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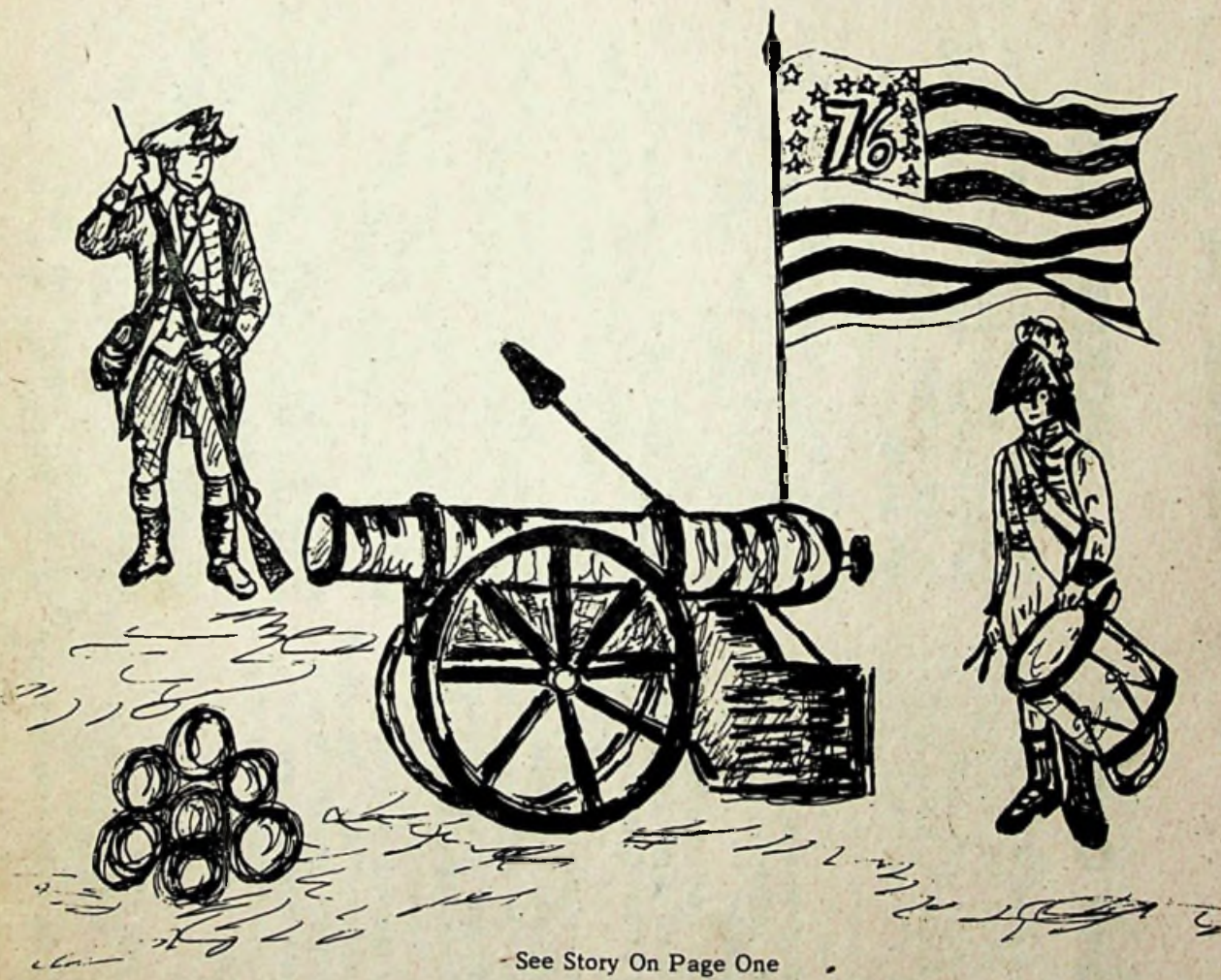
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ALBURG Graduation

The new gymnasium at the Alburg Elementary school was used for the first time Thursday, the 20th of June for the commencement exercises of this year's 35 graduating eighth graders.

The program began with the invocation by Rev. Edward Desrosiers, pastor of St. Amadeus church in Alburg.

Miss Debbie Reynolds welcomed nearly 300 parents and guests. Miss Leah Coggeshall, graduating president of the student council, gave the Keynote Address which dealt with this year's theme, "Day by Day".

Other speeches were given by Debby Moody, Mark Bellview, JoAnn Burns, John Batchelder, Sheryl Dunn and Beatrice Bohannon all members of the graduating class.

The eighth grade chorus, led by Judy Hunt entertained with a number of selections. Miss Hunt and Greg Mumley, on guitars, accompanied a duet done by the twins, Lucie and Sylvie Potvin.

Brian Hunter, co-president of the class of '74, presented Mr. James Mumley, principal, a check to purchase an announcement board as the class gift.

