group," has expanded to two sessions: Wednesdays at 10 AM and at 1 PM. Guest presenters this winter include Melissa McCutcheon, who will talk about car seat safety and check car seats for proper installation, and Diane Kendall, licensed massage therapist.

The Learning Vine is once again venturing into the community to supplement their classroom activities. Field trips this fall included visits to the Antrim Fire Station, Tenney Farm (for a fascinating cider press demonstration and cider tasting), and Norway Hill Apple Orchard. The children made apple crisp back at The Grapevine. More trips are anticipated this winter, including a visit to German John's Bakery in Hillsboro.

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The Learning Vine meets Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11:30 AM.

Registration & Fees: Please call The Grapevine at 588-2620 if you would like more information or if you wish to register. Fees for Better Beginnings are on a sliding scale, ranging from \$1 to \$10 per child per week. The fee for The Learning Vine is \$20 per child per week, with scholarships available. No family is excluded due to the inability to pay and we welcome all local families with young children to join in our parent-child programs.

SERVICES

Information and Referral: Call The Grapevine at 58802620 for information about area resources for financial assistance, food, transportation, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.

Heating Fuel and Electric Assistance for eligible families, provided by Southern NH Services. The Electric Assistance program is a new program which provides eligible PSNH customers with a monthly discount of approximately 25% of their electric bills.

Call The Grapevine or SNHS at 924-2243 for more information or to make an appointment.

Child and Family Counseling provided at The Grapevine by Monadnock Family Services by appointment: Monday, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. Sliding scale fee.

Support and Resources for families with children with developmental delays or disabilities, ADD & ADHD, and chronic illness, offered by Monadnock Developmental Services. Call MDS at 352-1304 or The Grapevine for an appointment. Free.

Family Conflict Resolution offered at The Grapevine by Milford Area Mediation Services by appointment. Free.

Help for Women experiencing domestic abuse offered by Women's Crisis Services. Free.

ANNUAL FUND RAISING DRIVE

The Grapevine's annual fund raising drive is in progress, and our goal this year is to raise \$7,500 in contributions from people in Antrim and neighboring towns. If you would like to help support Grapevine programs and services, please send your tax deductible contribution to The Grapevine, PO Box 637, Antrim, NH 03440. The Grape-

vine relies on local support to continue to offer programs for local families and individuals.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization funded by grants and charitable contributions. Supporters include Hillsborough County Incentive Funds, the NH Department of Health and Human Services (Division of Children, Youth & Families, and Division of Alcohol Prevention and Recovery), Monadnock Paper Mills, the NH Children's Trust Fund, Monadnock Community Hospital, NH Ball Bearing, New England Presbytery, The Bishop's Summer Fund of the Manchester Diocese, the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim, local businesses, and local people like you. Many other community member and organizations donate time, talents, and supplies. Thank you for your support.

The Grapevine is located in the Aiken Barn, behind the Tuttle Library in Antrim. Our office hours are Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9 AM to noon, and Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 AM to 3 PM. We welcome visits. ♣



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- 5 TUTTLE LIBRARY visit to Antrim Village
- 7 HOLIDAY SHOPPING • GBS Cafeteria • 5-8 PM
- 9 11th ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING • Memorial Park Gazebo • 4 AM
- 9 LIVING NATIVITY PROCESSION • Memorial Park to the Inn • 5:30 AM
- 14,15,16 ANTRIM PLAYERS • "It's A Wonderful Life" • Town Hall
- 18 CHRISTMAS CONCERT • GBS • 7 PM
- 23 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT • Baptist Church • 10:30 AM
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE • Presbyterian Church • 6:30 pm
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE • Baptist Church • 7 PM
FAMILY MASS • Saint Patrick Church • 5 & 7 PM
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY MASS • Saint Patrick Church • 9 AM

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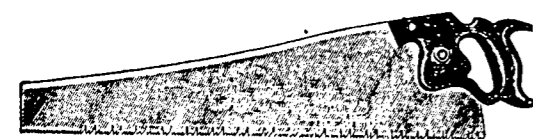
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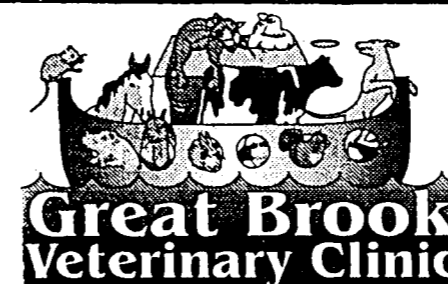
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JANUARY

- 2 TUTTLE LIBRARY visit to Antrim Village
- 7 PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING • Town Hall • 7 PM
- 13 HISTORICAL SOCIETY • Program • Town Hall • 2 PM
- 23 thru FEB 1 • ELECTIVE OFFICE SIGN-UP • Town Hall

FEBRUARY

- 6 TUTTLE LIBRARY visit to Antrim Village
- 8 LIMRIK NEWS DEADLINE • March Issue

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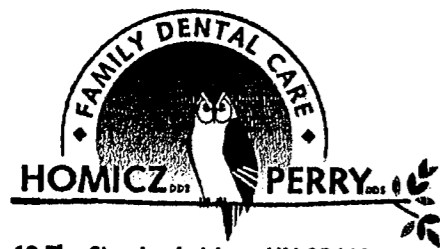
- 1 PET READ-IN • Tuttle Library
- 14 TOWN MEETING • Town Hall • 7 pm

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