A number of awards, donated by local merchants and organizations, were presented to outstanding students in various areas. The science award, donated by the Alburg - Isle La Motte farmers coop, was presented to John Batchelder by Mr. Bryant Reynolds. Mr. Mumley awarded the Mathematics award which was donated by the Chittenden Trust Co. to JoAnn Burns. Debbie Moody received the Language Arts-Spelling Award from Mrs. Carol Cleland president of the P.T.A. The Reading Award, which was sponsored by the Library Assoc. was presented by Mrs. Rose Hansen and went to Leah Coggeshall. Mr. Duane Langlois and Mr. Patrick Batchelder presented Richard Dicaric with the Social Studies Award sponsored by Woodsmen of the World Insurance Co.

Special Awards were presented to Lucie and Sylvie Potvin by the Board of Education for special achievement and to Debbie Reynolds, for citizenship from the American Legion. Mr. Joseph Palardy, chairman of the School Board and Mr. Albert Bourgeois commander of the Legion presented the Awards.

Judy Hunt, music teacher and sponsor of the Music Award, presented Greg Mumley with a key chain for special achievement in music

Earlier in the day Awards, sponsored by the same organizations, were given to the sixth and seventh graders by Mr. Mumley. The recipients were: 7th grade; Language Arts-Spelling-Lisa Ratta Science- Calvin Jarvis Reading- Tim Hunter Mathematics- Dennis Irick Music- Brenda Aubin

6th Grade-
Language Arts-Spelling-Cheryl Cleland
Science- Richard Blair
Reading- Marla Macgregor
Social Studies- Sarah Batchelder
Mathematics- Brenda Jarvis
Music- Sarah Batchelder

The Commencement reached its high point with the presentation of Diplomas by Mr. Armand Premo, Superintendent of Schools.

Benediction was given by Mr. Ted Evertson, lay pastor of the Alburg Congregational Church.

The program was followed by a buffet style banquet and a dance.

Seniors Elect Officers

The Champlain Island Seniors Club met in Grand Isle on June 15 to elect officers. The new officials are Lew Urban, President; Margaret Gifford, Vice-President; Treasurer Blanch Dubuque and Celia Joslyn, secretary.



Pictured above are the members of the Grand Isle School's Current Events Quiz entry. 1-r John Demars, alt; Mary Light, Mrs. Mary Barrett, teacher; Marie Rock and Stephen Skellie, alt..

The team reached the State Finals.

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He is a native resident of Grand Isle County, has completed two years of active duty in the U.S. Navy, one of which was served in Viet Nam and is a graduate of the University of South Florida where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1971. His course of study was based around a pre-law program. After two years of teaching experience, he enrolled at St. Michael's College and received his Master's Degree in May. Presently he is employed by the Life Program at Champlain Valley Union High School.

POETRY

The winners of the 1974 High School Poetry Contest co-sponsored by the Poetry Society of Vermont and WCAX-TV have been announced by the contest chairman J. Richard Barry of St. Albans.

The winners are: first place \$50, Kristen Lord of Middlebury Union High; 2nd place \$25, David Heeter of Mt. Abraham High; 3rd place \$25, Maria Mangano of Springfield; 4th place \$10 Josephine Ennis of Rutland High; 5th place \$10 to John Canaran of Montpelier High; 6th place \$10 Kathy Wright of Spaulding High; 7th place \$5 Michele Curren of Mt. Mansfield High; 8th place \$5 Linda Hamlin of Burlington High; 9th place \$5 Lissie Costin of Mt. Anthony Union High and 10th place \$5 Susan Reid of Randolph Union High.

Honorable Mention went to Thomas Hughes of Fair Haven Union and Carl Hausler of Harwood Union.

The following history of the church in South Hero was sent to us by Father Phillip Brannon.

According to the oldest records at St. Rose of Lima Rectory, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington purchased a house and land on the shore of the lake at Keeler's Bay, in 1858 for the price of \$200.00. The Chapel was located on the shore to the east of the home now owned by Edward A. Gardner Jr. It was named in honor of St. Rose of Lima.

There is also a note in the records which states that in the first subscription taken up at that time, the inhabitants of the Island contributed \$85.00, the Bishop - \$40.00 and the Pastor - \$25.00. That left a dept of \$50.00. At that time, the Catholics were being served by Reverend Father Cardinal, priest of St. Joseph parish, Burlington.

The first recorded baptisms were Julie LaTulippe, Louis Tourville, Marguerite lerou, Isabelle Savage. The date on the latter is October 1860. There is also a note which says: "the baptisms and marriages which were performed before the month of July 1863 do not have accurate dates nor certainty concerning parents and godparents. The Registers previous to this date were lost in the lake with the adventure of the Pastor when he took a memorabae bath. That was Rev. Father Yvinec".

The present church was built and dedicated in 1896. At the time, Rev. Joseph Turcotte was named the first resident pastor. A history was prepared on the occasion of the 50th anniversary in 1946, by a Miss Croteau who was a relative of Father Turcotte's. Mrs Stella DeWispalaer who lives in South Hero is also a relative of Father Turcotte.

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In our last issue we carried an article about Gura Allen of South Hero. This was of course an error on our part as the story was in fact about AURA Allen of South Hero. We are sorry about this error and hope everyone will forgive us.

Aura is pictured here at her home in South Hero.

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INCOME: 4,500 cows x \$833 per cow = \$3,748,500

PRODUCTION EXPENSES:

Labor	333,000
Purchased concentrates	1,242,000
Fertilizer and lime	108,000
Veterinary and medicine	68,000
Gas and Oil	108,000
Repairs and maintenance	216,000
Utilities	81,000
Interest on farm debt	207,000
Property taxes	117,000
All other operating costs	612,000
Capital purchases	652,500

Republican Meetings

The Grand Isle Woman's Republican Club is sponsoring a Coffee for Senator Madeline B. Harwood on Thursday, June 27, at 10am at the Norton's, Camp Skyland, South Hero.

All interested people are cordially invited to meet Mrs. Harwood, who is a candidate on the Republican ticket for nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives in the September primary.

Grand Isle County residents are invited to the "GOP Candidate's Rally" at the St. Albans City Hall Thursday, June 27th at 8pm. If anyone needs a ride call Nancy Tracy, 372-4539. Republican Candidates for state and national offices will be at the rally.

POETRY CONTEST

After what we at "The Islander" consider a very fine amount of interest in our drawing contest which ended on May 10th, we have decided to sponsor another contest. This one will also be open to any high school or elementary school student from within the county, but instead of an art contest this will be a poetry contest.

There will be no restriction on the length or subject matter of the poems, but they **MUST** be original works of the person entering the contest. Once again we will offer a prize of \$5 for first place, \$3 for second place and \$1 for third place. There will be no limit on the number poems that may be entered by one student and the deadline for entries will be July 3, 1974.

Our prize winning poems will all appear in our eighth issue on July 10th. We again hope to have a whole lot of entries.

SUMMER JOBS

There are a number of summer jobs for county students open through the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program.

Eligability for these jobs in a range of areas is based on family income.

Anyone interested in either applying for or finding out about the jobs is asked to contact the Superintendent's office.

School Nurse Attends Workshops

Mrs. Dorice Clark, School Nurse in Grand Isle county will attend two workshops during the month of June.

During the week of June 17th through the 21st Mrs Clark attended a hearing and speech workshop at the Vermont Association for the Crippled Children's Rehabilitation Center in Rutland. The workshop was sponsored by the V.A.C., Department of Education and Department of Health.

During the week of June 24th through the 28th she will attend a Neurologic and Language Disorders Workshop at the Center for Disorders of Communication in Burlington. The workshop is sponsored by the University of Vermont Department of Neurology Center for Disorders of Communication, the Department of Education and the Department of Health.

Gas & Diesel Fuel Records

With the energy crisis no longer such a visible problem shortages could occur, especially with the added fuel needs for the crop season and the tourist business. Agriculture is slated to receive 100% of the needs it has to grow, harvest and market crops. With this in mind it is very important to keep records of gas and other fuel used on the farm. Keep gallonage figures on all fuel used as it will help if you have to report monthly usage to get an allocation next year.

S. Hero Graduation

On June 13th the Folsom school graduated its first 8th grade class from their new building.

The evenings activities were highlighted by the 8th grades singing of, "Spring", by John Denver, "Walbash Cannonball", by Hera's Hillbillies, "Gaude Amus Hodie" (Let us rejoice Today) and the school song.

Mr. Premo presented Diplomas.

The class climaxed the evening by having a swim and a dance at the Champlain Island Campground and Marina (Cutty's).

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The History of Grand Isle

The following history of the town of Grand Isle was taken from the "Inventory of the Town and Village Archives of Grand Isle County", which was prepared by The Historical Records Survey and published in December of 1938.

The town of Two Heros was divided October 27, 1788 into the towns of North Hero and South Hero. On November 7, 1798 the present town of Grand Isle under the name of Middle Hero was set off from South Hero. The new town retained the name of Middle Hero until November 5, 1810 when it was changed to Grand Isle.

To form the town of Middle Hero the island of South Hero was divided approximately into two equal parts and Middle Hero, now Grand Isle, is the northern half of the island.

Two sisters Island and Savage Island were annexed to Middle Hero on November 6, 1800. Savage Island by act of legislature November 1, 1832 was annexed to South Hero but was reannexed to Grand Isle by a legislative act in 1834.

The first town meeting of Middle Hero was warned by Reuben Clapp, justice of the peace and was held at the dwelling of Isaac Atkins March 1, 1790. James Brown was elected town clerk and treasurer. Three commissioners were appointed to settle the claims of South Hero. It was subsequently voted to levy a tax of one percent on the Grand list for support of the poor and other incidental expenses.

In 1801 the town purchased a lot of two acres from Isaac Atkins for a burial ground and at an early date the Society of Friends opened a burial ground which in 1808 the town voted to fence at public expense. In 1812 another plot of land containing half an acre was bought by the town for burial purposes.

In the early days the moral reputation of the town was the responsibility of the selectmen. In 1804 four families were warned by the selectmen to "depart the town" on account of

their immoral reputation. Fines ranging from twenty-five cents to one dollar were levied against persons for swearing, breach of peace, etc.

Prior to 1810 South Hero and Middle Hero were represented jointly in the legislature but an act granting a representation to each was passed October 26, 1809. At the first election thirty-one votes were cast and Rev. Asa Lyon was elected representative.

The Congregational Society was organized in 1795 in conjunction with that of South Hero and was called "The Congregational Church of South Hero." The original membership consisted of seven persons and Asa Lyon was the first minister. A frame meeting house was completed in 1834 which the Congregationalists shared with the Methodists. In 1853 the Congregational Society built a brick church edifice and the name was changed to "The Congregational Church of South Hero and Grand Isle".

William Anson, the first Methodist minister, held his first meeting at the house of David Peters, July 5, 1792. At that time the circuit included all of what is now Grand Isle County and two churches in Canada near Alburgh. Until 1833 the meetings were held in dwelling houses, barns, groves and other convenient places. In April 1832 land was leased from Dr. Melvin Barnes and a frame meeting house was erected. This was shared with the Congregational Society and was also used for town meetings.

At various times Universalist ministers have preached to the townspeople of that denomination, but a permanent society has not been organized.

In early times the Quakers were very numerous in Grand Isle. Jonathan Griffith, who settled here about 1784 was a Quaker. Two others of this religious group came in 1786. The Quaker Society was connected with that of the town of Peru, New York. The first meeting in Grand Isle which took place in a log house built for that purpose near the dwelling of Mosher Hoag, was held

January 20, 1801. This was probably the first church building in town. The friends used this building for church and school purposes until 1827 when they built a substantial brick meeting house.

In february of the year 1810 the townspeople under the direction of Asa Lyon, the Congregational minister, formed their first library association. This association continued until it was dispersed by mutual consent about 1840.

The Grand Isle Library Club was organized in 1868 and was supported by dues from its members.

The town again took up the matter of a library in its regular meeting in 1882, but apparently nothing was done. However in 1911 five library trustees were in town meeting elected and the matter of supplying the townspeople with books was put on a permanent basis. Today Grand Isle is a member of an Inter-Library Loan Association, made up of all the Grand Isle County towns. By loaning to each other at different times, all the books in the county are available to each town.

About 1793 school was held in Elijah Hyde's barn on the northeast shore and in 1797 the first frame school building was erected. At this time the Quakers held their own school at the homes of their members. At the March meeting in 1800 the town was first divided into school districts. There is no high school in Grand Isle and the students generally go to Burlington. In 1842 and for a few years thereafter there was a high school but it was abandoned because of the small number of students.

The citizens voted in 1813 and again in 1826 to raise money for a town house, however, enough money was not raised. From 1817 to 1835 town meetings were held in the district #4 schoolhouse and since 1835 in the Congregational Church built in 1834. The town purchased this building in 1865, the first floor being now used as a town house and the second floor as a school for the sev-

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enth and eighth grades.

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In 1811 the County Court imposed a fine on Grand Isle for negligence in road building. In 1850 the Sand Bar Bridge was completed from South Hero to Milton and a new road to the New York ferry landing was made to accommodate the increased traffic. A special town meeting was called in 1889 and the town was bonded to the amount of three thousand dollars, to aid in constructing a bridge between Grand Isle and North Hero.

Three light houses are maintained for the convenience of navigation under the authority of the United States Lighthouse Service. One is at Cumberland Head which has been a ferry landing since about 1800, and the other two stand at the east and west entrances of the channel which separates North Hero from Grand Isle.

The first Rural Free Delivery mail service in Vermont was started in this town in 1896.

During the early history of the town lumbering was the most important industry. There was an abundance of both hard and soft wood which was sold in large quantities in Montreal and Quebec. Large log rafts were made and floated down the Richelieu to the St. Lawrence.

There were a few ship builders on Grand Isle. John Fulson before 1790 was making sloops at Fulson harbor. About 1794 Captain Daniel Wilcox came up from New London, Connecticut and settled at Wilcox Cove where he made schooners.

The census of 1850 shows that there were twenty-eight looms and two hundred three spinning wheels in town and 6,706 yards of cloth. Grand Isle is noted today for hand loom rugs.

For years there were many fine apple orchards in Grand Isle but dairying is the principle occupation to-day. The Grand Isle Creamery Association was formed in 1889.

Census figures show the population of Grand Isle to have been as follows: 1800-611; 1830-643; 1850-666; 1870-682; 1890-793; 1910-839; 1930-857.

Come one, come all to the South Hero, July 4th celebration. Activities include a parade, beginning at 11:00 am. The chicken barbeque will commence at noon. There will also be a fiddler's concert at 8:00 in the evening. The barbeque and concert will be held in the new Folsom school, rain or shine.

The preceeding activities are being sponsored by the school lunch program with Abiah Allen as chairman. The proceeds will benefit the South Hero school lunch program.

So take your family, you're in for a treat at the South Hero July 4th celebration.

A food sale was held on June 8th at Allenholm Market. The foods being sold included doughnuts, homemade pies, fudge, and other goodies. The sales from the food will benefit the ladies from T.O.P.S.

Mrs. Sterling Rock of South Hero will depart from here and travel to England in the middle of July. She will be reuniting with her family after a twenty eight year seperation.

Congregational Church News; Just a reminder. Vacation Bible School will begin on the 8th thru 19th of July. The school will be held during the morning hours. Children from nursery school age to students in the sixth grade will be welcomed.

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The students worked from 9:00am until 2:30pm and were involved in jobs ranging from chambermaids to grocery clerks. Most of the students and all of the merchants concerned felt that this was a meaningful experience for the students and it is hoped that next year the same type program can be extended in order to let as many students as possible view a variety of businesses.

Thanks to the following people and places for their help: Charlestown Mills Sweater store, Ebenezer Allen Gift Shop, Keelers Bay Variety, South Hero Grocery, Allenholm Farm Market, Big Daddy Snack Bar, Shell Island Gift Shop, Sand Bar Motel and Restaurant, Cutty's Campground and Marina, South Hero Town Clerk and the Office Staff at Folsom School.

ISLE LA MOTTE Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard LaBombard of Isle La Motte announce the engagement of their daughter Pamela Jean to Thomas Houlihan of Walpole, Mass...Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stefaniak are the proud parents of a new baby boy born on May 26th.



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PLAY BALL!

When my turn was cum to nock won Irishman name Pat
She yell, "Get on your short stopper, Batiste has got
de bat."

De pitcher sent a hot won, I gave de ball a clout
It fly back on de pitcher hands; de empire yell,
"YOU'RE OUT."

Den de routers on de odder side say, "Batiste, you
don well."

But de captain of our own side, she give me perfick hell
She say, "What for you not wake up Batiste, dats bad

job, don't you see?
If you don't play sum better ball bamby you'll herd
from me!"

Den for ate or seven ining dere haint much for me to tell
An ever tam I go to nock, it make me scare like hell
Dat ball she pas me by so queeck dat I can't see her went
An de crowd dey laff at me so much dat I can't play for
cent.

We was on the nine ining, on de second haff
An when I take de club to nock, dey all begin for laff
De first ball, I miss him, de empire yell, "Strike won!"
An den I make up my mind dat sumting mus be done.

De nex tam she cum I give de ball a swat
Dat sent her rolling tru de gras haff way cross Isle La
Motte
I run like hell for firs base, de empire she yell,
"Fowl."

Den de rooters on de other side, you orter hear dem howl.

Dere was tree mens on de bases: de game stan tree and
tree
Two mens are out, I've had two strike: de game depend on
me
Den de pitcher twist herself al up til her hind side cum
in front
An swing her harm around her hed and make some fancy
stunt.

Den de ball cum flying at me like a harrow from de bow
I shut my heye and swing my club and strike won hell
of blow
Dat ball go sailing from de bat like bullet from de gun
An long befor she strike de ground, Batiste have made
home run.

Den de crowd dats in de granstand dey yell till dey are
hoarse
An de kids dats hanging on de fense dey done de same of
course
An de crowd dats standing by de gate dey yell an cheer
lak hell
An de wons dat bet dere money, you orter hear dem yell!

An de ole mades and de yong garls and de garls wid dem
red hair
Dey make so many fuss at me, ba gosh, day make me scare
Dey swing der henkerchief at me and call me by my name
An say, "Vive, vive Batiste, de hero of de game!"

Sum kid dats passing on de swamp to ketch sum frog nex day
Dey fine de ball behind won stump bout haff mile away
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The following piece was written for "The Islander" by Rick Chaffee. Chaffee, a native of Rutland, Vermont is concerned about the values now being held high in sports. As a member of the U.S. Ski team from 1965-1972 Chaffee was involved in the highest form of competition in his field, being a member of our Olympic Team in 1968 and 1972.

Upon his retirement from ski racing in 1972 he started examining the role sport had played in his life and in the lives of those who had surrounded him. This piece reflects his feelings about sport today.

For some time now I have been trying to understand the effect sports has had on me and is having on others in our culture. In trying to understand some of the broader implications of sports, I have learned some things that I would like to share. I wish I had had this awareness while I was still competing because I think it would have made sports more rewarding for me, especially as I approached the higher level of competition. I feel most athletes are unaware that an important choice even exists. What follows is my concept of that choice and what I feel are its implications.

One choice stresses winning as the ultimate value; the other emphasizes the athlete as a person. The difference may seem subtle at first but when each is carried to its logical conclusion, the difference is striking.

The concern for people value might be explained this way. The fact that a person is a superstar or substitute, President or prisoner tells us essentially nothing about that person. Each of these are roles, not people. In these roles are both good and bad people, good and bad Presidents, prisoners and superstars. The good and bad are determined by how they live these roles; how they are in their interactions with others. The important value is people, the philosophy is humanism.

Unfortunately a concern for people is not the value most prevalent in sports today. The attitude of many coaches, athletes, sports organizers and spectators is that "winning isn't everything, winning is the only thing." They demand winners or those involved are replaced. When "winning" is the ultimate value a "survival of the fittest" attitude serves as a philosophical justification. Each person is responsible for himself only.

Once the athlete, coach or organization adopts its Number 1 value, that value suggests certain avenues. If the value is "winning", avenues to achieve this goal include: 1) the development of athletic skills, 2) political manipulation, 3) economic influence, 4) deception (sabotage-psychological, physical or mechanical), 5) drugging and 6) psychological conditioning. The development of skill in order to win is an obvious avenue to success. Some of the others, though not so obvious are often used and can be equally effective when the ultimate goal is winning. Political manipulation occurs when maneuvering is done to change the rules of a game in favor of an athlete or team. Many people consider this year's radical change in the World Cup scoring system as an attempt to de-throne three time World Cup Ski Champion, Gustov Thoeni. The multimillion dollar purchase by the Los Angeles Lakers of Wilt Chamberlain to compliment their other two superstars, Jerry West and Elgin Baylor was an example of buying a championship. The manipulation of result sheets; the influencing of judges in events that require subjective scoring; the illegal tampering with equipment; the mental harassment of the athletes or the use of parental influence are often used at even the youngest age levels in sports-- great examples for our kids. Yet, none of these seem difficult for the perpetrators to justify when the ultimate value is winning.

With winning as the ultimate goal, many athletes will risk drugging or hormonal injections in an effort to attain that end. Others like Jim Ryun will agonize over being a loser in spite of their achievements. Even family games are victimized by the obsession with winning. As a "friendly" ping pong game approaches the deciding point, the tempo of the game changes noticeably. The players become so pre-occupied with winning that the pace and skill level deteriorate to that of almost beginners. Another interesting phenomenon of this "must win" value system appears at the conclusion of a brilliant exchange of shots. Both players are playing over their heads, yet when the point is won, the loser may hack a hunk of wood out of the table, fling his paddle across the room or stuff his fist into the wall. He is so obsessed with losing the point that he can't appreciate how well he has just played. In fact, it seems that the better the point is played, the more outraged the loser gets.

When the value system is based on anything but concern for people as people (what I call Humanism) it seems to me that the goals are often achieved at the expense of people. To get rid of a coach, athletes will purposely lose; to get salary increases athletes will maximize their own statistics often at the expense of their teammates. In pro-football where championships are won with defense, clubs are paying a premium for defensemen whose mental makeup borders on being dangerously sick. Their intention is to destroy. Techniques to create the appropriate amount of destructiveness in ballplayers appears justifiable when the ultimate value is winning. This mental state may serve them well on the playing field but may cause serious problems for them in their roles as fathers, husbands and citizens.

Even the value of sports for sport's sake (new limits and records) can be dangerous to the athlete. There are many ways to achieve higher performance levels without increasing athletic skills. Bike racing for years has used drugs to achieve new limits in spite of many deaths from overdrugging. A more recent discovery is "blood Doping", which is a transfusion of the athlete's own red blood cell (Time- Dec. 24, 1973; page 48) resulting in about a 25% increase in endurance. Those sports which emphasize strength have realized new levels through the use of steroids which change the body's hormonal balance and increase muscle size.

It's not surprising that some of these methods are being institutionalized and others given silent approval. This is a logical extension of the winning is everything value system. Unfortunately there are other extensions as well. As drugging and various types of manipulation get out of hand additional rules and laws are written to control this behavior. Initially the pressure to win results in the utilization of every legal means. As time goes on the unenforceable rules are ignored and finally what one can get away with becomes the pattern. In a proliferation of rules, referees, officials and lawyers an atmosphere of external control is created in which conscience and character are replaced as regulators of individual behavior. The logical extension of the "winning is everything" value system is the destruction of character.

Perhaps in our intense desire to win we have lost sight of what sport is all about. Generally what brings people to participate in sports is the opportunity to develop or display skills, to improve or maintain health and to enjoy social interaction. But as sports get highly organized there seems to be a shift from sports for the development of people to some non-human goal such as winning.

Year after year while on the U.S. Ski Team I heard "Why aren't we winning?" It came from coaches, fund raisers, parents and the public. I might add that after retiring I was involved in a lobbying effort to make winning the No. 1 commitment of the U.S. Ski Association. Winning seemed so important to those around me that I adopted it as my No. 1 value also. I think

this attitude left an emptiness in me that influenced my leaving the sport.

Now as I look closely at this winning value, I think I understand the source of this emptiness. This value suggests that satisfaction and success comes from being a winner. With that attitude, sports become a zero sum game. In other words, for me to win, someone else must lose. I get ahead at someone else's expense. If success and happiness are the result of winning then I can win or be happy only by making someone else fail. Or I must fail so that another may be successful and happy.

What a system. Not only does it suggest that about half the people are unhappy because by definition they have failed, but the other half cannot be genuinely happy either, knowing they have just made someone else miserable.

During the years I competed at the national and international levels, I found the times I enjoyed most were those I spent helping the younger members of the team. Winning races was often less satisfying. When I did well in a race, I could rarely share my triumph with friends because they were pre-occupied with their own disappointment. For me to vividly re-live my win would antagonize my teammates. The more I tried to savor the moment the worse I would make them feel. There seemed to be something missing that kept any win from being truly satisfying for us all. In what sense, then, were we a team?

Another disadvantage that arises from this set of values is that people must compare themselves with others. Those who focus their attention on the people around them who seem less talented than they and who gloat over the cleverness of their triumphs will tend to be the arrogant type. Less noticeable, but more disturbing, are those who compare themselves only with the most talented and who as a result become incapacitated with feelings of inadequacy and inferiority. Comparison becomes an obsession.

I am not suggesting that winning is unimportant or that aspiring to important levels of achievement in sports or society is wrong. We need motivated and talented people in important positions. Winning, or achievement of any sort can be an indication of a person's development, but often it is not. Several good people can aspire to the same position but only one can attain it. It would be too bad if the "unsuccessful" are so obsessed with losing that they can't appreciate their own worth and as a result become ineffective and dissatisfied with what they have in fact achieved.

When the victory becomes more important than the way it is achieved, we witness predatory competition, an obsession with comparison, the destruction of character and conscience and little genuine feeling of satisfaction. However, when the Number 1 value is a concern for people as people, we witness a different kind of behavior and attitude. Since happiness and success are not defined by winning, the athlete can concentrate on the development of his skills, the expression of his capabilities and the process of genuine encounter with people. For the ski racer this value suggests that it is the day-to-day living that is important with the results of races being but a small part or by product of that living. For the 36 year-old minor league ball player it means his life is not a failure. For the tennis player it means his opponent appears not so much as someone he must beat, but as a person who is absolutely essential in order for him to perform his skills. The opponent takes on many of the characteristics of a partner. In this sense, it is possible for all parties to feel good about the outcome.

Whatever the sport, the analogy can be the same. The choice becomes most dramatic however in professional football. As a ball player throws a block or makes a tackle, he has the choice of executing a skill or attempting to injure or destroy. His attitude towards his opponent reflects his values in life. The tackle or block may look the same under both conditions, but his choice of attitude makes all the difference. What is at stake is his character.

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For instance, in the town of South Hero, where with the exception of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, we had NO members last year. This year we have 25 members. A great deal of credit must go to Floyd White for this accomplishment. Floyd, as a director of the Chamber for the town of South Hero, has done much talking, telephoning, driving and spent many hours contacting various businesses. We are very pleased to have the town of South Hero so well represented.

The membership in the town of Isle La Motte is another example of progress. Last year, we had 1 member (the Isle La Motte United Methodist Church) this year we have 4 members. Edith Hill has recently become a Director for the town of Isle La Motte, and with a minimum amount of time, was able to contact various businesses and we owe her a thank you for the increase in members from her town.

Grand Isle, with George Steeneck and Rene Godard as Directors is once again well represented. North Hero, with Charley Clark ably contacting businesses is just about 100% represented. Slburg, with Steve Boucher, Wayne Jameson and Giles Vilandre as Directors, has, as in previous years, supported the Chamber very well and we are happy to have 'old' members with us again and extend a welcome to the new

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We also are planning on having our Information Booth once again on the North end of the Islands. Our plans are to have it at the intersection of highways 78 and 2. You are also reminded to bring your brochures to this information booth.

SIGN PLAZAS: We have been in contact with Mr. Cyrus Brush, Outdoor Advertising in Montpelier, whose office is responsible for the sites, erecting the sign plazas, maintenance of and ultimately plaques for the various businesses to be put on the Sign Plazas. With the approval of Bob Chadwick, Shell Island, South Hero, we had suggested his land as a possible site for a Sign Plaza for the South end of the Islands. Mr. Brush and Mr. Saia, State Highway Dept. were here to approve this site on May 2nd.

We are happy to say that this site has been approved with a tentative completion date of July 1974.

We have also been told by Mr. Brush that there will be a Sign Plaza at intersection 78 and 2 which is programmed for completion in July 1974.

Mr. Brush also tells us that there is a very good possibility of at least one and possibly three sign plazas on the New York State side of the Lake Champlain Ferry Docks.



Hay Prices & Crops

The hay crop in the county looks thin this year and the alfalfa and clover winter kill is very bad on many farms. Add this to the increased cost of twine, fertilizer, gas and oil and just about everything else and you get a hay crop that will sell at some ten to twelve dollars higher than normal, and maybe even higher. The price of twine alone will add \$2-\$3 per ton.

For more feed, fertilize meadows after the 1st cut. Plant summer annuals for winter feed if you have storage.

Good weather a couple of weeks back let many farmers get on the land to seed or plant corn. Hopefully everybody bought an 85-90 day corn, as it could still be a year for this variety.

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The number to call for drug counseling in Grand Isle and Franklin Counties is 1-524-6554.

Community service notes for publication in "The Islander" can be dropped off at the Cracker Barrel Store in Alburg if that is more convenient for the residents of the northern part of the county.

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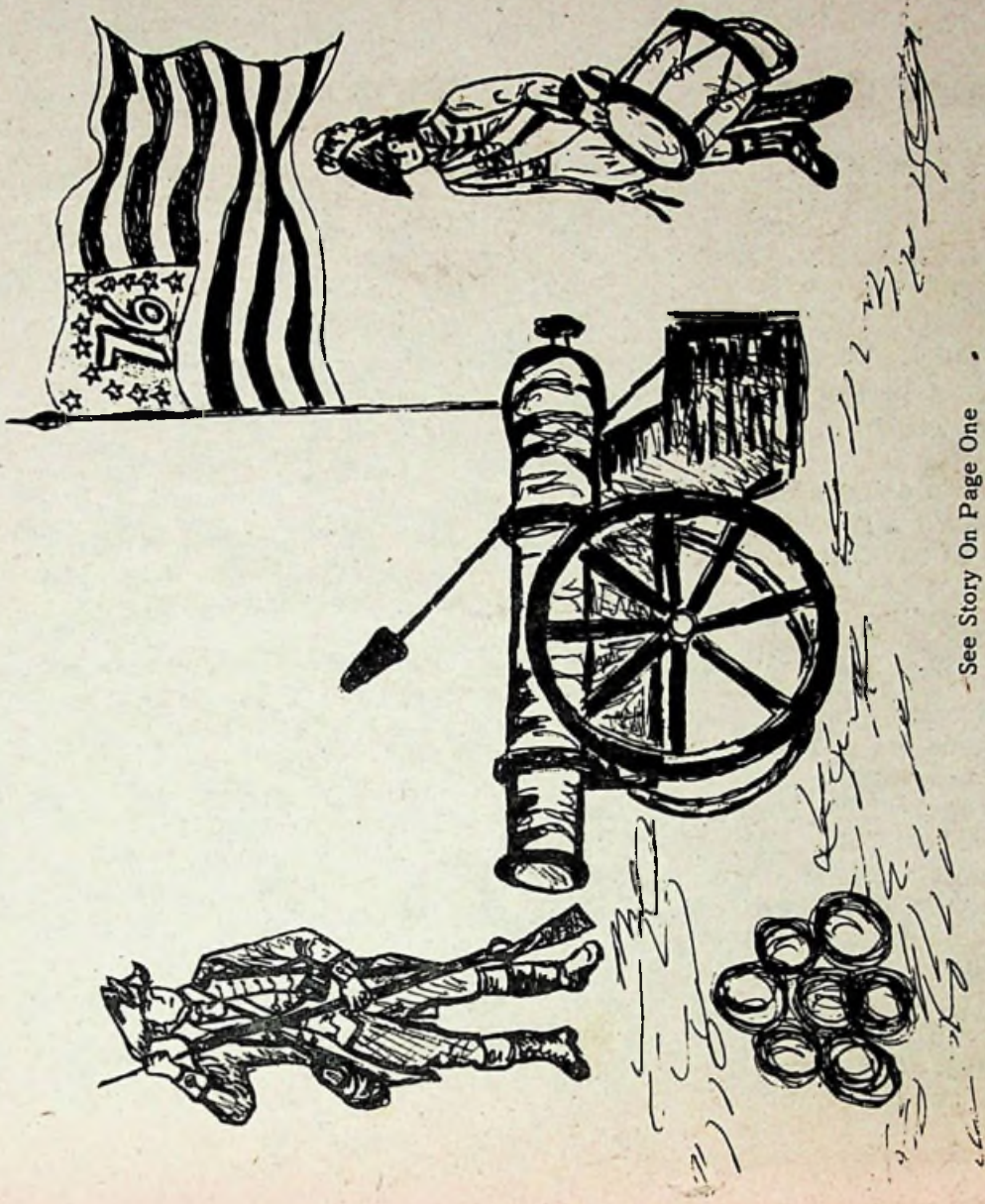
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